

Third Sunday Advent

December 14, 2025



**SAINT PAUL
THE APOSTLE**

A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS

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Parish Office Hours:

Mon. - Fri. 9:00a-5:00p
Sat. 9:00a-1:00p
Sun. Closed



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MASS TIMES

Mon. - Fri. 7:00a & 5:30p
Sat. 8:30a & 5:00p
Sun. 7:30a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 5:00p

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Learning Expectations:

Spirit Filled

*People for
Others*

*Academic
Achievers*

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Want a mass said in memory of a loved one?

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 13

8:30 AM Elvira Tareclap
(birthday)
5:00 PM Antonio Del Rosario, Jr.
(birthday)

Sunday, December 14

7:30 AM +Massimo Ludovisi
9:30 AM Charlotte De Vera
(birthday)
11:30 AM For the People
5:00 PM Janet Goodman
(birthday)

Monday, December 15

7:00 A +Sr. Catherine
M McShane, DMJ
5:30 PM Special Intention

Tuesday, December 16

7:00 AM +Sr. Mary Rose
Creegan
5:30 PM Special Intention

Wednesday, December 17

7:00 AM +Tony Ruiz
5:30 PM Special Intention

Thursday, December 18

7:00 AM Brendon Taylor
Cabale (birthday)
5:30 PM Special Intention

Friday, December 19

7:00 AM +Anthony Scarcella
5:30 PM Special Intention

Saturday, December 20

8:30 AM +Fernando Paolini, Jr.
5:00 PM +Petra Valdes

Sunday, December 21

7:30 AM +Margaret Balizs
9:30 AM +Homer Newman
11:30 AM +David Mixner
5:00 PM For the People

**Thank you for your stewardship of
our parish community!**

Week of 11/15/25 - 11/21/25

Online (CC): \$18,195.97

Mass: \$4,377.00

Mail: \$2,645.00

Total: \$25,217.97



Food Pantry Donations

Your donations of rice, beans, vegetable oil, cereals, canned goods, and soups are greatly appreciated and help more than 35 families and others. Bring donations to the foyer of the Parish Office - our foyer doors are normally open daily from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



Watch out for fire dangers

Christmas is a popular time to decorate with candles and electric lights, both inside and out of the house. These decorations can be beautiful and festive but also come with the risk of fires. Parents should make sure to keep candles out of reach of children, and off surfaces where they could be easily knocked over. All lights should be checked for faulty wires or other defective parts that could cause a fire. For more information, read the "Holiday Safety" article on <https://www.nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/seasonal-safety/winter-safety/holiday?/>.

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As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (Zechariah 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (2 Corinthians 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (Luke 10:30-37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (Matthew 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (John 13:34).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Romans 5:5) May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.



Advent Wreath Building Festival





Night of Lights



SPA Upcoming Events

January

2026

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER

31

New Year's Eve -

Vigil of Mary, Mother of God - Mass at 5:30pm

THURSDAY

1

Mary, Mother of God

World Day of Peace - Mass at 9am

MONDAY

5

UCLA Blood Drive

Help Save a Life

SATURDAY

24

Conversion of Paul Concert

Performance by our Schola Cantorum on the Eve of our Feast Day

SUNDAY

25

Parish and School Feast Day Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Catholic Schools Week Begins

Celebrating Catholic Education

Pancake Breakfast

SPA Schools Dads offer a delicious pancake breakfast after Sunday morning masses.

Happy * New * Year



Blood Drive

Wednesday, Jan. 5 from 7:30am-12:30pm

Parish Center (JCPC)



Help save lives by donating at the upcoming UCLA Blood Drive! Donors will receive a small gift card. Scan the QR code to make an appointment.



Merry Christmas

St. Paul the Apostle



DEC. 24

Christmas Eve

- 4:00 PM Family Mass
Children's Choir
- 9:00 PM Festival of Carols
- 10:00 PM Mass in the Night
Schola Cantorum

DEC. 25

Christmas

- 9:30 AM Mass
Caritas Choir
- 11:30 AM Mass
Schola Cantorum
- 5:00 PM Mass

JAN. 1

Feast of Mary Mother of God

- 9:00 AM Mass

Advent Adoration & Reconciliation

Saturday, Dec. 20th, 3pm – 4:30pm



Celebrate
Individual Reconciliation
during the Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament

