Mass Schedule

Out of deep pastoral concern for the most vulnerable, public celebration of Masses has been temporarily suspended.

St. Paul’s Church is open for silent prayer Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. till 6:30 p.m.

We are a parish family that strives to live our Catholic faith by vibrant worship of God and loving service to others, all through God’s grace.
Mass Intentions
For the Week

Monday, April 6th
Deceased Franciscan Sisters of Allegany

Tuesday, April 7th
For the Sick

Wednesday, April 8th
For Health Care Workers

Thursday, April 9th
Intentions of All Parishioners

Friday, April 10th
No Mass on Good Friday

Saturday, April 11th
Intentions of All Parishioners

Sunday, April 12th
Intentions of All Parishioners

9:30 a.m. (On-line Mass).

Stewardship
A way of life

Is what I do after I say “I believe”...

Offering total for March 29, 2020:
32 Envelopes ...........................................$ 1,666.00
Loose ....................................................... 305.00
AOP (debit) .............................................. $ 2,654.00
AOP (credit card) ...................................... 0.00
ConnectNow Online ................................. 0.00
Offering Total ...........................................$ 5,948.00

Blessed are you, O Lord, who have come in your abundant mercy!
(From Entrance Antiphon, Palm Sunday)

Thank you for your loyal stewardship to the Church during these difficult days of Coronavirus.

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From the Pastor

I will proclaim your name to my brethren, O Lord, In the midst of the assembly I will praise you.
(Psalm 22, from Mass for Palm Sunday)

We cannot assemble in-person as a parish community for the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter this year, because of the Coronavirus. Yet I sense that we feel more united in faith, hope, and love than ever before.

The “social distancing” that keeps us apart physically is giving us, in a most paradoxical way, a deep experience of our unity in the Body of Christ, which is, as we say, a “mystical Body.” We are having, I venture to say, a mystical experience of that unity.

Take advantage of the slower pace of these days to raise our hearts and minds frequently to God, which is the essence of prayer. Pray individually and as a family, especially throughout this Holy Week. Here are some suggestions.

Pray the Rosary as a family, using the Sorrowful Mysteries.


On Good Friday, you might pray the Stations of the Cross virtually. For example, log on to https://bustedhalo.com/video/virtual-stations-of-the-cross

On Holy Saturday, as we remember when Christ lay in the tomb, let us ask God in our prayer to raise us all to new life with Christ.

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

Confessions on Good Friday

We will offer the opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance on Good Friday (April 10), in the Church, between Noon and 1 p.m. The priest will maintain the required “social distancing” from the penitent. Parishioners who are in the church during this time must also maintain a 6-foot distance from anyone else who may be present in the church. There will be no confessions on Holy Saturday.

Easter Mass will be live-streamed Apr. 12

Sunday Mass for Easter Sunday will be live-streamed from St. Paul’s Convent Chapel on Sunday, April 12th, at 9:30 a.m., on our parish Facebook page. It will be available starting at approximately 9:20 a.m. If you do not have a Facebook account, you can access it on your computer, tablet, or phone by using this link: www.facebook.com/my.stpaulstpete. Following the conclusion of Mass, the full video will be available on the parish's YouTube page. Search for “St. Paul’s Catholic Church St. Petersburg” on YouTube.
**Distribution of Blessed Palms on Palm Sunday**

The palms will be blessed in the Convent Chapel during the live-stream broadcast of the Palm Sunday Mass, beginning at 9:30 a.m. today (April 5th). We will hold a drive-thru distribution of blessed palms in the St. Paul’s parking lot on Palm Sunday, between Noon and 1 p.m. Please enter the parking lot from the north end (by the cafeteria) and exit by the south end.

It is common practice to use the blessed palms as decorative pieces in your home. This could be as simple as tucking them behind a religious painting or crucifix, or as complex as making them into a palm rose. The benefit of using them as decorative pieces in your home is that the palm branches will be a constant reminder of Palm Sunday and bring to mind the Passion narrative that was read at Mass. This is a perfect way to stay connected to Holy Week throughout the year and honor Christ as the Messiah who came to save us from sin and death.

For other excellent ideas, see https://www.catholicicing.com/10-things-to-do-with-palms-from-palm-sunday/

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**Number of Pledges to APA Reaches 163**

Despite the disruption of the Coronavirus, our parishioners have continued to pledge to the Diocese’s Annual Pastoral Appeal for 2020. Pledges from St. Paul’s families now number 163. The total amount pledged is $58,679. The average pledge is $360. The total amount pledged so far is $58,679. Thirty-seven (37) families have pledged $500 or more to the campaign. The APA is vital in helping our parish meet its $183,485 annual assessment obligation to the Diocese. Your APA contributions reduce the assessment dollar-for-dollar. Plus you support the ministries of our Bishop and the Diocese. To make an APA pledge or donation on-line, go to https://s.dosp.org/give. Or you may use the pledge materials or envelopes you received by mail. APA envelopes are also available in the Church vestibule.

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**Church is Open for Prayer**

Remember that St. Paul's Church is open for prayer, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. till 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to stop in to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle. You may also pray at the Grotto.

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**Parish Group Rosary via Facebook**

We will be praying the Rosary with our parish over Facebook Live. Everyone is invited to join us from their homes. (www.facebook.com/my.stpaulstpete/) Schedule is:

- Monday, April 6: 1 p.m. (Sorrowful)
- Tuesday April 7: 5 p.m. (Sorrowful)
- Wednesday, April 8: 9 a.m. (Sorrowful)
- Thurs., April 9: 1 p.m. (Luminous)
- Friday, April 10: 9 a.m. (Sorrowful)
- Saturday, April 11: 1 p.m. (Sorrowful)

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**Easter Egg Distribution on Easter Sunday**

Since we can’t have our traditional St. Paul's Easter Egg Hunt on the playground this year, we’re planning a drive-thru distribution of colorful plastic Easter Eggs for the children (with surprises inside!) in the St. Paul's parking lot on Easter Sunday, April 12th, between Noon and 1 p.m. Note: Cars should enter the parking lot from the north end (by the cafeteria) and exit by the south end. This will facilitate the flow of traffic.

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**Columbiettes Easter Giving Project**

The Columbiettes are participating in their annual Easter giving project, with a few changes. This year, instead of preparing baskets of food for an Easter dinner, we are distributing gift cards for local stores, to 50 families in need. Parishioners who wish to join in this effort can make donations payable to St. Paul's Church. These can be mailed or dropped off to the parish center office between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Thank you for your generosity!

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**Daily Mass Intentions**

Daily Mass intentions listed in the bulletin will be remembered at Masses offered by Msgr. Gibbons and Fr. Josh Hare each day in the Rectory Chapel and at the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass streamed from the Convent Chapel.

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**St. Paul's on-line Faith Sharing Group**

Since we can't gather as a parish community in-person at the present time, we have launched an on-line faith sharing group on Facebook. It focuses on the Sunday Readings for the upcoming Sunday's Mass. To find the Group, search for “St. Paul's St. Pete Weekly Faith Sharing Group” on Facebook. Thanks to parishioners Jeff Johnson & Caitlin Johnston for spearheading this initiative.

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**Please Continue to Support St. Paul’s Church**

During this time we are not able to participate in Mass in-person, please don’t forget to continue to support our parish financially, to the extent that your circumstances allow. You may transmit your offertory donation through online giving or by mail. Sign-up for online giving by clicking the “Giving” tab on the homepage of the parish website, www.stpaulstpete.com. Or mail your offertory donation to St. Paul's Church, 1800 – 12th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33704. Call Liz in the parish office if you have questions. Phone 727.822.3481.

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Please Pray for the Healing of the Sick, especially:

- Michael Angelo
- Kathy Grabowski
- Ladaisha Kelzer
- Mary Kay Thornton
- Madison Stagnaro
- Father Jerome
- Jean Shafer
- Luis Antonio Gaviria
- Amy Revennaugh
- Nancy Kirk
- Betty-Jo Wray-Fears
- Marcello Moreno
- Brian Nelson
- Jane Huffman
- Decker Sawicki
- John Mazzella
- Florentino Rodriguez
- Monica Gray
- Cherie Marceano
- Cassidy Otto
- Karson Gallaway
- James and Lucia Martin
- Brittany Newton

Mark Shames  Lisa Romeo  Rose Muter  Janet Kincaid  Mark Borden  Lorraine Kreiger  Jesus Moreno  Gene Brock  Carol Baer  Cody Deso  Mike Gordon  Ashlea McDaniel  Erin Patrick Huffman  Bill Glim  Mary Ann Mauceri  Deborah Burke  Lee Fulmer  Scott Greu  Carlen Maddux  Lawrence King  Patty Thornton  Declon Newton


To add a name to this list, please contact the Parish Office.

Please Pray for Our Military


Resources for Deepening Faith at Home

To help our parishioners stay connected to our Catholic faith and practice during this time of Coronavirus, here are some links to valuable spiritual resources:

- A website where you can find Catholic Mass and other Catholic broadcasts on the web: http://www.catholictv.org/
- Many options for viewing religious materials are available at Formed.org. Follow these steps to gain access: (1) Go to Formed.org/signup, (2) Select our parish by entering our code, DF767R, or search by our parish name, St. Paul, and choose the St. Paul parish with our address (1800 - 12th St N, St. Petersburg, FL). (3) Enter your name and e-mail address to complete the faith formation videos, children's videos, and audio talks.
- Two popular booklets are offering complimentary access to their online versions during these difficult times. “Give Us This Day” can be accessed at: https://giveusthisday.org/Digital, “Magnificat” is available at https://us.magnificat.net/home. These two resources include brief daily Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer, inspirational short biographies of saints, daily Mass texts, and daily reflections.

Public Masses Suspended

Bishop Parkes suspended the public celebration of Masses throughout the Diocese of St. Petersburg, until such time as it is determined safe to return to normal schedules and public worship. During this time our parishioners are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

Making a Spiritual Communion

If we are unable to participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion during the pandemic, we should make what is called a “spiritual communion.” This practice consists of consciously raising our heart and mind to God in prayer, contemplating his presence in the Holy Eucharist, and saying the following or similar words:

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Regarding spiritual communion, St. John Vianney wrote: “If we are deprived of Sacramental Communion, let us replace it, as far as we can, by spiritual communion, which we can make every moment; for we ought to have always a burning desire to receive the good God.”
A Way to Pray By Fr. Mike Muhr

Here is a format for prayer that you may find helpful especially in these days. To make it easy to remember I’ll use the acronym SAVOR for the movements in this prayer and relationship. Here is how I would describe each of them:

S - Silence. As I described a couple of weeks ago, unless we find a way to turn off the noise and distractions outside our bodies and inside our hearts and minds, we’ll never hear God who comes to us like to Elijah as “a small, still voice.” 1Kgs 19:12 When you pray be sure to take the time you need to become quiet first, allowing yourself to become aware of the presence of God.

A - Ask for a grace. St. Ignatius of Loyola strongly recommended that whenever we pray that we be specific. “Lord, help me grow in faith,” or “Help me trust you more,” or “Give me the grace to love or forgive.” As you begin to pray, name the grace you wish to receive.

V - Voice your thoughts and feelings. Let the Lord know what is happening in your life. What you really think and how you feel, your hopes and concerns. What in particular needs to be addressed in prayer? For what are you thankful? What worries or distresses you?

O - Openness. Many people stop praying before they hear God, but this is the time to really listen. How will God speak? Some-times it will be through the Scriptures, spiritual reading or through something we recall another has said. Sometimes you may sense God consoling you or encouraging you. Perhaps God is calling you to something new.

R - Respond. As a result of listening in openness to God, the final movement is your response in love. Prayer changes us. It may be about the way you think or live. Or it may be a deepening of your love for God and others.

I hope that these practical reflections on prayer will assist you and all of us in coming to a closer relationship with God for as much as we desire it, God desires us so much more!

Fr. Muhr is Director of Ministry to Priests in the Diocese of St. Petersburg and Administrator of St. Brendan’s Church, Clearwater Beach.

K of C Offers Special Service

St. Paul's Knights of Columbus would like to offer our parishioners a special service during the Coronavirus disruption: If you for any reason are unable to leave your home and need pickup and delivery of essential items from the grocery or drug store, a member of the Knights will do the pickup and delivery. You simply pay the cost of the items to the Knight; the pickup and delivery service is free. The items will be left at your door, to maintain social-distancing. Please call the Parish office between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Monday thru Friday) if you need this service. Phone 727.822.3481.

33 Days to Morning Glory, an at-home mini retreat

Our parishioners are invited to participate in “33 Days to Morning Glory,” an at-home mini-retreat. The purpose of the retreat is to prepare us to consecrate our lives and our families to Jesus through Mary, based on the teachings of St Louis de Montfort. The retreat will start on Good Friday (4/10) and concludes on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima (5/13). It will consist of one, 75-min weekly meeting via Zoom on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., as well as a few pages of daily reading about Marian devotion as taught by St John Paul II, St. Teresa of Calcutta, St Louis de Montfort, and St. Maximilian Kolbe. Contact parishoffice@stpaulstpete.com for more information or to register.

Also Highly Contagious Is - Kindness, Patience, Love, Enthusiasm, and a Positive Attitude

Don't wait to catch it from others
Be the Carrier

Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of FAST. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed and eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to fast.

Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday, are also days of ABSTINENCE. On days of abstinence, meat may not be taken. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics fourteen years and older.

If members of the faithful are unable to observe the fast and abstinence regulations because of ill health or other reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of penance and self-denial suitable to their condition.

Partners with Haiti News

Our mission team is back safely from a very successful one-week trip to our twin parish. Thank you for your prayers for the team and for your support of our Lenten Appeal. If you have not yet given to the Appeal but wish to do so, you may donate online at www.partnerswithhaiti.com. You may also drop off or mail a donation envelope to the Parish Office. On behalf of our sisters and brothers in Haiti, thank you.

April 5, 2020
Some beautiful features and favorite spots on our campus

EC4 students enjoying virtual school lessons last week

Msgr. Gibbons’ nephew Rob’s wife, Brynn is a nurse caring for Covid-19 patients in Macon, Georgia. So Brave!

Fr Josh, Msgr. Gibbons, and Don, get along so well. They pray, eat, and laugh (a lot) together. They are pictured above at the rectory.

Our special angel, Mary Reedy, is still tending to our flowers in the Grotto Garden and elsewhere on campus, while maintaining proper social distancing.

(L) IT expert and our parishioner Jerick Johnston pictured setting up the Convent for live-streaming Parish Sunday Masses.

(R) Great video made by Fr. Josh and Audrey, our youth minister available on YouTube.

Some beautiful features and favorite spots on our campus
“Then Jesus said to them: Amen, amen, I say unto you: unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you shall not have life in you.”

John 6:53

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Pray often for the souls of your loved ones and please consider joining us at the Month’s Mind Mass on the last Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of the Resurrection.

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