Jamaica Missionaries came back filled with God's love and ready to keep serving. We thank them for their example of love.

Prayer for Consecrated Persons

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes.

Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

"Formed by Word and Sacrament, we, the people of St. Paul Catholic Church, are a Spirit-led, Eucharist-centered, vibrant multicultural Christian community of faith, living our love for God and neighbor while growing together as disciples of Christ."
My Dear Friends,

We have returned from our first mission trip to work with Fr. Richard Ho Lung and the Missionaries of the Poor as they care for the poorest of the poor in the ghettos of Kingston, Jamaica. It was an incredible experience we will never forget. The Brothers were very thankful for your gifts of clothing, shoes, toiletries, and soccer balls. The $20,000 check will go a long way to support their ministry.

Each day began with morning prayer followed by Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. After breakfast we left for the centers where we worked alongside the Brothers and Sisters, caring for the elderly, children and adults living with severe physical and mental disabilities, unwed mothers, and those living with HIV. We were all profoundly touched by the experience. In the near future, we will have a presentation for the parish so you can learn more about how your prayerful support made a difference in the lives of so many.

Speaking of making a difference ... this week our parish focus is on the Annual Pastoral Appeal or APA. Your generous donation to APA allows our diocese to continue to fund hundreds of ministries serving throughout our five-county jurisdiction. For example, as a result of your contribution, we are able to provide housing for the elderly, the disabled, and those with special needs ... such as unwed mothers, those living with HIV, and resettlement assistance. Your donations help those who pick our food by providing housing, education, clothing, medical and dental assistance. Your donation also assists in providing a quality education and formation for our seminarians and continuing education and formation opportunities for our priests. Spirit FM is another beneficiary of your donation.

The fact is, your contribution to the Annual Pastoral Appeal also helps our parish. The Diocese provides important support to every aspect of parish life ... improving the quality of our Liturgies, Faith Formation programs, Preschool, administration, and building projects.

What's more, every dollar donated to APA helps the parish because what is not donated must be paid through our offertory. The APA assessment is computed through our annual offertory. Your donation is “tax-free” in the sense that it is not computed in next year's assessment. In this sense, giving a dollar to APA is like giving $1.20 to the parish!

How much should you give? The biblical tithe is 10%. I encourage you to give 5% to APA, 3% to the parish, and 2% to other charities. If you can give more ... please do. If you can only give less ... we are grateful for all you can do. Remember, God is not outdone in generosity!

I encourage you to complete your pledge and send it to the diocese, drop it off at the office, or drop it off in the offertory basket as soon as possible.

May God bless you as we continue to grow together in Christ!

Fr. Bill

Fr. Bill Swengros, Pastor
Save the Date for a Hawaiian Luau!

St. Paul Catholic Preschool’s Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction will be held on

Saturday, February 10, 2018
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
in the Family Center
Tickets $10/adult $5/child
(Maximum immediate family cost $30)
Available in advance from the Preschool Office and at the door

All proceeds raised will be used to make purchases to enhance our students’ classroom environment (e.g., furniture, books). The spaghetti dinner is generously provided by the St. Paul Catholic Church Knights of Columbus. Take-out meals are available.

If you have a business or know someone who does, please consider donating one or more items or gift certificates to be used in our silent auction. Donations received by Feb. 1 will be included in printed acknowledgements and program. Contact Fundraiser Chair Angela Boltz at 404.295.6621 or angela.boltz@gmail.com with questions.

S.O.S. Human Trafficking Ministry is holding their Annual Donation Drive for the survivors of human trafficking this weekend, February 3 - 4.

The shelters have asked for these following needs
- Full size Laundry detergent
- Full size Liquid hand soap, no bars
- Box tissues
- Feminine hygiene pads
- Shaving gel and razors
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Clorox wipes

Please stop by our table located in the Narthex after all Masses. Thank you for your support.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule
Wednesday, February 14 (day of fast and abstinence)

Morning Masses:
7:30 am, 9 am, 12:15 pm, 4 pm, 5:30 pm,

Evening Masses:
6 pm (Portuguese) 7 pm and 8pm (Spanish) in the Family Center

Last year’s palms can make this year’s ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please bring them and place them in the basket located in the narthex of the church. Also, broken or old religious items can be brought to the church as well. Thank you!
Infant Baptism

“Baptism incorporates us into the life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in the world”

God reaches out to us in all kinds of ways. The desire in your heart to baptize your child is one of them. The promises you make for your child on this day will begin to form your child into a faith-filled and faithful follower of Christ. But the day of baptism is only the beginning of this Journey. Being baptized is literally a life changing event and not only for your child.

The Sacrament of Baptism at St. Paul take place on the first three Saturdays of every month in English and the fourth Saturday of every month in Spanish. If your child is to be baptized in Portuguese, please call Baptism Coordinator, Ignacio Vidal, for more information at 813-264-3311.

Parents and Godparents will be asked to attend a Session before Baptism.

Congratulations to the Ellis Family!

We rejoice with Jessica and Michael as they welcome their first baby boy, Ryan Michael. Mom and Baby are doing great. Jessica and Michael are volunteers for the Communications Ministry and help maintain our parish app and website without glitches. This awesome couple got married at St. Paul last year. God’s Blessings to this beautiful family!
‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” - Mark 1:35, 38

**Liturgy Corner**

**Mass Intentions for the Week of February 4th**

**Saturday February 3, 2018**
- 5:30 pm  Stephen Scott La Duc +
- 7:30 pm  Helene Punchmayer +

**Sunday February 4, 2018**
- 7:30 am  Renna Tedesco +
- 9:00 am  St. Paul Parishioners (int.)
- 10:45 am  Karen Waddick +
- 12:30 pm  Christina Maldonado (int.)
- 2:00 pm  Rosa Amelia Herrera +
- 5:30 pm  Partners in Prayer (int.)

**Monday February 5, 2018**
- 7:30 am  Christian McNamara +
- 12:15 pm  Barbara Blecher +

**Tuesday February 6, 2018**
- 7:30 am  Frank A. Petrino, Jr. +
- 12:15 pm  Gilberto Duverge +

**Wednesday February 7, 2018**
- 7:30 am  Msgr. Austin Mullen (int.)
- 12:15 pm  Consecrated Life & Priestly Vocations (int.)

**Thursday February 8, 2018**
- 7:30 am  James Murphy +
- 12:15 pm  The Sylverain Family (int.)

**Friday February 9, 2018**
- 7:30 am  Thelma Greco +
- 12:15 pm  Fr. Bill Swengros (int.)

**Saturday February 10, 2018**
- 8:30 am  Charles Hosein +
- 5:30 pm  Michael and Mike Hingson +
- 7:30 pm  Marjorie Socha +

**Sunday February 11, 2018**
- 7:30 am  Vincent and Lydia Rodriguez +
- 9:00 am  John D. Hendrickson +
- 10:45 am  St. Paul Parishioners (int.)
- 12:30 pm  Jaroslav Paul Miernik +
- 2:00 pm  All Souls in Purgatory +
- 5:30 pm  Ruben Fagundo +

**Suggested stipend is $15 for announced Mass Intentions and $10 for unannounced Mass Intentions.**

**Readings for the Week of February 4, 2018**

**Sunday**
- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**Monday**
- Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday**
- Saint Paul Miki and Companion, Martyrs
- 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

**Wednesday**
- 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:24-30

**Thursday**
- Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
- 1 Kgs 12:24-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

**Suggested stipend is $15 for announced Mass Intentions and $10 for unannounced Mass Intentions.**

**Saints of God:** On Thursday, we remember St. Josephine Bakhita. Born in Sudan in 1869, she was kidnapped and sold into slavery when she was 10. Her “owners” called her Bakhita or “the fortunate one.” She was bought and sold from one brutal master to the next. At times she was beaten so badly, she couldn’t rise from the bed. Eventually she was bought by an Italian consul and brought to Italy. She was given an education and baptized. When they wanted to bring her to Africa on a trip, she refused and appealed to the Italian courts. She was liberated and responded to the Lord’s call to become a Daughter of Charity. Her humility, simplicity, and constant smile won the hearts of all. She encouraged others to “Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who not know him. What a great grace it is to know God!” “The whole of my life has been God’s gift.” She passed away on this day in 1947 in Schio, Italy, and was canonized on 1 October 2000 by St John Paul II. Let us pray:

“Loving God, rewarder of the humble, you blessed St. Josephine Bakhita with charity and patience. May her prayers help us, and her example inspire us to carry our cross and to love you always. Pour upon us the spirit of wisdom and love with which you filled St. Josephine Bakhita.

Amen.”

**Words of Wisdom:** “Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a man go to Heaven.” – St. Camillus de Lellis

**Today is Commitment Sunday**

Thank you! Because of your generosity over the years, we have been able to help support the more extensive services the diocese offers that benefits St. Paul’s in many ways. Our goal this year is $438,000, just slightly larger than last year. You should have received your packet from the diocese by now. If you have not, please call Nancy at 961-3023. There are envelopes and information in the Narthex. You can go to the St. Paul website, www.stpaulchurch.com to give online. Thank you so much for your support in the past. We hope that you will support APA again this year. And, if you have not given a gift to APA in the past, please prayerfully consider how you might be able to help out. No gift is too small.
St. Paul Fest
Multicultural
Food and Music

Tuesday
February 13th
(Yes... the day before Lent begins)
6:00 PM
Join us at the 5th Annual
St. Paul Fest with
food, music, and dance
from all around the
world!

Call Nancy today and
let her know
the country (or U.S. state)
you will represent and
if you would like to perform
and/or provide food from
your country.
961-3023 e-mail:
jkissane@stpaulchurch.com
Lenten Food Drive

February 17th - 18th and February 24th - 25th

It’s almost time for St. Paul’s 3rd annual Lenten Food Drive! Last year 938 bags of groceries were donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry by our extremely generous parishioners! This year, empty grocery bags with an attached wish list will be available after Masses on Feb 17th & 18th for anyone who would like to donate. Volunteers needed on Feb 24th & 25th after all Masses to help sort through the returned bags of food. If you would like to volunteer to sort food, please come to Family Center Section 3 after you attend Mass. Thank you! ~St. Vincent de Paul Society

Looking Ahead! February 10 - 6-9 pm Spaghetti Dinner for our Preschool; February 13 - 6-9 pm St Paul Fest; February 14 - Ash Wednesday; March 5-7 - Lenten Mission with John Leonetti; March 8 - 5-8pm This Light is On for You confessions; March 11 - Daylight Savings Time; March 16-17 - Eucharistic Congress in Jacksonville; March 20 - 7pm Communal Reconciliation Service; March 23 - 7:30pm Lenten Concert.

Mark your calendars! for our “God’s Dream for your Life” Parish Mission Monday through Wednesday, March 5-7 from 11am to Noon and 7pm to 8pm. Nationally known Catholic speaker, and best selling author, Jon Leonetti, will be here leading the way! Jon travels extensively helping Catholics understand this greatest story ever told—the story of Jesus Christ and his Catholic Church. Bring your family and friends. Complimentary child-care will be provided in the nursery. Refreshments to follow every evening.

Lent is almost here and we would like to invite you to remember the sacrifice our Lord made for us in the cross by praying together the Stations of the Cross. Join us every Friday in Lent in the church at 3pm or at 7pm starting Friday, February 16th to March 23rd. We hope you will also invite your family, friends, and co-workers to pray.

In Loving Sympathy to the families of our recently departed parishioners
Marylin Powers, Marjorie June Willett, Isabel Triana, Juanita White Max Zambrano, Isabel Triana, Paul Briody, Irene Markarian, Mary Sullivan Esseff, Sharon Stinson, Michael Ramonas.
May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Christ Heal Us!! On the second Saturday of every month during the 8:30 morning Mass, we will offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. This beautiful Sacrament is for all those who are advanced in age as well as those who suffer from a serious (grave) illness. It is recommended for all those who are scheduled to be admitted to a hospital for surgery later this month to be anointed. This Sacrament can be received as often as needed. Come and experience the healing touch of the Divine Physician!
We miss your children when they are absent. Your children’s regular attendance is important to their learning. If you are struggling with consistent attendance, please contact us so we can help you design a way that works best for your family.

Flu season! We know that many of our students and catechists have been affected. Please do keep your child at home if they are sick. Let our office know and we will pray for their quick recovery.

Special Needs Faith Formation Classes-We have begun helping children who have special needs to learn about the faith. Would you like to help? Do you have a child who needs special assistance? we would love to talk to you! For more info. contact Carmen Cayon or Sonia Eberhardt 813-961-3023 or ccayon@stpaulchurch.com

Parents of children preparing for First Communion: please help your children know their prayers! Find a time in your day to review with your child the following prayers: Our Father, Hail Mary, Act of Contrition, Glory Be.

URGENT: Faith Formation catechist assistants - If you are willing to share your faith on a Monday 4pm to 5:15pm or Tuesday from 6pm to 7:15pm or a weeknight with the children, please contact our Faith Formation office. We need help assisting our catechists! Please contact us today!

Front door Greeter- If you prefer not to teach, perhaps you would consider being a greeter on Sunday mornings during the Faith Formation class times. This person helps direct traffic as people come dropping off and picking up their kids. A special perk of this role is that you get to meet many of the awesome families we have coming each Sunday. Being bilingual is a plus!

Dates to remember:
- Registration for next year begins weekend of February 11-12. Enjoy “Early bird” tuition discount and convenience of reserving your spot for next year!
- No class on week of President’s Day-February 18, 19, 20.
- Children will be offered confessions weeks of February 25th during class time, please practice Act of Contrition with your child.
- First Communion Retreats for those registered to receive in May:
  - Group A- March 3rd, 2018---1pm to 5:30pm Mass
  - Group B-March 10th, 2018--1pm to 5:30pm Mass
- Lenten Parish Mission for children - Monday, March 5th 7pm-8:30pm for children grades K-6th are encouraged to attend for parents who attend the Parish Mission. In Family Center.

Praise the Lord with all your heart!

One of our Kindergarten classes learned about praising God through music and they even made their own music instruments with decorated paper plate shakers.

Did you know St. Paul Parish has daily confessions from 11:30am - Noon?
In addition to our Saturday 10 am and 4 pm Reconciliation Times, we are offering Monday through Friday Reconciliation from 11:30 am - Noon in the Chapel.

Catholic School Open House Corner

Morning Star School Open House
Saturday, February 10th
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
210 E. Linebaugh Avenue Tampa, FL 33612
www.MorningStarTampa.org (813) 935-0232

Villa Madonna Catholic School
Open House
February 7 from 9AM - 5PM
Age 3 through Grade 8
Contact us to reserve a tour: (813)229-1322
www.villamadonnaschool.com

For more information on Diocesan Catholic Schools and Centers please visit http://www.dosp.org/schools/blog/open-houses-for-catholic-schools-and-centers/
Our Confirmation candidates continue to prepare in their faith journey for their Confirmation Day

Pictures from Workshop
Saturday January 27th

February 5th & 7th
6:00-7:15pm

‘We are all in this Together’
ALL Middle Schoolers are welcome!
Invite a friend!

Sunday February 11th
XLT Night
7:30-8:30pm (in Chapel)
Join us for a night of Worship and Adoration!
Please Note: The Nossa Senhora Rosa Mística Prayer Group (Portuguese language) meets every Friday in the Church. Contact person is Nilda Moraes 813-857-1995 for more information.

The Council of Catholic Women will hold their February 8th “Pot Luck” meeting/dinner at 7:00 pm in the Family Center 2. Please bring a dish (entre, salad or dessert) to share with the other members, as we demonstrate our culinary talents and get to know each other. Hope to see you then.

RCIA Inquiry Session
Our next Inquiry Session will be on Tuesday February 13th at 7:30 pm Parish Center
Please contact Maria for more information at 813-961-3023 or MCosta@StPaulChurch.com

Welcome.
There is More to Life
Welcome your talents and gifts!

Under Construction: Thank you for your patience as we strive to serve you better. We will soon start the final phase of constructing a new portico for the northern entrance to our church. It will have a handicap accessible door and benches. This project is paid through your generous offertory donations. Thank you for your continued support for your parish family!

Hello February

Apostles of the Eucharist Young Adults
Upcoming meeting dates at St. Paul
February 9: Meet at St. Paul Retreat planning meeting, Adoration and Guest Speaker, Fr. Steve Ryan, SDB
February 14: Ash Wednesday
February 23: Meet at St. Paul with Fr. Bill Swengros, Baby Shower Event to benefit Guiding Star and birthday celebrations
February 24: Monthly Social at Vertical Ventures!
For more information, dates and to join Apostles of the Eucharist please email Valerie at Merimee@verizon.net

Deo Gratias! Thank you to our 19 missionaries that joined the Jamaica Mission. Your zeal to bring Christ to others is truly inspiring. May God bless you for all you do for others. Thank you for sharing the bulletins from your visits to other parishes.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY OF ST. PAUL
Our ministry offers God’s healing love through emotional, physical, mental and spiritual comfort. Join us every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Parish Center Room H.
Upcoming dates:

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Join our nine week Foundational Women of Grace study, Saint Paul is offering the nine week Foundational Women of Grace study, we will meet on Saturday mornings starting on February 10th through April 14th from 10am-noon in the Parish Center. If you are interested in attending the study or learning more you can also email: Women-of-Grace@StPaulChurch.com

DIALOGO MATRIMONIAL - MDS
Fortaleciendo y enriqueciendo la vida del Matrimonio y de la Familia. No casados son también bienvenidos. Nos reunimos todos los Martes a las 7:30 pm en el Family Center. Para mayor información contactar a Miguel: (813)817-0512 o Mati: 813-317-4118. Nuestro próximo retiro se llevara a cabo en Abril 13,14 y 15.

Bible Study en Español
Every Wednesday night at 7pm in the Family Center 1 & 2. Cada Miercoles a las 7pm en el Centro Familiar 1 y 2. No es tarde para registrarse. El costo es $20 para los materiales para las 24 sesiones. Guarderia de niños disponible.

VIAJE A TRAVES DE LA BIBLIA
We have so much to be thankful for in our parish and local Church community. As the Diocese heads into the 50th Anniversary year, and we having just celebrated ours a couple of years ago, we can look back in gratitude for all we have received, joyfully celebrate our present, and embrace hope as we build a vibrant Church for generations to come.

In acknowledging all we have received from past generations with gratitude, we are able to see that when united we are able to joyfully advance the mission of Christ, loving and serving one another. Our Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA) brings our diocesan family together to reach beyond ourselves and our parish, and giving hope to thousands by supporting ministries, programs, and services that enrich a Christ-centered way of life. Together we can meet the needs of thousands, Together we can transform lives both today and tomorrow.

APA is an opportunity to share our gifts in support of our parish and our diocesan community, in the name of Jesus Christ. It is an effective and cost efficient way to provide necessary services for our parish, as well as offer ministries and programs which outreach outside of our parish boundaries. Every gift, every prayer, and every sacrifice is welcomed with gratitude, used with great joy and good stewardship, and brings hope to someone seeking the love and mercy of Christ. We hope and pray all our parishioners will join us in supporting the 2018 Annual Pastoral Appeal!

Ways to Give

Pledging: Many people feel they can participate if they make payments over a period of time. We currently work with monthly and annual pledge cycles. Donors who pledge will receive reminders according to their designated payment schedule

One-Time Gift: If you prefer, a one-time gift can be paid at the time of commitment or payment can be scheduled at a later date.


Checks: Please make checks payable to the Annual Pastoral Appeal or APA. Make sure to indicate St. Paul Tampa.

Matching Gifts: Many companies have Matching Gift Programs for charity or educational purposes. Contact your company’s Human Resource Office concerning matching gift opportunities. Please keep in mind, there are necessary applications and procedures to follow; so once a donor completes the steps required by their company, please direct them to contact Kathy King in our Campaign Processing Office at kck@dosp.org to ensure the process is completed successfully.

Gifts of Appreciated Stocks or Securities: Federal tax law allows a charitable deduction for the full market value of the securities on the date of a gift. For More information or assistance please contact Kathy King in the Campaign Processing Office at kck@dosp.org or by hone at 727.341.6841.

Coffee & Donuts
Your Host Today:

Nursery

St. Paul’s has a newly updated nursery to serve the needs of our parents at the 9:00 and 10:45 Sunday Masses as well as for special events and ministry meetings. Come and say hello to the wonderful people who staff the Nursery, and they can give you more information about this wonderful ministry.

For more info contact
Ignacio Vidal
I-Vidal@StPaulChurch.com

A Stewardship Moment …

In today’s Gospel we hear of a great number of suffering people who seek the healing touch of Jesus. He could not respond to them all. But the Gospel also reveals Jesus, after praying in solitude, sensing an urgency to proclaim the Good News of his Father’s redemptive love to those who suffer in the nearby villages and towns.

Stewards are called to follow in Jesus’ footsteps, to respond to those who suffer with compassion. How are we responding to the suffering in our world? How are we using our gifts to continue the work of Christ’s redemptive healing?

Weekly Offertory
Sunday January 21, 2018

Offertory: $ 29,169
Online Giving $ 16,425
Attendance: 3,589
Envelopes: 836

Thank you for your Generosity!
Reflection: The book of Job is part of the "Wisdom Literature" of the Hebrew Scriptures. The authors of these works struggled with the most practical issues of how to live a good life. And sometimes they concentrated on the realities that confront us as well, namely, unrelenting work followed by death. The author of Job had no concept of an afterlife; Sheol, an underground place of darkness, was the destiny of all who died. However, if one reads the entire book of Job, one finds that Job confronted his hopeless situation with Faith, maintaining a relationship with God that was not dependant upon "Eternal Life," did not ask for a "reward" for his goodness, and was "Eternal Life," did not ask for a reward for his goodness, and was "Eternal Life," did not ask for a reward for his goodness, and was "Eternal Life," did not ask for a reward for his goodness, and was "Eternal Life," did not ask for a reward for his goodness, and was "Eternal Life."  

Reflection: This reading is one that can really be understood only within context. Chapter 9 deals with the rights that St. Paul affirmed that he had in the Corinthian church. First, he affirmed that those who preach the Gospel have a right to support from their church. He, however, did not accept financial support from the Corinthians, probably because in that world, receipt of support implied that he would be in a "client" relationship to the wealthier members of the church, which relationship had social obligations St. Paul found unacceptable. However, this section asserts that despite his right to support, he preaches because of an obligation. This is similar to the obligation we have to use whatever gifts we are given in the service of others. We also have St. Paul's defense of what some Corinthians might have called his "inconsistency" in action; he changed his behavior to match the situation of his apostolic work. He delineated classes of people, the "weak" and the "strong." Exactly who these people were is open to discussion; but his right to behave towards each class by acting as they acted is partially justified by his refusal to accept money from anyone. His obligation to all, to bring the Gospel to every class, was uppermost, founded on the gift of the revelation he had been given.

I. Job 7:1-4, 6-7  
Endurance despite hopelessness.  
Reflection: The second narrative has to do with the cure of Simon's mother in law. (Side note: the man that Catholics honor as the First Pope was married.) This cure is given no "religious" significance; Jesus cures her without using this as a sign of her faith or in order to induce belief in others. He simply does it because she is ill, an act of human compassion. We can then see that everyone flocked to him to be cured of their illnesses (which were generally seen to involve possession by unclean spirits, or demons.) The "driving out" of demons was curing. We also remember that these demons recognized who Jesus was and the disciples did not. The second narrative has to do with the fact that Jesus was pursued by his disciples, even when he fled for moments of solitude in prayer. They wouldn't let him alone! St. Mark likens Jesus to Job, showing that the demands of his "job" were relentless. But He persevered, following his vocation. His defense of what some Corinthians might have called his "inconsistency" in action; he changed his behavior to match the situation of his apostolic work. He delineated classes of people, the "weak" and the "strong." Exactly who these people were is open to discussion; but his right to behave towards each class by acting as they acted is partially justified by his refusal to accept money from anyone. His obligation to all, to bring the Gospel to every class, was uppermost, founded on the gift of the revelation he had been given.

II. I Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23.  
Obligations of Stewardship.

III. Mark 1:29-39

Men: Seize the opportunity, and bring others with you!  
As you enter 2018, take the opportunity to learn from others and grow in virtue. Stand with other men in the battle to reclaim our families and culture for the glory of God! Build stronger friendships by bringing other men with you to share in the experience!  
The 8th Annual Tampa Bay Men’s Conference  
Catholic Men in a Modern World "Come and See" 
Featuring Jeff Cavins, Fr. Dwight Longenecker and John Pridmore  
Saturday, February 10, 2018  
Higgins Hall at St Lawrence Catholic Church, Tampa  
Tickets include lunch and free parking 
Cost is $40 per person with Father/Son combo tickets at two for $40  
For tickets or more information visit SuncoastCatholicMinistries.com
The upcoming observances of National Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is all people. Christian sacrament, is an irreplaceable good for society and sick. Marriage, both as a natural institution and as a to care for the most vulnerable; children, the elderly, the to love and be loved, to live in community with others, and of the family, which is the primary place where we all learn children they are blessed with. Marriage is the foundation in health,” and provide a stable and loving home for any future, promise to take care of each other “in sickness and to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

National Marriage Week February 7-14
The upcoming observances of National Marriage Week (Feb 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb 11) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. Marriage is a gift from God to men, to women, children, and society. In marriage, a husband and wife form an exclusive and lifelong bond, forge a shared financial future, promise to take care of each other “in sickness and in health,” and provide a stable and loving home for any children they are blessed with. Marriage is the foundation of the family, which is the primary place where we all learn to love and be loved, to live in community with others, and to care for the most vulnerable; children, the elderly, the sick. Marriage, both as a natural institution and as a Christian sacrament, is an irreplaceable good for society and all people. God our Father, we give you thanks for the gift of marriage: the bond of life and love of the family. May your Holy Spirit enlighten our society to treasure the heroic love of husband and wife. USCCB.org

Meals On Wheels of Tampa, a private non-profit community organization, delivers hot nutritious meals Monday-Friday to our elderly & homebound neighbors across town. If you have a family member, friend, or know of someone that could benefit from this program please let Meals On Wheels know by completing a Get A Meal application at www.MOWTampa.org or by calling (813)238-8410. There is a cost for meal service, though payment assistance is available on a case by case basis. It is not only the meal that is important, it is the companionship. Our volunteers use their own vehicles, deliver one of our 74 routes when available, taking an hour or so of their time between the hours of 10am and 1pm Monday through Friday. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit www.MOWTampa.org and click the green VOLUNTEER button or call (813)238-8410 to get started!

HOME MAKERS NEEDS YOUR HELP!
In the single month of December, Home Makers of Hope delivered furniture and goods to 13 families, reaching 20 adults and 38 children! But now, the "cubboards are bare" and we need your help.
Items most needed:
- chests and dressers
- dishes sets, glasses sets
- pots and pans, bake ware
- small kitchen appliances
- towels and facecloths
- comforters and bedspreads (twin and queen size mostly)
Drop offs at the Tampa Warehouse are on Tuesdays from 10-1 pm in the Gulf Eagle Supply warehouse: 2900B E. 7th Ave. Our entrance is right next to the railroad tracks. For information about volunteering or to arrange a pick up for larger items, contact Connie at dcmcpseak01@yahoo.com, 813.495.3355.