

October 5th, 2023



The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



### The Pastor's Column

Greetings from the West Coast!

I am writing you from the annual Paulist Fathers Pastors, Superiors, and Directors meeting being held in Palos Verdes, California near Los Angeles. We are at a retreat house that overlooks the coast; the views are quite stunning.

I am with many past pastors and associates from St. Paul's, notably Paulist Frs. Chuck Kullmann, Gilbert Martinez, and Matt Berrios. They all send their fond regards. Current residents of the New York Mother House Community are also well represented including Frs. Dave Dwyer, Ron Franco, James DiLuzio, and Thomas Kane.

The meetings are intended to aid and resource Paulists in leadership. Plus, it is a time to connect with brother Paulists for mutual support. We had three presenters who gave talks that are particularly relevant to our parish:

Collaborative Ministry; Mission, Charism, Spirituality; and Philanthropy as Ministry. The first talk emphasized the need to be a listening church that works together and is attentive to the signs of the times. This is apt as we gather parish leaders to begin forming a new Parish Council and Church leaders worldwide assemble in Rome for the "Synod on Synodality." The synodal process is a fancy term that simply means we must accompany and listen to one another, discerning together how we can advance Jesus' mission in the world.

The second speaker spoke about the Paulist mission as it pertains to our parish. I'd like to think St. Paul the Apostle Church is blessed by the special charism of the Paulist Fathers, who founded the Parish in 1858. A charism is a specific manifestation of the Holy Spirit given by God to be a sign of His Goodness and to build up the Church. Hospitality and welcome are two key aspects of the Paulist Charism and St. Paul's. We put people first and seek out those who are on the periphery of the Church, making room at the table for them. The speaker likened us to the Marine Corps: the first to go into dangerous circumstances. This is true with our groundbreaking work with divorced and remarried Catholics, those who have left the Church, and LGBTQIA+ Catholics.

Paulists have always been pioneers and innovators in ministry. From our New York City headquarters, we were the first to use the press, radio, television, and the internet for ministry. We were the first campus ministers at secular Universities. While small we have always been able to "punch about our weight." I believe this is because our charism has captivated people like you, fostering collaboration to create a parish community that values its unity and diversity.

"Time, Talent and Treasure" are the three words most often associated with stewardship and fundraising in the Church, but the final speaker suggested that three more important words are "Faith, Gratitude, and Prayer." A worshipping community that has great faith in God's promises, is thankful for all God has given, and prays together for inspiration, will be in the best position to be good stewards of God's gifts. As we continue to be grateful for God's presence in our lives and one another, we will be able to overcome any deficit we have in ministering to others.

There certainly have been many great ideas to think about this week. God willing, as I return to the Parish this weekend, I'll be better equipped to walk with you in our continued mission to be a parish that is an outward sign of God's great love for us all!

I've missed you all! See you soon!

God Bless,

*Fr. Eric*



Reverend Eric Andrews, CSP  
*Pastor, St. Paul the Apostle*

## Special Announcements

The poster features a dark background with stylized, colorful silhouettes of people's heads and profiles. In the center, there is a smaller image of a book cover for "VOICE OF MY PEOPLE" by M. Roger Holland II, which shows two silhouettes of people facing each other with musical notes and drums. The book cover also includes the GIA logo and the text "Choral / Accompaniment Edition".

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# M. ROGER HOLLAND II

presents  
his new Mass setting,  
**VOICE OF MY PEOPLE**

on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 5PM**  
at **CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE**  
**COLUMBUS AVE. AT WEST 60TH ST**  
**NEW YORK, NY**  
at the eucharistic liturgy.

### A New Mass Setting Premieres at St. Paul's

St. Paul's is excited to announce that we will be host to M. Roger Holland II and a group of singers from the five boroughs for a debut of his newly composed mass setting, "Voice of My People." **Members of our Inspirit Ensemble will accompany his choir for the debut of this new work at our 5PM mass on Sunday, October 22nd.**

An alumnus of the Manhattan School of Music and the Union Theological Seminary, [M. Roger Holland II](#) served as Artist-in-Residence and director of the Union Gospel Choir for over 13 years and Minister of Music for Our Lady of

Charity Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn, NY for 12 years. He is the Music Director for the NY Archdiocese Office of Black Ministry, has travelled internationally with the The Boys Choir of Harlem, and has published many original compositions and mass settings through GIA.

We are grateful for the opportunity to bring together singers from throughout the diocese, sharing our spiritual home with them to make this sacred space a place for new liturgical music to flourish.

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### **THIS MONDAY: Church and Parish Center Closed**

On account of the upcoming federal holiday, both the church and Parish Center will be closed on Monday, October 9th, with the exception of one mass to be held at 10AM. Our 10AM service will not be live-streamed. Parishioners should enter the church through the handicap elevator located at street level in the south tower of the church. Enjoy the long weekend!

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## Expansions & Additions to Our Schedule

We wanted to remind parishioners of three big expansions and additions to our parish schedule debuting next month!

- **Starting tomorrow, October 6th**, we will resume weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Paul's. Every Friday, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following our 7:30 AM mass; Adoration will conclude with a Rite of Benediction at 11:45 AM.
- **Starting this Saturday, October 7th**, we will resume offering a Saturday morning mass at a new time, 9 AM.
- **Starting this week of October**, our Parish Center will have expanded hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The Parish Center will be open until 8:30 PM on these days only; the church will still close at 5 PM on Tuesdays and 7 PM on Wednesdays.

We look forward to having more opportunities to pray and grow in faith with you all!

## Around the Parish



To get you excited for the premiere on the 22nd, check out our Inspirit Ensemble's praise-worthy rendition of "We Sing Worthy" by Cliff Duren from last Sunday's 5PM mass. Click the video above to listen in and finish out the week on a high note!

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Yesterday was the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, which means we held our annual Blessing of the Animals!



Thanks to all of the parishioners who brought their four-legged friends by, and for sharing some wonderful photos of the joyous event with us on social media. Special thanks to our priests, too, for administering the blessings.





This past Sunday, we said farewell to outgoing Saint Vincent de Paul Conference President, Todd Piorier, and gave a warm welcome to the new Conference President, Gabriella Sacchi Adickes! Thanks to all who stopped by to show some support to our SVDP ministry.



Upcoming Events



**OUT AT SAINT PAUL**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
**lgbtq catholics**  
**SPIRITUALITY**

## OSP Fall Mass

Our next community mass will be on **Wednesday, October 11th at 7PM in the church**. The seasonal masses are a great opportunity to connect with the OSP membership - or to reconnect if you've been away for a while. Please join us!

### Author Talk with Rev. Lynn Walker

As a follow up to the fabulous event we hosted this past Sunday, Rev. Walker will join us again on **Wednesday, October 18th at 7PM in the Parish Center** to discuss her book "Forward!". Join us for an engaging conversation on the intersection of faith and identity.



### Apostolist Homebase

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 6:30PM  
in the Parish Center

Come grow your relationship with God while being surrounded by people your age. Our "Homebase" events offer Apostolist members an opportunity to get to know each other and expand their faith. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 11th. We'll see you there!

### After-Mass Social

Join our young adult community next Sunday, October 15th after the 5PM mass for a little meet-and-greet for our new Apostolist members! We'll meet in the back of the church after mass then step out for some fun and fellowship.

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# SPIRITUAL SPONSORSHIP

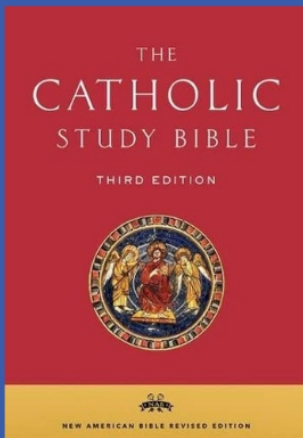


gift a Bible, a prayer book,  
or leave an inspiring message



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**DONATE BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**



## Inspire a Future Catholic

We invite any interested Catholic to share a short message of encouragement to a future catechumen or candidate. Your message will be printed and placed on the inside cover of a Bible that this future Catholic will receive.

Here is an example of a spiritual sponsorship message:

*A warm hello from Busted Halo! At Busted Halo, we aim to bring the joy of the Gospel to all people in innovative and creative ways. We especially seek to help others better understand their faith and offer resources to comprehend the richness of Catholicism. As you explore the Bible and learn more about Catholicism, I hope you'll remember that it's a gift to have a questioning faith. I'm sure your RCIA journey will be filled with questions, wonderings, and reflections. Embrace them, pray about them, share them with others. As God's children, we are all "saints in the making," yet our journeys are fraught with imperfections. Each of us sports a halo that's in some way, a little busted, but through the Gospel, God continuously calls us back to him, helping us polish up our halos to a nice golden shine. Please know we are praying for you! - Jennifer Sawyie, Editor-in-Chief, Busted Halo*

If you'd like to donate a Bible, please use this link:



## *Sponsor a Future Catholic Program for OCIA*

Each year, our parish accompanies a group of adults who seek to become Catholics. One of our traditions is to gift a new Catholic with a Bible. This year, we are inviting parishioners and interested Catholics to become spiritual sponsors by doing any of the following:

1. Donate a Catholic Study Bible
  2. Donate a copy of LTP's Daily Prayer book for 2024
  3. Leave a short inspirational message, which we will put inside the front cover of a gift Bible or prayer book
- Spiritual sponsorship is a way of personalizing the journey of faith.

It reminds us of our connections to each other as members of the body of Christ. This is a simple and beautiful way to share faith. If you would like to donate a Bible or a Prayer Book, please visit the Welcome Center Bookstore in

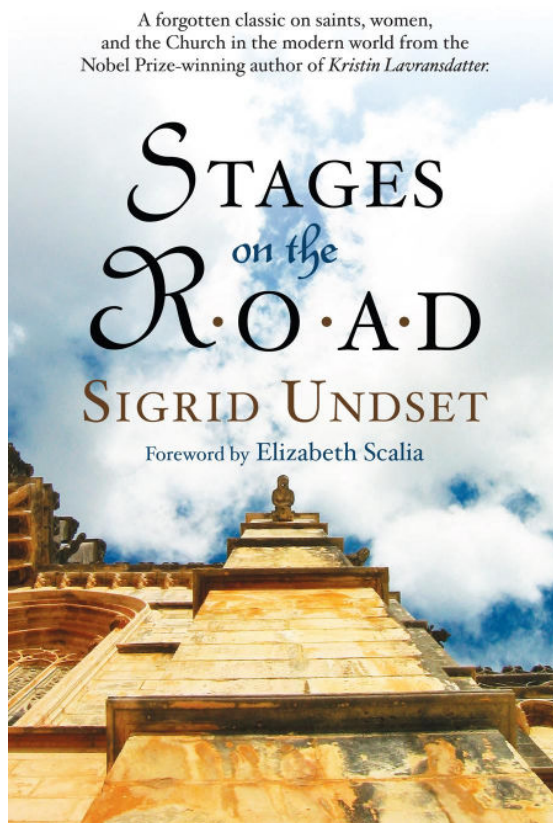
person or online at [www.stpaulbookstore.org/donate](http://www.stpaulbookstore.org/donate).

If you would like to leave a short inspirational message, please [click this Google form link here](#) or scan the QR code below.

We are in need of donations by Sunday, October 22.



For any questions, please feel free to contact Dave, director of OCIA, at [david.de.la.fuente@stpaultheapostle.org](mailto:david.de.la.fuente@stpaultheapostle.org) Thank you for your sponsorship, and remember to pray for us!



A forgotten classic on saints, women,  
and the Church in the modern world from the  
Nobel Prize-winning author of *Kristin Lavransdatter*.

STAGES  
*on the*  
R·O·A·D  
SIGRID UNDSSET  
Foreword by Elizabeth Scalia

## St. Paul's Book Club

Join us via Zoom on  
**Monday, October 30th at  
6:30PM**

for our discussion of  
*Stages on the Road*  
by Sigrid Undset

Please RSVP to  
[welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org](mailto:welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org) to  
receive our meeting link!

Sigrid Undset is among the great modern writers of the twentieth century and was an adult convert to Catholicism. This forgotten treasure from the Nobel Prize-winning author of *Kristin Lavransdatter* is a fascinating collection of saints' lives and a surprisingly contemporary take on being Catholic — in particular a Catholic woman — in a sometimes-hostile secular world.

*Stages on the Road* is a series of essays about the relationship between the

Church and the modern world. In the spirit of G. K. Chesterton and C. S. Lewis, Undset points to inconsistencies, hypocrisies, and blind spots of the modern secular mindset by introducing readers to the stories of somewhat-forgotten Catholic figures like St. Angela Merici and the English martyrs Margaret Clitherow and Robert Southwell — people who stood fast to their faith in the face of both intellectual and political hostility. Undset tackles such topics as religious freedom, Christian/Muslim relations, and the vocation of women.

## Holy Humor



## Faith Formation

Join us for a **Come and See**  
Discernment Retreat at our new  
seminary in Washington, DC.



**October  
27 - 29  
2023**

# Come & See Retreat

HECKER HOUSE

THE PAULIST SEMINARY  
3001 4TH ST. NE., WASHINGTON, DC 20017



For details on how to register, please contact: **Paulist Fr. Ed Nowak**,  
our vocation director, at [vocations@paulist.org](mailto:vocations@paulist.org) or **917-763-7899**

## Paulist "Come & See" Discernment Retreat

You've attended Paulist masses, you've listened to Paulist homilies -- but have you ever considered becoming a Paulist? If the answer is yes (or even if you're considering the question for the first time), consider joining the Paulist discernment retreat!

The retreat will be held at the newly-renovated Heckler House in Washington D.C., from **October 27-29th**.

Paulist vocation director Fr. Ed Nowak would be happy to answer any questions or chat with anyone interested in exploring a vocation -- just send him an e-mail at [vocations@paulist.org](mailto:vocations@paulist.org).

**Prayer Requests**



# Prayer Requests

**Grant eternal rest** to Zdenko Dujmović, George & Marguerite LaMarque, Anthony Gjon Ndrei, Mary Quigley, Roderick Orlina, Corazon Pilares Manalastas, Ramon M. Perez Del Orbe, and Kari Guercio

**Grant health or healing** to Christopher Henderson, Bill Devine, Eileen Schreiber, Christopher McElroy, John David Pride, Lee Jacobson, Dr. Timothy Putty, Diane & Bill Lyndon, Antoinette Cinturati, Vanessa Belsito, Denise Abady, Claudia Morgan, William Hughes, Deacon Wally Valderama, and Dilaria Ayse Osman.

**Grant peace and well-being** to Clarissa Torodoff, Donna Marie Henderson, Nuala Quigley, Rev. Samuel Perrins, Tricia Musa, Isabelle Masarweh, Monique Williams, Hilda Ojeda, Damianus Aditya Christie, the Gorelick family, and the Miller family.

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Have someone you would like our parish to pray for? You can submit prayer requests through our online form below. The names in your intentions will be shared with the parish here and will remain in our virtual newsletter one month after submission.

Click the button below to fill out our prayer request form:

[Submit Your Prayer Requests](#)

[Mass Intentions](#)

**Friday, October 6th**

7:30AM - For the People

12:10PM - For Those Who Have  
Suffered Loss**Saturday, October 7th**9:00AM + Veronica Ngoya, Donald  
Mwelwa & Maria Kayula  
5:00PM + Julia C. Abaya**Sunday, October 8th**8:00AM - For the People  
10:00AM + Ryan Dorsett  
12:30PM + Guadalupe Muniz  
5:00PM + Eloisa Burgos**Monday, October 9th**

10:00AM + Aurelia &amp; Catalino Real

**Tuesday, October 10th**7:30AM + Sally Russo Biondo & Family  
12:10PM + Jacinto Braga, Jr.**Wednesday, October 11th**7:30AM + Ada Maldonado  
12:10PM + Dominic D'Angelo**Thursday, October 12th**7:30AM - For the People  
12:10PM - For the People

## Parish Information



### Church Hours

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday - Friday

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday

7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday

9:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Sunday

7:00 AM - 6:30 PM

### Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday

7:30 AM and 12:10 PM

Saturday

9:00AM and 5:00 PM

Sunday8:00 AM - Mass Without Music  
10:00 AM - Mass With St. Paul's Choir  
12:30 PM - Misa con Coro en Español



**Donate flowers for weekend masses and special occasions to beautify our sanctuary!**

Make a gift in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Their name - and even yours, if desired - will be acknowledged on our weekly newsletter and social media. Our parish staff will order the arrangements on your behalf in order to coordinate with the liturgical seasonal colors.

This weeks altar flowers were generously donated in loving memory of Julie "Jules" Lee, and for the intentions of Barbara Abady.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

# Virtch Church ONLINE MINISTRY





Given that it's prime apple-picking season, we know you might not always be around to celebrate with us. Stay connected to the parish you love and take St. Paul's with you wherever you go through Virtch Church!

**Whether you're home sick, enjoying a long weekend, or just need a spiritual vacation in the middle of the workday, you can always pray with us on Virtch Church.**

Join us Monday-Friday at 12:10PM, or on Sunday at 10:00AM and 5:00PM. Our masses are live-streamed to our [website](#), our [YouTube page](#), and our [Facebook page](#). In addition to these platforms, [check out our Instagram](#) to never miss what's happening at St. Paul's!



Our services, along with the readings and hymns for the day, can be found on our [SPA app](#) - you can download it by scanning the relevant QR code above! Our app also has an online "copy" you can access through your phone's browser in case you have difficult accessing it. Find it at <https://stpaulny.web4uapps.com>.

### Help Support Your Parish!

Consider donating to St. Paul's. Your support is the primary means through which we can continue to serve the parish community. To donate online go to [stpaultheapostle.org](http://stpaultheapostle.org) and click on "Make a Donation" in the top right corner. Please remember that you can have your donations go directly to the ministry of your choice!

Or with the Faith Direct Text-TO-GIVE platform, you can text a donation to make a quick gift to help support The Church of St. Paul the Apostle.

Just text **NY539** to the number **(646) 859-1860** to enroll.



You can also find us on Venmo. Just scan the QR code above, or search for [@stpaulsnyc](#) to donate now!

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