

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

Parish Address

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www.stpaultheapostle.org

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Parish Center Hours

Sunday-Friday 9a.m.-9p.m.
Saturday..... 9a.m.-6:30p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday..... 8:30a.m., Vigil Mass 5:15p.m.
Sunday 8a.m.(Cantor) 10a.m. (Choir), 12:30p.m. (Spanish),
5:15p.m. (Young Adult Choir), 8p.m. (Fordham University during Academic Year)
Monday-Friday..... 7:30a.m., 12:10p.m.

Reconciliation

Tuesdays and Thursdays after the 12:10p.m. Mass
Saturdays 4p.m.-4:45p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays after the 7:30a.m. Mass
Benediction at 5:15 p.m.

Religious Ed.

Parents should contact Hernan Sanchez at 212-265-3495 to register their child

Registration

If you worship with us regularly and would like to be registered as a parishioner, please fill out the form on page six of the bulletin or stop by the Parish Center.

Parish Staff

Rev. Gilbert Martinez, CSP *Pastor*
Rev. Ronald Franco, CSP *Associate Pastor & Vice Postulator,*
..... *Hecker Sainthood Cause*
Deacon Waldemar Sandoval *Saint Vincent de Paul Society,*
..... *Baptismal Preparation, Homebound*
Rev. Robert Collins, SJ *Director of Adult Initiation*
Sr. Maria Luz Lemus, OJS *Sacristan*
Mr. Hernán Sanchez *Director of Religious Education*
Ms. Kathy Zirnheld *Manager Welcome Center/Bookstore*
Ms. Diane Conroy *Director of Youth Formation*
Mr. Javier Castro *Facilities Management*
Mr. James Gerosimo..... *Director of Security*
Mr. John Znidarsic *Resources Manager*
Rev. James McQuade, CSP *St. Luke-Roosevelt Hospital Chaplain*
Rev. Lionel DeSilva, CSP *Assistant Chaplain*
Mr. Cleveland Kersh..... *Music Director*
Ms. Nancy Meyer *Cantor*
Mr. Michael Beltran *Cantor*
Ms. Ellen Bullinger..... *Cantor*

Paulist Ministries in Residence

Paulist Fathers

www.paulist.org

Busted Halo

Rev. David Dwyer, CSP www.bustedhalo.org

Vocations Office

Rev. David Farnum, CSP 212-757-4260

Outreach to Young Artists

Rev. Frank Sabatté, CSP www.openingsny.com

**From 59th and 9th
The Pastoral Corner**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ -

Advent is the season of hope. The hope on which we are called to reflect in Advent is bound up with all of our hopes and expectations. It goes deeper, however, into our soul. Our hope is in the promise of God to be present to us. Do you experience hope in the Lord? Hope that is beyond your own expectations? Hope in the Lord is best experienced beyond what we expect or want out of life; hope is forming our soul to want what we already have! We have life from God! We have this time to prepare for the celebration of Christmas, the feast that shows us that God chooses to live in us. What's your deepest hope?

Pope Benedict XVI opened the Advent Season (11/29/09) with these words of hope during the Angelus at Saint Peter's: "*The contemporary world needs hope above all; this is true for developing peoples but especially for developed peoples. Increasingly, we realise that we are in the same boat and that we can save ourselves together. With the collapse of so many false certainties, we are becoming especially aware of how we need reliable hope and that this is found only in Christ, who according to the Letter to the Hebrews Jesus "is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (13:8). The Lord Jesus came in the past, comes in the present, and shall come in the future. He embraces all of time's dimensions. Because he died and rose, he is the 'Living', and whilst he shared our human precariousness, he is always there, offering us God's stability. He is "flesh" like us, and "rock" like God. Anyone who yearns for freedom, justice, and peace can stand erect and raise his head because in Christ redemption is at hand.*"

During this Advent season hope, our hope for peace, justice, guidance, and healing are united in our prayers as a community of faith gathered in this great city. As a sign of our unity, please participate in our Giving Tree. Take a tag from one of the trees around the baptismal font and purchase the item listed on the tag. Most tags are for gifts for children.

Thank you for your donations of sweatshirts to the Saint Luke-Roosevelt HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Care Center. We met our goal of 500 sweatshirts! Pope Benedict XVI also commented on the ongoing AIDS crisis at same Angelus: "*My thoughts and prayers go to every person afflicted by this disease, especially the children, the very poor, and all those who are rejected. The Church does all it can to fight AIDS through its institution and staff. I urge everyone to make their contribution with prayers and actual care so that those suffering from the HIV virus may experience the presence of the Lord, source of comfort and hope.*"

And so with great hope in the Lord, we pray during this Advent for the comfort and hope of all who are sick and for all who seek the Peace of Christ.

Peace! Fr. Gil

EVENTS AT SAINT PAUL

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Masses 7:30AM, 12:10, 5:30, 7PM

Tuesday – December 8th

Our Lady of Guadalupe Friday – Dec. 11

Mariachi Vigil Mass 8 PM – Mexican Dinner 9 PM

Holy Hour 10 PM

Las Mañanitas 11 PM

“Ave Maria Concert”

NYC Master Chorale

Featuring arrangements from the Renaissance - 21st Century.

Tickets \$30 & \$20 for students

Saturday – Dec. 12 - 8 PM

Parish Brunch

Hearty breakfast after the 10 AM Mass – Auditorium - \$5

Sunday – Dec. 13

Arts & Artists at St Paul's

Holiday Songbook

Free Concert directed by John Znidarsic. Bruno Walter

Auditorium, Lincoln Center

Sunday – Dec. 13 - 2:30 PM

Great Catholic Fiction Series

“In this House of Brede”

by Rumer Godden

Discussion of this classic work.

Monday – Dec. 14 - 7-9 PM

Ministry Activities

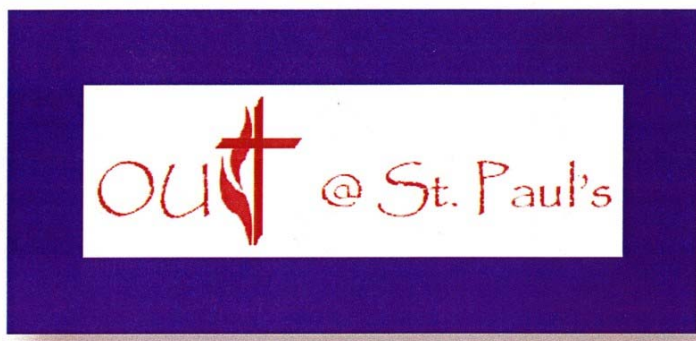
FAMILY REFLECTION ON ADVENT AT ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

Please join us for our family reflection on Advent, in preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Family events invite us into experiences that echo God's word and take home ideas to celebrate the season of Advent and Christmas.

It will be held Sunday, December 6th, from 11:15 a.m. to 2:00p.m. in the auditorium with lunch included.

In order to provide lunch and age appropriate activities for the children, please register in advance at the Welcome Center Bookstore, on WelcomeCenterAtStPaul.com, inform your teacher at religious education class, or call (212) 265-3495 EXT 341 or hernan.sanchez@stpaultheapostle.org. Everyone is welcome. There is no cost...donations are always appreciated



The Church of Saint Paul the Apostle

is a richly diverse community whose open and accepting environment has created a vibrant parish. Fellowship is an important part of spiritual growth because it allows people to gather and share common interests, feelings and experiences and faith. St. Paul's will be hosting a unique gay & lesbian fellowship event at

Vlada Lounge

331 W. 51st Street
between 8th & 9th Avenues
Thursday – December 10th
7 PM – 9:30 PM

to support and develop that important component of its community. Come out with other G&L Catholics, have some cocktails, make some new friends! Feel free to come alone or bring guests – we look forward to seeing you!

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN “Saved in Hope”

Sponsored by Women Affirming life, the Sisters of Life and the St. Paul the Apostle Rosary Group.

Fr. Joseph Koterski, SJ Dept. of Philosophy, Fordham University, will be the Spiritual Director.

Saturday, December 12, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. Registration \$25 includes lunch.

Call (212)721-4507

Enrich Advent with a day of prayers and reflection in celebration of life as we prepare for the coming of Christ. The day will center on the theme of hope through Christ. There will be a conference, Mass, recitation of the Rosary, time for private prayers, spiritual reflection, and opportunities for reconciliation.

FALL IN FAITH 2009

YOUNG ADULTS AT ST. PAUL'S

We are the *Apostolist* — *young adults in their 20's and 30's* of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle. Go to www.apostolist.com where you can browse event listings. Join us every Sunday evening **after the 5:15 Young Adult Mass** for fellowship and refreshments.

12/6: Giving the Word a Voice

Fr. Dave Dwyer, CSP, Director of Busted Halo, the Paulists' national outreach to young adults, will talk about bridging the divide between popular culture and the Gospel message.

12/13: Interview with a Paulist Priest; Why a Paulist?

A Paulist priest will share his vocation story through an interview and discussion.

12/20: Christmas Decorating Party

We need many hands to decorate the Church for Christmas. After Mass, we'll put up trees, the Nativity scene, and poinsettias! Then, we'll sing some carols and enjoy Christmas Cheer.

SHARING OUR HERITAGE

If you are a parent raising children in the city and would like to meet other parents raising children in the City, you are most cordially invited to a meeting on Sunday December 20 after the ten o'clock Mass, in the Parish Center room 101.

The focus of the group will be on sharing our heritage, our Faith, with our children by listening to the Word of god so as to become “Becoming missionaries to our own children”.

Contact Father Collins: jcollinscsp@aol.com.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

a holy day of obligation

Masses 7:30AM, 12:10, 5:30, 7PM

Tuesday – December 8th

DIRECTIVA PASTORAL

Padre Gilbert S. Martinez, CSP, Parroco
Padre Ronald Franco, CSP
Diacono Waldemar Sandoval
Gina Delgado: Coro Hispano



Misa Hispana: Domingo 12:30 pm
Cura Ultraya Cursillista: Domingo 1:30 pm
Confesiones: Llame por cita
Telefono: (212) 265-3495

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo –

Adviento es la temporada de la esperanza. La esperanza en que somos llamados a reflejar en la Adviento es atado arriba con todas nuestras esperanzas y esperanzas. Va más profundo, sin embargo, en nuestra alma. Nuestra esperanza está en la promesa de Dios de ser presente a nosotros. ¿Experimenta usted la esperanza en el Señor? la esperanza que está más allá de sus propias esperanzas? ¡Pienso que esa esperanza en el Señor es experimentada mejor más allá lo que esperamos o queremos fuera de vida; la esperanza que forma nuestra alma para querer lo que nosotros ya tenemos! ¡Tenemos la vida de Dios! ¿Qué es su esperanza más profunda?

Durante el Angelus del Primer Domingo de El Papa Benedicto habló de la esperanza: *“El mundo contemporáneo necesita sobre todo esperanza: la necesitan las poblaciones en vías de desarrollo, pero también las económicamente desarrolladas. Cada vez más advertimos que nos encontramos en una misma barca y debemos salvarnos todos juntos. Sobre todo nos damos cuenta viendo caer tantas falsas seguridades, de que necesitamos una esperanza fiable, y ésta se encuentra sólo en Cristo, quien, como dice la Carta a los Hebreos, “es el mismo ayer, hoy y siempre” (13,8). El Señor Jesús vino en el pasado, viene en el presente y vendrá en el futuro. Él abraza todas las dimensiones del tiempo, porque ha muerto y resucitado, es “el Vivo” y, compartiendo nuestra precariedad humana, permanece para siempre y nos ofrece la estabilidad misma de Dios. Es “carne” como nosotros y es “roca” como Dios. Quien anhela la libertad, la justicia y la paz puede volverse a levantar y alzar la cabeza, porque en Cristo la liberación está cerca”.*

La esperanza de la temporada de Adviento es nuestra esperanza para la paz, la justicia, la guía, y la curación son unidos en nuestras oraciones como una comunidad de la fe reunió en esta gran ciudad y en esta vez de nuestra historia. Como un signo de nuestra unidad, yo pido que usted cometa al siguiente junto: Tome parte en nuestro programa del Arbol. Tome una etiqueta de uno de los árboles alrededor de la fuente bautismal y compre el artículo listó en la etiqueta. La mayoría de las etiquetas son para regalos para niños.

¡Paz! Padre Gil

**DIA DE REFLECCION DE ADVIENTO
IGLESIA DE SAN PABLO APOSTLE
DOMINGO, 6 DE DICIEMBRE**

Todos están invitados a participar de nuestro encuentro de Adviento en preparación para recibir el Mesías. Habrán actividades para toda la familia desde las 11:15-2:00 PM en Auditorium. Favor de llamar al 212-265-3495 EXT 341 o hernan.sanchez@stpaultheapostle.org para más información. Le esperamos!

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

El Comité Guadalupano tiene el honor de invitar a todos para Celebraciones Guadalupanas:

Viernes – 11 de diciembre – La Vigilia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

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| 7:30 PM. | Rezo el Santo Rosario. |
| 8:00 PM. | La Misa de Guadalupe cantado con el Mariachi Angeles de Puebla |
| 9:00 PM. | Cena gratis con comida típica Mexicana |
| 10:00 PM. | Exposición del Santísimo (Ingles) |
| 11:00 PM. | Serenata de las Mañanitas a la Virgen con el Grupo “Fuerza Norteño” |

Domingo 13 de diciembre 2009

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| 10:30am | Procesión de la casa de la Sra. Marina
522 W. 47 th St. Apt. 1E entre 10 th y 11 th
Ave. 347.665.8468 ó Catalina
917.600.4258 |
| 12:00pm | Comenzamos con el Santo Rosario |
| 12:30pm | Misa de la Virgen de Guadalupe con el
Grupo “Fuerza Norteña” |

EL CIRCULO DE ORACIÓN

El Circulo de Oración se reúne todos los Viernes a las 7 PM en el Centro Parroquial – todos son bienvenidos.

Lecturas para la semana del 6 de diciembre de 2009

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| Domingo: | Bar 5, 1-9/Flp 1, 4-6. 8-11/Lc 3, 1-6 |
| Lunes: | Is 35, 1-10/Lc 5, 17-26 |
| Martes: | Gn 3, 9-15. 20/Ef 1, 3-6. 11-12/Lc 1, 26-38 |
| Miércoles: | Is 40, 25-31/Mt 11, 28-30 |
| Jueves: | Is 41, 13-20/Mt 11, 11-15 |
| Viernes: | Is 48, 17-19/Mt 11, 16-19 |
| Sábado: | Eclo 24, 23-31/Gal 4, 4-7/Lc 1, 39-48 |
| Domingo siguiente: | Sof 3, 14-18/Flp 4, 4-7/Lc 3, 10-18 |



Saturday, December 5

8:30 †Philip & Rose Dondiego
5:15 Sainthood Cause of Fr. Hecker

Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 SaintHood Cause of Fr. Hecker
10:00 †Pascual Araza
12:30 †Mrs.Rodriquez
5:15 Norah & Douglas

Monday, December 7

St. Ambrose, bishop & doctor

7:30 †Luisa Lofaro
12:10 †Honey Cordon

Tuesday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 †For the People
12:10 †Robert O'Connor
5:15 †Mary Duffy
7:00 For the People

Wednesday, December 9

St. Juan Diego, hermit

7:30 †Sidney Williams
12:10 †Robert J. Malang Jr.

Thursday, December 10

7:30 †Luisa LoFaro
12:10 Lilly Preus & Family

Friday, December 11

St. Damasus I, pope

7:30 †Diane Lipari
12:10 †Encarnacion Linares

Saturday, December 12th

**Our Lady of Guadalupe /
Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe**

8:30 †Juanita Pabico
5:15 For the People

Did You Know?...Ask Fr. Ron

Tuesday, December 8, is the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holyday of obligation and the patronal feast of the United States. It celebrates our belief as an article of Catholic faith that “the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, from the first moment of her conception, was, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, in view of the merits of Christ Jesus the Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin” (Blessed Pope Pius IX, *Ineffabilis Deus*, 1854).

Our celebration of the Immaculate Conception occurs during Advent. Mary’s sinless conception prepared her for her special role in Christ’s coming into the world, and thus helped to prepare the world for that great event. This harmonizes especially well with the themes of the Advent season - preparing ourselves and the world for Christ’s return and disposing ourselves to recognize his presence among us here and now by contemplating his first coming into the world at Christmas.

In 1673, the French Jesuit explorer Fr. Marquette gave the name “River of the Immaculate Conception” to the great river now known as the Mississippi. On May 13, 1846, the 6th Provincial council of Baltimore, attended by 23 of the 26 U.S. bishops, in the Council’s first decision, requested the Holy See to name the Blessed Virgin Mary as patroness of the United States, under the title of the Immaculate Conception. Fifty years ago, on November 20, 1959, thousands of Catholics gathered with their bishops for the dedication of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Located on the campus of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., the National Shrine (now a Basilica) has become a major focus for pilgrimages for Americans from all over the United States. The Basilica is a vivid illustration of the Catholic religious unity amid ethnic diversity and a vibrant testimony to our Catholic faith in this singular grace given, for our sake, to her whom, in consequence, we can constantly invoke as “Mary, full of grace.”

Please remember in prayer the following Paulist Fathers, the anniversary (day/year) of whose death is this week (*denotes served at St. Paul’s): Clarence E. Woodman (12/6/1924), Charles E. Bradley (12/7/1947), Bertrand L. Conway* (12/8/1959), Patrick Traynor* (12/8/2002), Joseph Duffy (12/9/1917), John E. McGarrity* (12/10/1974), Walter Anthony (12/11/04), George McDermot (12/11/1917), Elias Younan (12/12/1913), Lewis O’Hern (12/12/1930), James J. Devery (12/12/1946).

Pray for Our Sick

Michele Blanco, Jack Cacomanolis, Jose & Clemencia Garcia, Teresa Guevara, Isabel Iondoño, Lina Melendez, Liza Ann Montero, Yadviga Nitkiewicz, Melba Ortiz, Juan C. Ospina, Ruth Ospina, Kathleen Ryan, Esther Salgado, Lucy Salgado, Rafael Salinas, Antonio Silva, Natan Sheyer, Leslie Smith, Abe Steingart, Emilio Bernardo, Ann Nolan, Dr. Remigio Bernardo, Thomas Kinkead, Mary Kovack, Francisco Gerdy, Carrie Bullock, Jaime Vializ, Marie Starr, Tracy Manning, Jenny Young.



ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE BOOK & GIFT SHOP

Christmas Cards This is the week to send your Christmas Cards. If you are trying to better enjoy the season, why not send out some cards to friends and relatives? This week we will give you 8 Madonna stamps with the first box of cards that you buy and for those who buy three boxes we will give you the least expensive box for free!

Nativities and Ornaments Hand-crafted, from around the world, you will want to see our selections. This week our nativities that are regularly priced from \$20 and up are on sale for 25% off the retail price. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! December 5-December 12

Great Catholic Fiction—December 14, 7 - 9:00 P.M. **In This House of Brede** by Rumer Godden, in stock now. Join us for a discussion on this book

Readings for the Week of December 6, 2009

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
 Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

PAULIST HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2010

Join the Paulists for the Hecker in the Holy Land Pilgrimage April 26 – May 5, 2010! Join Paulist Fathers Paul Robichaud and Larry Rice as you travel in the footsteps of Paulist founder Servant of God Father Isaac T. Hecker at the Mount of the Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsamane, Upper Room, Wailing Wall and more. \$2,499 per person (double, from New York, first class hotels). Email: media@paulist.org or call (202)269-2521 for information and registration.

BECOMING LATINO:

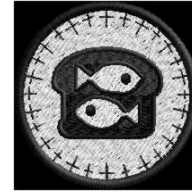
The Transformation of U.S. Catholicism

Wednesday, December 9, / 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. sponsored by Fordham University at Pope Auditorium Lincoln Center Campus, 113 West 60 Street.

In two decades Latino Catholics will constitute at least 40% of the Catholic population in the U.S. – and possibly a majority. How will that transform American Catholicism? What challenges does it present??

Sharing & Caring...

Volunteering at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle.



LOAVES AND FISHES

THE GIVING TREE. While you are shopping for the gifts you will give this year, please include a gift from our giving tree. This year our recipients will be the children from Abbott House and the elderly from Encore retirement home. The gifts need to be brought in to the parish-center by December 17th so that they can be distributed in time. Thanks for caring enough to make someone else's Christmas be special.

THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP

Please come and join us for prayer on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center in Room 203. We pray for all intentions given to us during the week. If you would like us to pray for you, please put your intentions in the "Book of Prayer Intentions" in front of the large crucifix in the north aisle of the church.

PARISH SUPPORT

Stewardship Information

Thank you for your generosity.

Receipts:	2009
Sunday, Nov. 29	\$11,092
Credit cards	\$2,636

Become a Registered Parishioner

If you worship with us regularly and would like to be registered as a parishioner, please fill out the form below and return to our church offices or place in one of the collection baskets or boxes. Please print clearly.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S):(home) _____

(cell) _____ and/or (work) _____

EMAIL: _____