



ST. PASCAL

BAYLON

CATHOLIC CHURCH

God's love knows no barriers. St. Pascal's...where all people matter.

Welcome! We hope you enjoy your time with us. Whether you are just visiting or looking for a parish home, it's great to have you with us. Whatever your life circumstances, wherever you have been or whatever has happened in your life, you are welcome here.

NOVEMBER 22, 2020 | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



Mass Times

Saturday 4:30 PM | Sunday 8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL) | Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Communal Reconciliation with General Absolution on Wednesday, December 2 at 3:00 PM and 6:30 PM

As we approach the Season of Advent, many parishes are making plans for communal celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Archbishop Hebda has granted special permission to priests to impart absolution to multiple persons without prior confession as provided in the Code of Canon Law, Canon #961.

Therefore, we will have two communal celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with general confession of sins and general absolution on **Wednesday, December 2 at 3:00 PM and 6:30 PM**. The 3:00 PM celebration will be especially helpful to people who find it difficult to drive in the dark, and the 6:30 PM celebration will be helpful to those who have a daytime work schedule.

Two conditions regarding Communal Reconciliation with General Absolution are important to note:

1. For a person to receive general absolution, it is required that the person intends to confess within a suitable period of time each grave sin which at the present time cannot be so confessed individually to a priest (Canon 962). The reason for this requirement is the Church teaches that individual confession and absolution are the ordinary means by which we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In my experience, many people find it to be healing and freeing to speak one-on-one with a priest about their sins and to hear the priest say these words to them, "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord has freed you from your sins, go in peace". The one-on-one aspect of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is healing and something we should preserve even at times when emergencies, such as a pandemic, make it helpful to have the option for General Absolution.
2. A person whose grave sins are forgiven by general absolution is to approach individual confession as soon as possible, given the opportunity, before receiving another general absolution, unless a just cause intervenes (Canon 963). I think the purpose of this canon is to encourage people to not have general absolution of their sins be the only way they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The individual attention we receive in the one-on-one celebration of Reconciliation with a priest allows the priest to offer individual advice and counsel geared specifically for us. I compare this to the one-on-one attention I receive from my doctor or dentist when I go for an appointment. I appreciate having the doctor or dentist offer me treatment especially geared to me as an individual with my needs and situation. I think one-on-one Reconciliation with a priest can offer the same encounter with healing.

Lastly, many of our faithful, through no fault of their own, may be unable to come during Advent for either individual confession or the rite of general absolution. Archbishop Hebda asked priests to pass along these reassuring words to you: "When people find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness and accompanied by a firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones (Catechism, paragraph 1452).

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

Happy Thanksgiving!

On behalf of all of us here at St. Pascal Baylon Church, I wish all of you a blessed and happy Thanksgiving Day and Week. We have much to be grateful for here at our parish, and even though the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we approach our social and family gatherings, we give thanks to God for our blessings, and I thank God for all of you.

—Father John Mitchell

Christmas Wreath Sales

Two weekends only—25" or 36" wreaths or Door Swag

Boy Scout Troop 294 will be selling Christmas wreaths after all Masses November 28-29 and December 5-6 outside the main church doors. If you are not attending Mass in-person right now, and would like a wreath, please send an email to mjaeling@gmail.com or call 651.307.8237 (please leave a message). Include the size of the wreath you would like and your phone number and address. The order will then be assigned to one of the scouts for delivery. Payment can be made at that time. Thank You.

They're Here!

Poinsettias and Plant Cards

Pick up your orders of Gertens Poinsettias and plant cards, sold by St. Pascal's Women's Club, this weekend after all Masses in Brioschi Hall. Questions? Please contact Ellen Aeling at 651.307.8241 and leave a message.

Bloodmobile at St. Pascal's

Roll up your sleeves and help save lives!
Monday, November 23 from 1:00 - 7:00 PM in Brioschi Hall

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. This lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation. Please call Margaret at 651.735.4701 for an appointment time. Walk-ins welcome.

Red Cross COVID-19 protocols in force.

Holiday Mass and Office Hours

*Thanksgiving Day Mass is at 9:00 AM
Mass on Friday, November 27 is at 8:00 AM*

The parish office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26-27, for the Thanksgiving holiday. May God bless you and all you love this Thanksgiving!

"The root of joy is gratefulness...It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful."

—Brother David Steindl-Rast

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

Happy Thanksgiving from the St. Pascal Regional family to yours!

Thanksgiving is a time for family, for food, and most of all, for remembering and being grateful for all the blessings that God has given us. We have many! We are blessed to have wonderful students, staff, and families that make every day so enjoyable, special, and worth all the effort.

We are also grateful to all of our community supporters! We had a wonderful turn out at our 'Mass of Gratitude' on November 18th. We are grateful to everyone who joined us virtually to celebrate Mass as well as hear updates and gratitude from the students and staff. We hope that we can continue to grow these relationships and stay in touch!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to St. Pascal alumni Sam Malec and Max Weber, both of whom signed scholarship offers to play college baseball last week. Sam is a senior at Woodbury High School and will be attending the University of Minnesota, and Max is a senior at Cretin-Derham Hall High School and will be attending the University of Minnesota-Crookston. Both Sam and Max graduated from St. Pascal Baylon School in 2017. We wish them the best of luck in their collegiate careers.

The Coming Advent Season

"There are no ordinary people," C.S. Lewis wrote. "You have never talked to a mere mortal- - It is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry- - Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses."

During this Advent-Christmas season, the message of the Incarnation proclaims exuberantly to each of us—and to each person with whom we share life in the worldwide family of God—that we are worthwhile.

During these days [may] you have many moments when you know your value as you also take time to help others feel their worth.

—Janet Schaeffler, OP

Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot

Tree sales start on Friday, November 27 at 3:00 PM in the Conway Street parking lot

St. Pascal's Men's Club is entering their 51st year of selling Christmas Trees and is looking for help. If you can volunteer a few hours to help set up the tree lot, or if you are interested in helping to sell Christmas Trees this season, it would be greatly appreciated! For further information, please contact Mike at 651.206.8733.

Tree Lot Setup Friday, November 27 at 9:00 AM

COVID-19 policies are in effect.

— FAITH FORMATION —

Confirmation Preparation

9th grade families

Next week a mailing will be sent to families of 9th graders regarding registration for Confirmation. If you have a 9th grader and do not receive the mailing by November 20, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office. Youth in 9th grade and older who wish to prepare for the sacrament are welcome to be a part of the process. Registration forms are due December 18.

—Kim Roering

— ADULT FAITH FORMATION —

Save the Date

Advent Evening of Reflection: Being Light in These Times

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Watch the website, bulletin and Pascal Pulse for details.

Financial Updates

Year-End Financial Gifts: As this calendar year quickly comes to a close, consider a special year-end financial gift to the parish in support of our many ministries and/or to support our mortgage reduction efforts. Last year, we received over 35 special year-end gifts of cash or stock. These gifts are greatly appreciated and certainly encouraged! Remember, all gifts must be received by December 31 to be considered for the 2019 tax year. Stock transfers and sales do take some time so please take that into consideration as you consider a gift to St. Pascal's. Thank you for your generous consideration.

Financial Statements: We now have the capability to send your giving statements via email using a secure server. We will test this system in the next few weeks with a year-to-date report. If this goes well, year-end statements will be sent in January via email. Those people who do not have an email address on file will continue to receive their year-end statements in the mail. We hope to save on postage costs in this process.

C O N T A C T U S

Parish Office

Phone 651.774.1585
Email church@stpascals.org

For after-hours pastoral emergency (death, dying or anointing): Call the parish office.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Holidays as announced

Parish Councils

Parish Pastoral Council

Meetings 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Mary Weyandt, Chair

Parish Finance Council

Meetings 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM
Cindy Reisdorf, Chair

St. Pascal Regional Catholic School

Phone 651.776.0092
Email icollierpaske@stpascalschool.org

School Office Hours

Mon-Fri 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:00-4:15 PM
or contact Fr. John in the parish office
Communal celebrations as announced

Baptism

Pre-baptismal classes are required. To register for classes or to schedule a celebration, call the parish office.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired date.

Parish Prayer Line

8:00 - 10:00 AM 651.735.0004
Mary Butler-Levine
4:00 - 6:00 PM 651.774.3248
Pat Kackman

Parish Communication

Bulletin Notices

Due 3:00 PM Monday
thea.munoz@stpascals.org

Mass Announcements

Due 3:00 PM Tuesday
keri.mader@stpascals.org

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Mass Times & Intentions

Readings
November 22, 2020

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, November 24

8:00 AM + Edward B. Graw

Wednesday, November 25

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, November 27

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Saturday, November 28

4:30 PM + Henrietta & Ronald Stuhl

Sunday, November 29

8:45 AM + Terrance Lemke

10:30 AM The people of the parish

Sunday:

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17
Ps 23:1-3, 5-6
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Mt 25:31-46

Monday:

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5
Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday:

Rv 14:14-19
Ps 96:10-13
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday:

Rv 15:1-4
Ps 98:1-3b, 7-9
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday:

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a
Ps 100:1b-5
Lk 21:20-28

Friday:

Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2
Ps 84:3-6a, 8a
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday:

Rv 22:1-7
Ps 95:1-7b
Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday:

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37

St. Pascal's is committed to help you to navigate through the upcoming weeks of COVID-19 safety measures. We have cutback programs and community gatherings in an effort to keep all in our community healthy and safe. Visit www.stpascals.org for more information and for the status of upcoming parish meetings and events.

Sunday, November 22

Catholic Campaign for Human Development
After Masses Poinsettia Pickup: Brioschi Hall

Monday, November 23

1:00 PM Bloodmobile
6:00pm Bell Choir rehearsal: Church, Choir Room

Tuesday, November 24

6:30 PM JustFaith: ZOOM
6:30 PM Finance Council: ZOOM

Wednesday, November 25

No scheduled events

Thursday, November 26—Thanksgiving

Parish office closed—have a blessed holiday
9:00 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass

Friday, November 27

Parish office closed
8:00 AM Weekday Mass
9:00 AM Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot Open: Conway Lot

Saturday, November 28

9:00 AM Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot Open: Conway Lot
9:00 AM Environment & Art Advent decorating: Church
After Mass Boy Scout Wreath Sale: Outside Main Church Doors

Sunday, November 29—First Sunday of Advent

After Masses Boy Scout Wreath Sale: Main Church Doors
9:00 AM Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot Open: Conway Lot

Heart Questions

The Final Judgment

[The Son of Man] will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me."

—Matthew 25:45

Adults: In what ways is Jesus the ruler of your life?

Kids: How can you show that you honor Jesus as the king of your life?

To live our lives based on the principles of a love ethic (showing care, respect, knowledge, integrity, and the will to cooperate), we have to be courageous. Learning how to face our fears is one way we embrace love. Our fear may not go away, but it will not stand in the way.

—Richard Rohr, *Daily Meditations*

Stewardship of Giving

Financials for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

September 2020

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| Sunday Giving | \$ | 82,780.27 |
| Budget | \$ | 63,031.25 |
| Surplus | \$ | 17,187.35 |

Year to Date

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| Sunday Giving | \$ | 168,334.27 |
| Budget | \$ | 197,093.72 |
| Deficit | \$ | (28,759.45) |

Mortgage Balance

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| (as of 10/7/2020) | \$ | 3,336,108.68 |
| Principal Paid | \$ | 12,530.08 |
| Interest Paid | \$ | 11,859.76 |
| Total Payment | \$ | 24,389.84 |

Many thanks to all for helping us put a dent in the budget deficit. We are doing everything possible to watch expenses while maintaining our presence in the community; through worship, education, and outreach.

**REMEMBER SOMEONE IN A SPECIAL WAY
THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON**

Make a donation (any amount) to honor or remember a family member, loved one or someone who is ill or homebound. Please complete the form below and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket at Mass. Suggested donation is \$10. Funds will be used for flowers and other liturgical needs for the church.

I would like to make a donation (circle one)

In Honor of / In Memory of

From:

Thank you for your generosity and care!