

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1- Special Collection** will start today and tomorrow, **September 15 & 16** for the intention of helping the victims of flood in Kerala, India. We have five priests (which includes our very own Fr. Augustine) serving in the Diocese that came from Kerala, India and whose families are directly or indirectly suffering in this flood devastation.
- 2- Baptismal Preparation Seminar** for this month is scheduled on Tuesday September 18th, 2018 at 7:00pm here in St. Paul's Parish.
- 3- For the Church Altar Flowers:** We are requesting your generous hearts to bring fresh flowers for the Altar.
- 4- Couples for Christ** is inviting everyone to a CLP – Christian Life Program this starting September 30, 2018 to be held here at the St. Paul Parish @ 1:30 pm. Take a copy of the Flyers after the Mass for details.
- 5- On September 21st, 2018 (Friday) – there will be a 12 hours Adoration** from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm in the Church. With it is the 7:00 pm Mass and followed by the **Night Vigil Prayer**. Please contact Syriac or Celin at 780.370.2883 for further details.

NIGHT VIGIL PRAYER MEETING



September 21, 2018 7:00pm
St. Paul Parish

All are welcome to attend!!

Traditional Latin Mass *AD ALTARE DEI*



In the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite

Sunday, September 23rd, 2018
St John the Baptist Church:
2:00 PM: Holy Rosary
2:30 PM: Holy Mass

Celebrant: Rev. Andrew Schoenberger

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September 16, 2018 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule Monday-Thursday

Rosary & Mass 8:40 am
Friday Adoration after Mass at 7:00pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday 7:00 pm
Sunday 9 am & 11 am

RCIA- Every Wednesday at 7pm at St. Paul's Church

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BAPTISM

Baptism preparation on every third Tuesday of the month. Next one will be held on **September 18th** at 7 pm at **St. Paul Church**. and The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on weekend masses **Saturday 7pm, Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am.** in St. Paul Church.



COLLECTIONS (September 2, 2018)

Loose Collection :	1,477.55
Envelopes:	2,171.60
PAP	2,156.00
Total collections	\$ 5,805.15



THANK YOU!

Are YOU ready to answer the CALL to the PRIESTHOOD?

“The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few; ask the Lord to send out labourers into his harvest.” Mt 9: 37-38



Why I became a priest?

I no longer call you servants but friends” this was how Jesus addressed his disciples, his friends. Looking back to the start of my journey, when I was asked why I wanted to become priest, I can still recall my answer: I wanted to become a friend of God, serving him through his people by helping and praying for them.

Indeed to become a priest, people look at us to be friends of God, always available to help others in need especially through prayers and celebration of the sacraments.

In this year that we will be celebrating the year of the clergy I just hope and pray that through my priesthood the faithful may experience that we are indeed friends of God.

Fr. Trini Pinca

If you feel you are being called to the priesthood, for more information and how to attend a “Come and See” weekend please contact Rev. Andrew Schoenberger, Vocation Director for the St. Paul Diocese at 1-780-743-3980.

Prayer for the Newly Ordained Deacons.

Let us pray for the four newly ordained Permanent Deacons: Deacon Greg Ouellette, Deacon Ryan Sales, Deacon Mitch Goulet, Deacon Joe Simangan: as they begin their ministry and service to the Church; may their acts of goodness and generosity lead the faithful closer to Christ. We pray to the Lord.



Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time B - September 16, 2018. by: Deacon Raymond Chan

We loved to travel with the kids. Even when they were teenagers, we went to Orlando, Florida to visit a place that calls itself the happiest place on earth. Yes, that's right, we and hundreds of thousands of people go there to see the Magic Kingdom - Cinderella Castle, Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and a whole lot of Goofies at Disney World. Besides, I got to visit a cousin who used to work in one of the resorts. Everywhere we went, we found the smiling faces of the Disney cast, doing their best to convince us that they are in the happiest place on earth. It's interesting that Disney refers to its staff as cast members. They are just acting out a part. Life is not magical, like the Magic Kingdom. Life is not acting out. Life can be infinitely happier than the life portrayed in Orlando. Union with God now and the hope of eternal union with Him brings a deep joy that doesn't end when the firework ends and the park closes. When one is doing the best to reflect the wonder of God in the world, then one gets a sense of joy and happiness — the integration of one's full humanity, physical and spiritual gives one a reason for the existence.

It is lovely to visit the Magic Kingdom. There is nothing wrong with Fantasy Land. There is nothing wrong with any of us taking a break from reality and enjoying Disney, Universal, etc. Actually, I am convinced that a visit to these places helps our children develop their imaginations. It is good to have happy memories of family fun time. And we don't have to be a child. It is good for us all to take a few days away from our daily problems. But we have to realize that we can't live in Fantasy Land. We live in a real world full with challenges and crises. We need to learn how to deal with the world where we live, not the one where we wish we live. We need to live with killing sharks, not always with just caring mermaids.

In this Sunday's gospel, we heard that Peter was not ready for the real world. He wanted to live in a world where he could be happy and carefree. When Jesus predicted his passion and death, Peter rebuked, "**God forbid, Lord, that anything should happen to you.**" (Matthew 16:22). Jesus' counter-rebuke must have stung Peter terribly, "**Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.**" (Mark 8:27-35) Peter thought that happiness could come without a price. He was not ready to put up a fight against evil. He was not ready to suffer for something that was infinitely greater than this life. He was not ready for Jesus's call. Are we? At many times in history, the Church has failed to live up to its calling. Whether it is the abuse crisis, unjust participation in war, or the failures of individual Christians causing hurt and harm, we do damage when our works do not express our faith. Last month, the abuse crisis in Pennsylvania demonstrated how deeply sins within our Church shake people's faith in God and the Church. Not one response will be adequate for us all. We are all called to follow Jesus, and to live out our faith in acting with integrity. The world needs to see us taking up the cross, for our own sake and for the sake of the whole world.

The Suffering Servant in Isaiah 50 (5-9A), this Sunday's first reading, was ready to embrace whatever humiliation and pain that following God might entail. He says that "**I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.**" Why? Because he is convinced that "**The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; knowing that I shall not be put to shame. ... See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?**" As committed followers of Christ, we know that those who attack us for living our faith may be able to hurt us physically, but they cannot hurt us spiritually. In fact, when the evil of the world attacks us, we can grow stronger in our commitment to Christ. The world of Jesus Christ demands that we take up our cross and follow Him. Friday, the 14th was the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. As St. Andrew of Crete said, "**So great and outstanding the procession is the cross that they who win it have won a treasure.**" The treasure is love. Only love can free us from allowing hatred to bind us to a world without God.

Parents put up a struggle to raise their children to be strong members of the Kingdom of God. Some parents are told by little children that they are the meanest Mommy or Daddy in the world, or by teens, that they are the least understanding parents ever. Children's arguments may be reinforced by media, even those who hold positions of respect — arguing it's the children's right!!! But good parents hold their ground; stand for what is right, and, in time and with the Grace of God, see their sons and daughters grow into People of God assuming their own roles of leadership in the Church. And then these parents experience a deep, long lasting joy that comes from a life lived well. Many people deal with chronic sickness in their lives, or worse, in the lives of their loved ones. They hold on to their faith and unite their pain to the Cross of Christ. Their suffering has value. When the crisis has subsided into a challenge, they realize that through it, they have come closer to the God who held them. There is a profound joy in knowing that we have been and always will be held.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14:7). Whoever wishes to limit his or her existence to the here and now will have no existence that has any worth. Whoever is willing to sacrifice the happiness of the world for the sake of the Kingdom of God, will have a joy that is infinitely richer than Disney, a joy that is eternal. Every challenge or failure in life often give us the most valuable experiences and dramatic growth. We can turn a corner and use this era of our life as an opportunity. But we need to **hold onto His peace, which offers happiness and turns wherever you are into the happiest place on earth.**