

Christmas Highlights

2018

St. Paul Catholic Church





“For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you
who is Christ the Lord.
And this will be a sign for you:
you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes
and lying in a manger.” (Lk 2:11-12)

My Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas! During this Holy Season, I give thanks to you for the many ways that you reflect the love of the Christmas Child with others through your prayers, kind words, selfless deeds, and care for those most in need. Thank you! I pray that you and your loved ones will be filled with the peace and joy only He can give! The holiday season can also be difficult for those who have suffered loss or are struggling with life's challenges. Know you are also in my prayers!

As Catholics, Christmas is more than a day. It expands to an octave of days, and indeed for an entire season! While the Feast of Santo Niño or the Holy Child on January 20, 2019, may mark the close of the season for us at St. Paul, it is my hope that we may all live the mystery of Christmas throughout the coming new year!

As we celebrate the miracle of Christmas, know that you are in the thoughts and prayers of the priests, deacons, religious, staff, and faithful volunteers of St. Paul Catholic Church and Preschool, especially during the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist. May God bless you as we continue to courageously grow together in Christ!

Merry Christmas and have a blessed New Year!

Fr. Bill

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24

Come join the shepherds and adore the newborn King! There is plenty of room in the "inn", so please be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to join you! Be sure to come early! Parking attendants will be on hand. Additional parking is available in the Medical Center across Stall Road. The Mass times are:

4:00 pm. Family Masses will be offered in both our Church and Family Center. Our children will present Christmas pageants at both Masses and our Children's Choir is singing in the Church. Do you know of any children who don't know the true meaning of Christmas? Bring them with you!

6:00 pm. Mass will be in English in the Church and Portuguese in the Family Center. There will be children's Christmas pageants at both Masses. Come, let us adore Him!

8:00 pm. This Christmas Eve Mass will be led by our LifeTeen music ministry. Come join us for a contemporary Spirit-led celebration!

Midnight. The Midnight Mass will begin ... at midnight! Our wonderful choir, Bell Choir, and Brass Ensemble will offer a music prelude beginning at 11:15 pm. If you've never attended a Midnight Mass, please come and be sure to arrive early! You and your family will be truly blessed!

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25

Join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ during the Holy Eucharist at:

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am, 12:30 pm, and 2:00 pm in Spanish

(Note: There will NOT be a 5:30 pm Mass on Christmas Day.) There will be children's pageants at both the 9:00 am English and 2:00 pm Spanish language Masses and the Adult Choir will join us at 10:45 am for a traditional High Mass. No one should celebrate Christmas alone. Be sure to invite your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to join you for the Holy Mass!

Christmas Season Schedule

O come let us adore Him! **Eucharistic Adoration** takes place every weekday from 8:00 am through 8:30 pm and Friday from 8:00 am through Saturday 8:00 am! What a wonderful way to share in the miracle of that First Christmas! Also, remember that the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is now offered every weekday from 11:30 am to noon and Saturdays at 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Feast of the Holy Innocents

Friday, December 28

Fr. Bill, our Respect Life Ministry, and our Hispanic Community will offer a special Mass for all those who have lost a child before or after birth. The evening will begin with the Rosary at 7:00 pm, Mass at 7:30 pm, and dinner reception hosted by the Hispanic Liturgical Ministries to follow. Let us pray for all those who mourn the death of a child. All are welcome.

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 30

Today we give thanks to God for the gift of our families. We will offer a special blessing upon our families at every Mass. Please be sure to invite your family and friends to join you!

New Year's Eve

Monday, December 31

January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, as well as New Year's Day and World Day of Prayer for Peace. This IS a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Masses will be at 5:30 pm in English and 7:30 pm in Portuguese. At 10:30 pm on Monday evening, we will observe a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration before the Vigil Mass begins at 11:30 pm. We will then consecrate the world at midnight to the Prince of Peace! A small reception will follow. Come and keep the Feast!

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1

Today, let us honor our Blessed Mother Mary! (It IS a Holy Day of Obligation.) Our Mass schedule for today is 9:00 am, 12:30 pm, 2:00 pm in Spanish, and 5:30 pm in English. Please bring friends and family to join you as we honor Our Blessed Mother and pray that the Prince of Peace may bless all the world with peace throughout this new year of grace!



First Friday

Friday, January 4

On First Fridays, our parish has long had the tradition of adoring the Eucharistic Lord throughout the day and night. In addition, at 7:00 pm we will offer a novena in honor of the Holy Child, Santo Niño and 7:30 pm Mass. Afterwards, there is a reception featuring delicious Filipino cuisine. All are most welcome!

Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 6

Today we join our Magi from the East as we worship the newborn King, our beloved Santo Niño! Traditionally, homes are blessed today. You are welcome to bring an empty bottle to Church so that you can fill it with Holy Water to bless your home or if you would like a priest or deacon to bless your home, please call the parish office. We would be honored to ask the Lord's blessings upon your home!

Novena to Santo Niño

Friday, January 11 through Saturday 19

Each evening we will celebrate the novena beginning at 7:00 pm. The Holy Mass will begin at 7:30 pm in honor of the Holy Child followed by a reception featuring delicious Filipino food. We will be led by priests from throughout our diocese. All are welcome!



Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 13

Today we celebrate the Lord's baptism in the River Jordan as well as our baptism ... when we were "born again" through the waters of rebirth! Please come and bring a friend to celebrate the gift of new life in Jesus!

Our Lady of Good Health

Friday, January 18

Every third Friday, our parish gathers to honor our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Good Health. The novena begins at 7:00 pm and continues with Mass at 7:30 pm. Because tonight's celebration coincides with our Santo Niño Novena, it will be followed by a reception featuring Filipino cuisine.

World Youth Day Blessing and Vigil of Santo Niño

Saturday, January 19

At 10:00 am, our Shepherd, Bishop Parkes will be here to celebrate Mass and bless our young adults as they leave for World Youth Day in Panama. Please come and support our young people! This is also the last day of preparation for the Feast of Santo Niño. The evening events are: 5:30 pm regular Vigil Mass, 7:00 pm Santo Niño Novena, 7:30 pm special Santo Niño Mass in English in the Church and in Portuguese in the Parish Center. Afterwards there will be a formal rosary procession along our beautiful Peace Path. The evening will conclude with a reception. Please come and join in the Feast!

Feast of Santo Niño

Sunday, January 20

Today fellow Christians will come from all over the world to join us in honoring the Holy Child. Masses are at: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am, 12:30 pm, and 2:00 pm in Spanish. The Santo Niño Mass will be at **4:30 pm**. It will be followed by the Sinulog in the Family Center. The Sinulog is a special form of praise which involves a simple dance. If you have never prayed the Sinulog, be sure to come! Afterwards, there will be a light meal. Please note that there is additional parking in the Medical Center across Stall Road. Note: there will NOT be a 5:30 pm Mass on Sunday. This is one celebration you won't want to miss!



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday January 21

It is impossible to overstate the importance of Martin Luther King in our country and throughout the world. Please join our Knights of Columbus for a special prayer service at 7:00 pm in our Santo Niño Shrine. Let us redouble our prayers for a world where the inalienable dignity and worth of every human being is not only respected but fostered!

Prayer for Protection of Human Life

Tuesday, January 22

As Catholics, we believe in the inalienable dignity and worth of every human life from the moment of conception through natural death. Today we gather with Fr. Bob and our Respect Life Ministry from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm in our beautiful chapel to pray for a renewed respect for life!

World Youth Day

January 22-27

Please keep our young adults in prayer as they gather with youth throughout the world in Panama for World Youth Day!

WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT PRAYS!

Each week people gather on our campus to pray. Listed below are some of our prayer groups:

Eucharistic Adoration	Monday through Thursday 8:00 am - 8:30 pm
Rosary (in Church)	Weekdays after the 7:30 am Mass
Rosary and Prayer for Vocations (in Church)	Weekdays before the 12:15 pm Mass
Our Mother of Mercy	Tuesdays after the 12:15 pm Mass
Legion of Mary (español)	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
La Familia (español)	2 nd Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
Spiritual Mothers	Thursdays after the 12:15 pm Mass
Amor de Jesus Grupo de Oración (español)	Thursdays at 7:30 pm
Cenaculo de Maria Rosa Mistica (português)	Thursdays
Grupo Tercoo dos Homens (português)	3 rd Thursday at 7:40 pm
24-hour Eucharistic Adoration	Friday 8:00 am - Saturday 8:30 am
Rosary and Santo Niño Perpetual Novena	1 st Fridays at 7:00 pm
Sacred Heart Novena Mass	1 st Fridays at 7:30 pm
Nossa Senhora Da Rosa Mistica (português)	1 st , 3 rd , and 5 th Fridays at 8:00 pm
Cursillo de Cristiandad (español)	2 nd Fridays of every other month
Our Lady of Good Health Novena Mass	3 rd Fridays at 7:30 pm
Miraculous Medal Novena	Saturdays after the 8:30 am Mass
Anointing of the Sick	2 nd Saturday during the 8:30 am Mass
Our Lady of Peñafrancia	4 th Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass
Cenacles of Divine Mercy (eng, sp, port)	Various times
Fiat (english and español)	Various times

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