Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, “Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering into the kingdom of God before you.”

Matthew 21:31

Masses
Daily:
Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am & 5:30 pm
Sat. 8:00 am;
Sat Vigil: 5:00 pm,
Sunday:
7:30 am, 9:00 am,
10:45 am, & 5:00 pm
Confessions: Sat 8:30 - 9:00 am or by appt.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
5:00 PM   For Jason Mise by Patti Grant

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1
7:30 AM   For the intentions of our parishioners
9:00 AM   For the intentions of
          Deacon Bill & Frannie Rich by Betty Palace
10:45 AM  For Kristan Hurley
          by Lee & Ana Margarita Vaughan
5:00 PM   For Helen & George Kindel by The Hul Family

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2
8:00 AM   For the intentions of Diane Rachuba
          and her family by David & Kathleen Ancona
5:30 PM   For Benny LoBello by Jim & Lynn Lyons

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3
8:00 AM   For Charles Kasbee, Sr. by The Deeg Family
5:30 PM   For Rogelio Jardeleza by Lisa Lombardo

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4
8:00 AM   For Leona Repka by Bob & Annette Lesser
5:30 PM   For Frank Kitchen by Joan & Lou Cashon

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5
8:00 AM   For the intentions of
          Lee & Ana Margarita Vaughan
5:30 PM   For Sam De Figlio by Margo Krystof

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6
8:00 AM   For Edna Rainville Bailly by her family
5:30 PM   For Jean Wocjik by Joseph & Rachel Tatulli

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7
8:00 AM   For Scott Sherman
          by The Young Adult Group
5:00 PM   For Peitro Corrios by Madeline Rizzo

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8
7:30 AM   For Mrs. Dorothy Scott by Mary Barnett
9:00 AM   For the intentions of our parishioners
10:45 AM  For the intentions of Anne Joslin
          by Betty Palace
5:00 PM   For Miguel David DeLaCruz
          by The DeLaCruz Family

New Parishioners - Registration forms are available on our website, in the office during the week, and in the vestibule of the church in the wall rack.

Registered Parishioners - Please help keep our census current by advising us of any changes of address, phone numbers, and family additions or deletions.
Baptisms
Celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at 12:00pm. Parents are encouraged to attend instruction class prior to the birth of their first baby. Call the Office to register.

Baptism Class is Next Saturday, October 7th

FOR OCTOBER 7/8
Sat., 5:00 PM - John Ozog
Sun., 7:30 AM - Patti Azoto
9:00 AM - Julie Bandy
10:45 AM - Betty Heaney
5:00 PM - Crystal Devine

FOR OCTOBER 7/8
Sat., 5:00 PM - Adult Server
Sun., 7:30 AM - Volunteer Needed
9:00 AM - Kaley & Michael
10:45 AM - Matthew
5:00 PM - Annabelle

MONTHLY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - First Friday, October 6th, at 6:00 PM in the Chapel.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO MARY, October 7th. Begin with 8 AM Mass, followed by a rosary procession to the grotto.

This week, October 2nd, at a glance…

Monday:
8:30 AM  Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
2 PM  Yarn & Rose Knitters
5 PM  Sandwich Makers

Tuesday:
8:30 AM  Legion of Mary
6 PM  Kairos Team Meeting
6:10 PM  Legion of Mary

Wednesday:
10 AM  Walking With Purpose
7 PM  K of C Officers Meeting

Thursday: Pilgrims Return
7:30 PM  Charismatic Prayer Group

Friday:
9 AM - 5 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6 PM  First Friday Adoration

Saturday:
8 AM  First Saturday Mass & Marian Devotion
10 AM  Baptism Instruction

Sunday:
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM  Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship
9 AM  Story Keepers
9:15 AM  RCIA Registration/Orientation
10:15 AM  CIA
5 PM  Confirmation I & Middle-school Mass, Dinner & Class

Looking forward to, in the near future:
Mondays 5:30 PM - Al-Anon Meeting; 10/10 Hospitality Ministry, Christ Child; 10/11 Choir Rehearsal, K of C Meeting; 10/14 Contemplative Prayer Group; 10/15 Fr. Tom’s Installation as Pastor - 10:45 Mass, Bishop Barbarito presiding, A reception will follow.

Marriages
Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office.

Our beautiful Ave Maria Banquet Room (capacity 325) and our renovated Parish Hall (capacity 175) are now available for rental for approved adult receptions and gatherings for occasions connected with church events.
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
GOD’S WAYS

In the stream of readings during this portion of Ordinary Time one week’s texts can often appear to pick up exactly where the previous week’s concluded. The sentiments expressed in today’s first reading seem to be a direct reaction to the Gospel passage we heard last week. In that Gospel, the landowner pays the same wages to his workers whether they worked for a full day or for only a few minutes. Today Ezekiel gives us the lament, “The Lord’s way is not fair!” (Ezekiel 18:25). These Sundays in Ordinary Time offer us a glimpse into the ways of the Lord. We see how God’s way has the tendency to turn the accepted conventions of the day upside down. Those who always expected that their way to heaven was guaranteed are disappointed. Those who thought they never had a chance are given that chance. Today offers us another opportunity to discover the abundance of God’s mercy and love.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

To prepare for the Readings of Oct. 7/8
First Reading — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).
Psalms — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).
Second Reading — God’s peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).
Gospel — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43)

PERMANENT DEACON
If you would like to learn more about becoming a Permanent Deacon for the Diocese of Palm Beach, please plan to attend a special evening of information at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary. The evening will open with Vespers, followed by a presentation. If you are between 35 and 55 years of age, married, a widower, or a single male and feel the Lord is calling you to this special ministry of service, then join us on Wed., Oct. 18, at 7 PM. If you plan to attend, please contact Lynn Powell in the Office of Permanent Deacons at 561-775-9540.

ALTAR FLOWERS
Our celebration of the Eucharist has been enhanced each weekend with the addition of fresh flowers adorning the altar. If you would like to make a memorial offering in the name of a loved one or for a special occasion please call the Parish Office. The cost is $75. We will place the order, and the information will be published in our bulletin.

“We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us.” — Pope Francis

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**ALL CLASSES HAVE BEGUN**

**CIA - Religious Education for 1st - 5th grade,**
Sundays 10:15 - 11:45 AM
Oct 8th, Mass, Protecting God’s Children
Presentation & Service Event;
Oct. 22nd & Oct. 29th, Fall Festival

**Middle School, 6th & 7th graders and**
**Confirmation I 8th graders Sundays 5 PM**
Mass & 6 PM - 8 PM, dinner and class
Oct. 8th & 29th

**Confirmation II 9th graders  Sundays 5 PM**
Mass & 6 PM - 8 PM, dinner and class
Oct. 15th & 29th

There is still time to register; please find
registration forms and calendars online
at paulcross.org under the tab: Faith Formation

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**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

"COME AND SEE"

FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE SEEKING MORE IN THEIR FAITH JOURNEY,
THE R.C.I.A. PROGRAM WILL MEET ON
NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 AT 9:15 AM
IN THE COFFEE HOUSE.

IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO
BECOME CATHOLIC, PLEASE INFORM THEM OF
THIS OPPORTUNITY. FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND/OR TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH
OFFICE AT 561-626-1873.

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**"Walking with Purpose"**

Enabling women to know Christ through Scripture

Our Catholic Women’s Bible Study, titled
‘Keeping in Balance’ is ongoing either Wed., at 10 AM or
Thurs., at 7 PM. ALL WOMEN WELCOME!
For more information please call Kate or Joanne at the
Parish Office, or email kate.devine@paulcross.org or
joanne.seifel@paulcross.org

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**Steward of the Month - October**

**God Bless You for your faithful Stewardship as Lector**

*Hon. Dina Keever-Agrama*

Thanks for sharing your Time, Talent, and
Treasure with our parish community!

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Knights of Columbus general meetings are on the 2nd
Wednesday of the month; the next meeting is Oct. 11th
(officers meet on the 1st Wed.; the next meeting is this
Wednesday, Oct. 4th) at 7 PM in the Coffee House.

**Knights of Columbus general meetings**

If you are interested and would like to
become a Columbiette, please contact
Carol at 561-818-0342 or
Wanda at 718-877-9100.

Columbiette meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the
month, the next meeting is, Oct. 18th at 7 PM in the
Coffee House. Refreshments begin at 6:30 PM.
Respect Life Sunday 2017

Dear Sisters and Brother in Christ,

The arrival of the month of October brings with it many signs of life. It is appropriate that it is Respect Life month and that we renew our annual Respect Life program, as called for by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that will continue through September 2018. The theme for this year’s commitment to the sanctity of life is Be Not Afraid (Mt 28:20). Life does bring with it many challenges which are sometimes painful and frightening. They may cause us to feel burdened, alone and to question the very meaning and goodness of life.

As we look around the world today, we see so many frightening manifestations of evil in hatred, terrorism, segregation, racism, religious discrimination, religious persecution, exclusion and horribly violent acts. All of these are destructive of life and its purpose to their very core. They are a manifestation of a blatant lack of respect for life and are grounded in a fear of living. The Lord’s assurance, Be Not Afraid, reminds us that it is His conquering of sin and His Resurrection which gives us hope, even in the darkest trials.

In this context, we can never lessen our efforts to do all we can to put an end to abortion and to its legalization within our society. Pope Francis has been a constant and courageous proponent of this priority. As he has stated, "If personal and social sensitivity toward the acceptance of new life is lost, than other forms of acceptance that are valuable for society also wither away." The failure to recognize the dignity of the life of an unborn child naturally leads to a lack of respect for the dignity of every person among us. We are committed to the sanctity of life and we recognize the slippery slope on which the legalization of abortion has put us. Following the Lord’s words, we must not be afraid to live, promote and proclaim the dignity of life, both personally and in the public forum. However, the truth of the sanctity of life must always be proclaimed in love. Only a greater respect for life will enable all men and women to embrace each other as equal sisters and brothers endowed with the same rights from God.

As men and women of faith, we renew our resolve to engender respect for life in the very fabric of our society and the laws which govern it. We stand opposed to the evils which destroy and separate us from each other. From the sanctity of life of an unborn child in a mother’s womb to that of a dying elderly person, life is good and each human person to whom it has been gifted by God must be respected as made in the image and likeness of God Himself.

I have always been heartened and inspired by the respect for life shown in so many different ways by all of the faithful of our Diocese. I thank you for your willingness to Be Not Afraid in this regard and I encourage you to continue all of our efforts as we face so many new challenges and contrary voices. Our faith is always our life and light.

With every prayerful wish, I am
Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach

When battered by life’s storms, or immersed in a dense fog of suffering and uncertainty, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances. Yet with words that echo through thousands of years into the corners of our hearts, the Lord says to us, “Do not fear: I am with you” (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God.

Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new. He is always with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go.

Go be my hands and feet to a world enslaved by fear. Go to the woman who is unexpectedly pregnant and fears the future. Go to your friend who fears reprisal at work because he takes a stand for the protection of human life. Go to your aging parent in failing health who fears being a burden. And go to others, too, for their support.

We don’t need to have everything figured out. We can simply follow the guidance of Our Blessed Mother, the first disciple: “Do whatever he tells you” (John 2:5).

Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God’s gift of life.

Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us.

“Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).


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Everyone is invited to the Installation of
Rev. Thomas R. Lafreniere
as Pastor
of St. Paul of the Cross Parish
by Most Rev. Gerald Barbarito,
Bishop of Palm Beach,
on Sunday, October 15, 2017
at the 10:45 Mass
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Celebration & Reception to follow in the Ave Maria Banquet Room

**ANNUAL PUBLIC ROSARY CRUSADE**
Please join us on the sidewalk area in front of Publix, Oakbrook Square Plaza on U.S. Hwy 1. Saturday, October 14th, 12 noon - 1:30 PM.
This rally is one of over 20,000 rallies being held across the country in response to Our Blessed Mother’s request to pray the Rosary publicly in reparation for personal and societal sins, and for a return of Americans to God. Bring a friend. Bring a chair and hat, as needed. Cold water will be available. Please pick up a flyer and sign up at the welcome desk or call Jack Land, 561-626-4913 or Jim Howell, 561-714-6067 for more information.

**Bereavement Group**
St. Paul of the Cross Parish will be starting a 12 week group in October for anyone who has lost a spouse, a child, a parent, a sibling or other significant person in your life and is in need of help working through the pain and grief of such a loss.
Patricia Booth, MSW (561-346-6158) and Jack Land, Ph.D. (561-626-4913) will lead the group. Please call one of us for a personal follow up, or ask a friend to call us if you believe he or she would benefit from a caring, gentle, Christ-centered approach to the loss of a loved one. Meetings will be Tues. from 1:30 - 3 PM in the Coffeehouse.

**MIRACLE HOUSE BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG**
With a little help, women with unplanned pregnancies can be encouraged to carry their babies to term and to plan productively for their future and the future of their unborn babies. Bring your baby bottles, filled with your spare change, cash and/or check and return today or next Sun., Oct. 8th to the bassinet in the vestibule of the church. Please help these mothers choose life, and keep Miracle House in your prayers. Thank you.

Consider a commitment of your time to fast, pray and participate. Times are Mon.—Sat. 7 AM - 6 PM and Sun. 3 PM - 5 PM. Information at www.40daysforlife.com/westpalmbeach
Now until Nov. 5th.

**ANNUAL WHITE MASS FOR PHYSICIANS, NURSES AND ALLIED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS**
SATURDAY, October 14th
Mass at 5:45pm and Reception to follow
St. Mark’s Church 643 St. Mark Pl, Boynton Beach
For more info please email:
PalmBeachPhysiciansGuild@gmail.com
Whether or not we are present at Church, we remain one in the Lord. Please keep the following members of our parish family in your prayers: Nancy Nagler, Bobby Venezia, Jr. and

Margaret Actin
Charles Augustine
Charles Aviado
Clare Bellucci
Vinny Bertolino
Peggy Black
James Boyer
Phillip Brennan
Norann Brugger
Sandy Budd
Bill Cahill
Mary Carroll
Francisco Javier Castillo
Skipp Chabek
Bill Cherrie
Cecilia I. Cheves
Kimberly Chorniewy
Jeannine Chosson
Wayne Clark
Matthew Cleary
Debbie Coccia
Don Crawford
Eileen Crowell
Lenny D'Agostino
Rick DeBlasio
Ena Elias Degalvez
Richard Dalessio
Rita Dickson
Gina DiDonato
Kristina DiDonato
Tom Dingee
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Elaina Gargano
Eleanor Garrett
Michael Gintoli
Jerry Glcker
Nancy Greene
Barbara Grimple
Sue Gunther
Patricia Halloran
Bob Harford
Katie Hauser
Kyle Hauser
Ginny Heffernan
Adam Hewko
Ed Hildenbrand
Francis Holden
Thomas Hollandsworth
Karen Hopkins
Marcia Horton
Nancy Hutchinson
Linda Hutton
Joan Hyers
Barbara Kaminski
John & Joan Keelor
Marta Keefer
Audrey Kelly
Jerry Kelly
Louis Kerti, Jr.
Pat Key
Peter Kilfether
Gene Konrad
Rebecca Laughton
Mary Lehman
Michael Leth, Sr.
Emma & Tommy Lewis
Frank Licari
Randy Lowe
Jim Lumba
Susan Lurz
Bill Lynch
Neal Mackey
Ernie Markittell
Maria Elena Marlow
Melissa Marshall
Shelly Martin
Stephen Mazzarella Jr.
Renee McCullough
Kathleen McDonald
Kelly McDowell
Bob McGlynn
Jim McNeill
Arden Miller
Margaret Morris
Jacque Morrow
Pat McIury
Deborah Mulligan
Robert Mulligan
Gregory Mundie
Denise Murphy
Karen Murphy
Nancy Nagler
Amal Nawal
Pat Nolan
Mona Nunez
Leo Ogozaly
Patricia O’Hagan
Glenda Lavon O’Leary
Fior Ortiz
Mary Otis
Kevin Parise
Philip Penta
Jim Perrelia
Terry Peters
June Petrello-Henig
Mike Piotrowski
Mikaela Powell
Marta Purucker
Chris Rachuba
Margaret Rittenhouse
Fred & Monette Robinson
Agis Saurusaites
Judy Sawyer
Al Scerbo
Charles Sears
John Sedor
Ray & John Seymour
Chuck Shaw
Ray Shindorf
Richard Shorter
Linda Siepermann
Cameron Simpson
Patricia Smith
Mila Solts
Charles Spencer
Ki & Beth Spencer
Patty Stichnoth
Kelly Suddell
Rene Tabony
Rebecca Timmons
Leslie Triplett
Jean Tumbarello
Jose Uribe
Cele Vilardo
Rosemary Ware
Felix Wilson

PLEASE NOTE: Please call the Parish Office if you are being admitted to the hospital or know of someone in our parish who requests a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister. Names will remain on the prayer list for two months, unless notified.

PLEASE PRAY
for the men and women in our armed forces stationed overseas, for the military commanders who lead them, for President Trump and his advisors and for,

CS 2 Christopher Avola
Spec. Thomas Bates
Tyler Blank
Maj. Travis Blaschke, Army Aviation
PFC Adam Blazak, Army
Chris Bodley
Corporal Thomas C. Boenhlein, USMC
Angela Browning
Capt. Eric Arthur Bruns
Maj. Nicolas Chigizola, Air Force
Col. John Cross, Army
Michael Crump
1st Lt. Michael J. Culler, 101st Airborne
Josh Curtis
LCpl Giulio D’Alatri, Marines
PFC Gabriel D’Alatri, Marines
Command Sgt. Maj. James Dickens, Army
Staff Sgt. Stephen Dickens, Army
1st Lt. John F. Dowd, Army
2nd Lt. Sam Dowd, Army
Capt. Michael Andrew Dyrchty, Army
Hanah Eastwood
Staff Sgt. Jonathan Farmer
Major Matthew Farmer, Army
Matthew Fillmon
Lt. Col. Douglas Y. Finn, USMC
Lt. Col. Jennifer Formell
PFC Chase Forrest, Army
Scott Fruedenthal, Army
Bryan Neumann
Fr. Tom O’Flanagan, Chaplain, USN
Chad Owens
PFC Brian H. Pearce, Army
Staff Sgt. Derek D. Ragion, Marines
Capt. Brice Roberts, Army
Maj. Andrew Rupp, Air Force
Lt. Col. Laura Sepeda
Robert Shaner
Capt. Christine Stevens
Steve Stropp, Marines Special Ops
Sergeant Emily A. Konkle, USMC
Capt. Patrick K. Thompson, Army
Tech Sgt. Marcy Vaughn, Air Force
Amanda Wilson
Merciful Father, You desire the welfare of all your children. Stretch out Your protective arm over our men and women in the service. Shield them from every danger to body, mind and soul. Comfort them in loneliness, sustain them in hardship, give them the courage they need to fulfill their duty and so do Your will in all things. Bestow on our leaders and the leaders of the world the wisdom and prudence which will bring peace and justice to all.
This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. Amen. Mary, help of Christians, pray for us.

Darrin Gabriel
Private Matthew Gainey
Lance Cpl Tyler Geary, Navy
LT Ruth Gaunt, Navy
Michael Gorczynski
Michael Gordon-Tenant, Army
PFC Thomas Greena, Army
PFC Thomas Grdeska, Army
Capt. Matthew Guidone, Army
Capt. Thomas Harris, Army
Major Cornelius Hickey, USMC
Capt. Kristine Hochenschwender
Lt. Tyler Hochenschwender
Captain Steve Irving, 101st First Airborne
Sgt. Christian Marino Jakobsen, USMC
Capt. Mitchell Joslin, Army Ranger
Capt. Jeff Keating, Marines
Captain Karl Kuechenmeister, Army
Spencer Calvin McGuire
Bryan Speer
2nd Lt. Andrew King, Army
Maj. Jennifer Lammert-Rupp
Capt. Kelly Lammert, Air Force
Private Joseph LaSasso, Army
Master Sgt. Kyle Mack
Daniel Malloy, USMC
Matthew March C.P.O. Navy
Ens. Daniel Mongiove, Navy