Lord Jesus, we pray throughout the season of Lent that you will open our minds and stir our hearts to follow you more faithfully. We know that you died for us when we were still sinners, and we know we are sinners still. But you have given us a longing to be the people you want us to be: faithful, hope-filled and loving. Help us to make the most of these forty days marked by fasting, prayers and almsgiving so that we might draw near to you and give you greater glory. 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."
Spring Ahead!
Remember to reset your clocks one hour ahead next Sunday at 2 am
Please pray for each one of our Catechumens and Candidates, that God may guide them and strengthen them in their faith journey.

Catechumens
Andrade, Aidan
Andrade, Kametza
Andrade, Alessandro
Buscemi, Noab
Defusco, Juliana
Defusco, Victor
Garcia, Christopher
Sanchez, Angela
Padron, Albert
Perez, Frank
Soarez Sena, Kemylli
Torres, Jose
Alves Ferreira, Marco Tulio
Devore, Raleigh
Haemmerlie, John
Leal, Jack
Patton, Brandi
Richman, Ivan
Tarzuki, Nonshofarim
Zetler, Christine

Candidates
Bannanos, Rhonda
Barrera, Delia
Glaz, Brandon
Hartmann, Sarah
Raiano, Sara
Ray, Peter
Tooma, Terah
Giraldo, Noah
Hernandez, Jennifer Esmeralda
Lara, Ismael
Lopez, Samantha
Lopez, Norma Sarah
Martinez, Anna
Martinez, Charity
Martinez, Christopher
Perez Espinoza, Miguel Angel
Cantor, Victoria
Cardoso, Gailberne
Cardoso, Jorge
De La Rosa, Jasmine
Fernandez Romero, Ariadna
Figueredo, Ricardo
Gonzalez-Ramos, Justin
Hull, Jose
Martinez, Yaritzy
Sanchez, Felix Uriel
Brogan, Maggie
Jaramillo, Keven
Brown, Sarah
Da Silva Lourenco, Anderson
Esteviez, Rafaela
Garcia, Susan
LoCicero, Jenna
LoCicero, Jennifer
LoCicero, Michelle
Lopez, Claudia
Moraes, Godalva
Waldorf Brianna

“God’s dream for your Life”
Parish Lenten Mission
with Jon Leonetti
March 5 - 7
(Monday - Wednesday)
from 11am - Noon or 7pm - 8pm

Catholic speaker and best-selling author, Jon Leonetti, for a three evening parish mission you will never forget! Each day Jon will be presenting on three distinct topics within our Catholic faith. Day 1, Who is God and why does that matter? Day 2, Jon will outline the lives of some of the most fascinating and holy people to ever walk the planet. And Day 3, Jon will help us live an authentic relationship with Jesus in the messiness of everyday life. Make sure to invite a family member or friend! Complimentary child-care provided in our nursery room. Also, Children’s Lenten Mission on Monday night, March 5 at 7pm in the Family Center. Join us for refreshments afterwards.

Children’s Lenten Mission Retreat
When: Monday, March 5, 2017
Time: 7:00-8:00pm
(Same time as the Adult Advent Mission)
Where: Family Center
Who: Children ages 6-10
RSVP: ahgstpaul@gmail.com
Hosted by your American Heritage Girls Troop FL 147

Raffle for Panama Mission
Chance to win GREAT Prizes!!
100% of proceeds for our sister Parish San Jose
Visit us after Mass in the Portico!!
Registration is now open and for the 2018-2019 school year. For information please contact us at 813-264-3314; MAguiar@StPaulChurch.com

Preschool Registration
NOW OPEN

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 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.

ST. PAUL PARISH
EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday March 31, 2018
Starting at 10 am

Featuring 3 Hunting Areas
Based on Age:

- Pavilion: 0-3 year olds
- Playground: 4-6 year olds
- Rosary Path: 7-10 year olds

Look for signage with balloons and Staff/Teen volunteers for assistance!

DONATIONS WELCOME!
We would greatly appreciate donations of plastic eggs, small wrapped candy, toys, etc. that would fit inside a standard egg.
Please drop off your donations to the Faith Formation Office attention Ignacio Vidal. Thank you!

Teen Volunteers Needed!
Sign-up with AGarcia@StPaulChurch.com
**Mass Intentions for the Week of March 4**

**Saturday March 3, 2018**
5:30 pm  Lilian and Max Zambrano +
7:30 pm  Carmelina Cayon +

**Sunday March 4, 2018**
7:30 am  Jaroslaw Paul Miernik +
9:00 am  Christopher Johnson +
10:45 am  Partners in Prayer (int.)
12:30 pm  Michael and Mike Hingson +
2:00 pm  Jose Romo +
5:30 pm  St. Paul Parishioners (int.)

**Monday March 5, 2018**
7:30 am  Michael and Miriam Biel +
12:15 pm  Gen LaRowe +

**Tuesday March 6, 2018**
7:30 am  Patricia and Shawn Carson 43rd Wedding Anniversary
12:15 pm  Donna Marie (int.)

**Wednesday March 7, 2018**
7:30 am  Richard Harris +
12:15 pm  David and Violet Parcades +
7:30 pm  Consecrated Life and Priestly Vocations (int.)

**Thursday March 8, 2018**
7:30 am  Jack Novak +
12:15 pm  Hugo Hernandez Bosque +

**Friday March 9, 2018**
7:30 am  Vincenza De Maio +
12:15 pm  Lady and Oscar Zuluaga +

**Saturday March 10, 2018**
8:30 am  Josefina Alvarez +
5:30 pm  St. Paul Parishioners (int.)
7:30 pm  Rosemarie Miller +

**Sunday March 11, 2018**
7:30 am  Dolores Kimsal +
9:00 am  Edward Clement, Jr. +
10:45 am  Kenneth Michael Samule +
12:30 pm  Julius Cirino +
2:00 pm  MDS Ministry 5th Anniversary (int.)
5:30 pm  Joseph Felicione +

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

**Sunday**  Third Sunday of Lent  
Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 12:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

**Monday**  2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:5, 4; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday**  Da 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday**  Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs  
Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday**  Saint John of God, Religious  
Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday**  Saint Frances of Rome, Religious  
Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday**  Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday**  Fourth Sunday of Lent  
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

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**Pope Francis**

“Let us remember what the Lord Jesus told us: ‘If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you’ (Jn 15:7). “But we do not believe this, because we have little faith”. But if we had faith — Jesus says — like the mustard seed, we would have received all. “Ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you”. And in this moment of universal prayer after the Creed, it is the time to ask the Lord for the most important things in the Mass, the things we need, what we want. “It shall be done for you”, in one way or another, but “it shall be done for you”. “All things are possible to him who believes”, the Lord said. What did that man respond, to whom the Lord had addressed these words — “all things are possible to him who believes”? The man said: “I believe, Lord. Help my little faith”. We too can say: “Lord, I believe. But help my lack of faith”. And we must pray with this spirit of faith: “I believe, Lord; help my lack of faith”. Worldly demands, however, do not ascend toward heaven, just as self-referential requests remain unheard (cf. Jas 4:2-3). The intentions for which the faithful people are invited to pray must give voice to the concrete needs of the ecclesial community and of the world, avoiding recourse to conventional and short-sighted formulas. The “universal” prayer, which concludes the Liturgy of the Word, exhorts us to turn our gaze to God, who takes care of all his children” (Pope Francis, Ash Wednesday Audience, 14 February 2018).

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**Saints of God**

Thursday is the feast of St. John of God (1495-1550). He was a soldier and a fall away Catholic. At the age of forty, he felt that his life had no meaning and purpose. He then turned his life over to God. Still lost, he tried a number of things before he finally listened to the voice of God. He founded a house which cared for the needs of the sick poor - the first hospitals. After his death, the order of the Brothers Hospitallers formed to continue his fine work. What does all this tell us? Only by following the will of God will we truly experience the joy and peace God has intended for us.

Let us pray:

“Saint John of God, help us to act out of love as soon as we feel the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Help us learn to fight the little voices in our heads and hearts, and give us all sorts of practical reasons to wait or delay in our service of God. Amen.”

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**Let us pray**

God of Eternity, we thank you for the gift of salvation. As we walk through the desert this Lenten season, we thirst for the healing waters of your love. Give us the strength to overcome the temptation of sin. Cleanse our hearts and minds that we might prepare with great joy for the resurrection of your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.
Easter Altar Flower Memorials

A suggested donation of $10 per flower is now being accepted for Easter Altar Flower Memorials. During the Easter season, the names for the memorials will be displayed in the church.

Please complete this form and return to our parish office no later than 4pm on Tuesday, March 27, 2018.

Your name: __________________________
Offering amount: _________________

Please be sure to print names clearly

In memory of:
____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
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In you, Lord, I find peace.
Please remember the young men and women who are separated from their loved ones as they serve our country. If you would like to have your loved one remembered by our parish family, please contact Elizabeth at the parish office 813-961-3023. Electronic images are welcome. Let us pray peace in the world and for their safe return home!

- Hans C. Arcand, 2nd LT, USAF
- Martin O. Reina, USCG
- Patrick Rose, Capt PA, US Army
- Nicholas Ringo, IH US Navy
- Mathew M Colon, Sgt., US Army
- Michael Dunkelberger, Master Sargent, USAF
- Christopher A. Garcia, LTJG, U.S. Navy
- Richard Majette, Captain, USMC
- Katrina Monti, Captain, PA US Army
- Jonathan Monti, Major, PA US Army
- Richard Sison Jr, 2nd Lt., USAF
- Matthew Mooney, Captain, USAF
- Curtis Gardner, Sergeant, USAF
- Adriana Trigg, USAF
- Anthony Mazzie, US Army
- Luis Luccani, PO, US Navy
- Austin Jacob Ferlita, Pvt2s, US Army
- Josh C. Seal, PO, US Navy
- Corinna Fleischmann, CDR, USCG.
- Morganne Oyler, US Navy
- Sean C. Andino, Ens, US Navy
- Thomas Krasnicki, Lt, US Navy
- Brett Smith, US Marine Corp.
- Dominick J. Agnes III, Sg, US Marine Corps
- Brian J. Babin, SS, USMC
- John Erickson, Cpl US Army
- Jacob Torrens, US Army, Pvt
- Cody Rigney, LT, US Navy
- Adam Tapia, LT, US Army
- Jason Mitchell, WO4, US Army
- Alexander Maldonado, Captain, USAF

“Growing Together as Disciples of Christ!”

Welcome.
There is More to Life

Time for Renewal coming soon!

The Big Red Bus will be at
St. Paul on
Sunday March 11th
from 8am – 1pm

Give the gift of Life!

Looking Ahead!
March 5 - 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; March 25 - Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion; March 26 - 6:30pm Seder Super; March 28 - 7pm Via Crucis; March 29 - 7pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper; March 30 - Good Friday; March 31 - 8pm Easter Vigil; April 1 - Easter Sunday!

Something Missing?
There are a number of couples in our parish who are living in irregular marriages or marriages which have not been blessed in the Church. Remember, it is not sufficient for Catholics to be civilly married or married in a non-Catholic church. For validity, Catholics must be married in a ceremony recognized by the Church. Don’t wait. We’re here to help! If neither of you was previously divorced, contact Maria at the parish office to have your marriage convalidated (961-3023). It is very easy and won’t take much of your time. If you or your spouse were previously divorced, contact the priest or deacon of your choosing to start the “annulment” process so that, hopefully, your present marriage can be convalidated. Let us help you!

Special Lenten Opportunity
Take some steps toward true and lasting happiness. Join Sister Theresa Betz on March 14th and 21st from 11:15-12:00 in the Parish Office Room E. She will guide reflection and discussion on Jon Leonetti’s book The Art of Getting over Yourself. No registration needed. Just come. Come to one or all sessions.

Florida Eucharistic Congress 2018
Jacksonville
Do you want to experience a celebration of faith like no other? Then attending the Eucharistic Congress on March 16-17, 2018 is a must. Join our clergy and parishioners at this phenomenal once a year celebration! For more information please visit www флоридасидуаристорг
Parents of children preparing to receive First Holy 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, and Glory Be.

URGENT: Faith Formation catechist for Kindergarten on Monday afternoons-If you are willing to share your faith on a Monday 4pm to 5:15pm with our Kindergarten class, please contact our Faith Formation office. We also need help assisting our catechists! Please contact us today!

For the safety of our students Our Faith Formation is in need of people who can assist us monitor our doors on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays from 6pm-7:15pm. This person greets and 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:
• First Communion Retreats for those 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.
• Spring Break is week of March 11-17. Classes resume March 18

If you have any questions, please call the Faith Formation office now. It is not too late to inquire about Faith Formation! 813-961-3023

St. Paul Seder Supper Reservation Form
Please return completed form to the parish office or mail with payment to:
St. Paul Church Parish Office – Attention Faith Formation
Seating is limited. All reservations must be turned in to the Parish Office by Monday March 19th.

To reserve your place write the name the names of the people attending. Be sure to include the name and age of the children in the family. Cost: $15.00 per person. There is no charge for children age 12 and under.

1. ____________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________
4. ____________________________________________
5. ____________________________________________
6. ____________________________________________

Email ___________________________
Address________________________________________
Cell Phone____________________
Checks may be made payable to St. Paul Catholic Church
Payment Amount Enclosed _____________

Our Lady of Good Counsel Camp
Good Counsel Camp is the youth camp of the Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida. We are located about 60 miles north of Tampa. We are a co-ed camp and accept campers from 7 to 15 years of age. To register please visit our website at Goodcounselcamp.org. Online registration is located in the bottom left corner. Our sessions go from June 10-22 to July 15-27. For more information email goodcounselcamp@aol.com
Youth Living Stations of the Cross  
March 30th  
12pm  
We need you!!  
We practice every Sunday @3pm

All Middle Schoolers are INVITED!!  
March 5th & 7th

Parents - please attend with your sons and daughters at our parish mission with guest speaker Jon Leonetti at 7pm at the Church!  
EDGE Night- 6:00-6:50pm  
(during class time)

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!  
Dates are: July 23-28, 2018  
High Schoolers and incoming freshmen can attend. To reserve a spot you must pay $100 deposit and fill out spot reservation form available in YM office.  
agarcia@stpaulchurch.com

“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything…” (Ex 20:4).
Are you as smart as an 8th grader? The eight characteristics of discipleship that Jesus describes in the Sermon on the Mount are known as the ____________?

A. Beatitudes

On a Lighter Note:
What do you call a priest in charge of the school play?

A. The spiritual director

Home Makers of Hope

This ministry is dedicated to furnishing homes to families in crisis or in need. On Monday mornings we will meet at a warehouse in Ybor City and pull household items for a family in need. Then we deliver the furnishings to their home and set things up. There are other ways to help and volunteer too from your own home. If this sounds like something you would be interested in please join us. For more information please call Deacon Frank Henriquez at 813-961-3023 or email him at FHenriquez@stpaulchurch.com

Visit: http://www.homemakersofhope.com

Ask It Basket

“Why do you say there are 40 days of Lent? I count 46!” Good question. It is really 40 days of penance and fasting before Easter. So including Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday but subtracting the Sundays of Lent, there are 40 days of penance and fasting. Does that mean if you give up chocolate for Lent, you can eat chocolate on Sundays? Yes and no. While you could eat chocolate on the Sunday, it is probably more spiritually advantageous to give up chocolate for all of the Lenten Season. (If you have a question for the Ask It Basket, please contact FrBill@StPaulChurch.com).

Deo Gratias

We thank God for all of our catechists as they share our wonderful faith and Christian heritage with our children, teens, young adults, and adults. May God bless you all! We also thank those who shared bulletins from their travels with us. This week we received some from South Carolina and Florida.

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 7:30 pm in the Parish Center Room H. For information please call Diana at 813-748-2874. Here are the upcoming meeting dates: March 13 - April 10 - April 24 - May 8 - May 22 - June 12 - June 26.

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. Registrese pronto!

The Council of Catholic Women

Mark your calendars for our upcoming general meeting on March 8th at 7pm in the Family Center 2. Guest Speaker will be Spiritual Director, Fran Carideo speaking on “Discerning God’s Will in your life” and” The role of a Spiritual Advisor” Join us for an informative evening.

Spiritual Motherhood for Priests

Members of our Spiritual Motherhood of Priests participated in a ministry retreat @ St. Anthony, the Abbot Parish in Brooksville on Saturday, Feb. 24. The Ministry meets weekly Thurs. 1pm-2pm to pray for all priests. Come join us! May God bless our dear priests.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019!

Interested in going? Let us help you in raising funds!! Volunteer at a Yankee Spring training game during the month of March and EARN dollars towards covering your trip. If you are at least 18 years old & would like to volunteer Please email PanamaMission@StPaulChurch.com
Christ is standing at the door of our hearts, knocking, seeking relief from the pain and suffering found around the world. He comes to us bearing the disguise of the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and the poor and marginalized, and our faith calls us to respond. Your generosity to The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) helps six Catholic organizations comfort Christ, whom we find in the suffering brothers and sisters in our midst.

With your help, the Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees (POWR) program has organized thousands of volunteers to help refugees with legal work, medical services, and language skills. The volunteers have offered friendship, warm meals, and jobs and have welcomed the newcomers into local parishes, providing a smooth transition to their new home.

When refugees come to the United States, housing must be secured within a short time frame. In Portland, Oregon, this is a significant challenge, because the city has one of the highest rental occupancy rates in the country. But with your support of the CRSC, Holy Trinity Parish has been able to offer a nine bedroom home and send volunteers to welcome refugee newcomers, giving space and support during their initial adjustment, while permanent housing is secured and set up. Refugees typically stay in the house no more than three weeks before they move into permanent housing. Now, Holy Trinity Parish is working with other faith-based organizations to replicate this program in other Portland neighborhoods.

Support The Catholic Relief Services Collection today, and help Jesus in disguise. Envelopes are in the Narthex. A collection will be taken up March 10th and 11th.

Please stop by and say THANK YOU to these wonderful ladies, and get more information about joining the CCW.

For more info contact
Connie Ash
CatholicWomen@StPaulChurch.com

2018 Annual Pastoral Appeal

Thank you!

To the 330 parishioners that have given to APA to date. Every time you see a heart added to the banner that means 30 more parishioners are committed to help making somebody’s life a better place. We have received $199,928 of our goal or 46%. Hopefully by the time you read this, we will be at 50% + goal pledged.

Can we meet our pledge goal by Easter? If you haven’t given yet, envelopes are in the Narthex of you can go to www.StPaulhurch.com to give online. No amount is too small!

If not you … then who?

Weekly Offertory
Sunday February 25, 2018
Offertory: $ 25,731
Online Giving $ 16,775
Attendance: 3,983
Envelopes: 853

Thank you for your Generosity!
I. Exodus 20:1-17 The Ten Words

Reflection: This is the first expression of written Law from God. In the Bible, this is only the initial part; chapters 20:18 to 31:18 continue to provide God's written Law for His People. This is certainly not the first written Law Code; others in the Ancient Near East exist, and locate their god as their source as well. But the qualitative difference is so vast between the "Ten Words" and all the others that one is stunned by the succinct expression of how people ought to live together. Honoring YHWH above other gods (note the Ancient Hebrews were not yet strict Monotheists!) and prohibiting image-making were the hallmarks of the Hebrews. And Sabbath observance came close behind. The next seven Commandments deal with how people can live peacefully together, and constitute a blueprint for a successful society. For us, these are "old hat," even to the point of being considered passé. Yet, look at our statutes and see if you can't find all the last seven represented somewhere as an implied pattern.

II. 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 Thumbnail Gospel

Reflection: The Corinthians were a sophisticated and intelligent (if self-willed and demanding) group. They were (as we are) impressed with moving and compelling speakers, who incorporated their culture in their presentations. Remember, it was the Greeks who virtually invented the intellectual pursuit of Wisdom, "Philosophy." (Greek: Philein= to love; sophia=wisdom.) Hence, the Corinthians demanded a philosophical format for the Gospel. Jews, on the other hand, looked for miracles that would authenticate the Gospel. Well, St. Paul offered neither: he offered the "stumbling block" and "foolishness" of Christ Crucified. The deepest irony, for St. Paul, is that in His authentic subjection of Himself to the will of His Father, real power is expressed. (Note: often "miracle" is expressed in Greek as dynamis. This is also the word for "Power." Hence, Christ is the "Miracle" of God for the Jews looking for such!) These few verses probably encapsulate the Gospel that St. Paul preached! In weakness there is strength; in foolishness, real wisdom.


Reflection: There are two basically similar accounts of the incident in the Temple in the four Gospels. Mark, Matthew and Luke share a common source, and have the incident occurring immediately before Jesus death. John probably has a similar source, but he locates the event at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. One of the keys to interpretation of the story is the quotation of Psalm 69:9 in the text, "Zeal for your house will consume me." Verses 8 and 9 read, "I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's sons. For zeal for our house has consumed me, and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me." The use of violence by Jesus, making a whip and using it, driving moneymakers, cattle and animals out of the precincts of the Temple is much more graphic than that of the Synoptic writers. Further, his comments on destroying the Temple (or his own body) and its rising in three days has a strong flavor of John's "High Christology." Recall that for the Synoptic writers, God raised Jesus. Here Jesus raises Himself! He is the source of the power to take up His own life again. Thus, the story may reflect both the difficulties that the Johannine community was experiencing with having been expelled from the synagogues and the commitment of St. John to a High Christology, affirming that Jesus is God.

Pope Francis Grants Indulgence to the Faithful during the 50th Anniversary of the Diocese of St. Petersburg

The faithful who commit to a complete detachment of sin may follow the steps below to receive this indulgence.

- Devoutly make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle in a spirit of contrition and love on: May 6, 2018, 3 p.m. for the Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary or Another day during 2018 and set aside time for meditation, praying the Our Father, the Creed and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (20 days before or after visiting the cathedral)
- Receive the Holy Eucharist (20 days before or after visiting the cathedral)
- Pray for the pope and for his intentions

What is an indulgence?

"A remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin." – (Catechism of the Catholic Church (No. 1471). Indulgences may be applied to one's self or the dead.
**St. Vincent De Paul**

Pantry Hours Monday & Thursday 9am -12pm  
Assistance Line: 813-264-3325  

Our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry feeds more than 50 families each week. Feeding so many, our pantry shelves don’t stay full for very long. If you would like to help, food donations can be left in the marked baskets in the church Narthex.  

*Please note we are unable to use expired items.*

**Wish List This Week:**  
Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Red Beans  
Thank you for your generosity! ~ SVdP

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**Faith in Action:** How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

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**Living Faith:** For the next three weeks, there are different readings depending on whether or not the Rite of Scrutiny is taking place at your Mass. For most of us, we will hear John 2:13-25 and the cleansing of the temple by our Lord. From what does the temple of your soul need to be cleansed?

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**Legal Consultation and Referral Service**  
Every Monday and Wednesday by appointment only.  
Please call 813-961-3023.

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**Counseling Services**  
offered by Dr. Pat Berne  
Please call to make an appointment 813-961-3023

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**Divorced and Separated Support Group**  
This ministry provides caring support for both women and men experiencing separation or divorce. We meet every Friday night at 7:30pm in the Parish center. You may come as often as you would like, every week, once a month or whenever convenient. No charges/no fees. All are welcome. For further information and to answer any questions please call Don Hemke at 813-205-1735.

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**English as a Second Language**  
ESL group meets every Monday night at 7:30pm in the Parish Center Room G. Aprenda Inglés! Todos los Lunes a las 7:30pm en el Centro Parroquial Salon G. ESL@StPaulChurch.com

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**Diocese of St. Petersburg Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
You Are Invited!  
Bishop Gregory Parkes will lead a Holy Hour at St. Jude the Apostle Cathedral to consecrate the Diocese of St. Petersburg to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.  

**Sunday, May 6, 2018, 3 p.m.  
Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle**  
Consecration preparation at St. Paul will begin on April 2nd and we will use True Devotion to Mary through Jesus by St. Louis de Montfort. FrBob@StPaulChurch.com

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**Cruise to Canada and New England**  

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**First Annual NUN RUN 5K & 1M trail runs in Tampa!**  
Saturday, March 24 at the beautiful Mary Help of Christians campus.  
Register at runvilla5k.com.  
Sponsored by the Sisters of Villa Madonna.

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**Are you a RN, LPN, Medical Assistant or even a physician and are looking for a way to give back to the community?**  
Guiding Star Tampa would love for you to be a part of their medical team as a volunteer.  
Guiding Star Tampa is a nonprofit, prolife Ob Gyn medical practice at Lutz. We are looking for medical personnel who can volunteer weekly or periodically for a three to four hour shift. Please call Jill Casciello at 813.948.7734 or email her at jill.casciello@gstampa.org

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“*You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything…*” (Ex 20:4).