



Mass
Intentions
Of The Week

Monday, October 29th

7:00 A.M. Suzanne Flatley

Tuesday, October 30th

7:00 A.M. Jack Van De Steeg

Wednesday, October 31st

7:00 A.M. Lloyd Davis

Thursday, November 1st

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

8:30 A.M. Lloyd Davis

6:00 P.M. Thomas C. Wolf

Friday, November 2nd

7:00 A.M. Novena for All Souls

Saturday, November 3rd

8:30 A.M. Novena for All Souls

5:30 P.M. Novena for All Souls

Sunday, November 4th

7:30 A.M. Novena for All Souls

9:30 A.M. Novena for All Souls

11:30 A.M. Novena for All Souls

6:00 P.M. Novena for All Souls



Is what I do after I say "I believe"...

Offertory for Sunday, October 21, 2007:

286 Envelopes.....	\$ 11,547.25
Loose.....	\$ 1,004.00
AOP (debit).....	\$ 2,179.00
Total.....	\$ 14,730.25

Thanks to all who are also paying faithfully their pledges to the Parish Capital Campaign.

Please remember St. Paul's Church & School in your estate planning.

- Websitestpaulstpete.com
- Parish Offices.....727-822-3481
- Pastoral Associate..... Annamaria Dickhaus
- Administrative Assistants.....Charie Wassmer & Mary Carney
- Outreach Ministry.....Sr. Kathleen Stagnaro, OSF
- Youth Ministry.....Fr. James Ruhlin
- Organist & Choir DirectorPaul Dixon
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- Prayer Team.....727-894-8846
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*'Everyone deserted me. . . .
But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength.'*
(2 Timothy 4:16-17)

Paul did not get discouraged, even though, at his trial, *no one appeared on his behalf, but everyone deserted him.* Even though deserted by every friend and companion, he held to the firm conviction that the Lord would *rescue him from every evil threat and bring him safe to his heavenly kingdom.*

Paul undoubtedly would have liked his ministry to have been easier. He didn't relish being hounded and persecuted, rejected and humiliated, threatened and brutalized. As he did with his *thorn in the flesh*, he probably asked the Lord in prayer many times to take away the hardships and smooth his path. When the path remained rough, he probably was tempted to think that the Lord wasn't listening to his prayers or maybe didn't even exist.

Yet he never gave in to discouragement or gave up the fight. As he would say towards the end of his life, *'I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.'*

He persevered to the end of the race because of his deep core conviction that the Lord Jesus lives and is trustworthy.

No, the life of faith is not easy. It's the saints, like Paul and Mother Teresa, whose perseverance through all darkness and doubt strengthens us to never give up on the Lord. *To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Father Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

All Saints Day is Thursday, November 1st. This feast honors all who now share with God in the eternal peace and joy of heaven. We hope to follow them! Since it is a holyday of obligation, Catholics are obliged to participate in Mass on that day. Parish Masses will be celebrated at **7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.** *Let us all rejoice in the Lord and keep a festival in honor of all the saints.*

All Souls Day is Friday, December 2nd. Mass will be celebrated at **7:00 a.m.** (in the parish center chapel). Beginning that day, and throughout the month of November, we will prayerfully remember in a special way our faithful departed. We pray that the Lord Jesus will bring them safely home to heaven. All Souls envelopes are available in your envelope packet or in the pews. You may write the names of your departed loved ones on the All Souls envelopes, and return them in the Sunday offertory. The envelopes will remain on the altar throughout the month of November. *Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord; inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.* (Matthew 25:34).

St Paul's Church wins Award of Merit. The City Beautiful Commission of the City of St Petersburg selected St Paul's Church as the 2007 winner in the "Places of Worship" category, in recognition of the re-landscaping of our Grotto area. Congratulations to all who have supported our Grotto project! Most of the engraved pavers have now been installed, by the way. Pavers may be ordered on-line on the parish website.

Online Giving. Due to popular demand, you can now give online to St Paul's, in addition to using the regular AOP process. Giving can be done as a one-time payment, or you can set up recurring payments for Sunday Offering. You can also order and pay for Grotto Pavers, and in the near future there will be many more opportunities to pay for parish events online. It is easy and secure. See our web site, www.stpaulstpete.com, for more information and for easy instructions.



High School Youth Group: Sunday Night, October 28: Halloween Havoc. Join us in the Youth Room from 7 to 9 PM for a Halloween trivia extravaganza.

Next Sunday Night, November 4: Special discussion involving the St. Paul's Stewardship Council Mission Statement.

Middle School Youth Ministry Adult Core Team meets Sunday before each youth meeting in parish center's blue room following the 6:00pm Mass. Adults interested in helping with middle school youth are invited to attend. For more information contact Brad or Kathy Brasseur at 526-8288 or email at bbandkb@verizon.net.

Confirmation Preparation Class: This **Sunday Night, October 28**, class will meet in the Blue Room of the Parish Center from 7-9 PM. New information regarding the class schedule and retreat will be discussed this evening.

Parish Mission Statement. The Parish Stewardship Council is working to create a mission statement for our parish. You may receive a letter asking you to participate in a listening session as part of this process. We need your insights and input! Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Second Annual "Walk for Health in Haiti" is just around the corner and your help is needed! Join Partners with Haiti on Sat, **Nov 17** as we walk to raise funds for the medical needs of St. Isidore, our sister parish in Haiti. Follow-up care alone (surgery and specialist, etc.), for patients seen at last year's Medical Mission, cost more than \$5,000. Flyers and registration forms will be available at all Masses. For info, call Lou Pekrul at 894-9619.

Stewardship Thought. Both the 1st reading and today's psalm say clearly that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. Have I been given the gifts—of time or money or abilities—to be the means by which God answers their need?

Attention Ministry Leaders. It is time to update the Ministry Brochure. Check your ministry's current information; then, email changes to Stewardship@stpaulstpete.com. Please include your mission statement (we encourage you to create one if you don't have one), and feel free to write your own description.

Eucharist: Source & Summit begins Nov 11. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this study and reflection program on the Mass. The 1-hr sessions will be held in the cafeteria, on Sunday mornings twice a month, from 11am-noon. Come for coffee and donuts beforehand. First 4 meeting dates are Nov 11 & 18, and Dec 9 & 16. Provision will be made for children to join the Sunday religious education classes during the meeting times, and nursery will be available. Please phone 822-3481 or e-mail parishoffice@stpaulstpete.com if you plan to participate and indicate name and age of bringing children. Together, we will deepen our appreciation for the mystery of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our spiritual life.

Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 5233 118th Ave N, Clearwater. Most Reverend Robert Lynch will be the principal celebrant and homilist at a Memorial Mass for the faithful departed on Friday, Nov 2 at 10am. All are cordially invited to participate in this Mass.

Christ Renews His Parish for Women. You've heard all about it, now come and be part of it! CRHP is a 3-day, 2-night retreat. It is an amazing experience and wonderful opportunity to grow closer to the Lord and to the other women of the parish. This year's women's CRHP will be Nov 2-4 in the parish center. For more information, please call or email Victoria Whitton at 727-452-3592 or Torie_Torie@hotmail.com or call the parish office.

SHARE ordering for Nov will be Sun, Oct 28 and Nov 4 8:30-11:00am. Be sure to order your turkey dinner with all the fixings. Distribution will be on Nov 17.

Men's Morning of Recollection. All men of the parish are invited to a morning of recollection on Sat, Nov 10 being led by Fr. John Cippel, who has served as a missionary in Africa; pastor of St. Cecelia's (Clearwater), St. Frances Cabrini (Spring Hill), and now at Nativity (Brandon); and head spiritual director of our regional seminary in Boynton Beach. We will begin with Mass at 8:30am until 12:30pm. The morning will include talks, time for quiet personal reflection, and discussion. Continental breakfast will be served. There is no charge, but please make a reservation by e-mail parishoffice@stpaulstpete.com or phone 822-3481.

St. Petersburg Catholic High School is holding an open house for prospective 9th graders and their parents/guardians on Nov 11 from 1:30-3:30pm at SPCHS' Media Center. Call (727) 344-4065.

St. Paul's Early Childhood Center is seeking teachers and assistant teachers for toddlers and 2's. 40 clock hours required, CDA preferred. Willing to train. Contact Valerie 822-3481x18.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The new season has begun. Meetings are every Monday evening at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you (a) are considering becoming Catholic, or (b) are Catholic but have never been confirmed or received Holy Communion, or (c) are interested in deepening your faith, you are cordially invited to participate. This is open to all adults (15+ years). Questions? Contact Joe at joseph.p.poole@saic.com.

Part-time position available. St Paul's is seeking to hire a cook for priests' rectory. Duties include planning, preparing, & serving the 5:30 evening meal Mon through Fri, grocery shopping, and normal kitchen clean-up. No weekend duties; hours are generally 3-7p.m. Contact Mary or Charie in parish office (822-3481) or e-mail resume to parishoffice@stpaulstpete.com.

St. Raphael's Council of Catholic Women's Fall Luncheon Games and card party will be held Sat, Nov 17 at St. Raphael's Parish Center. Luncheon cost is \$10.00 per person. Registration deadline is Nov 12. Please make check payable to St. Raphael's C.C.W. and mail it to Roseanna Costa, 1410 51st Ave. NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33703, phone number is 727-520-0286.

Franciscan Sisters of Allegany NY's Discernment Retreat for women who are considering religious life and between ages 19-45 on Nov 2-4 at St. Clare Convent in Tampa. For information, call St. Mary McNally at 813-870-6314.

Mass of the Angels. A special Mass will be held for families who have lost a child or unborn baby at St. Mary Parish (15520 N. Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33613) on Sat, Nov 10 at 11:00am. A light reception will follow in the parish hall. To have the name of your child in the program, please contact Barbara Hertz at Catholic Charities: bhertz@ccdosp.org; (727) 893-1314 xt210.

Free Trade vs. Fair Trade—Where Economics Get it Right...and Wrong, The diocesan *Culture of Life with Justice Committee* invites you to this free public lecture by Renowned Economist, George F. DeMartino on Thu, Nov 8 at 6:30pm, at USF (4202 East Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL 33620, Cooper Hall 115). Immediately following lecture, James Cavendish, Associate Professor of Sociology at USF, will facilitate a discussion from the perspective of Catholic Social Teaching. Obtain visitor parking passes from Campus Information Center for \$4 or RSVP Sabrina Burton Schultz (727) 344-1611 xt325 for a free pass.

"Life on the River" Workshop, for the wellness and safety of your marriage, by Fred Lue, LMFT, offered on Sat, Nov 3 from 9am-12noon at Christ the King Catholic Church, 821 Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL. Cost is \$35 per couple, refreshments and child care provided. Call Christ the King (813) 876-5841 during normal working hours to pre-register by Wed, Oct 3.

