



St. Paul's Church by-the-Lake

*The Episcopal/Anglican Church
in Rogers Park since 1882*

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The Messenger

November & December 2022

WELCOME! THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU...

St. Paul's by-the-Lake is a parish family established in Rogers Park in 1882 in the Diocese of Chicago, part of the Anglican Communion of which The Episcopal Church is the American Province. Our worship to the Glory of God is catholic and sacramentally centered in the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice of Jesus, commonly called The Mass. Our mission is evangelical: to bring all persons to the knowledge and love of God, respecting the dignity and freedom of every human being.

THE LITURGY

Sunday (Anglican Service Book)	8:00 am and 10:30 am
Tuesday (Anglican Missal)	10:30 am
Wednesday (Anglican Missal)	10:30 am
Thursday (Anglican Service Book)	6:15 pm

Confession Sunday at 8:45 am

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FROM THE RECTOR

St. Paul's Family,

“O God, the King of saints, we praise and magnify thy holy Name for all thy servants who have finished their course in thy faith and fear; for the blessed Virgin Mary; for the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; and for all other thy righteous servants, known to us and unknown; and we beseech thee that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

— *BCP p. 489, from the Order for the Burial of the Dead*

Over the last nine years, I served as rector of two parishes—St. Andrew's, in Greenville, South Carolina, and Grace Episcopal, in Georgetown, Texas. Between the two parishes, I conducted almost sixty funerals; it wasn't until after the first several that I discovered this prayer. For me, it shows the immense love God has for us by allowing us to be aided by the prayers of the saints and strengthened by their fellowship. Death, the great equalizer, not only reminds the living of our own mortality, but also takes people from us—some far before their time; or others, we pray for a quick death as they seem to linger. Yet, you and I remain—for now. This prayer expresses thanks for all of God's servants who have died in the faith. I find this line particularly striking, perhaps because I tend to give thanks to God for things and events.

Here, though, we are giving thanks not only for the individual so recently lost, but for all of our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, stretching back through the centuries. It serves to remind us that they are, like us, not only servants of God, but that they have set us examples for how to live. It seems to me that one of the greatest ways we can remember someone is by trying to follow his example. I am reminded of one parishioner at St. Andrew's who had been a true silent servant—he was always around, always helping with the gardens and the grounds, never complaining, simply serving his church, silently and faithfully. His ministry and witness, to Christ and His Church, has stuck with me. That type of service is such a gift because it isn't about trying to impress people, or work his way up the ladder, but simple and selfless giving. I try to emulate this when I can; if nothing else, it helps to keep the sin of pride away, and allows me to focus on Jesus and His Church.

As an Anglo-Catholic, I place great importance on the intercession of the saints. If we acknowledge that Jesus speaks truth, then we must also acknowledge that

the saints are, in fact, alive. The rebuking of the Sadducees appears in all three synoptic Gospels (Matthew 22:32, Mark 12:27, Luke 20:38), and it should be a firm reminder to us that the dead are only dead to us, not to God. And in the presence of God, they can pray for us. No one requires a mediator to pray to

God, but just as we ask and rely on the prayers of our friends and family, so should we seek and rely on the intercession of the saints. More than once, someone has approached me after a funeral to ask where I found this prayer, because 'it can't be Episcopalian; it says we are aided by the prayers of the saints.' They are always surprised when I show them this prayer in the prayer book—there it is in black and white: the Episcopal Church acknowledges the intercession of the saints! We have become so accustomed to thinking along Protestant lines that we sometimes forget that Anglicanism is the middle way—and for it to be the middle, there must be two sides. Both as a priest and as a Christian, I have found great comfort in the knowledge that those who are already in the presence of God intercede for me and walk with me, that I may be supported until my earthly pilgrimage has ended. To be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints means that we must strive to be one. I, for one, tend to fail at this often—but by the grace and love of God, I am able to get up and try again.

That is the final reminder in this prayer: while we are not able to do it on our own, through the merits of Christ, we can! Though we rely on the merits of Christ, we are called not to presume anything. Too many times I have seen people attend church only for funerals, weddings, and high holy days. “We're too busy” or “Tom is involved in sports”—that second one, in particular, has always flummoxed me; you're allowing your child's sports to dictate whether you come and receive the sacred body and blood or not? Why not teach your child to put God first? Why are we, as adults, too busy to stop what we are doing, go to church, and give thanks to Him who made us and gave us all that we have? To partake of the inheritance, we must strive for it, not make excuses about being too busy. If God's Word is more precious than gold, then how can we treat the Eucharist as if it were no more important than a stale re-run of an old television show? We are called to strive for sainthood so that we might be partakers of something so amazing that we cannot even begin to fathom it.

The depth of this prayer has always entranced me. Short though it is, it has so much meat in it that I often stop before a funeral mass just to read it and rest in the words, allowing the Holy Spirit to do the work that needs to be done. Really, I suspect that allow the prayers can be opened up in this way, to allow us to not just say them, but to linger in them and let God work in us and inspire us to continue our pilgrimage. This particular prayer reminds me I am not alone, and I don't have to do it alone. It also reminds me that striving for sainthood is not

simply one option among many, but the daily work of any Christian, that we might rest in the mercies of Christ when our time on earth has ended.

Blessings,

Fr Garland
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UPCOMING HOLY DAYS AND EVENTS

Christ the King Sunday

Sunday, November 20 | 8:00 & 10:30 am Masses

Bp. Martins will administer Confirmation and Reception for those who need to be made full members of the parish. For those who are already Episcopalian, and are not members, please email Fr Trey (rector@stpaulsbythelake.org) to have your letter transferred.

First Sunday of Advent

**Sunday, November 27 | 8:00 Low Mass with Decalogue
10:30 am Sung Mass with Great Litany**

The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord/Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24 | 5:00 pm & 11:30 pm Solemn Masses

The Mass begins with a solemn procession and blessing of the creche. The 11:30 service will begin with a special music prelude at 11:15.

The Nativity of our Lord/Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25 | 9:30 am Sung Mass

Feast of the Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 1 | 8:00 & 10:30 am Masses

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Thanksgiving Week & Christmas Week

Please note that there are no daily masses the week of Thanksgiving, including Thanksgiving Day, and no daily masses the last week of December.

2023 Stewardship

You will soon receive a 2023 Stewardship Letter in the mail, along with an overview of our new simplified financial approach and pledge card. Please take the time to read these items, then reflect and pray on what the Lord is calling you to give next year. We are excited to learn about your skills, interests, and yes, financial gifts you will bring to St. Paul's that will help spread the Good News of the love of Christ to Chicago.

Welcome to America Pack

Welcome to America Pack: Our Sunday School is leading a service project to provide basic home needs for a refugee family arriving to Chicago. Check the board in the narthex and take the name of an item to purchase and **return by December 4**. Contact Amanda Torihara (children@stpaulsbythelake.org) if you have questions. This project is a partnership with Exodus World Service.

Christmas Poinsettias

Look soon for envelopes in the narthex to give poinsettias in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Lamps

If you would like to give Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Lamps, send a check to the church with "Flower Fund" in the memo line. Please include a note with the date and the memorial or other occasion, so that we can include that in the bulletin. Flowers are \$60 for 2 Vases, the High Altar Sanctuary Lamp is \$5, and the Chapel Shrine Lamp is \$5. The cost may be split among several people.

Giving

To give to the work and ministry of St. Paul's, use one of these options:

- **In person:** during Mass, via the offering plate.
- **Online:** Go to our website at www.stpaulsbythelake.org/giving and click on the Donate button. Funds will arrive quickly to St. Paul's.
- **Checks by mail:** Mail your checks to the parish office (7100 N Ashland Blvd, Chicago, IL 60626). Checks should be made out to "St. Paul's Church by-the-Lake."
- **Bank account bill pay:** Look for this option on your bank's website. Many banks will allow you to set up St. Paul's as a Payee, and then the bank will send your pledge or giving to us ... no stamps necessary!



...TIP OF THE BIRETTA

To David Mattocks, our Sexton, for the great deep cleaning on the church!

To Koji, Tina, and Suzgo, for keeping parish repairs and upkeep going, and all the extra time they spend on maintenance items.

To Amanda Torihara, Polly Zimmerman, and everyone who helped organize a very fun Fall Fest Coffee Hour.



PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

The next baptismal day will be January 8, the Baptism of Our Lord. To schedule a baptism, talk to Fr Garland at least a month in advance.



God willing, the next Messenger will be published in January. Contributions to content are welcome and encouraged. Announcements need to be submitted by December 15, and may be submitted in writing to the parish office or by email to bulletins@stpaulsbythelake.org.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH BY-THE-LAKE – NOVEMBER 2022

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Ushers 10:30a Mass 6 – J. Ngugi, K. Fly 13 – S. Nyirenda, J. Ngugi 20 – P. Zimmerman, S. Nyirenda 27 – J. Ngugi, S. Nyirenda	Lectors 10:30a Mass 6 – J. Glick 13 – E. Lemi 20 – A. Torihara 27 – K. Gerber	ALL SAINTS DAY 1 10:30a Low Mass, '28 Rt.	All Souls Day 2 7:00p Sung Requiem Mass	Bl. Richard Hooker, 3 pt. 6:15p Low Mass, Rt. II & Holy Unction	St. Charles Borromeo, arbp 4 <i>NO Fast or Abstinence</i>	SS. Elizabeth & Zechariah 5 10:00a Altar Guild
SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS 6 8:00a Low Mass 9:30a Rector's Study 10:30a Sung Mass 11:30a Sunday School 12:00p Sudanese Dinka Mass	St. Willibrord, arbp. 7	Saints & Martyrs of the Anglican Communion/ Octave of All Saints 10:30a Low Mass, '28 Rt.	Feria 9 10:30a Low Mass, '28 Rt.	St. Leo the Great 10 6:15p Low Mass, Rt. II	St. Martin, bp. 11 <i>Fast & Abstinence</i>	Bl. Charles Simeon, pt. 12 9:00a Low Mass with Rosary & Sprinkling 10:00a Altar Server & Usher Training 10:00a Altar Guild
Pentecost XXIII 13 Proper 28 in Ordinary Time 8:00a Low Mass 9:30a Rector's Study 10:30a Sung Mass 11:30a Sunday School 12:00p Sudanese Dinka Prayers	Consecration 14 of Bl. Samuel Seabury/Bestowal of the American Episcopate	St. Albert the Great, bp. 15 10:30a Low Mass, '28 Rt.	St. Margaret, q. 16 10:30a Low Mass, '28 Rt.	St. Hugh, bp. 17 6:15p Low Mass, Rt. II	St. Hilda, abs.. 18 <i>Fast & Abstinence</i>	St. Elizabeth of Hungary 19 10:00a Altar Guild
Feast of Christ the King 20 Last Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00a Low Mass 9:30a Rector's Study 10:30a Sung Mass 11:30a Sunday School 12:00p Sudanese Dinka Prayers	Presentation 21 of the BVM	St. Cecilia, m. 22 No Mass	St. Clement, bp. 23 No Mass	THANKSGIVING DAY 24 No Mass	Bl. James O.S. Huntington, pt. & monk 25 <i>Fast & Abstinence</i>	BVM on Saturday 26 10:00a Altar Guild
First Sunday of Advent 27 8:00a Low Mass 9:30a Rector's Study 10:30a Sung Mass 11:30a Sunday School 12:00p Sudanese Dinka Prayers	Bl. Kamehameha 28 and Emma of Hawaii	Advent Feria 29 10:30a Low Mass, '28 Rt.	ST. ANDREW, AP. 30 10:30a Low Mass, '28 Rt.	Legend abs – abbess c – confessor m – martyr abt – abbot d – deacon mat – matron ap – apostle evan – evangelist n – nun arbp – archbishop f – friar pt – priest Bl – blessed feria – weekday q – queen bp – bishop k – king r – religious ECW – Episcopal Church Women St – saint		

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<p>Advent II 4</p> <p>8:00a Low Mass 9:30a Rector's Study 10:30a Sung Mass 11:00a Sunday School 12:00p Sudanese Dinka Mass 12:00p Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>St. Clement of Alexandria, pt.. 5</p>	<p>St. Nicholas, bp. 6</p> <p>10:30a Low Mass, '28 Rt.</p>	<p>St. Ambrose, bp. 7</p> <p>10:30a Low Mass, '28 Rt.</p>	<p>Conception of the BVM 8</p> <p>6:15p Low Mass, Rt. II</p>	<p>Advent Feria 9</p> <p><i>Fast & Abstinence</i></p>	<p>Advent Feria 10</p> <p>10:00a Altar Guild</p>
<p>Advent III 11</p> <p>Rose/Gaudete Sunday</p> <p>8:00a Low Mass 9:30a Rector's Study 10:30a Sung Mass 11:00a Sunday School 12:00p Sudanese Dinka Prayers</p>	<p>Bl. Jane Frances de Chantal/Our Lady of Guadalupe 12</p>	<p>St. Lucy, m. 13</p> <p>10:30a Low Mass, '28 Rt.</p>	<p>St. John of the Cross/ Ember Day 14</p> <p>10:30a Low Mass, '28 Rt.</p>	<p>Advent Feria 15</p> <p>6:15p Low Mass, Rt. II</p>	<p>Advent Feria/ Ember Day/ O Sapientia 16</p> <p><i>Fast & Abstinence</i></p>	<p>Advent Feria/ Raising of Lazarus/Ember Day 17</p> <p>10:00a Altar Guild</p>
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<p>Christmas Day 25</p> <p>The Nativity of Our Lord</p> <p>9:30a Sung Mass 12:00p Sudanese Dinka Mass</p>	<p>ST. STEPHEN, D. & M. 26</p>	<p>ST. JOHN, AP. & EVAN. 27</p> <p>No Mass</p>	<p>THE HOLY INNOCENTS 28</p> <p>No Mass</p>	<p>Of the Octave/Bl. Thomas Becket, arbp. 29</p> <p>No Mass</p>	<p>Of the Octave/ Bl. Josephine Butler 30</p> <p><i>NO Fast or Abstinence</i></p>	<p>Of the Octave/ St. Sylvester, bp. 31</p> <p>10:00a Altar Guild</p>

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