



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Community
PARISH LIFE

A Directory of Parish Groups & Programs
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*Wherever you are on your faith journey,
you are welcome here.*

WELCOME TO PARISH LIFE

Dear Friends,

Welcome to St Paul the Apostle Catholic Community. We are a parish staffed by the Paulist Fathers and their lay colleagues. As Catholic Christians, we understand our need for one another, in community and discipleship in Christ. We believe that each of you is uniquely created and gifted by God and that using those gifts in service to our parish and our community at large brings us closer to Christ's mission.

Because our community motto is "Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here," we have prepared this brochure of parish volunteer ministries to provide easy access and information about how you can become a part of something great.

Whether it's by serving only on occasion or more frequently, using your gifts and abilities to strengthen the mission and ministry of St. Paul the Apostle makes you an example of faith in action. Won't you join us?



Rev. John Ardis C.S.P., Pastor



ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND ENRICHMENT



ADULT SPIRITUALITY

Contact: Rev. Jimmy Hsu, C.S.P.

Phone: [424] 832-5155

E-mail: jhsu@sp-apostle.org

A broad range of programs to assist adults on their spiritual journey. Helpers are always welcome.

BIBLE STUDY

Contact Rev. Joe Scott, C.S.P., Instructor

Phone: [424] 832-5154

E-mail: jscott@sp-apostle.org

An on-going opportunity to study the Bible in a lecture/ discussion format. Two weekly one-hour opportunities are provided: Mondays at 7:00 a.m. or Fridays at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome. Bring a Bible and be ready to learn!

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Contact Rev. Joe Scott, C.S.P.

Phone: [424] 832-5154

E-mail: jscott@sp-apostle.org

Searching for Jesus Christ to be part of your life in a deeper and more tangible way? Inquiring into the Catholic faith? Call Fr. Joe for more information. Sponsors and team members are appointed by the director. If you are interested in learning how to become a sponsor or team member, please contact Fr. Joe.



RCIA: at the Easter Vigil the Elect receive the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

RCIA ADAPTED FOR CHILDREN

Contact: Irene Holly, Director

Phone: (310) 689-6212

E-mail: iholly@sp-apostle.org

An opportunity for children who are older than second grade and seeking Baptism or First Eucharist to complete their initiation as Catholics. Parents and children meet on Sunday mornings after 9:30 Mass. Adult volunteers interested in helping with these sessions should contact the Director, Irene Holly.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Contact: Irene Holly, Director

Phone: (310) 689-6212

E-mail: iholly@sp-apostle.org

Religious education classes for public and private school youth in grades pre-K through 8 on Wednesday afternoons (3:45 to 5:15). Volunteer catechists, assistants and room parents welcome. For more information or to register, contact the Director.

TEEN CONFIRMATION

Contact: Theresa Kiene, Coordinator

E-mail: tkiene@sp-apostle.org

Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation: a 2-year process for high school students. Adult assistants are encouraged to become involved.

JUNIOR HIGH NIGHTS

Contact: Theresa Kiene, Coordinator

E-mail: tkiene@sp-apostle.org

7th & 8th grade students meet once a month for service, games and hanging out with friends.

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHTS

Contact: Theresa Kiene, Coordinator

E-mail: tkiene@sp-apostle.org

High School Students meet once a month for fellowship and activities. bowling, Magic Mountain, movie night to name a few.



RCIA Adapted for Children: An Easter Vigil baptism

COMMUNITY LIFE

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Contact: Patricia Edlefsen, M.N., R.N., Director
Phone: (310) 256-8871

Confidential, directed meetings for those suffering loss [six sessions, 7:00 to 8:30 pm, twice a year] held in the church reconciliation room. Pat Edlefsen, the Director, is a parishioner, nurse, and trained counselor.

BOOK CLUB

Contact: Claire, Coordinator
Phone: (310) 474-5977

Join us in the Multipurpose Room on the first Tuesday of every month, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., for stimulating and thoughtful discussion of current bestsellers and classics. Newcomers are always welcome.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

Contact: Jay Spillane [information]
E-mail: jspillane@spillanepc.com
Contact: Deacon Danny Amos [sign up]
E-mail: damos@higherlegal.com

A breakfast get-together at John O'Groats Restaurant for SPA business people, entrepreneurs and professionals on the second Tuesday of every month [7:45 to 9:00] to talk about their companies and services. No need to RSVP, just show up whenever you can.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Contact: Parish Office
Phone: (310) 474-1527
E-mail: parishoffice@sp-apostle.org

Enjoy refreshments, community and conversation after 9:30 AM Sunday Mass, September through June. We are always looking for volunteers to help out.

FINANCE COUNCIL

A group of parishioners with experience and expertise in business and finance that advises the pastor in these matters. Appointed by the pastor.

PARISH AUXILIARY

Contact: Parish Office
Phone: (310) 474-1527
E-mail: parishoffice@sp-apostle.org

Keeping the parish office running smoothly, this group is always in need of volunteers in the front office to answer phones, assist walk-ins and be of general assistance.



COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIORS MINISTRY

Contact: Richard Welch, Coordinator

Phone: (310) 478-3299

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Offers spiritual, social, and cultural activities oriented towards persons 50+, but open to all adults: luncheons, informative speakers, entertaining programs, liturgies, half-day bus trips to points of interest. Meets monthly September through June. Newsletter available on request.

SOCIAL GROUP

Contact: Eva, Coordinator

Phone: (310) 837-4197

The Social Group meets in the Multipurpose Room on the first and third Mondays of each month, from 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. Join us for lively conversation, friendship, refreshments, and more as we play Bingo. New members are welcome.

TODDLER GROUP

Contact: Colleen & Marissa, Coordinators

E-mail: toddlers@sp-apostle.org

Parents and their toddler children gather for toys, snacks, games and good company – Tuesdays (10:30 to 11:30 a.m.) in the MPR. For more information, contact the Parish Office (310) 474-1527.



LITURGY

ALTAR SERVERS

Contact: Michelle Pierce or Virginia Ostrin, Coordinators
E-mail: vostrin@sp-apostle.org or
michelle_pierce@hotmail.com

A wonderful opportunity for children to experience Mass at the altar in partnership with our priests. Boys and girls from grade 5 and up serve during Sunday Mass and at other liturgies. Training provided.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Contact: Shirley Bianco, Coordinator
Phone: (310) 394-0835
E-mail: shirleybianco@ymail.com

Sharing The Liturgy of the Word, adapted just for them, with our Pre-K through Grade Four children at the 9:30 Mass. It is a very rewarding ministry. Could you offer to help one Sunday a month? Training is provided.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Contact: Lisa Wellik, Liturgy Coordinator Phone: (310) 202-0487
E-mail: lwellik@ca.rr.com

Participate in the cornerstone of our faith in an extraordinary way by becoming a Eucharistic Minister. The privilege of giving communion to fellow parishioners and others is like nothing else. Training is provided.

HOSPITALITY

Contact: John Newman, Coordinator
Phone: (310) 845-9590
E-mail: JPNLA@aol.com

Help the liturgies run smoothly and get to know your fellow parishioners by serving as an usher: greet worshipers, distribute worship aid, take up the collections, and guide the communion procession at all weekend and special liturgies. For information or to volunteer, contact the Coordinator, John Newman.



LITURGY



LECTORS

Contact: Tom Roth, Coordinator

Phone: [323] 464-4102

E-mail: Thomas.roth@att.net

Lectors read the First and Second Readings at Mass as well as the Intentions for the Prayer of the Faithful. If you enjoy speaking in public and seek a deeper relationship with the Word of God as revealed in Scripture, we welcome your participation. Training is provided.

LITURGY COUNCIL

Contact: Lisa Wellik, Liturgy Coordinator

Phone: [310] 202-0487

E-mail: lwellik@ca.rr.com

This group plans and coordinates weekend and special liturgies during the year. Membership includes the Pastor, Associate Pastors, Director of Music and interested parishioners.

MUSIC

Contact: Christopher Walker, Director of Music

Phone: [310] 689-6213

E-mail: cwlaudate@hotmail.com

Can you sing? Would you like to help our music ministry? All styles of music can be found at St. Paul's, from the traditional New Schola Cantorum at 11:30 Sundays to more contemporary music. The 5:00 p.m. Sunday music is under the direction of Peter Torsiello.

SACRISTANS

Contact: Lisa Wellik, Liturgy Coordinator

Phone: [310] 202-0487

E-mail: lwellik@ca.rr.com

Sacristans are those Eucharistic Ministers who assist with pre-Mass setup and post-Mass cleanup. They also assist with logistics at special seasonal liturgies. Training is provided.



PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS



BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Contact: Denise Harvey, Coordinator

E-mail: dj.harvey@verizon.net

Gather for one hour every Thursday after 5:30 Mass to pray the Rosary and spend some quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament – also First Fridays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM, followed by Benediction and 5:30 Mass.

FAITH SHARING

[Meets in Multi-Purpose Room]

Men's Faith Sharing – an on-going prayer group designed for men, Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 AM. All men are welcome. No registration required.

Women's Faith Sharing – an on-going prayer group designed for women, Tuesdays at 8:05 AM. All women are welcome. No registration required.

JUSTICE OUTREACH

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE / PRISON MINISTRY

Contact: David Primac, Coordinator

Phone: [310] 871-2969

E-mail: daveprimac@me.com

Join parishioners and priests continuing a 25-year parish tradition of celebrating Mass and providing sacraments, crafts and fellowship to incarcerated youth in great need at Malibu or Sylmar detention facilities. Sunday mornings 9:15 to 11:00.

FAITHJUSTICE

Contact: Toni Nolan, Coordinator

Phone: [310] 231-5695

E-mail: anolan@manatt.com

Inspired by the history of Catholic Social Teaching, this ministry advocates for reshaping society for the common good and justice for all. In the words of the bishops, "we are called to reach out and to build relationships of love and justice." (www.usccb.org). Meets once a month, September to June.

JUSTICE OUTREACH



Sandwich Builders uses volunteers of all ages, so it's a great family activity.



PATH (PEOPLE ASSISTING THE HOMELESS)

Contact PATH directly

E-mail: path@epath.org

An opportunity for parishioners to help those in great need. 6-10 volunteers can sign up for each visit to the program called "PATHcooks." As a team they design, purchase and prepare a meal for 25-30 guests. Dinner is usually completed by 7:00 pm. A truly wonderful way to spend an evening!

SANDWICH BUILDERS

E-mail: spasandwichbuilders@gmail.com

Once a month gathering on Friday evenings from September to June, to make sack lunches for the homeless – a wonderful way to be part of the SPA community and minister to the hungry.

ST. ROBERT'S CENTER WEEKEND FEEDING-THE-HOMELESS PROGRAM

Contact: Claire Gerard, Coordinator

Phone: 310-474-5977

E-mail: CGERARD110@aol.com

Continuing a twenty-year tradition, parishioners partner with Catholic Charities and five other Westside parishes to prepare and distribute sack lunches and family food in Venice. Volunteers sign up for two-hour shifts every fifth weekend throughout the year. Contact the Coordinator to volunteer.

SYCAMORE AND ROMAINE

Contact: Deacon Danny Amos, Coordinator

E-mail: damos@higherlegal.com

A group of 6-8 parish volunteers serving food to the homeless at the intersection of Sycamore Avenue and Romaine Street in West Hollywood – first Wednesday of every month (6:00 to 8:00 p.m.). View a short clip about this ministry at <http://www.sycamoreandromaine.com> and sign up at sycamore.romaine@gmail.com. Must be 18 to volunteer.



SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS



ADVENT WREATH-MAKING

Contact: Deacon Danny Amos, Coordinator

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An opportunity to make your own personal or family Advent Wreath on the First Sunday of Advent. All materials are provided, and we ask you to make a small donation to cover the cost.

"INSPIRED CHRISTMAS GIFTS"

Contact: Toni Nolan, Coordinator

Phone: (310) 231-5695

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One weekend in Advent you are invited to visit our "store" of virtual Christmas gifts that offer hope for those in need, such as textbooks for homeless children attending School on Wheels, tattoo removal for Homeboys/girls leaving gang life, safe environment and training for homeless women at Languille Emergency Shelter. To volunteer before or after the Masses that weekend, contact the Coordinator.

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

MULTICULTURAL LUNCHEON

Contact: Irene Holly, Coordinator

Phone: (310) 6896212

Email: iholly@spapostle.org

A potluck experience, this luncheon is held annually on the 1st Sunday of April after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to bring food from around the world. Whatever your heritage, join us and share your favorite cultural dish.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Contact: Rosa Castillo, Coordinator

E-mail: mcastillo1@yahoo.com

Held annually on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12), honoring Mary, the mother of the Americas. All are welcome to help decorate and build the Tepeyac Hill on the preceding Saturday. Early morning Mass in English, followed by fellowship and traditional hot chocolate and tamales in the JPCP.

SIMBANG GABI

Contact: Rev. Jimmy Hsu, C.S.P., Parish Staff Liaison

Phone: (424) 832-5155

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A traditional Filipino celebration held in December in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and in anticipation of Christmas.



STAFF AND PAULIST FATHERS

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Rev. Paul Rospond, C.S.P., Assistant Director

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Rev. Mr. Danny Amos, Parish Deacon

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

A vital and valuable ministry in our parish, St. Paul the Apostle School [Grades Kg-8] is located around the corner from the church at 1536 Selby Avenue. From the Fall Festival to traffic duty and from classroom aides to community outreach, our school provides a host of volunteer opportunities for parents.

Inquiries about involvement can be made to the school office.

Phone: (310) 474-1588, ext. 7220

Email: spaschooloffice@sp-apostle.org

ABOUT THIS BOOKLET

We have made every effort to provide complete and accurate information. But we know that details change and errors creep in. If you spot incorrect information, please send an email to Mary Ann Bertolucci in the Parish Office, mbertolucci@sp-apostle.org. Mary Ann will notify us. If your group has been overlooked, we apologize: please send that information as well. It is our hope to update this booklet regularly, and to improve it every time.

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Special thanks go to photographer Michael Hong, who generously shared his beautiful work. He took all of the cover photos and many of the interior photos.

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IMPORTANT

Adults working in ministries with, for, or in the presence of children or youth must meet the "Safeguard the Children" requirements of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. These include fingerprinting and VIRTUS® child-abuse recognition training. Ministry Coordinators will assist in scheduling these sessions.



Sandwich Builders at work

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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