

Mass Intentions ~ May 27-June 2, 2019

*Monday @ 9:00 am — People of the Parish (Sp Int)
Happy Memorial Day

Tuesday @ 7:30 am — Fr. Joseph Baglio (RIP)

Wednesday @ 6:00 pm — Claudia Mangano (RIP)

Thursday @ 7:30 am — People of the Parish (Sp Int)

Friday @ 7:30 am — Fr. John Bonn (Sp Int)

Saturday @ 5:30 pm — Patrick Hurley (RIP)

Sunday @ 8:00 am — George Kehle (RIP)

Sunday @ 10:30 am — People of the Parish (Sp Int)

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Saturday. @ 4:30-5:00 pm

Adoration this week: Monday — Friday, 8 am - 12 pm

New Prayer Requests

Special Intentions:

Ron Millington Tom Mullen Janie Romero
Rosa Fertitta, aunt of Ginger Plauche
Randy Jenkins, brother of Donna O'Brien

Repose of the Soul:

Altha May Walker, mother of Shelia Foggo
Odell Crenshaw, father of Brande Beddingfield
(full prayer list on our website & prayer board)

Altar Flowers donated by: The Clancy Family
in memory of Valerie Bergsten

Blessed Mother Flowers donated by: Donna Lee Reiss
in memory of Wanda I Zebrowski.

~ upcoming events ~ save the dates ~

Audition Announcement for St. Paul Music Ministry — We are seeking the following musicians:

• **Synthesizer Keyboardist to play Sunday 10:30 am Mass**

Must commit to rehearsals two evenings and Sunday morning Mass each week.

• **Rhythm Guitarist to play Sunday 10:30 am Mass**

Ability to play by ear and by sheet music preferred. Must commit to rehearsals two evenings and Sunday morning Mass each week.

• **Male & Female Vocalist to sing Saturday 5:30 pm Mass**

Ability to sing in contemporary style required. Must commit to rehearsal one evening and Saturday evening Mass each week.

Contact Alan Black by email music@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com or by phone 601-992-9547 if you are interested in applying and scheduling a private audition.



Memorial Day Morning Mass, Monday, May 27th @ 9:00 a.m.

Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated at the June 1/2. Second Collection for Catholic Communications Campaign.

Our Home Open House, June 2nd @ 5:30 pm in the Family Life Center — This is a repeat of the May 23rd event hosted by the St. Paul Capital Campaign Committee. We will begin at 2:00 p.m. with a social and refreshments. There will be a brief presentation with time for questions, input, and discussion regarding the fundraising campaign for our Renovation Project.

First Friday Healing Mass & Brunch, June 7th

Armed Forces Support Ministry First Saturday Rosary, June 8th

Annual Pentecost Outdoor Mass & Celebration, June 9th @ 10:30 am

First Communion Parents — Please pick up your child's banner from the Information Table by the Church offices. Thank you!

Big Deal Youth Group Summer Fun: Open to all upcoming 7th graders through graduating seniors!

— Geyser Falls June 22nd — Canoe Trip July 20th — Brave's Baseball Game August 17th

Vacation Bible School at St. Jude Parish in Pearl, June 17th-21st @ 9am-12noon

Ages 3 years thru 6th grade. Volunteer opportunities for rising 7th graders to adults. Contact www.myvbs.org/stjudevbs

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Offertory Collection for May 18/19: General Fund = \$16,513 Other = \$70

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Our mission is to invite everyone into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

May 26, 2019 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Meet the St. Paul Senior Leadership Team

Today, we hear from Tony —

I am a native of Mississippi and have lived in Brandon for the past 26 years. My wife, Karen, and I have been married for 25 years and have two sons, Houston and Parker. I have lived a privileged life and have had more given to me than I could have ever imagined.

To me, a "privileged life" is not about financial wealth, social status, academic/professional talents, or any other trivial earthly diversions. My "privileged" life is a result of being loved by God. It's as simple as that. His love for me is manifested in many ways, but principally by my spiritual journey, my relationship with others, and my deepening faith and trust in Him. Like so many, my faith journey hasn't always been smooth sailing, but regardless of the pace or direction, it is MY journey which I navigate on a daily, sometimes hourly, basis!

Each of us has areas of strengths and weaknesses — it's what makes us unique and human! Being a part of the SLT allows my strengths to fill the gaps left by other members of the team, and likewise, my shortcomings are filled by my teammates' talents. We all have differing, but equally valuable, talents. My areas of strength have been identified as: Connectedness; Harmony; Restorative; Relator; Achiever. In a nutshell, I am the person who wants to see how all the pieces of the puzzle are connected, to focus on areas of commonality versus conflict, effectively deal with issues, build close relationships with others, and thus achieve the common goal.

As I write this, I find myself reflecting on Fr. Hurley's Homily last Sunday. Specifically, Jesus' commandment to love one another as He loves us. This commandment should be at the center of all my actions towards myself and others. This includes ALL others, not just the ones that we find easy to love, but all souls regardless of race, gender, faith (or lack of faith), sexual identity, political party affiliation, or socio-economic status.

I am commanded to love all others as He loves me. How do I do that?? My prayers and internal dialogue have settled on this thought... I will use the gifts God has granted to me via my strengths, along with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to function as part of this team to foster an environment where all labors are directed toward being a Missionary Church. Jesus Christ's Church is not made of brick and mortar... it is a living force made of you, me, and all whom we have been commanded to love.

The Senior Leadership Team is NOT about me or any of the other individual members, it is about all of us as a Parish Family! The Team's goal is to assist our pastor in helping everyone grow into a personal relationship, or more intimate relationship, with Jesus Christ.

All St. Paul parishioners must take an active role in our migration from Maintenance to Mission. To achieve longevity and sustainability, the sole driving force cannot and must not be the parish priest. This is where the Divine Renovation process comes into play. Divine Renovation is the scaffold from which a parish migrates from a state of existence into a parish that is missionary. We know very well how to serve ourselves, but that is NOT our purpose. We exist for mission. I recommend viewing some (or all) of the 5-part series:



Key Principles of Divine Renovation hosted by Renewal Ministries on www.divinerenovation.tv — these are short, 15-minute videos. Find them by searching under "Free Videos" on the DR site or the APP.

— Tony Schmidt

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

As we prepare to celebrate the beautiful Solemnity of Pentecost on June 9th, we continue to explore relationship with The Holy Spirit. What does such a relationship feel like? How do I engage in this relationship?

Like all meaningful relationships, it is not merely a one-time decision. It is a living commitment to seek His Spirit on a continual basis. It is NOT limited to a one-time experience like, "BAM! I have the Holy Spirit in me, so I am good for the rest of my life. My work is done!" It is not a simple formula that every living being need subscribe to — I do A + B to reach C — rather, living in relationship with The Holy Spirit is a unique experience for each and every person, as unique as we are each created, individually. It is lived uniquely each day as we encounter other people and situations.

We do not exist to function all on our own, and we are not meant to walk our journeys alone. Jesus promises to be with us always.

"I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

John 14:24-27

This is His promise to us. The Advocate — The Holy Spirit — is available to every one of us. When we pray, "Come, Holy Spirit, Come," we are in the presence of The Spirit — present in our words, minds, hearts. Even if these are the only words we say, they are enough!

Pray these words first thing in the morning. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Pray these words when the phone rings with a challenging call. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Pray these words before heading out for the day. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Pray these words when you receive good news. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Pray these words when someone confronts you with a complaint. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Pray these words before asking or answering a big question. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Pray these words before making a big decision. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Pray these words when you go to visit a sick friend. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Pray these words as someone seems to come to mind out of nowhere. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Pray these words as you enter church. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Pray these words as you exit church. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Pray these words last thing in the evening. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

This past week, Fr. Richard Rohr has been featuring the Holy Spirit in his daily meditations. He titles it "Indwelling Spirit." On Wednesday, May 22nd, Rohr wrote,

"The love in you—which is the Spirit in you—always somehow says yes. (See 2 Corinthians 1:20.) Love is not something you do; love is something you are. It is your True Self. Love is where you came from and love is where you're going. It's not something you can buy. It's not something you can attain. It's the presence of God within you, called the Holy Spirit or what some theologians name uncreated grace.

He quotes Wm. Paul Young's work, *Trinity: The Soul of Creation*, to explain a Constant Grace, 'The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives is to reveal to us the truth of our being so that the way of our being can match it.' "

*Effortlessly,
Love flows from God into [humans]
Like a bird
Who rivers the air
Without moving her wings.
... Thus we move in [God's] world
One in body and soul, ...
Though outwardly separate in form.
As the Source strikes the note,
Humanity sings—
The Holy Spirit is our harpist,
And all strings
Which are touched in Love
Must sound.*

—Mechthild of Magdeburg
(1207–c. 1282/1294)

Remember to join us in prayer every day at 12noon wherever you may be!



**Come, Holy Spirit.
Fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in us the fire of Your love.
Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created,
and You shall renew the face of the earth.**



**Let us pray.
O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructs the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise
and ever rejoice in His consolations.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**