

MASSES FOR DECEMBER 29, 2007 THROUGH JANUARY 4, 2008

(Weekend Mass intentions: Parishioners of St. Paul)

- SAT 5:00pm**
- SUN 9:00am, 11:00am, and 12:30pm (Spanish)**
- MON 5pm Vigil of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**
- TUE 9:00am Holy day: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**
- WED 12 noon** Special intentions
- THU 12 noon** Veronica Balderas, Julian Mendoza
- FRI 12 noon** Herman Bunn, Corrine Pardinek

Floral Arrangements for weekend Masses are handled by Debbie Trevino (282-1631). Please call her for details. *Thank you!*

PRAYER REQUESTS

For healing and other needs: Donna Schiffer, Veronica Balderas, Luis Puga, Julian Mendoza, Corrine Pardinek, Mary and Stephanie Nicholas, Jose Moreno, Beverly Low, Esperanza Lopez, Adrian Villanueva, Natalia Nieves, Herman Bunn, Jesse Ballin, Chris Kuhar, USMC Sgt. Major Payne

If you want to have a name on the prayer list, please call the office. Each month a new list is compiled.

SCRIPTURE READING FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 30

- Sunday, Dec. 1-Holy Family of Jesus:** Sir 3:2-7,12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15,19-23
- Mon, Dec. 31-St Sylvester I, Pope:** 1Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2,11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Tues, Jan. 1-Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Wed, Jan. 2-St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory Nazianzen,** 1Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Thurs, Jan 3-The Most Holy Name of Jesus:** 1Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1,3-6; Jn 1:29-34
- First Friday, Jan 4-*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:** 1Jn 3,7-10; Ps 98:1,7-9; Jn 135-42
- Sat, Jan 5-*St. John Neumann:** 1Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1-5; Jn 1:43-51
- Sun, Jan 6-Epiphanly of the Lord:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10,13; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

*St. John Neumann and Elizabeth Ann Seton are both North American Saints

There is a small table with a basket near room 1 to submit any Prayer Requests. Please join the Prayer Group on Mondays from 9:00 to 10:30am to pray the rosary for your petitions.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (C.L.O.W) will continue this Sunday, December 30th at the 9am Mass. C.L.O.W. is for our children from Kindergarten through 5th grade. Volunteers 6th grade through adult are wanted. For more information please take the "Celebrating Mass with Your Children" pamphlet located in the foyer under the Upper Room family sign in the Gift Shop or contact the Children & Family Office at 280-4460x123.

**Schedule of Masses for the New Year
Feast of Mary, Mother of God**

- Monday: December 31:** Vigil Mass: 5pm
- Tuesday: January 1:** Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) 9:00am

St. Paul offices will be closed from December 31 to January 1. The offices will re-open on January 2.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent dePaul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel, for indeed they came to know that "God is with us."

CHURCH SUPPORT for the Period 12/18/2007 to 12/24/2007
"Your Stewardship is the source of our growth"

Tithing income	\$ 29,599.07
Tithing income budgeted	\$ 8,500.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 8.62
Number of parishioners envelopes used:	153
Number of children's envelopes used:	4

CHURCH SUPPORT FOR CHRISTMAS-DECEMBER 24-25

Income	\$ 10,577.17
Number of parishioners envelopes used:	140
Children's envelopes	\$ 26.95
Number of children's envelopes used:	4

Thank you for your continued generosity and support

If you are interested in joining St. Paul's money counting team for just a few hours on Monday mornings from 10:00Am to 1:00pm, please call Bernice Machala at 280-4460x114.

This Sunday the Catholic War Veterans, Post 1805, is having its Corporate Communion at the 9:00am Mass with St. Paul Parish Community. We extend a warm welcome to the Post members and the Women's Auxiliary of Post 1805. *Thank you for your generous support of this year's parish Festival.*

Prayer for the Feast of the Holy Family

Dear Lord, bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

St. Joseph, bless the head of our family. Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he needs to support and direct those under his care.

Mother Mary, bless the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be.

Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and age and grace before God and man.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family and home more and more like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You. Amen.

Six children were baptized into the St. Paul Parish Community on Sunday, December 16, 2007:

Jason Reece Lozano, Luke Anthony Salazar, Alexis Alora Cavazos, Ashuiny Michelle Rodriguez Felipe, Layla Gonzalez, Zenarda Robledo. May God bless them and their families.

Fr. Barry, Fr. James, Deacon John & the staff of St. Paul wish you a most blessed and prosperous New Year!

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ana Jackoskie, Director - 280-4460, x122, ajackoskie@s-p-c-c.org

Religious Education classes will resume Sunday, January 6, 2008

We are in need of a teacher for Wednesday night, 6 7pm teaching the 6th grade. Please prayerfully this very special Gifts you can give to our children.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Debbi Saunders Email: dsaunders2002@aol.com

GIFT SHOP: Support the Children and Youth!! This quarter the Gift Shop was able to purchase Bibles for the Youth Group. Thank you for your purchases and support.

Nursery Care (during Mass): The nursery is staffed by volunteers and we are **always** in need of help. You may have noticed that the Nursery is not always open due to lack of staffing. This is a great way for teens to earn service hours for confirmation or for their resume and college applications. For adults, it is another way of supporting your parish. Please call Kathy Macias at 382-9163.

Volunteers are needed to help care for children during the Mass in Spanish (12:30pm every Sunday). If you are interested, please call Karla Cumming at 436-8877 (Spanish Speakers) or Ana Jackoskie at 280-4460 x 122 (English Speakers).

The Golden♥Hearts is sponsoring another trip to Coushatta Casino and Resorts on February 10 and 11. Cost per person is \$55.00, which includes bus fare, hotel fees and baggage plus cash back of \$23.00 Book early so you don't miss out on the fun. For more information, please call Brenda Hester at 415-4850.

KNIGHTS NEWS Council 10209

Carlos T. Mendoza, Grand Knight cmendoza31@sbcglobal.net, 293-7262

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2008 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be January 22 from 6pm to 8pm at Bedichek Middle School. For more information and forms call Grand Knight Carlos Mendoza at 293-7262.

Calendar of Events:

Mon. Jan. 7-Monthly business mtg, 7:30pm, St. Paul's rms 5&7
Sat. Jan 12-Knight's Assist Men's Club, St. Paul Church
Sat. Jan. 19-Adopt-A-Street litter cleanup, 8:30-10:30am, St. Paul's Sun.
Jan. 20-Pancake Breakfast after 9 & 11am Masses-Grace Hall
Mon. Jan 21-Knight's Officers Meeting, 7:30pm, St. Paul's kitchen
Tues. Jan 22-Knights Free Throw Championship-6-8pm, Bedichek
Mon. Jan 28-Greater Austin Area Chapter KC Mtg., TBA, 7:00pm

The Knights of Columbus and their families thank you for the past year's support and wish St. Paul's community a very merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year.

The Pastoral Council has received the goals identified by the five working teams. A comprehensive five year parish plan is being developed implementing these goals and a presentation will be forthcoming.

A theme has been selected for the 2008 Year of Living the Word, which begins January 1. The theme is "The Word Lives Through Us."

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Papal visit: Pope Benedict XVI will visit the U.S. on April 15 through 20. On Sunday, April 20, the Holy Father will celebrate Mass in Yankee Stadium in New York City. A limited number of tickets are available for this Mass for those within the Diocese of Austin. Tickets will be offered on first-come, first-served basis. All information is required by the U.S. Secret Service and New York Police Department. Incomplete forms will not be honored. Submitting a form does not guarantee a ticket for the Papal Mass. Once complete, mail the form to Papal Visit, Communications Office, Diocese of Austin, P.O. 13227, Austin, TX 78711 Call the diocese office-476-4888 to find out how to obtain forms.

The "Protecting God's Children" workshop at St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Austin, from 2-5pm, Sunday, January 27th is part of the diocese's Ethics and Integrity in Ministry policies that were adopted in January 2002. Anyone-volunteers, paid staff or clergy- who serves minors or vulnerable adults in a parish, school or diocesan setting should attend a workshop. Please register ahead of time so that adequate material may be available at St. Peter the Apostle Parish, 512-442-0655. You may inquire about childcare. Materials used in the workshop include testimonies from victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse. If you have any concerns regarding your attendance at the workshop, please contact Emily Hurlimann at (512)697-2047 to arrange an alternative training. Such inquiries shall remain confidential.

Seminary Sprint is a combination road trip and vocation discernment retreat for college-age, Catholic men open to discerning God's call in their lives. Registration required. Cost: \$100. For more information, please call Fr. Mike Sis, Diocese of Austin Vocation Office, (512) 496-7960.

The Board of Directors of Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple invite you to The Fifth Annual Benefit Banquet with guest speaker Most Reverend Gregory Aymond, Bishop of Austin will be at 6:30pm for the Reception and Silent Auction, 7:15 to 9pm with Dinner and Program. This will be Friday, January 18th at the Bell County Expo Center in Belton, Texas. Please RSVP by Friday, January 11. Cost is \$40.00 per person or \$300.00 for a table of 8 persons. Make checks payable to Our Lady of the Angels. Mail to: St. Luke's Church, c/o Irene de la Rosa, 2807 Oakdale, Temple, TX 76502. For information contact Irene at (254)775-1561.

For those preparing for marriage: Couples planning to marry should contact their priest or deacon at least six months to one year prior to their wedding date in order to begin the marriage preparation process. Couples planning to attend the diocesan pre-marriage retreat, "Together in God's Image" in 2008 are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Retreats are scheduled at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton on the following weekends: May 16-18, June 20-22, Aug. 8-10 and Nov. 21-23. For registration information, contact your parish, or contact the diocesan Office of Catholic Family Counseling and Family Life at (512) 873-7771 or joseph-white@austindiocese.org. For additional details and registration forms, visit www.austindiocese.org and click on "Ministries" then "Family counseling and Family Life."