



# ST PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH



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**Reconciliation - by prior appointment only**

## From Father Raring

We have all learned to live with "voice mail" as a necessary part of modern life. But, have you wondered, what if God decided to install voice mail?

Imagine praying and hearing this:

Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please select one of the following options:

- Press 1 for Requests
- Press 2 for Thanksgiving
- Press 3 for Complaints
- Press 4 for All Other Inquiries.

What if God used the familiar excuse... "I'm sorry; all of our angels are busy helping other saints right now. However, your prayer is important to us and will be answered in the order it was received, so please stay on the line."

Can you imagine getting these responses as you call God in Prayer?

If you would like to speak to:

- Gabriel, Press 1
- Michael, Press 2
- For a directory of other angels, Press 3
- If you'd like to hear King David sing a psalm while you are holding, please press 4.
- To find out if a loved one has been assigned to Heaven, Press 5, enter his or her medicare number, then press the hash# key.
- For reservations at "My Father's House," please enter J-O-H-N, followed by 3-1-6.
- For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth and where Noah's Ark is, please wait until you arrive here.
- Our computers show that you have already prayed once today. Please hang up and try again tomorrow so that others may have a chance to get through.
- This office is closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday.
- Please pray again Monday after 9:30am. If you need emergency assistance when this office is closed, contact your local priest.

**Thank God (today) that He doesn't have voice mail and He listens whenever we pray!**

First reading: The Twelve call others to service in the community.  
*What new service can I offer to my community after COVID-19?*

Second reading: The rejected stone becomes useful in God's eyes.  
*When did I fail to see the value of others?*

Gospel: Jesus is both the image of and the way to God.  
*How has Jesus led me to God during this pandemic season?*



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### Holy Hour for Vocations

The new ministry of "Deacon" is mentioned in today's Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational or liturgical needs of the Lord's People today.

### Moments of Mercy

I desire that you know more profoundly the love that burns in My Heart for souls, and you will understand this when you meditate upon My Passion. Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give him the grace of conversion. This is the prayer:

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You."  
(Diary, 186 and 187)

### Piety Store

Please contact the office. We are only too happy to help you with your needs.

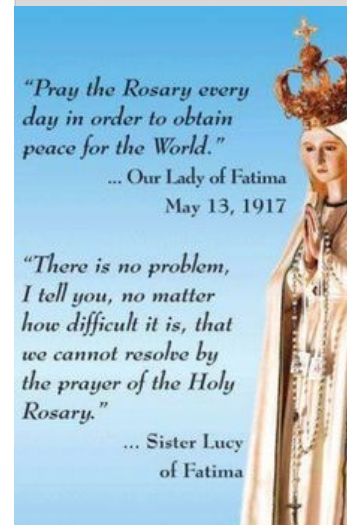
Due to the CoronaVirus all ministries will now be suspended until further notice. Thank you for your continued commitment

## Feast Days

**12th St Nereus & Achilleus**  
*Sts Nereus and Achilleus were Soldiers in the Roman army. They helped carry out the persecution of Christians. After a miracle of faith, they were converted. They threw down their arms and uniforms and escaped from their camp. They were eventually captured and martyred with Flavia Domitilla, the niece of Emperor Domitia*

**12th St Pancras**  
*St. Pancras is an early Christian martyr about whom we have very little information. He is said to have been martyred at 14 during the persecution of Diocletian. He was buried in a cemetery which later was named after him. Pope Gregory the Great built a monastery for Benedictines and, when Augustine of Canterbury came to England, he named the first church he erected after Pancras. Hence the name of the railway station.*

**13th Our Lady of Fatima**



**14th St Matthias**  
*St. Mathias is the patron saint against alcoholism and smallpox. He is also the patron of carpenters.*

## Catholic Weekly

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*From Mary we learn to surrender to God's Will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God!*  
~Saint John Paul II~

*From Mary we learn the beauty and dignity of Motherhood.*



The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be prayed every Wednesday after Communion.



## Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Helen Butler, Richard Cassin, Camarillo Cossid, Gus DelVillar, Fevoura Daroy, Selene Daroy, Joseph Daroy, Frederick de Silva, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Josephine & Chafic Filfili, Nick Galea, Ma Juana Gaueta, Patricia Gleeson, Piper Hastings, Brian Horan, Anthony Iannuzzi, Ludie Irrulbandra, Jacqueline Kelly, Josephine Mamari, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess & Charlie Micallef, Dennis Murray, Lesleu Palaki, Arun Papali, Lina Pereira, Silvi Perumal, Judy Phillips, Des Prendergast, Shaista Quraishi, Emely Reyes, Joe Stagnitta, Marty Stockford & Patrick Wheeler.

*Heavenly Father, We pray that you will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We ask you to have compassion on all who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their painful circumstances. May they know that you are always with them, especially through difficult times. Amen*

## Please pray for

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Josephine Clayton, Saverio & Rosa Marotta, Paul Beck, Brian Hurney, Lottie & Fredrick Gibbs, Anna Mary Joseph & Ratnam John Joseph, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Andrew Busuttill, Kerry Cini, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Michael & Julia Sherman, Chammouni Frangi, Madeleine Adolphe, Brian Baker, Mary & John Ford, John Ford Junior, Rosy Attard, Jim Rowan, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Donald Ramage, Dex Habito. *May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace*

A man went to a flower shop to order some flowers to be wired to a distant place. The flowers were to be sent to his mother who lived three hundred miles away.

As the man left the shop and was going to his car, he noticed a young girl sitting alone on the footpath—crying. He went to the girl and asked her, "Are you alright?"

She replied, "I want to buy a rose for my mother but I have only one dollar and a single rose costs two dollars."

The man smiled toward the girl and said, "Come with me. I will buy the rose for you." He took the girl into the flower shop and asked the girl to choose a rose for her mother.

As the girl was leaving the shop with the rose, the man offered to give her a ride. She accepted and said, "Yes, please, take me to my mother."

She directed him toward the cemetery where she placed the rose on a freshly dug grave.

At that moment the man realised something and went back to the flower shop and cancelled the order he placed before and then picked up a bouquet and drove three hundred miles to his mother's house.



Life is too short. We should spend as much time with love ones while we can. Love your parents and give time to them as there is nothing more important than family.



**During the month of May the Rosary will be prayed straight after the 9:00am mass every Saturday.**