



# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 8, 2026

## Let your light shine before others...

Matthew 5:16



**ASH WEDNESDAY, Feb. 18th** —Mass Schedule: 8am, 12:10pm, 6pm

**Parish Gift Shop hours:** After Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses.

**Divine Mercy Chaplet :** The chaplet is prayed after 8:00 a.m. Mass every day

**Daily Rosary:** 7:15 a.m. lead by the members of the Altar & Rosary Society

**St. Anthony Devotion:** Every Tuesday after Mass.

**Mother of Perpetual Help Group:** Meets every first Wednesday of the Month at 5:30 p.m. in the Church with Mass at 6:00 p.m.

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Devotion:** Every Wednesday after Mass.

**St. Paul's Bible Study:** Every Thursday after 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Library.

**1st Fridays & Saturdays** of every month we have Adoration, prayer and Benediction after morning Mass. (w/ Anointing every 1st Saturday)

**2nd Friday—Divine Mercy Mass:** Every Second Friday we have a Divine Mercy Mass at 8:00 am, followed with Adoration, prayer and Benediction.

**St. Paul's MI Mary's Village:** 2nd Saturday of the Month from 9-10am in the Pezo Library in Mathias Hall.

The St. Maximilian Kolbe Council of the Knights of Columbus will be holding the 4<sup>th</sup> Knights of Columbus Annual Mel Ormonde Crab Feed

on Saturday, March 7, 2026. +Mel Ormonde, former Grand Knight for the Council, provided leadership for the Knights and contributed greatly to the Church and Community.

Crab will be served in the Parish Hall from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. This all-you-can-eat event is dine-in only. Doors open at 4:30 pm. \$75.00 per ticket. Pre-sale tickets will be offered at Masses beginning February 1, 2026

For ticket information, please contact Bob Perrault at 805-668-7131.



### Holy Mass:

Mon.—Sat. 8:00 a.m.

### Saturday Vigil:

5:30 p.m.  
(Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

### Reconciliation:

Mon.-Sat. 7:15 a.m.-7:55 a.m. Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Baptisms:** 2nd Saturday of the Month 10:30 am **Baptism Prep.:** By appointment

**Funerals:** Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

**Marriages:** 6 months in advance

**Communion for the Sick:** Please call the office.

**Adoration:** Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.— 6:45 p.m.

**\*\*\*NO ADORATION on FEBRUARY 19th\*\*\***

### Office Hours:

**Monday:** 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday - Friday:** 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Peace and all God's blessings.

What struck me at the moment in today's Gospel passage was Jesus' comment: "Your light must shine in the sight of everyone, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven."

In our present world, sad to say, where many people in many ways show little or no interest in God, we could be pardoned for thinking that that is a most unlikely outcome. Many of our contemporaries may not even be attracted much or at all by seeing anyone's "good works" and therefore likely to "praise" neither God nor those who do the "good works". So, why do good works at all?

It is possible, of course, to do them for all sorts of crass reasons. A little later in the "Sermon on the Mount" Matthew recorded how Jesus warned his disciples not to be like those Pharisees who do things "to win everyone's admiration". Rather, said Jesus, "When you give alms, your left hand must not know what your right hand is doing; your almsgiving must be secret". He said something similar in relation to praying and going without things. God invites us to embrace humility by recognizing our total dependence on Him, shifting focus from self-sufficiency to **trusting in his strength, grace and care; and letting go of prideful, anxious control and finding security in his love rather than in personal achievements or comparisons.** We shall deepen our prayers in a quiet or secluded spot in an unpretentious relationship with God: "When you pray, go to your private room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father..."

Of course, while we are still apprentices, as it were, in the life-long call to maturity, we fairly naturally do perform "good works" in the hope that God will notice and be impressed. The hope of building up merit with God and thus saving our souls, can be very powerful motivations to get us started on the move to maturity. And Jesus accepts us where we are at. Particularly, early in his ministry, Jesus indicated how our "good works" would earn "points" with God. The Sermon on the Mount, however, was also full of calls to move beyond mere observance of commandments to the untiring development of the virtues that enable us to keep commandments — and to experience over time how those virtues lead on to true inner peace and social harmony.

Later in the Gospels we see how Jesus focused particularly on the disciples and their on-going growth — inviting them to move beyond self-interest to growth in love, respect and care for each other, and for

others beyond their own group; and to discover and to respond eagerly to the love of God, which would take them beyond any concern about merit; and is joyfully expressed in God's unconditional, constant, infinite forgiveness and acceptance.

The Gospels finish with Jesus commissioning the disciples to shape the world, beyond the present experience of hopeless loneliness, competitiveness and so often even of violence, and instead to give everyone a foretaste of heaven. Jesus' hope was that the body of disciples, the Church, would reveal to the world how it is possible for people to live and to work together, with all their uniqueness and personal differences, in profound respect for everyone.

When we allow ourselves to engage ever more in trusting the amazing love of our amazing God, we find ourselves changing. We let go more and more of self-interest. We discover rather how our deepest desires come to mirror the concerns listed in the Lord's Prayer. They are enough for us. We become content to move forward in the direction of the "poverty of spirit" celebrated by Jesus in the Beatitudes. Our lives simplify.

Pax et Bonum.

Fr. James Phan, OFM Conv.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE Lenten Mission Opportunity

From February 18 to March 29, participants are invited to engage in a peaceful prayer vigil for one hour per week during Lent. The vigil will take place on the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 743 Pismo Street SLO. This initiative offers an opportunity for you to reflect and pray for the well-being of unborn children and their parents.

Research supports the positive impact of prayer and maintaining a prayerful, peaceful presence.

For more information please contact Kirt or Katie Collins at 805-801-5680 to reserve your hour. [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com)

### JANUARY 2026: PLATE COLLECTIONS

SUNDAY: \$ 26,638.90

HOLY DAYS: \$ 2,471.00

PARISH MAINTENANCE: \$ 1,824.00

GENERAL DONATIONS: \$ 1,307.50

*THANK YOU!!!*



## Mass Intentions



### Saturday, February 7th

**8:00 am** †Melvina Sullivan on her birthday (Surbeck family)

**5:30 pm** †Joseph & Thelma McElvoy, and Mark & Jeanne Picket (Tammy Haynes)

### Sunday, February 8th

**8:00 am** Healing for Mary Berbereia (Family)

**10:30 am** †Pauline Azaret (Louie & Rosie Nunes)

**5:30 pm** Living & Deceased members of St. Paul's

### Monday, February 9th

**8:00 am** †Mabel Avila (Dorothy Avila)

### Tuesday, February 10th

**8:00 am** For the living members of the Altar & Rosary Society (A&RS)

### Wednesday, February 11th

**8:00 am** Special int. of Lauren McEwen & the Jacob Family (Louie & Rosie Nunes, and Mario & Linda Zambo)

### Thursday, February 12th

**8:00 am** Birthday blessings for Iggy, Brian, and Olivia Zambo (Family)

### Friday, February 13th

**8:00 am** Birthday blessings for Marissa Zambo (mother, Mila Zambo)

### Saturday, February 14th

**8:00 am** †For the deceased members of the Altar & Rosary Society and their families (A&RS)

**5:30 pm** †Pauline Galasso (Vince & Michele Marzo)

### Sunday, February 15th

**8:00 am** †Carlito Dioquino Untalan (Rebecca Untalan)

**10:30 am** Geoffrey Smith on his 25th Birthday (Firman Family)

**5:30 pm** †Maria Das Neves Farao (Farao Family)

## Prayer List

**MILITARY:** Lieutenant Colonel Chris Valine USAF, Lieutenant Ashley Valine, USCG, MSgt. Robert James Gassman, II 101st US Army, Capt. Chris Mount USMC, Maj. Grace Anderson USAF, CPO Nicholas M. Cabansag USN, LT. Jason Walsh USN, AA. (SN) Nicholas Garza, USN

**SICK / RECOVERY:** Annie Delgado, Frank Spane, Pauline Leon Moreno, Cynthia Toscas, Dorothy Avila, Richard Como, Judy Hughes, Paul Mahlmann & Family,



## Prayer List (continued)

**SICK / RECOVERY:** , Vincent Deparini & Family, Leo



Shiffar, Nona Henn, Harold Crawford, Marie Ellen Ragusa, Joshua Vincent Ray, Olivia Catherine Ray, Kevin Wayne Outram, Sue Regusci, Eileen Wagner, Luis Ramirez, Joseph Henschel, Alexia Sandoval & Family, Manuel Garza, Emma Glifonea, Joseph

Arranaga, Betty Burgin, Angel Columbus, Rafael Garza, Susie Madonna, Rich Firman, Jim Snead, Leticia Ramirez, Frank Perez, Paula Sarkar, Yvonne Rouleau , David Williams and Family, Greg Cordova, Patrick Lind, Dennis Arranaga, Deidra Hughes, Joseph Boerger, Regina Narvaez, Dolores Ortiz Anderson, Joanne Farmer, Johnny Peña

**+RECENTLY DEC:** +Linda Carroll, +Bert Heredia, +Rosemary Olmedo, +Dr. Joseph Castro, +Magdalena Corona, +Beverly Lloyd, +Beverly Lloyd, +Patricia C. Stearns, +Joseph Reeves, +Marie C. Dias, +Margaret Young

### ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 17th: 10:30 am** Rosary, **11 am** Mass, lunch to follow in the parish hall.



### MILITIA IMMACULATA:

St. Paul the Apostle Church: "Mary's Village"

\*Meetings are the **2nd Saturday** of every Month at **9:00 am** in the **Hall Library**

**February 2026 M. I. Intention:** *O Immaculata, please intercede...* That the commitment to daily conversion may make us witnesses of the Gospel to those who are indifferent or remain distant.



### St. Maximilian Quote:

"Let us be led by the Immaculata. She knows how to bring about greater good even in the most varied circumstances, as dire as they may be." (KW 598)



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