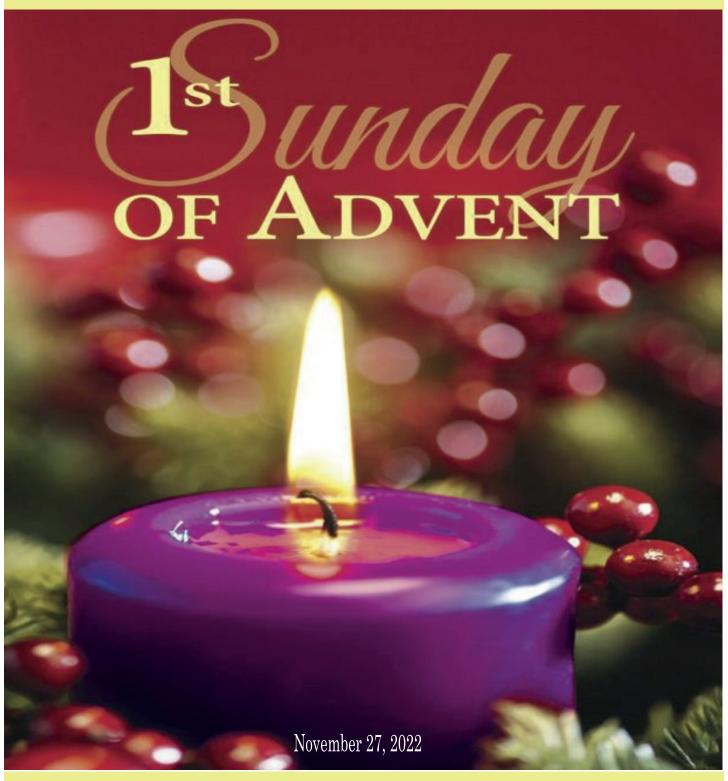
# Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church



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## ABOUT OUR PARISH

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon No Mass
Tue 8:00 a.m.
Wed 6:30 p.m.
Thu 8:00 a.m.
Fri 8:00 a.m.

### HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

### SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

**Thursday**: Patriotic Rosary in Church 6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Rosary and Confession

### RECONCILIATION

Sat 4:00-4:45 p.m. Wed 6:00-6:15 p.m.

Or by request

### YOUR CLERGY

Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond, D.D. Archbishop of New Orleans



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### 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."



If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

### SACRAMENTS Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 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 <u>six months</u> 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.

### Communion for Ill/Shut-In

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

### **Funerals**

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



### WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

RCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday 7:00 p.m. in classrooms

Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 am St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

Recovery Through Christ—Thursday 7:00 Parish Hall

Adoration—Friday 8:00 am mass and Adoration ending with Benediction at  $5:00~\mathrm{pm}$ 

First Saturday - 8:00 am mass, rosary and confession

▼PSR—Sunday begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass

## OUR FASCINATING FAITH The Season of Advent

What are we really waiting for during Advent? The longstanding tradition of the Church is that the Advent season really marks not one but three comings of Christ: his coming into history two thousand years ago, his coming in glory at the end of time, and his coming into our hearts here and now. Advent starts with a focus on the future coming of Christ so that we might see the big picture. If Christmas is to make any sense at all, we have to ask the question, "What are you doing to get ready for the (final) coming of Christ?" This perspective opens us up to the sense of anticipation experienced by the Jewish people on the eve of the first coming of Christ. This Advent, we will hear John the Baptist tell them (and us) how best to prepare. He urges repentance and an examination and reform of our way of life.

Then on the Fourth Sunday, we are drawn in to the history of Jesus' arrival as the child of Joseph and Mary. Our work of spiritual preparation brings us to the point of the whole season. What good is it that Christ comes into my heart if I don't then carry that presence out into the world, just as Mary did?

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### MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, November 28

(Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11)

No Mass Scheduled

### Tuesday, November 29

(Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)

8:00 a.m. Anna Colombo†

Aillia Colo

### Wednesday, November 30

(Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

### Thursday, December 1

(Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)

8:00 a.m. Jacques & Henrietta Ballay†

### Friday, December 2

(Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)

8:00 a.m.

Gordon Gares†

### Saturday, December 3

(Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8)

8/:00 am Danny † & Marlene Ragusa

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/ Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Cpt. Pete Vogt†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Larry Laughlin, Claude Yarborough†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Anna Colombo†

### Sunday, December 4

(Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12)

7:00 a.m. Deacon John & Mary Joyce Howard†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Andrew Lambert†, Pete E. Graves†, Howard & Debbie Hebert, Claude Yarborough†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

### PEOPLE OF THE LIGHT

We are called to reflect the light of God's love through the ways in which we live our lives. Imagine the impact if each of us took this call to heart, every day, at home, work, or school, in our parish, in the world. "All nations shall stream toward it," toward the love that only comes from God. Yet, we must admit that much of the time we fail to be beacons of God's light. We fall asleep, complacent, preferring to go the easy route, which often leads to darkness rather than the radiance of Christ's light. As we begin the season of Advent, Saint Paul admonishes us to throw off the works of darkness, to awaken to the call of light and love. In today's Gospel, Jesus too tells us to stay awake, to be prepared to greet the Lord of light as people of the light.

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Audrey Bonnet, May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Kathy Johnson, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Bunny Shriver, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Maria Kalcic, Landon Jeffrey, Isabella Gornor, Beverly Cosse, Lou Lou Battle, Fay Vogt, Catherine Schaefer, Gabriel Dickerson, I&J Landry, Bob Sanderson, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Elsensohn Family, Vivian Sedgebeer, Romana Smith, Jerry & Linda Bordelon, Caitlynn Kellar, Sonia Breaud



### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

First Reading - Isaiah 2:1-5

- A good steward uses God's gifts and guidance to seek peace.
   Psalm 122:1-9
- · Good stewards show gratitude for the Lord's gifts.
- Christian stewardship begins with developing a deeper prayer life. Second Reading Romans 13:11-14
- Do our actions show we are Christ's disciples?

Gospel Reading - Matthew 24:37-44

 The start of Advent reminds us not to put off our stewardship. Be prepared, the Lord is coming! (Used with permission from the Archdiocese of St. Louis, www.archstl/ stewardship, Stewardship Bulletin Inserts, December 2007 – March 2008).

Stewardship Thought

Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for what they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness... (Used with permission from Our Sunday Visitor, Stewardship by the Book: Bulletin Bits Based on the Sunday Readings, by Sharon Hueckel, Second Edition 2004, page 7).





# SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce that the annual Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 3:00

p.m. at St. Joseph Church, New Orleans. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married between 1993-1998. To register, please contact the parish office **before Tuesday**, **January 17, 2023**.

### REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

At the beginning of the liturgical year, the church tries to make us more attentive to, hopeful about, and prepared for the moment of the great advent of God. For the whole of creation, it will be the eschaton, the "end time" not so much of the world *but* for the world . Individually and cosmetically, this will be a new birth, as unimaginable and yet so much more hugely real than the world that awaited us when we were born from out mother's womb.

-Liturgy Living

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"People in love make signs of love," wrote our bishops in a document guiding the renewal of liturgical music. They were not merely urging us to sing at Mass, but suggesting that the song itself is a sign of the love of Christ. Love never expressed dies, as we know from experience. Flowers for no special reason, a caress, a hug, a turn around the dance floor, a note on the pillow or in the lunchbox, the aroma of fresh bread in the kitchen, all are signs of love's vitality.

A significant treasure in our Catholic tradition is the place of the sacraments as signs of Christ's love. We can trace the sacraments back to scriptural sources, through centuries of history They are woven through family tradition and our own life story. Sacraments are the way Christ makes signs of love for the Church. For twenty centuries, God has spoken to us in the arena of the sacraments, and we have responded.

For the next year of "Treasure" essays, we will explore the story of sacraments: their sources, their signs and rituals, and the way Christ nurtures and sustains us as we encounter him, the companion on our journey who loves us and faithfully makes signs of that love.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



# December 2022

Sts. Peter and Paul Church

WEDNESDAY

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6-615 pm

Confessions

6:30 pm Mass



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TUESDAY

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8 am Mass

6 pm Greg

Raymond talk

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8 am Mass				
10 am Legion of Mary				
6:30 pm Patrotic Rosary				
7 pm Recovery				

THURSDAY

Through Christ

8 am Mass

Mary

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10 am Legion of

2 8am 1st Fri Mass Adoration till 5pm

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8 am Mass

8 am 1st Sat Mass & Confessions 4-4:45 pm

Confessions 5 pm Mass

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4-4:45 pm

Confessions

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Through Christ

Office closed

### FORGIVENESS: HUMAN AND DIVINE

Not long ago a father brought his son into the pastor's office to talk about becoming a Christian.

In the course of the discussion, the pastor sought to establish the relationship between repentance and forgiveness. He thought he would make the point by referencing an incident that could happen in is own life.

"What would happen," asked the pastor, "if you broke a plate of your mother's china, and then you told her that you were really and truly sorry that you had done it?" His answer was quick as a flash. "She would say, 'That doesn't make a bit of difference, the plate is still broken!"

Art Linkletter has made a fortune from recording the wise and cute sayings of children. This child's answer was more than cute. It helped to point out the difference between human and divine forgiveness.

Often we humans think more of the act that has been performed. Even being sorry afterwards doesn't really make too much difference to us. The deed is committed and the harm is done. But God looks at the heart. When we are truly sorry (repentant), He forgives us and restores us to a right relationship with Himself. That's the difference between human forgiveness and God's forgiveness. But then, that's the difference between people and God.

People Parables by James E. Carter

### DO WHAT YOU CAN

The reading from the prophet Isaiah this Sunday contains a remarkable prediction--the end of war between nations (Isaiah 2:4). While most of the good predictions of the prophets were fulfilled in Jesus, we still await the end of all wars. So why hasn't that one been fulfilled? We can look to the second reading and the Gospel for some hints.

Both readings talk about being awake and ready for our salvation (Romans 13:12) or the coming of the Son of Man (Matthew 24:39). Being awake doesn't mean consuming lots of coffee or turning the music volume all the way up. Paul calls it "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ" as a soldier would put on armor before a battle. He even mentions rivalry and jealousy as attitudes to avoid. Both of those vices have been the cause of many wars in our history. What if we not only avoided them, but also taught our children to avoid them? What if everyone eventually learned not to be jealous and hateful?

We are a long way from ending all wars. There are still people who teach hate to the poor instead of helping to feed them. There are still people who get rich selling the weapons of war. This brings us back to the first reading, in which Isaiah speaks of beating swords into plowshares. Do we have enough faith in God's love to stop building weapons and use those resources to feed the hungry or cure diseases in underprivileged countries? Until we convert everyone to following Jesus, that's not likely. The Gospel calls us to be ready. Maybe we need to be ready to share our faith. Maybe we have to be awake to any opportunity to show God's love to those around us. Are we afraid to offer to pray for someone in need? Maybe we need to put on the "armor of light," as St. Paul calls it. Instead of trying to stop all wars, could we at least show forgiveness to someone who has hurt us?

Jesus never said to do the impossible. If we can be ready to see Jesus in those around us, to show his love to those who need it, or just be patient with other people's faults and weaknesses, we may not stop all wars, but we will be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

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### **Advent Prayer**

Come, Lord Jesus.
O God, you are great indeed.
Look upon us and reveal your glory,
promised to Abraham and sent to us
through David and his lineage.

Send us the warmth of your love, the light of your Word, the vision of your wisdom, and the comfort of your people. Open our hearts in welcome and grant us your salvation. Fill our minds with watchful hope and let us see your kindness.

Give us new life, the promise and joy of salvation. May the glory of your Son dwell in our land forever.

We pray: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

### **FULFILL TODAY**

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today.

-Anonymous

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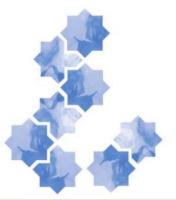
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