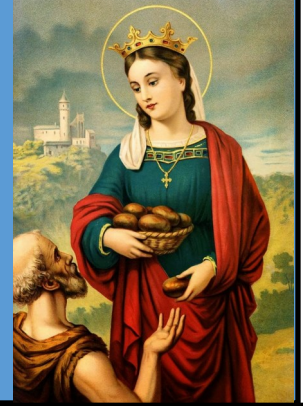


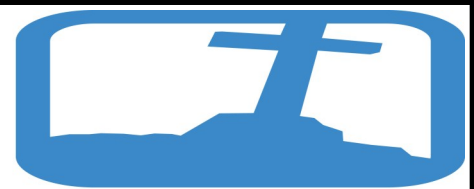
CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. PAUL AND ST ELIZABETH

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This Week: Sunday, March 29th : Palm Sunday



H O L Y W E E K

We have entered the most sacred time of the year—Holy Week. These are not just days on the calendar; they are an invitation to walk closely with Jesus through the greatest mystery of our faith: His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

On Palm Sunday, we welcomed Jesus with joy, waving palms and singing “Hosanna.” But the Gospel quickly turns, and we hear the Passion. This sudden shift reminds us of a hard truth: the human heart can be inconsistent. One moment we praise God, and the next we forget Him. So Holy Week begins with a question: Where am I in this story? Am I like the crowd—enthusiastic when it is easy, silent when it is difficult? Am I like Peter—full of love, yet sometimes weak in courage? Or am I willing to stand by Jesus, even at the foot of the Cross?

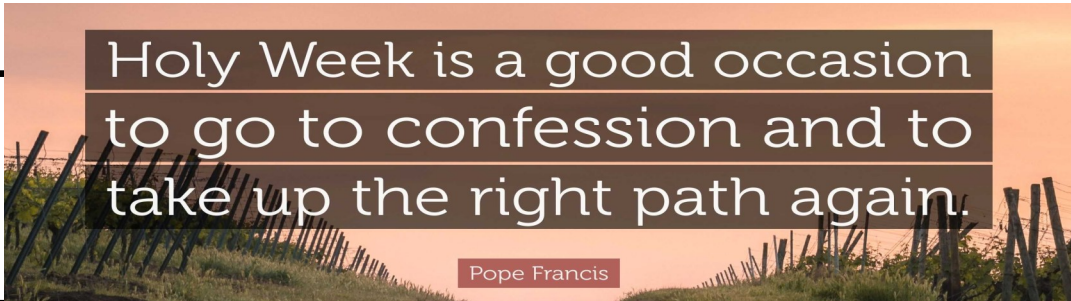
As Holy Week unfolds, we see three powerful moments:

1. The Upper Room (Holy Thursday) Jesus breaks bread and gives Himself completely: “This is my body.” Then He kneels and washes feet. Love, in the eyes of Jesus, is not just a feeling. It is self-giving, humble, and sacrificial. Who needs my love and service this week?
2. The Cross (Good Friday) On the Cross, Jesus does not run away. He does not fight back. He does not prove Himself. He simply loves... to the very end. The Cross tells us this truth: God would rather suffer for us than live without us. In our own lives, we all carry crosses—pain, loss, struggles, disappointments. Holy Week reminds us: We are not alone. Jesus is already there. What cross am I called to carry with faith?
3. The Silence (Holy Saturday) This is the hardest day. Nothing seems to happen. It feels like defeat. Like God is silent. But God is still at work—even in the silence. How often in our lives do we feel that same silence? Prayers unanswered... struggles continuing... Holy Saturday teaches us to trust even when we cannot see.

And then comes the great hope...The Easter Vigil reminds us that darkness never has the final word. The tomb is not the end. God brings life out of death, light out of darkness, hope out of despair.

Prayer List: Emila Adkins, Connie Allen, Betty Baker, Denette Brown, Glenn Campbell, Carol Carter, Sharon Clemons, Allie Sue Collins, Norman & Hettie Conder, Dale & Donna Darst, Teresa Elmore, Crystal Frazee, Frank & Catherine Gawarecki, Helen Gawarecki, Erica Gibson, Lisa Graas, Jeff Hack, Ralph Haycraft, Dennis Higdon, Pat Higdon, Nancy Hill, Roz Hill, Mary Jackey, Gibson Jagers, Jr & Eve Jarboe, Donald Kennedy, Ron Kennedy, Chris Lampton, Travis Lampton, Lora Lashley, Mike & Pat Leonard, Dianna Lush, Teresa Lynn, Bernice McCombs, Mary McDermott, Savanna Mercer, Lucas Meredith, Delois Miller, Joe Ed Milliner, Timmy Milliner, Irv & Coreen Moore, Zachary Nelson, Mary Norris, Lois Pack, James Paris, Taylor Pharis, Eric Portman, Sharon Portman, Sharon Roberts, Bobby & Michelle Robinson Family, Belinda Roof, James Ryan, Karen Smallwood Sackstedar, Gene Schafer, Dan Scholl, Ellen Schraeder, Mark Seabolt, Mary Sue Seward, Michelle Shaffer, Ann Skaggs, David Skaggs, Iris Smith, Linda Steinhoffer, Mimi Stinson, Misty Thomas, Shelia Thomas, Bud Underwood, Jon Usher, Jerry Wheatley, Byron Whitworth, Brian Wilson, Norma Jean Witten, Bill Wortham, Ellen Johnson, mother of Sandy Clemons

For Those Serving In The Military: Ben Foster, Dan Harrison, Dan Leonard, Owen Meredith, Shelby Gregorio, Phillip Sims



Holy Week is a good occasion
to go to confession and to
take up the right path again.

Pope Francis

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—St. Paul

Date: Thursday, April 2; 6:00 PM

Lectors: Jeff Burkhead; Barbara Tilford
Eu Min: Richard Darst; Bobby Robinson
Servers:

Date: Friday, April 3; 6:00 PM

Lectors: Teresa Lush; Beth Geary
Servers: Jaden, Layton

Date: Sunday, April 5; 8:30 AM

Lectors: Emily Drake; Amy DePoyster
Eu Min: Dale Darst; Keith Shellhart
Servers: Eli, Nora, Audrey

Mass Intentions for the week March 30-April 5

Monday	No Mass		
Tuesday	8:00 am	St. Paul	Meredith Spear +
Wednesday	6:00pm	St. Eliz	Brenda Stinson +
Thursday	6:00 pm	St. Paul	Nick Krahn +
Friday	3:00 pm	St. Eliz	
	6:00 pm	St. Paul	
Saturday	8:00 pm	St. Paul	New Members
Sunday	8:30 am	St. Paul	Clark/Stinson Family
Sunday	10:30 am	St. Eliz	Parishioners

LITURGICAL MINISTERS –St. Elizabeth

Date:

Lectors:
Eu Min:
Servers:
Gifts:

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. ELIZABETH

Mar 22 Collection: \$ 1,179.83
Needed for Budget each week: \$2,050.00
Under /Over this week : **-\$870.17**
Budget for the whole year : \$106,000
Under/ Over from July 1st: **-\$12,444.75**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. PAUL

Mar 22 Collection: \$ 3,450.00
Needed for Budget each week: \$ 3,380.00
Under/ Over this week : **+\$70.00**
Budget for the whole year : \$176,000
Under/ Over from July 1st: **-\$3,621.37**

Pastors' CORNER

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ues to be with us



Holy Thursday: It is a day of love – the day when Jesus showed us the depth of his love. He instituted the sacrament of the Eucharist where he gives us his own body and blood as our eternal food, and makes present to us in the here and now the sacrifice he offered on the cross. And to make sure he continues our eternal nourishment, he instituted the sacrament of the Priesthood. Through the ministry of priests, the Eucharist is celebrated until Jesus comes again in his glory. And finally, he washed the feet of the apostles to teach us by example that the love we receive in the Eucharist is meant to be lived in humble and loving service to one another, the essential fruit of the Eucharist and the mark of a true follower of Christ. Let every Eucharistic celebration arouse in us the irresistible desire to love and serve God and His people with the same love and service that Jesus has shown us. Our Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 6 Pm on Thursday at Saint Paul.



Good Friday: On Good Friday we recall the greatest love of Jesus, the son of God for each one of us that he gave his life on the cross for the salvation of the humanity. Pope John Paul II once said, "Man cannot live without love. ... Our life is senseless, if love is not revealed to us, if we do not encounter love, if we do not experience it and make it our own, if we do not participate in it." As we look upon the Cross, this Good Friday, may we find hope in the midst of the crosses we carry. May we begin to see that out of death comes life. And may we believe with a deep and abiding faith that the generous and

passionate love of God for us is close at hand. Our Good Friday services will be 3 pm at Saint Elizabeth and 6 PM at St. Paul.



Who is the greatest: A kindergarten teacher challenged her children in class: "I'll give \$5 to anyone of you who can tell me the name of the most famous man in history." An Irish boy quickly stood up and said, "St. Patrick ." The teacher said, "Sorry Ronnie, that's not correct." Then an Indian boy put his hand up and said, "Mahatma Gandhi." The teacher replied, "I'm sorry, Ranjit, that's not right either." Finally, a Jewish boy raised his hand and said, "It's Jesus Christ." The teacher said, "You got it right, Aaron! Here is your \$5." As the boy came up to her, she said, "You know Aaron, you surprised me. You are Jewish, yet you answered 'Jesus Christ'". Aaron replied: "Yeah, I know. My heart tells me it is Moses, but business is business."

Fr. Suneesh Mathew :Have a Blessed week

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, March 29

PALM SUNDAY
CCD; St. Elizabeth
Penance Service; St. Elizabeth, 3:30 PM
Penance Service; St. Paul, 5:00 PM

Tuesday, March 31

Eucharistic Adoration; St. Paul, 11:30 AM—6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 1

Stations of the Cross; St. Elizabeth, 5:30 PM

Thursday, April 2

Holy Thursday Mass; St. Paul, 6:00 PM

Friday, April 3

Good Friday Service; St. Elizabeth, 3:00 PM
Good Friday Service; St. Paul, 6:00 PM

Saturday, April 4

Holy Saturday Mass; St. Elizabeth, 8:00 PM

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday; Mass schedule as usual

St. Paul School News:

- **Fish Fry 3/20/26** – We sold 277 meals! We tried shrimp for the first time and it was a success! Thanks to all who volunteered, donated desserts and all who purchased fish meals! We have more fryers and the issues have been sorted out to have no wait, or a lot shorter wait time to get the meals. We cleared a profit of \$1,930.99 on our fifth meal. **Congratulations** to Wanda Portman on winning the 50/50 drawing! We will have a 50/50 drawing each week we have fish fries.
 - **Next SCRIP/RaiseRight Order 3/30/26** - Please have orders and payment submitted to school by 10 am. Download the RaiseRight app on your smartphone and sign up for an account and us Join Code: 65A8LE6B27247. This will allow you to place your order online through the app and can choose to pay coordinator directly and send payment into school. Due by 3/30/26 at 10 am.
 - **Pork Lunches will return on 4/24/26 and 5/8/26.**
 - **St. Paul Palooza – May 1, 2026** Join us for a fun and welcoming introduction to St. Paul School!
 - We are hosting a special **Palooza event for incoming Pre-K and Kindergarten families** from **11:30 AM – 2:00 PM**. Come meet our staff, explore the classrooms, and see what makes St. Paul such a special place to learn and grow. **Interested in grades 1–8?** We invite you to stop by during the event to tour the school and learn more about our programs. If you're unable to attend on May 1, we would be happy to schedule a visit at a time that works best for your family. We look forward to meeting you!
 - **Golf Scramble is scheduled for Shady Hollow on 5/23/26.**
- Yard Sale – June 4, 5, 6**

YOUTH GROUP—LAST MEETING

Join us on Sunday, April 12th for a Progressive Dinner. We will travel to 3 different parishioners houses for apps, dinner, dessert—plus prayer and fellowship. We will meet at 4:45 PM in the parking lot near the rectory and leave 5:00 PM sharp. This will be our last youth group meeting until August. Permission slips will be available at church.



St. Elizabeth

Birthdays:

April 1—Kelsey Overton

Anniversaries:

March 31—Bill & Debbie Alvey (33 years)

St. Paul

Birthdays:

March 30—Sarah Rae Byrd

April 1—Shawn Decker; Nancy Ward

April 2—Jimmy Tilford

Anniversaries:

April 1—David & Patsy Lampton (48 years)

RESURRECTION FAIR INFO

Please see the bulletin boards at St. Paul for donation needs for the fair. It will be held Sunday, April 19 after Mass.

Grace Marriage offers couples a relaxed, monthly space to reconnect, strengthen their marriage, and enjoy uninterrupted conversation—no pressure to share. Meets the third Tuesday each month at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall. Our first meet up is April 21st at 6pm.

For further information please contact St. Paul Office—
stpaulamy@outlook.com or 270-242-7436

Sign Up Link

<https://connect.gracemarriage.com/register/4PN4K9KT6I3XG7RW7P4WKXUW>