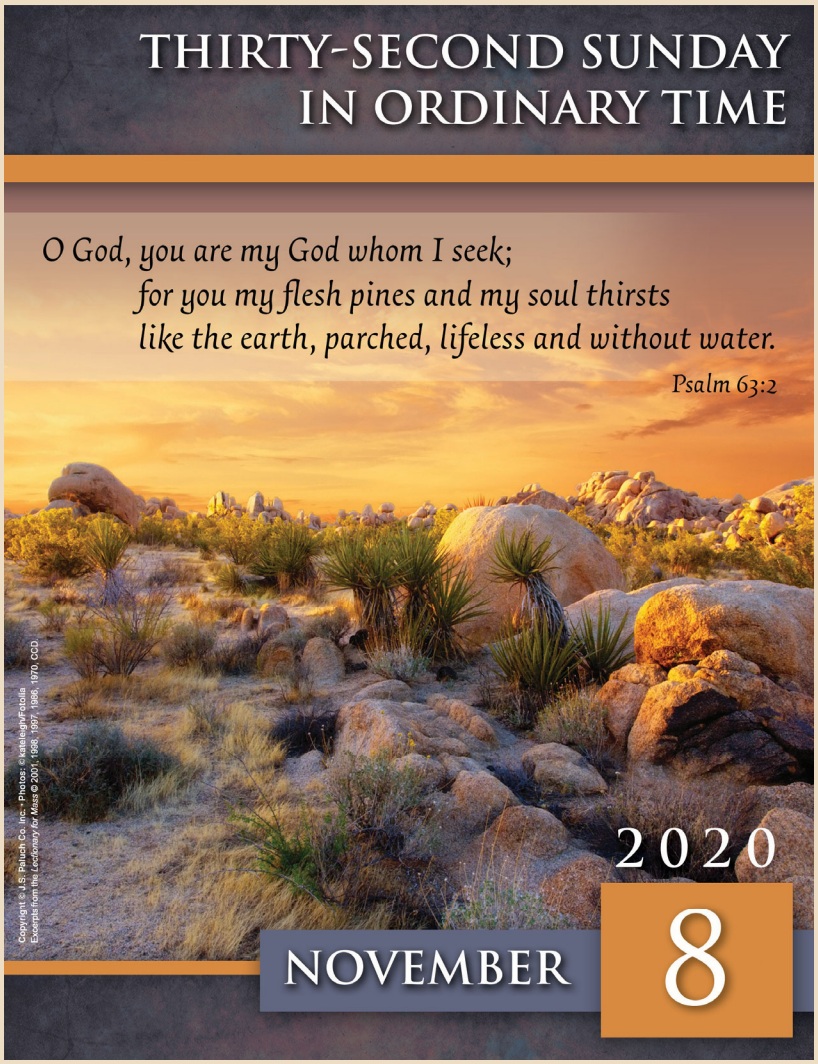
# Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

## November 8, 2020

### THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME




**Parish Mission Statement:**
It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."

A PARISH OF DEANERY X, DEAN: VERY REV. WAYNE C. PAYSSE, V.F.
MOST REV. GREGORY M. AYMOND, D.D., ARCHBISHOP OF NEW ORLEANS

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## CLERGY
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS
**Administrator**
**Rev. Carol L. Shirima, C.S.Sp.**
**Deacon**
**Rev. Mr. Francis "Frank" W. Drake**
(retired)

## MASS SCHEDULE
**Monday**
No Mass
**Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**
8:00 a.m.
**Wednesday**
6:30 p.m.
**Saturday**
5:00 p.m. (Vigil)
**Sunday**
7:00, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

## HOLY DAY MASSES
Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin and website.

## RECONCILIATION
**Saturday**
4:00 to 4:45 p.m.
**Wednesday**
6:00 to 6:15 p.m. **or by request**

## SPECIAL DEVOTIONS
**Tuesday**
St. Jude Novena immediately following 8 a.m. Mass
**Thursday**
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena following 8 a.m. Mass
**Thursday**
Patriotic Rosary in Church at 7 p.m.
**First Friday**
The Most Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration following 8 a.m. Mass until 5 p.m. closing with Benediction

## OFFICE HOURS
**Monday:** 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
**Tuesday–Thursday:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
**Friday:** 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, November 9**
Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; Jn 2:13-22
**Tuesday, November 10**
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 14:7-10
**Wednesday, November 11**
Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
**Thursday, November 12**
Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
**Friday, November 13**
2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
**Saturday, November 14**
3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8
**Sunday, November 15**
Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31;
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

Father has decided because of lack of attendance that there will no longer be a Monday morning Communion Service.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

**Second Reading** — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

**Gospel** — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

## Actions Have Consequences

As children, we were often told that if we would do something, then we would receive a present or a reward. If we did not, it might result in a punishment. Geometry also uses the "If-Then Statement." That is what our scriptures are like this Sunday. In each reading, there is a suggested action on our part, which will result in a desired outcome. There is a feminine personification of God as Wisdom, Psalm 63 and the intimate thirsting for God, the letter to the Thessalonians on believing in Christ, and Matthew's parable of the wise and foolish virgins. In the world of instant everything, we are not good about being patient, and our follow-through can be terrible. But each reading in its own way promises us that if we diligently seek God, we will be blessed and rewarded, and that it is worth the work and the wait!

## KEEP YOUR LAMPS

In the old spiritual, "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" we hear the imperative to wait and be ready, and while there are many variations, it usually ends "The world is nearly done." "The time is drawing near." or "The day is dawning nigh." The liturgical year is near its end, and we begin to feel that tension of "already but not yet" as the readings become more eschatological (about the end-times) in nature. We are called to wait patiently. Yet, like the wise and foolish virgins, we run the risk of falling asleep, and or running out of oil. Waiting for God, preparing for God, requires much hope, much preparation and discipline, and at times it is counter-intuitive. We must put aside impatience or the desire for immediate gratification and keep the end in sight. In running terms, it is not a sprint, but a marathon.

## TRIMMED AND BURNING

So how do we do this? Whether we are sitting in the pew or one of those involved more intimately in liturgical ministry, this is a call for spiritual self-maintenance. None of our scriptures today is passive. Seeking and waiting for God requires work. Presence and participation in the liturgy are among the easiest and most natural ways to provide fuel for our spiritual lamps. But like a car, we need to do more than just put in gasoline. There are other needs to attend to for upkeep. Just read the opportunities in this bulletin! Perhaps you may want to attend a parish scripture class or find a spiritual book to read. Sign up online to receive the daily readings or some sort of daily reflection. Find a spiritual podcast to listen to on your commute home from work or turn off the news and music and drive in morning silence. Share simple, regular prayer times as a family such as at meals and bedtime. Experience the sacrament of Reconciliation. Or maybe you do too much, and the call is to let go of something. Do not become burned out or lose heart. Take courage and remember, "The day is drawing nigh!" Amen.

## Pray for the Sick

Audrey Bonnet
Diane Bourgeois
Diana Bradshaw
JoAnn Brewin
Mary Salzer Brown
May Caballero
Shirley Callais
Dotsy Chedville
Zachary Cresson
Patricia Cuccia
Pat Freeman
Virgie Hurstell
Maria Kalcic
Gloriette Kiern
Elizabeth Kittel
Alvin Noggerath, Sr.
Britney Noggerath
Augie & Sondra Paretti
Barbara Perez
Norris Ripp
Ed Roszczynialski
Bunny Shriver
Cathy Smith
Mary Ware

## Tabernacle Lamp

This week, the Tabernacle Lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of
**† Claire Fallon Bouelle †**

## Altar Flowers

The beautiful flower arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated in memory of
**† Vaughn & Patti Gay †**
On their 41st Anniversary.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve human-kind.

## Attention Widowers

**Deacon Frank would like to start a widowers group to meet monthly to share a meal, conversation and fellowship. If you are interested, please call Deacon Frank at 985-290-1947.**

So many brave souls have served our country and the Lord on battlefields not of their choosing, protecting those of us who remained at home. Take a moment today to pray for our veterans and all the men and women currently serving the cause of freedom in our Armed Forces.

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, November 9**
8:00 A No Mass
**Tuesday, November 10**
8:00 A † Kerry Bourgeois
**Wednesday, November 11**
6:30 P Purgatorial Society
**Thursday, November 12**
8:00 A † Robert Torres Sr.
**Friday, November 13**
8:00 A † Peggy Bourgeois
**Saturday, November 14**
5:00 P Antonians Living & Deceased
† Maurice Bersuder, Sr.
Travis Clark
† Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.
† Tina Mangano
† Louis J. Mangano, Jr.
† Louis J. Mangano, Sr.
Cecilia Miller
† Marvin Norman
† Ruth Olson
† Rosemary Poche'
† Joseph Jr. & Sylvia Purcella
† Roszczynialski/ Stottman Families
† Ken & Adele Salzer
† Lee & Yvonne Tracey
Patrick Wattigny
† Janell Weber
Stella Zipp
**Sunday, November 15**
7:00 A † Deacon John & Mary Joyce Howard
8:30 A Emily Doucette
† Deacon Pat Downey
† Paul DuBois
† Scott Fandal
Bruce Frederick & Family
† Ramon Sr. & Gail Garay
† Andrew Lambert
† Ludger Miller
† Steve Navarre
† Ruth Olson
† Rita Pfeiffer
Margaret Wingerter
10:30 A People of the Parish

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT
# Do Not Miss Out

Each of us probably still harbors a childhood memory of when we "misses out". It might have been a party we were too sick to go to, or that family obligations forced us to **m**iss. Remember how sick with disappointment and grief your young heart felt? It was almost too much to bear, knowing everyone else was having so much fun and you were left out.

Consider how much larger your grief would be if the party had been hosted by Jesus. Today's Gospel tells the story of ten young maidens who were to participate in a wedding. Five of them came well prepared with oil for their lamps. Sadly, the other five had forgotten their preparations. When the bridegroom was almost at the door, they rushed off to replenish their oil-and ended by missing the whole party. No matter how they begged to be let in, the groom said, "Sorry, I do not know you."

Let us not risk a repeat of our childhood disappointments. All it takes is a little preparation, a little commitment and a lot of faith to ensure we enjoy the best party in the universe: the glorious and blessed gathering of Christ and His friends.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

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| **MON NOV 9** | **4:00p** | **Legion of Mary** (St. Anthony) |
| **TUES NOV 10** | **8:45a**<br><br>**7:00p**<br>**7:00p** | **Tuesday Morning Rosary** (Parish Hall) after 8 am Mass and St. Jude Novena<br>**RCIA I & II** (Parish Hall)<br>**Antonians** (Parish Hall) |
| **WED NOV 11** | | **Honor all Veterans** |
| **THU NOV 12** | **7:00p** | **Patriotic Rosary** (church) |
| **FRI NOV 13** | | |
| **SAT NOV 14** | | |
| **SUN NOV 15** | **8:30a** | **PSR Classes** (parents and students meet in Church for Mass then students report to class) |

### Sunday, November 1:

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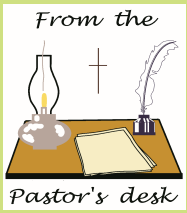
| Envelopes | $2,636.00 |
| Loose | $1,305.50 |
| Online Giving | $2,140.00 |
| **Total** | **$6,081.50** |

**Second Collection Next Weekend is for the Building & Maintenance Fund.**




Fr. Carol would like to remind parishioners of the Archdiocese mandate to register for all masses. Please visit our web site at: sppcprla.com to sign up.

We are in desperate need of people to fill our ministries. If you would like to be an Altar Server, Lector or Usher please contact the office at 985-863-7935 for more information or to join.

## KC SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will hold a take-out spaghetti dinner at the St. Anthony Hall on November 22nd from 10:00 to 12:00 to help for scholarship funds. Tickets are $6.00 each and will be on sale after all masses this weekend or at the door.

## Saint Stanislaus Open House

Potential students and families are invited to our open house on Tuesday, November 17th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. You will have the opportunity to attend academic and interest sessions, meet faculty, administrators and current students; learn more about academic programs and student life and tour the campus.

Register: www.ststan.com/openhouse

## EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED

If it ever crossed your mind that Jesus was somewhat lacking in a sense of humor, today's Gospel should belie any such notion. Jesus' story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus' listeners, just as they are—if we think about it—to us. Weddings never, ever start on time. There is always a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry, and, when that happens, to smile about it.

Jesus tells this funny story to encourage us to be watchful, yes; to be ready, yes. But he does not tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, waver, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen—is bound to happen—so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it comes.

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## SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI (1850-1917) November 13

Burly longshoremen glared at the woman in widow's dress who interrupted their drinking to beg money, in broken English, for her orphanage. The bar exploded in laughter as one man responded by spitting in her face. "That was for me," the woman smiled. "Do you have anything for the children?" Given today's national debate, could it be as much God's sense of humor as God's will for our sanctification that our first American saint should be an immigrant and naturalized citizen? Frances Cabrini, adopting the name Xavier, confided to Pope Leo XIII her longing to follow her Jesuit patron to Asia. But the Pope replied, "Not East—*West!*" So she and her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart exchanged exotic dreams of China for the impoverished reality of Italian ghettos across the United States and Central and South America. Before her death, Frances had founded seventy educational, health care, child and family service institutions. Today, from Siberia to Ethiopia, in sixteen countries, Mother Cabrini's sisters and lay associates embody her practical spirituality: "Let us get to work! We will have eternity to rest!"

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## St. Leo the Great November 10

History has so far conferred on just two popes the title of "Great," and today's saint is one of them. Leo the Great's origins are obscure, so nothing is known with certainty of his early life. He was, though, ordained into Holy Orders and rose to prominence as a papal advisor in the 420s. He corresponded with imminent theologians and acted as a papal emissary before he was elected Bishop of Rome in 440. Leo was a pope's pope. He expanded the power and influence of the papacy at every opportunity. The Church's earliest theological tradition rooted Rome's primacy in the double martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul in the eternal city. No other city could claim to have been sanctified by the blood of two martyrs. Pope Leo, however, emphasized what was to become a more dominant argument for papal supremacy—that the pope's authority is not rooted merely on the historical fact that Peter and Paul died on roman ground but on the theological fact that the Bishop of Rome occupies the Chair of Saint Peter.

By word and action, Leo repeatedly taught that the pope's power was unequaled and without borders, that the pope was the head of all the world's bishops, and that every bishop could have direct recourse to the pope, and not just to the local archbishop, in disputed matters. Pope Leo thus accelerated an existing tendency consolidating church governance and authority under a Roman umbrella. Regional or even local decision-making by individual dioceses or groups of dioceses did occur. But in important theological, moral, or legal matters that affected the entire church, every bishop rotated in a steady orbit within the powerful gravitational field of Rome. Pope Leo also enacted a more aggressive papal role directly overseeing and enforcing discipline over bishops, intervening in and settling disputes. The Catholic Church is not an international federation of dioceses, after all. It needs a strong center of gravity to ensure that centrifugal forces do not unwind the universal church into a galaxy of independent national churches, united in name only.

Thank you to Steve and Karen Fecke and Danny and Diane Bourgeois for the great planning of our parish fundraiser. We also want to thank all those who donated, solicited donations, cooked and worked diligently that fun filled evening. A great time was had by all those who were able to attend.

These funds will help the parish continue to be financially stable with the decrease of collections due to the pandemic.

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**Financial Report**

**Sts. Peter & Paul Fundraiser and Dinner**

**October 10, 2020**

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| **REVENUE:** | | |
| **Drawdown Sales (120 X $50)** | **$6,000** | |
| **Admission Sales (119 X$15)** | **1,785** | |
| **Raffle** | **667** | |
| **Silent Auction** | **1,365** | |
| **Live Auction** | **800** | |
| **Sale of Statues** | **125** | |
| **Sale- Cook Books, Clay Church Slates** | **647.20** | |
| **Donations** | **50** | |
| **TOTAL GROSS REVENUE** | | **$11,439.20** |
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| **EXPENSES** | | |
| **Drawdown Winners** | **$2,500** | |
| **Printing-Tickets** | **39.65** | |
| **Food, Supplies** | **421.84** | |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES** | | **$2,961.49** |
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| **NET PROFIT** | | **$8,477.71** |

## *Please Support Our Sponsors*

**Knights of Columbus**
Council No. 11814
*Monthly Meetings*
*3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.*
Membership is open to Catholic gentlemen and young men in good standing with the Church. To become a Brother Knight, contact:
**Jonathan Fandal (985) 863-3380.**

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**BAPTISM:**
Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least three weeks in advance.

**MATRIMONY:**
By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least **six months** in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**
Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

**FUNERALS:**
Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.

## COMMUNION FOR THE ILL OR SHUT-IN

Please call the Church Office if you know anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register by filling out a census form located at the entrances of the church and return to the Church Office or register online at:
www.sppcprla.com/census

**Altar Society**
EVERYONE WELCOME

**Annual dues $10.00**

Members receive the benefit of **24 masses per year**. All funds raised are used for the Church.

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10am—2pm

985-643-4357

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All services are FREE

In Loving Memory of

The deceased members of the **Barrois, Frayle** and **Schaefer** Families

In Loving Memory of
**Louis Joseph Mangano, Sr.**
**Louis Joseph Mangano, Jr.**
**Tina Antoinette Mangano**
Husband, Son and Daughter
Sadly missed by Lee Mangano Family

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** The office requires information no later than Monday, 2 weeks before publication.

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Harold & Shelia Loyacano 10:30am

**PATRIOTIC ROSARY**
Every Thursday 7pm in Church

**PRAYER CHAIN**
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**ROSARY**
Eydie Richmond
Every Tuesday following 8am Mass

**ST. JOSEPH DAY**
Shirley Lightell
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Stella Jenevein 504-884-0106
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Inactive until 2021

**YOUTH GROUP**
Inactive

Please check meeting times and dates with ministry leaders, the Church Office or inside the bulletin. Most ministries are not active until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

150 bulletins needed this week.