Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023

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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."

REGISTER

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.

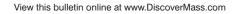
Communion for Ill/Shut-In

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 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

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

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

Farmer's Market—Saturday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Parish Hall

PSR-Sunday begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass



Sts. Peter & Paul Church 5th ANNUAL

Saturday, October 28th to Sunday, October 29th

Sign-in and tent set-up 12:00 pm Activities start 2:00 pm Calling all superheroes, first responders, and Saints!



















IN MEMORIAM

With deep sympathy we inform you of the death of Dan Jocks, husband of Carolyn Jocks, who was called by God to his eternal reward. Please remember Dan and those who mourn him in your prayers.

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, Beverly Cosse, Lou Lou Battle, Fay

Vogt, I&J Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Vivian Sedgebeer, Romana Smith, Joseph Decaro, Barbara Galino Gonzales, Isaiah Deblanc, Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Ed & Carol Wallace, Jim Richmond, Catherine Lambert, Frederick Songy, Sue Miller

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 16

(Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, October 17

(Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41)

8:00 a.m. Gail Sanderson†

Wednesday, October 18

(2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, October 19

(Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54)

Loretto Stottman† 8:00 a.m.

Friday, October 20

(Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7)

8:00 a.m. Adele Salzer

Saturday, October 21

(Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12)

Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/ 5:00 p.m. Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Cpt. Pete Vogt†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Karen Dickerson, Darlene Laughlin Matherne†, Altar Society Members, Lawrence Otillio†, Tom Cuccia

Sunday, October 22

(Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21)

Teresa Nguyen Thi Chien 7:00 a.m.

Deacon Pat Downeyt, Danny Ragusa, 8:30 a.m. Sr.†, Debra Goodev†, William & Jovce Wahl†, Rvan Laughlin, Glen Parker†, Bonnie Aguilar, Danny Fontenot[†], Kelley Milam[†], Lawrence Otillio[†], Jim & Eydie Richmond

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish





POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR OCTOBER
We pray for the Church, that she may adopt
listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level,
and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit
towards the peripheries of the world.



TABERNACLE LAMP

This week, the Tabernacle Lamp in the Sanctuary burns for

† All Souls in Purgatory †

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flower arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated in memory of

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

First Reading - Isaiah 25:6-10

What joy awaits stewards who follow Christ's way! Will we as good stewards use our God-given gifts of time, talent, and treasure according to His will here on earth to be able to taste "rich food" and "choice wines" in the kingdom of heaven?

Psalm 23:1-6

As we strive to embrace Christian stewardship "as a way of life," is the Lord truly "my Shepherd"?

Second Reading - Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

St. Paul teaches us that a fundamental principle of Christian stewardship is to accept God's gifts gratefully. As good stewards, are we humble before God for the abundant blessings He shares with us?

Gospel - Matthew 22:1-14

Do we answer, as faithful stewards, Jesus' call to follow Him to His eternal feast? Along the way, do we put on the garment of His teaching to clothe us?

Stewardship Thought

In today's second reading, St. Paul thanks the Philippians for being willing to share in his hardships and promises that God, in turn, will fully supply all their needs. Our God truly cannot be outdone in generosity! (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 14).



ADOPTION?

Our loving God wants to heal the pain you may be carrying. Plan now to attend a special mass and prayer service on Monday, November 13th, hosted by the Marian Servants of the Precious Blood of Jesus at Mary Queen of Peace Parish, 6:30 p.m.

Thank you Marian Servants 985-630-2988

COME TO THE FEAST

Why would invited guests refuse to come to a wedding? Free food and drink, music and dancing—what's not to like? Apparently the king in Jesus' parable had the same questions. By this time, Jesus knew that many of the Jewish leaders would not accept the invitation to follow him. As we know, after the Resurrection, the disciples began to spread the good news not only to other Jews, but to anyone who would listen. The church began to grow, much faster than they expected.

One reason the leaders in Israel did not accept Jesus was his association with sinners. They did not understand that God calls sinners to repent and be forgiven. Since they thought of themselves as holy, they were not interested in forgiveness. Ordinary people, who knew they were sinners, were attracted by the offer of forgiveness. Many of them repented and came to be baptized. As the parable says, they filled the banquet hall.

Jesus calls us today to come to the same feast. But there are still people who think they have no need for Jesus. So what about the man in the parable who came in street clothes? The wedding garment was a symbol of the baptismal gown, the sign of new life in Christ. This man symbolizes those who "come to the feast" without repenting of their sins.

We can be like that man sometimes. We come to church arguing with our spouse on the way. We bring our prejudices, lies, anger, and selfishness—with no intention of doing anything about them. We come with the attitude that says, "I'm here, aren't I? That should be good enough." But it isn't, for the feast we come to is not a wedding to join husband and wife. It joins God to humanity. God's Son came to unite us all to himself. By dying for our sins, Jesus calls us to come back to God. So repentance is not just a change of clothing; it is a change of heart, a change in how we live. It is our ticket to the banquet. It is our way of saying, "I know I don't deserve this, but thanks for letting me share the feast."

Tom Schmid



PASTOR'S CORNER

THE EUCHARIST IS THE GREATEST GIFT GOD HAS GIVEN US OUTSIDE OF LIFE ITSELF

In this pastors corner, I will conclude my series on the Eucharist. So Jesus gave us such a wonderful gift of Himself in the Eucharist. As we have seen in the last few weeks, Jesus showed the Eucharist is the "New Manna" and that the Father has given us this truly miraculous bread from heaven. We have seen that it is the bread of immortality, since Jesus Himself said that unless you eat My body and drink My blood you will not have life within you. We have seen that it is supernatural bread of a greater nature than the Miraculous Manna from Heaven.

The Eucharist is such a great gift where we receive our God into our bodies and be united to Him in a real and present way every time we do this. Unlike all other foods we eat that just nourish our bodies, the Eucharist nourishes our soul. Normal food becomes part of our bodies, but when we eat of the Eucharist we become one with what we

eat. Remember, you are what you eat. The Eucharist unites us with God in such a way that we become divinized, that is one in spirit with God, each time we partake of it worthily. Now be careful here. When we are in the state of mortal sin, we do not want to partake because we are actually condemning ourselves. We would not be uniting ourselves to God, but we would be distancing ourselves from God in such a blasphemous act of disregard for God.

Now the Catholic Church has given us the beautiful theological term of Transubstantiation to explain what happens when ordinary bread and wine become the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus. While this is a seemingly large and difficult theological word, it is easier to understand than you would think. In order to understand this big word we can break it down into two words. Trans – which means to transform or change the substance – what a thing is. So here we can say that the substance of the bread and the substance of the wine go through a miraculous transformation and truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus. Now of course we cannot see this change with our eyes. Theologically speaking "the accidents" – that is what we see and taste and smell remain the same. So we may taste, smell and feel ordinary bread and wine, but it is not ordinary in the least. Here is where we must rely on faith since we cannot see the miraculous nature with our eyes. But there have been those times when God has worked a Eucharistic Miracle for all to see. There are in fact over one hundred and fifty well documented Eucharistic Miracles around the world. You can check out the book titled, "The Eucharistic Miracles of the World," for more info on these documented miracles.

There are two miracles that I will talk about in this pastor's corner. The first is the miracle of Lanciano Italy. This miracle occurred in the year 750 AD in the church of St Francis, when a monastic priest who doubted the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist was surprised when the host turned to flesh and the wine turned to blood in front of him during the consecration. This miracle has been examined by scientists and found to be unexplainable. For example, the Eucharist itself that turned to flesh has been looked at under a microscope and found to be human flesh of the myocardium or heart and it shows no signs of decay that would normally happen with flesh outside of the human body. It has stiffened through rigor mortis but it has not decayed. The blood has long since congealed into five uneven globules, but looked at under a microscope it is shown to have all the characters of normal blood with no signs of decay and it is AB blood type, which is the universal recipient blood type. This is the blood type where the person can receive blood from any other blood type. That means when Jesus says he brings all things to himself, He means it literally. It also means that when we eat of Jesus worthily, we are being drawn up into Him, or in other words, we are being made divine as we become united to Jesus who is truly God and Man. The last part of this miracle that is so interesting is that the five unequal globules of Precious Blood have been weighed, and what is most interesting is that even though they are of unequal size, each one weighs the same amount, 15.85 grams. And the last thing is that when all five were weighed together they all weighed 15.85 grams. So what this means is that first, God broke the laws of physics, which are His own laws. Second it means that even the smallest amount of the Eucharist has the same weight, spiritually speaking, as the larger amount.

The last miracle that I will mention happened in the town of Trani Italy around the year 1000, where an unbelieving non Catholic woman tried to put God to the test and lost. This woman heard about the Eucharist and decided to prove it was ordinary bread. First, with the help of a Catholic friend, she went to mass and after receiving the Eucharist, she took it out of her mouth, put it into a napkin and went home, where she devised a plan to test the host to see if it was just bread. This woman started a fire in her stove and put an iron pan with oil on top. When it was hot enough she dropped the host in to the oil. At that moment something unforeseen happened. The host instead of separating, which would have happened to ordinary bread, it turned to flesh and started to bleed. And not just a little, but it started to hemorrhage blood so much so that it sprayed onto the woman and overflowed the stove onto the floor and proceeded to flow out of the door of the house. This woman screamed, because she was so frightened at what happened, and neighbors rushed into her house. The bishop was called to the scene and he took the Eucharist Miracle reverently to the cathedral.

So in conclusion, these two miracles show us that there is something extraordinary about the Eucharist. This is no ordinary bread and wine, but Jesus Himself. It also helps us to see that something truly special of a miraculous nature happens at every mass.

AND THEN THERE'S LUKE

If your parents happened to name you after a biblical character or a saint, as mine did, then you probably have at least done a little research into your namesake. For instance, I know that St. Michael the Archangel is mentioned by name five times in the Bible, three in the Book of Daniel, once in the Epistle of St. Jude, and of course, his big scene in Revelation, casting out the devil and his fallen angels from heaven. And, thanks to Pope Leo XIII, we have a prayer to St. Michael that I can pray every morning.

The rest of our first reading for today mentions names we have heard numerous times. Titus and Mark have their own entries in the Bible, and they are also mentioned repeatedly in Paul's writings; Demas is in and out of favor; and Tychicus is constantly being sent by Paul to firm up the faith of Christians in various locations. All of these names of these real people are important parts of the early Church, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to the known world and gaining more followers, just as we are commanded to do.

And then there's Luke. The author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, Luke is mentioned by name just three times: in Colossians and Philemon, he is called a coworker by Paul, and in our reading today from 2 Timothy, we learn only that Luke has stayed by Paul's side in this time of trouble. Those writings and that proximity to Paul tell us of Luke's importance in spreading the faith, and it's important to remember Paul mentions him in 2 Timothy, written not long before his martyrdom. Paul is working with his companions to spread the faith even up to the end of his life.

That ties in nicely with what Luke tells us in our Gospel passage today, when Jesus sent out 72 disciples to preach and cure the sick. They are told they won't be enough: pray for more vocations. They are told they will face hardship, but to bring peace to wherever they go. But basically they are told to go, bring the message of our Lord out to the world. On this feast of St. Luke, let us go and do the same in our little parts of the world.

By Mike Karpus



ARE YOU READY FOR THE FEAST?

How married are you to the idea that Jesus is your Savior? How open are you to the invitation extended to everyone as Jesus died upon the Cross and then rose again, conquering sin and death? How prepared are you to RSVP and, more importantly, arrive prepared to enjoy the feast?

Jesus teaches with images those listening could relate to, meeting people where they are at. Maybe references to kings and shepherds don't speak directly to current circumstances but the lessons remain timeless. Today's Gospel includes an allegory of the King hosting a marriage feast for his Son. The bride in this story, represents the Church. We are to see ourselves among those called to the feast.

In Jesus' time, the practice for royal banquets was to first send out the messengers with an invitation, a Biblical times "save the date." Next, when the feast was ready, messengers were sent with a second summons to retrieve the invitees and let them know that the doors were open. Clean your face, don your finest apparel, and come enjoy the feast prepared for you.

We are called to the Kingdom of God, to a life of faith, and to inherit heaven, but sadly not all will be found worthy to possess it. Some people will flat out decline this generous offer with a myriad of excuses: busy with work, leisure, or a host of worldly endeavors. Some will accept the invitation but not follow through, perhaps due to ignorance or apathy. It is fascinating to contemplate people's reactions to the summons to the wedding feast. How often do we despise or disregard God's summons in our lives? How willing are we to take the time to prepare our hearts for the feast?

Do we come in our Sunday best to meet the King and His Son at Mass? Do we come ready not only on the outside but, more importantly, on the inside? Do we prepare our hearts to partake in the banquet of the Lord, the Eucharist? Have we looked over the Daily Readings, reflected on His Word, and the Gift of receiving Him in the Eucharist? Do we remember to ask for the Lord's blessing and for Him to bestow on us the grace necessary to be fully present in this grand celebration?

By Allison Gingras

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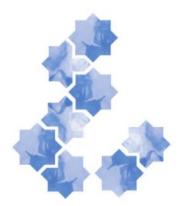
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