



# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 31, 2025



### Holy Mass:

Mon.—Sat. 8:00 a.m.

### Saturday Vigil:

5:30 p.m. (Sunday Obligation)

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

### Reconciliation:

Mon.-Sat. 7:15 a.m.-7:55 a.m.

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Baptisms:** 2nd Saturday of the Month  
10:30 am

**Baptism Prep.:** By appointment

**Funerals:** Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

**Marriages:** 6 months in advance

**Communion for the Sick:** Please call the office.

**Adoration:** Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.— 6:45 p.m.

### Office Hours:

**Monday:** 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday - Friday:** 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Pastor:** Rev. James Phan, OFM Conv., x101E: friarjimphan@stpaulspismo beach.com

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**Parish gift shop:** Open after Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses and office hours.

**Daily Rosary:** 7:15 a.m. lead by the members of the Altar & Rosary Society.

**Divine Mercy Chaplet :** The chaplet is prayed after 8:00 a.m. Mass every day.

**St. Anthony Devotion:** Every Tuesday after Mass.

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Devotion:** Every Wednesday after Mass.

**Mother of Perpetual Help Group:** Meets every first Wednesday of the Month at 5:30 p.m. in the Church with Mass at 6:00 p.m.

**Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests:** Meets every first Thursday after Mass. They for our Priests through the powerful help of Our Blessed Mother.

**St. Paul's Bible Study:** Every Thursday after 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Library.

**First Friday & Saturdays** Every First Friday and First Saturday of the month we have Adoration, prayer and Benediction after morning Mass.

**Second Friday—Divine Mercy Mass:** Every Second Friday we have a Divine Mercy Mass at 8:00 am, followed with Adoration, prayer and Benediction.

**St. Paul's MI Mary's Village:** Meets the 2nd Saturday of the Month from 9-10am in the Pezo Library in Mathias Hall.

### **Readings for the week of August 31, 2025**

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29/Ps 68:4-7,10-11/  
Heb 12:18-19,22-24/Lk 14:1,7-14

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1,3-5,11-13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10-11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4,6,8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18/Ps 90:3-6,12-17/Phlm 9-10,12-17/  
Lk 14:25-33

## From the Pastor's Desk

Peace and all God's blessings.

If any of us attended weekday Masses and Sunday Masses within the last two weeks, we should remember the teaching of Jesus Christ on the humility of God. Divine teachings on humility and hospitality present a considerable challenge for baptized Catholics because these teachings reverse worldly values of self-importance and exclusivity. These virtues require radical selflessness, which directly contrasts with human tendencies toward pride and self-interest, encouraging believers to serve others sacrificially, particularly those on the margins of society.

I remember when I was a seminarian in the second year of philosophy, I went to St. Anthony soup kitchen in San Francisco on a weekday to serve lunch to our homeless brothers and sisters. Coincidentally, I met Bishop Allen Vigneron there, humbly serving the homeless like any other religious volunteer. But those being served, did not recognize him as a Bishop.

Humility, from Latin *humus*, involves acknowledging one's smallness before God and submitting to his will. It is a foundation that forces Christians to admit their dependence on God and the truth of their sinful state. For many, this admission is difficult and uncomfortable.

Today's second story, likewise a parable, presumably has more to it than meets the eye. Your guess is as good as mine. What has me scratching my head is the reference to "*repayment... when the virtuous will rise again*". I wonder if, like "humility with a hook", there can also be "generosity with a hook"? When Jesus loved "*the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind*", he loved them for themselves. He loved those unfortunate brothers and sisters because he saw them in light of their true dignity. He loves them and serves them without expecting "*repayment*".

There is something of God in everyone; and it is not separate from but part of our human reality. Jesus wants us to recognize that – to learn to see it in ourselves, to learn to see it in others, and to love the beauty, the dignity of every human person. Obviously, this is a gift. It has to be. But as we let God love us, as we accept God's love, the insight gradually grows. We don't use people, as it were, to get sweet with God. We learn to love them for themselves

with a love that flows freely from us. God already loves us. "*Repayment*" is an inapplicability.

Are we going to welcome the unworthy? Are we going to see Christ in the stranger? Do we think that God calls us as children of the Light to offer hospitality without the expectation of receiving praise and repayment?

May the Holy Spirit renew our baptismal promise to live according to his teachings of divine humility and hospitality. May the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary increase her fervent love in our hearts to live lives of peace and service.

May God bless us all.

In Christ,

Fr. James Phan, OFM Conv.

## Announcements

### ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE MOVIE

The Knights of Columbus are hosting the movie "Triumph of the Heart", the story of St. Maximilian Kolbe, who sacrificed his life for another in the concentration camp at Auschwitz.

40 more tickets need to be purchased over the next week to ensure that this movie can be brought to a theatre in our area. Information and ticket purchase can be found at: [triumphoftheheart.com](http://triumphoftheheart.com) OR this direct link: [https://screening.triumphoftheheart.com/screening/scr\\_01k37vfn33fsxssv8yjvrr76pt](https://screening.triumphoftheheart.com/screening/scr_01k37vfn33fsxssv8yjvrr76pt)

### ST. PAUL'S CHOIR MINISTRY

Choir rehearsals begin  
**Wednesday, September 10, at 7PM** in the choir loft. Come join us!  
Questions? Contact Susan Davies (805)748-3248.



### OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

For all those interested in becoming Catholic or completing the reception of the Sacraments. The **2025-2026 OCIA Class began August 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm.** Questions? Please call 805-773-2219, ext. 102 OR Email at [admin@stpaulspismobeach.com](mailto:admin@stpaulspismobeach.com).



**Saturday, August 30th**

8:00 am †Pope Francis (Louie and Rosie Nunes)  
5:30 pm †Bel & Gilda Martin (Family)

**Sunday, August 31st**

8:00 am †Evelyn Fuentez (Louie and Rosie Nunes)  
10:30 am †Richard "Dick" Firman (Firman Family)  
5:30 pm Living & deceased members of St. Paul's

**Monday, September 1st**

8:00 am †Mabel Avila (Dorothy Avila)

**Tuesday, September 2nd**

8:00 am Birthday blessings for Alex & Harper Zambo (Family)

**Wednesday, September 3rd**

8:00 am †Rick Surbeck on his birthday (Surbeck Families)

**Thursday, September 4th**

8:00 am Health & healing for Marissa & Mila Zambo (Rebecca A. Untalan)

**Friday, September 5th**

8:00 am Special intentions of Bernice Gamble (John & Catherine Ferdolage)

**Saturday, September 6th**

8:00 am †Fay Firman (Firman Family)  
5:30 pm †William Hanley (Phyllis Sproul)

**Sunday, September 7th**

8:00 am †Dr. Ken Bagwell (Tony & Joyce Orefice)  
10:30 am Chris & Xavi Garza and family (Louie & Rosie Nunes)  
5:30 pm Living & deceased members of St. Paul's

**Prayer List**

**MILITARY:** Lieutenant Colonel Chris Valine USAF, Lieutenant Ashley Valine, USCG, MSgt. Robert James Gassman, II 101st US Army, Capt. Chris Mount USMC, Maj. Grace Anderson USAF, CPO Nicholas M. Cabansag USN, LT. Jason Walsh USN, AA. (SN) Nicholas Garza, USN  
**SICK:** Annie Delgado, Frank Spane, Pauline Leon Moreno, Beverly Lloyd, Cynthia Toscas, Dorothy Avila, Richard Como, Judy Hughes, Dr. Joseph Castro, Paul Mahlmann & Family, Vincent Deparini & Family, Leo Shiffnar, Nona Henn, Harold Crawford, Marie Ellen Ragusa, Joshua Vincent Ray, Olivia Catherine Ray, Kevin Wayne Outram, Rosemary Olmedo,

**Prayer List (continued)**

**SICK:** John Byers, Magdalena Corona, Sue Regusci, Eileen Wagner, Luis Ramirez, Joseph Henschel, Alexia Sandoval & Family, Abraham Nicholas Noriega, Bert Heredia, Manuel Garza, Emma Glifonea, Joseph Arranaga, Susan Pino, Betty Burgin

**Announcements**



*St. Paul's  
Altar & Rosary  
Society*

The next meeting of the **Altar and Rosary Society** will take place on **Tuesday, September 16th**. All are welcome to join us for Mass at 10:30 am followed by a self-catered lunch and meeting to follow. We are looking forward to our Fall Bake Sale, the weekend before Thanksgiving and our Christmas Luncheon Fundraiser (*Fun Raiser*) at the Madonna Inn on December 9th. *May Jesus and the Blessed Mother bless our work!*

**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS:**

**Parish Picnic BBQ:** All are invited to our FREE Parish Picnic this **Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>** from **12 NOON— 2 PM** at **Strother Park**, 1150 Huasna Rd, Arroyo Grande, CA



**St. Paul's Faith Formation begins September 3rd!**

St. Paul's Faith Formation Program is welcoming all children, grades 1—8, to the new school year! Our first meeting is **September 3rd, 4:00 pm—5:15 pm.**, in the Parish Hall. We will have registration on the first day; registration forms are posted on the parish website. If your child will be receiving First Communion this year, please bring a copy of their Baptismal Certificate on the first day. We are looking forward to sharing our faith with your children!

**MILITIA IMMACULATA: St. Paul's "Mary's Village"**

O Immaculata, please intercede...  
*That young people may discover what God is calling them to and be able to prepare well for their mission. (August Intention)*



**St. Maximilian Kolbe Quote:**

"As long as we serve her faithfully, all the tribulations can only increase our merits and contribute to an ever greater development of the cause of the Immaculata in the world." (KW 835)



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