



Mass  
Intentions  
Of The Week

**Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Intentions of Edward Wyrwas, Jr.

**Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Zulvago Joseph

**Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. William Haas

8:15 A.M. Fred Brown

**Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Almida Boyd Joseph

**Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Intentions of the Blessed Mother

**Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 A.M. Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

5:30 P.M. Norman Heagerty, Jr.

**Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:30 A.M. Donald Multer & Elizabeth Marshall

9:30 A.M. Intentions of St. Paul Parishioners

11:30 A.M. Living & Deceased Members of the Women's Guild

6:00 P.M. Melissa Raymond



*'Well done, my good and faithful servant.  
Since you were faithful in small matters,  
I will give you great responsibilities,'  
said the Master.  
(Matthew 25:21)*

I have been reading a book entitled *Acedia & Me: A Marriage, Monks, and A Writer's Life*, by Kathleen Norris.

Acedia? What exactly is it? It's a vice, actually, which the early Christian monks nicknamed the "noonday demon." It is defined as "spiritual torpor and apathy." Norris writes, "The person afflicted by acedia refuses to care or is incapable of doing so."

She gives some examples. We see a homeless man on the street, and we dismiss him from our consciousness, thinking, "It's not my father." Or we see a photo on TV of a starving child, and we avoid any sense of responsibility by thinking, "It's not my child." Or we give in to boredom, and we tire quickly of prayer, or work, or commitment. They seem worthless and pointless. Why should we care?

The third servant in today's Gospel parable, who buries his talent, didn't care about producing good fruit for the master. *He went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.* He shirked his responsibility.

The Lord gives us gifts and blessings---talents, if you will---with the expectation that we will produce fruits for others, for God and our neighbor. One way we combat acedia, the vice of not caring about others, is through commitment to communal prayer and worship at Mass, which over time should transform us, if we allow it, into people who truly do care.

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

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**Thanksgiving Day Mass** will be at **9 a.m. on Thursday, November 27**. Make plans now to participate in this beautiful act of gratitude to God for all our blessings. Please plan to bring canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Center. They will be brought to the altar during the Preparation of the Gifts. It's a wonderful start to Thanksgiving Day!

**"That Man Is You!"** meets every Wednesday at 5:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria, for prayer and spiritual development. All men of the parish are invited. You'll be on the road by 7:00 a.m. For details, check [www.stpaulstpete.com/thatmanisyou.html](http://www.stpaulstpete.com/thatmanisyou.html).



**Sunday nursery** is available for children ten months old to five years old during the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Located in the St. Paul's Children's Center, at the west end of the first floor of the parish center. Experienced adult supervision.

**St. Paul Says**



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

**Offertory for Sunday, November 9, 2008:**

271 Envelopes.....	\$	8,440.25
Loose.....	\$	2,553.00
AOP (debit).....	\$	1,886.00
AOP (credit).....	\$	6,692.50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>19,571.75</b>

*Whoever remains in me bears much fruit,  
says the Lord.  
(John 15:5)*

The Lord Jesus, dwelling in us,  
inspires us to bear bountiful fruit  
through our good stewardship.

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

- Website .....stpaulstpete.com
- Parish Offices.....727-822-3481
- Pastoral Associate.....Annamaria Dickhaus
- Admin. Assistants.....Charie Wassmer & Mary Carney
- Outreach Ministry.....Sr. Kathleen Stagnaro, OSF
- Youth Ministry.....Gail Marinari
- Organist & Choir Director.....Paul Dixon
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727-823-6144
- Counseling Ministry.....Mary Ann Holtz, LMHC  
727-327-5045

**Brothers and Sisters:**

**“For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.”**

1 Thessalonians 5:5-6

**O.B.I.C. YOUTH NEWS**

**High School** - Tonight our teen night is entitled "Wake Up!" The goal for this night is to make the teens aware of the danger in prescription drugs. Next weekend Nov. 22 is the "Homeless Tent City Retreat" make sure to pick up your permission slips tonight!

**Middle School** - Wednesday night middle school night is entitled "1+1+1=1"

**ATTENTION last week's announcement:** Last Sunday night our youth night was entitled "You Gotta Hear this!" The goal for this night was to help the teens realize both the power of words and the ripple effects that negative or unnecessary statements have on others. This night addressed the roots of gossip! The announcement made at Mass by Alex about Reggie was NOT TRUE! It was made for two reasons 1) to draw the teens into the night 2) to demonstrate the negative effects of gossip! We ended the night encouraging the teens to use their words to build up the body of Christ!

God Bless, Gail and Core Team

**St. Paul Catholic School Book Fair is here!** Please visit the book fair in the cafeteria after all masses this weekend.

**Children's Center** has an opening for a part time afternoon assistant. Completion of county training is required. Contact Valerie at 822-3481x18 for more information.

**Loving, helping hands needed!** The Children's Center is in need of volunteers to assist the staff in the morning. We care for children ages 2 months to 3 years of age. Safe Environment training and background check is required. Contact Valerie at 822-3481x18 for information.

**Poinsettias.** Columbiettes are selling poinsettia plants again this year for the Christmas season for **\$15.00** a plant. These are florist quality plants dressed with a beautiful bow. You may order them to pick up for decoration & gifts, for donation to our homebound, or you may choose to purchase a plant for the church during the Christmas season in memory of a loved one. We start taking orders **November 15<sup>th</sup>**. All proceeds will be used to benefit charities supported by the Columbiettes.

**Loaves and Fishes** will be holding their next meeting on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center, gold room, to plan the Christmas meal.

**St. Paul's Green Team** invites you to a screening of the 20 minute film The Story of Stuff, at 11 a.m. in the cafeteria, Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. In addition, there will be an alternative Christmas Bazaar with offerings from Fair Trade organizations,

including Partners With Haiti, Inc. Coffee and Haitian crafts will also be available for sale. Please join us.

**Christmas Wreaths** are being sold to benefit our Children's Center. These fresh wreaths are ordered and shipped directly to your home. Cost is \$35. Order forms are in the church and parish office.

**St. Vincent de Paul.** Please continue to donate to the Poor Boxes whenever possible. These funds provide food and help with rent and utilities to neighboring families in need. New members are welcome. Contact Geni at 698-4970 or Penny at 430-8964.

**Scripture Study Epistles of St. Paul.** One of the opportunities to celebrate the Jubilee Year of St. Paul is to gather as "household churches" to learn about the teachings of St. Paul! "Households" (small Christian Communities) are being formed now and it is not too late to join a study group. This limited study is perfect for those of us with very busy lives - **only 4 meetings**. We will all come to know Christ better through St. Paul's teachings as we learn about his zeal for the faith and his tenacity to want us to understand and love and live our faith. For more information and to join a "household church," email Joan Dirrigl [jhdmary@aol.com](mailto:jhdmary@aol.com) or call the parish office.

**The Third Annual "Walk for Health in Haiti"** is just around the corner and your help is needed! Join "Partners With Haiti" on Saturday morning, Dec. 6, as we walk to raise funds for the medical needs of St. Isidore, our sister parish in Haiti. Registration forms are in the church vestibule and on the St. Paul's web-site. For more information contact Loretta Stitt at 642-5868 or [jimstitt@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jimstitt@tampabay.rr.com).

**Outreach Ministry.** Reserve the date, December 17, 2008, for the Advent Retreat at the Franciscan Center. More information to follow.

**St. Petersburg Catholic Singles** will meet at St. Raphael's Catholic Church for the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, Nov. 23. Dinner and game night at Brophy's Bistro following Mass!

**MARRIED COUPLES** – The next WWME weekend is January 16 – 18, 2009. For information call (813) 270-7832 or go online at [www.wwme-tampabay.org](http://www.wwme-tampabay.org)

**Journey to the City of Ave Maria,** Naples, FL. Sunday December 7, 2008. Tour of the city and university. Mass at 12:30 p.m. followed by dinner and a concert by the Ave Maria University Choir. Call Anne-Marie McCormack for reservations 1-727- 847-9060.

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Concert** on Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, St. Pete Beach. Enjoy performance by St. John and St. Joseph choirs.

**HUGE RUMMAGE SALE at St. Cecelia Church,** 820 Jasmine Way, Clearwater on Fri., Nov. 21, 8:00 am- 6:00 pm, and Sat., Nov. 22, 8:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m.