



December 16th, 2018

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

3901 S. Sunnyslane Rd. - Del City, OK 73115-3655
 Tel. 405-677-4873 Fax. 405-619-0596
 Email: stpaulch@coxinet.net
 website: www.stpaulscatholic.org

STAFF

Rev. Joseph Sundar email: frsundar@coxinet.net	Pastor 677-4873
Deacon John J. Page email: page9871@sbcglobal.net	Deacon 677-7620
<i>Darla Bralley</i> email: stpaulch@coxinet.net	Administrative Asst. 677-4873
<i>Kristen Danner</i> email: kdanner@coxinet.net	Director of Religious Education - 601-1651

Religious Education Office Hours: By Appointment

Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass
 Tues, Wed, & Thurs., Friday 9:00am
 Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
 Sunday 8:45am & 11:15 am
Days of Obligation 9am & 6:30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Sat. 3:30 or by appointment

Special Prayer Time

On every WEDNESDAY at 6:00 p.m. we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers to Our Lady Of Perpetual Help, quiet time for your own private prayers and closing at 7pm with Benediction.

Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting

Oklahoma City KKNG, FM 97.3

Ministry to Youth

Youth Group is grades 6-12 meet every Wednesday at 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Parish Hall (Supper included).
Shari McGurk 474-8218 & Becky Garcia 990-4782
Kristen Danner & Kirsten Stalford 802-5747

Homebound Parishioners

If you would like to receive Holy Communion at your home because you are unable to come to church, call the Parish Office.

Ministry Schedulers

Vicki Harris - Ushers/Greeters 737-2724
Alice Sealy - Lectors 670-2571
Fran Zeleny - Communion Ministers 677-6265
Vanessa Ackerman - Altar Servers 332-8645

Parish Ministries & Organizations

Funeral Meals.....	Sue Flies	990-5826
Homebound Ministry....	Parish Office	677-4873
Knights of Columbus....	Robert F. Warner, Jr.	585-9534
Ladies Group.....	Peggy Ensey	301-2734
Meals On Wheels.....	Mary Baumann	799-3969
Music Director.....	Michelle Hill Lile	924-5200
Prayer Chain.....	Dona Brown	737-4124
Safe Environment.....	Darla Bralley	677-4873
Social Activities.....	Kirsten Stalford	802-5747
St. Paul Parish Charity	Help Hotline.....	670-6105

Bulletin Deadline Office

Monday at 12pm Excluding Holidays

Parish Office Hours Monday-Friday 8am-4pm



PARISH COUNCIL

Vernon Hughes - (Chairperson)	672-6107
Randy Trower - (Vice Chairperson)	248-1067
Carmelita De La Cruz - (Secretary)	326-5834
John Atkinson	670-4956
Benny Contreras	550-4547
Don Dobry	677-5696
R. J. Magee	760-2066
Linda Odland	610-6027

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Doneen Jones (Chair Person)	672-4584
Dan Suppes	677-1650
Rich Blouin	677-9578
Bill Baumann	799-3969
Kim Irwin	642-1536
Joe Schrader	1-405-589-2969

PARISH SERVICES

Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals
 Contact the Pastor @ 677-4873
Inquiry into becoming a Catholic (RCIA)
 Contact Deacon John Page @ 677-7620

BECOME A REGISTERED MEMBER

Welcome to St. Paul Parish. If you are attending Mass and activities here at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, you should register. The forms are on the table in the foyer of the church. There are special privileges being a registered member of the parish. We are glad you are here. Call the Parish Office for any questions (677-4873).

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - C
15th & 16th DECEMBER 2018

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as "Gaudete Sunday", and the theme is joy. You notice today that we have a change in the four candles. The third candle is what many people call the pink candle because it is a sign of rejoicing. Prophet Zephaniah invites the people of Israel to rejoice because the Lord was in their midst. In our day to day life we encounter many situations when we are called upon to open our eyes to face difficult problems and put ourselves in difficult situations to fight for the rights, freedom and happiness of others. Many times it is difficult to find solutions to these problems. We do not understand what we should do and which way we should go. So we ask ourselves "What should we do"? Two groups of people, the tax collectors and soldiers, came to John. Their problem was "Who will be saved"? John said that all will be saved because all are dear to God but they must fulfill their obligations honestly. God offers salvation to everybody. Happiness will come only when we free ourselves from all the attachments and be poor in Spirit. Happiness will be there only when we love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, when we share what we have and give to the poor. Give a smile to everyone you meet and you will receive smiles. Give happiness and you will be made happy. Pray for others and you will receive blessings. It is not possible for a human being to be filled always with joy. But through our prayerful dialogue with Our Lord, our hearts and minds can keep recalling the truth, goodness, and even beauty of the Gospel. That is why there can always be an underlying happiness and security in belonging to the Lord and knowing by experience that he is near. The Sacraments give us the gift of the Holy Spirit which makes us adopted children of God and as God's children we will be "given a share in eternal glory." If we are attached to sin we do not rejoice in the Lord. One of the deepest and most surprising truths of the faith is joy in suffering. "The way of perfection passes by way of the Cross. There is no holiness without renunciation and spiritual battle. Spiritual progress entails mortification that gradually leads to living in the peace and joy of the Beatitudes". Joy belongs to the Christian and is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Selfishness and sin can never bring us real joy. We can cultivate joy by carrying out our highest earthly duty of acting for the good of the other. Suffering with Christ can also give us deep joy. The removal of our own obstacles to joy could take a long time because unhappiness can be a deep-seated habit. Christian joy derives from two interrelated sources: One is God's saving work and the other is cooperation to accept the gift of God and model our lives accordingly. We do not rejoice just because Christmas is coming and we celebrate a feast. St. Paul tells us: we rejoice in the Lord always; in the Lord we rejoice. It is the presence of God Himself, His Son, one with us, day in, day out. This is why we rejoice. We begin the morning with an understanding that there is always faith in God, there is always God's love for us and there is always hope. Christian joy or happiness is not incompatible with physical and emotional pain or difficult external circumstances. Jesus says it is something that no one can take away from us. We have everything we need to be happy. The problem is that we identify our happiness with people or things we don't have and often can't have. Conversion that brings us face to face with God brings a real joy and happiness into our lives. Let the wish of St. Paul, the apostle be ours in this season : *"I want you to be happy always in the Lord. I repeat, what I want is your happiness* On this third Sunday of Advent as we wait for the coming of Christ, we light a cheerful rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath as a reminder that our waiting will not be in vain. Joy is an internal quality of the heart that is dependent on a right relationship with God. "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" reminds us that it is possible to be joyful in sad times also.

FR. SUNDAR

PARISH NEWS

1. We need more ALTAR SERVERS for 8.45 and 11.15 Masses. If you are interested, please call the Parish office, the Deacon or Mrs. Vanessa Ackerman. 405-332-8645.

2. CHRISTMAS MASS TIMINGS:

24TH DEC. CHRISTMAS PLAY AT:

4:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall

VIGIL MASS at. 6.00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING at 11.30 P.M.

MIDNIGHT MASS at 12.00.

25th DEC. MASS at 10.00 A.M. (Only one Mass)

3. Need Christmas Food Donations

Parishioners of St. Paul Catholic Church - The Knights of Columbus are collecting food items for their Christmas basket drive. These baskets are given to parishioners in need so that everyone will have a great Christmas. . Please place the food items on the benches in the back of the church.

4. Families in need Sign up for a Christmas Basket

Parishioners wishing a basket please contact the Darla in the Parish Office at 677-4873 and give your name, how many are in the family and address/phone number. Thank you and may God Bless.

5. Thank you from UNBOUND:

Brothers and sisters, you received our presentation with such gladness and generosity! We have so far been blessed with 18 new St Paul sponsors benefiting so many awaiting 'adopted' families here. I am hopeful many will take a look at the bulletin insert which will remind you of the many points I tried to cover. You may go online at www.unbound.org and see these awaiting your care and be blessed greatly when you respond. Finally, deep thanks to Fr Sundar for his permission to come to you. I found you a parish after my own heart, in faith and practice. Fr Pike Thomas, Shreveport

6. The Carmelite Sisters have been guests at Saint Ann Retirement Center during their convent renovation. They are returning to their on-site convent by the holidays and Assisted & Independent Living apartments will become available by January 1, 2019. Join us for a **"SIP and SEE"** on Sunday, Dec. 16th between 2:00pm – 4:00pm to enjoy refreshments and learn more about the Christmas Special and location of these apartments. Saint Ann is located at 7501 W. Britton Road. Please call Richard or Mary Lou at (405) 721-0747 for more information.

7. A Special Thank You to all of the Volunteers who come out every week to deliver meals but especially a Big Thank You to those who cook and deliver on Thanksgiving Day. The Cooks were Joy and Larry Ringwald and Bill and Mary Baumann and drivers to deliver meals were Joy and Larry Ringwald and Bob and Edie Lewis. A Big Thank You to all the parishioners who donated canned goods, fruits and breads for Meals on Wheels.

MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like to have a Mass celebrated in memory of a loved one or thanksgiving for the prayers answered by God. A \$10 Stipend is recommended for each Mass. Call the parish office and have a date fixed for you in advance.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Contributions not available at the time of printing. Mortgage balance to be paid: \$312,895.06

Your consistent giving on a regular basis is the only way to meet our needs and pay the bills for the fiscal year. Please be generous.

Please Pray for the Following

Please notify the parish office if a parishioner is in the hospital or seriously sick so that Holy Communion will be given to them. Most of the hospitals in the city have a priest chaplain available to give Holy Communion or if needed the sacrament of anointing of the sick. Notify the hospital that you are a catholic and you need Holy Communion. Please pray for these parishioners who are sick and need your prayers for the healing.

1. Patricia Felock 2. Erin Hentz Marinko 3. Teresa Tortorelli 4. Tom Jones Sr.
5. Marie Seay 6. Shirley Thomas 7. Rosalee Elliott 8. Charlie McGehee 9. Robert Devillez Sr. 10. Christopher Detar
11. Connie Andrews 12. Norm and Carolyn Detar, 13. Kitty Zagaruyka 14. Frank Barta, Jr.

CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE DATES

NEW PLAY THIS YEAR!!!

Sunday, December 9, 2018 - Practice

Sunday, December 16, 2018 - Practice Sunday, December 23, 2018 - Practice

Sunday, December 24 - be at the Parish Hall by 4:00 p.m. to get dressed in costumes.

Play begins at 4:45 p.m. Mass begins at 6:00 p.m.

****ALL PRACTICE TIMES ARE AFTER THE 11:15 A.M. Mass.**

Please bring your child to the Parish Hall where will have a small snack/Lunch and the begin Practice!

Donation of Snacks/Lunch are also APPRECIATED each week of Practice.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE WEEK (3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT-C)

17th DECEMBER: MONDAY: Numbers. 24:2-7, 15-17. St. Matt. 21:23-27

NO MASS.

18th DECEMBER: TUESDAY: Zephanaiah. 3:1-2, 9-13. St. Matt. 21:28-32

8.30 A.M. Rosary. 9.00 A.M. {at & Elizabeth Stotler (Anniv.) by Larry & Anna Mae Stotler

19th DECEMBER: WEDNESDAY: Isaiah. 45:6-8,18,21-25. St. Luke. 7:18-23

8.30 A.M. Rosary. 9.00 A.M. +Mary Sullivan by Dona Brown

20th DECEMBER: THURSDAY: Isaiah. 54:1-10. St. Luke. 7:24-30

8.30 A.M. Rosary. 9.00 A.M. +Carl Babcock by Deborah Branigan

21st DECEMBER: FRIDAY: Isaiah. 56:1-3, 6-8. St. John. 5:33-36

8.30 A.M. Rosary. 9.00 A.M. +Robert Eugene Branigan by Deborah Branigan

22nd DECEMBER: SATURDAY: Micah. 5:1-4. Heb. 10:5-10. St. Luke. 1:39-45

5.00 P.M. Mass for: +Walter Brown (10 year Anniv. of Death) by Dona Brown

23rd DECEMBER: SUNDAY: Micah. 5:1-4. Heb. 10:5-10. St. Luke. 1:39-45

8.45 A.M. Mass for: +Ruby Detar (Anniv. of Death) by Norm and Carolyn Detar

11.15 A.M. Mass for: For the People

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>
<u>22nd DECEMBER</u> <u>SATURDAY</u> <u>5.00 P.M.</u>	1. Keith Williams 2. Beau Park	1. R. Schreiber 2. R. Schreiber 3. C. Schreiber	1. Brian Heanue 2. Allen Baker 3. Peggy Ensey 4. Kristen Danner	1. Mark Woodward 2. Fatina Brito 3. Tommy J. Heanue 4. Joseph Auzenne
<u>23rd DECEMBER</u> <u>8.45 A.M.</u>	1. Doneen Jones 2. Deborah Branigan	1. J. Schrader 2. K. Habel 3. L. Powell	1. Dan Suppes 2. Crystal Suppes 3. John Inman 4. Carolyn Inman	1. Jim Grace 2. Madeline 3. Jo Brinlee 4. Fran Zeleny
<u>11.15 A.M.</u>	1. Ursula Meyer 2. Pat Shreve	1. S. Ackerman 2. T. Stalford 3. P. Baker 4. A. McGurk	1. David Manley 2. Ron White 3. Kim Irwin 4. John Atkinson	1. Gloria Manley 2. Kara Gardner 3. Steve Ackerman 4. Vanessa Ackerman

Bulletin Number:

005837

Church Name and Address

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

3901 S. Sunnyslane Rd.

Del City, Ok 73115

Telephone:

405-921-0399 or 405-677-4873

Contact Person:

Darla Bralley

E-mail Address:

stpaulch@coxinet.net

Transmission Time

Tuesday 12:00pm

Bulletin for Sunday

12/16/2018

Special Instructions: Please print 325