# 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



Very Rev.Gerald Seiler Dean, Deanery X

Fr. Kevin DeLerno Pastor

Deacon Francis "Frank" Drake (Retired)

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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.



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

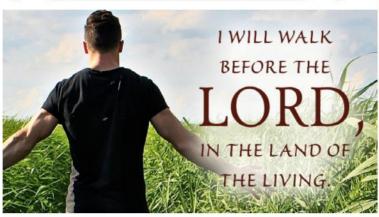
Eucharistic Adoration—Friday begins with mass at 8:00 a.m. ends with Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

Way of the Cross—Friday 6:00 p.m.

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary—Saturday 8:00 a.m.: Mass, Rosary, & Confession

Lenten Healing-Saturday 1-2 p.m.

PSR-Sunday 8:30 a.m. Youth Attend Mass & Adoration



# 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, Lois Leonard, Donald Paul & Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Jim Richmond, Catherine Lambert, Ed & Carol Wallace, Frederick Songy, Sue Miller, Molly Hymel, Lucy Reese, Wilma Walley, Brenda Dehm, Andriana Richard, Landon Jeffrey, Camila Dest, Cindy Falterman

# MASS INTENTIONS

# Monday, February 26

(Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38)

No Mass Scheduled

# Tuesday, February 27

(Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)

8:00 a.m. Roger Doucette†

# Wednesday, February 28

(Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

# Thursday, February 29

(Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)

8:00 a.m. Nellie Roszczynialski†

# Friday, March 1

(Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)

8:00 a.m. Yvette & Al Bowman

# Saturday, March 2

(Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 5:43-48)

8:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/ Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Susan & Emmett Mercier, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Sarah Stokes, Eleanor Strickland, Wanda Morel, Lawrence Otillio†, Marie Felicie DeBlanc†, George & Brenda Dehm, Augie & Little Augie Paretti

# Sunday, March 3

(Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25 )

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

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, James Murphy†, Bonnie Aguilar†, Brenda Dehm, Camila Dest, The Richard Family, Earline Garity†, Augie Paretti & Little Augie

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

# PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM Weekly Rosaries: 517 Year to Date: 2094



# POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce the annual Archdiocese of New Orleans Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration that will be held on Sunday, June 23, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married in 1974 or before. To register, please contact the parish office BEFORE Tuesday, March 12, 2024.



# MOUNTAINTOP EXPERIENCES

A popular church hymn declares, "Glory and Praise to Our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings He bears to those who trust in His ways". We can see the glory of God reflected in His many creations.

Have you ever seen the opening scene of the beloved classic, The Sound of Music? As a child I would always rush through it. There were no lines, just the sounds of birds and wind along panoramic views of the Swiss Alps. Why would anyone want to waste time looking at the greenery and high-pointed rocks, I would wonder to myself. Yet it is in the grand landscape of the mountains that God often manifests himself.

Whether it was where Elijah heard the quiet voice of God in a whisper, or where Moses spent forty days encompassed by loud thundering as he received God's covenant, mountains and other high places have often been special spots where we can come closer to God. Perhaps in all the Bible no one comes physically closer to observing God's glory than on Mount Tabor where Peter, James and John encounter the transfiguration of Christ. Here in a truly physical sense do the opening words of John's Gospel speak, "And the light shone in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it."

This could not provide a more adequate visual for our human senses. He remained human and yet is, was and forever will be, divine. He was radiant, so much more glorious than they had already come to understand while here on Earth. I ask that today we reflect on and be thankful to God for revealing a first glimpse of Himself, using the senses of nature, whether through the greatest heights or the warmth of His everlasting light.

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh

# THIS IS A TEST

I used to wonder how God could lie to Abraham about sacrificing his son Isaac. But the story begins by telling us God put Abraham to the test. Abraham himself seems to know it's a test—in verses left out of our reading, he tells the servants that he and Isaac will return after the sacrifice; he also tells Isaac that God will provide the offering. Apparently, I'm the only one fooled by God.

I don't know if I would have passed the test. I would have at least argued with God about it, begging him to spare my son. Yet in our second reading, St. Paul reminds us that God did not spare his own son. (Rom 8:32) He passed his own test. Jesus was sacrificed so that God could show us how much he loved us: By dying, Jesus showed us the promise of resurrection, which shows us that we can also have new life by the forgiveness of our sins. If God loves us so much that he gives his Son to die for us, why would he not forgive us? Or as Paul says, if He is on our side, who can hurt us?

What does that tell us about life? You may have noticed that things don't always go your way. We sometimes suffer for no apparent reason. We may lose someone we love through death. We may be tempted to lose faith when we see wars, killer tornadoes, terrorist attacks—if "God is for us," why does he allow these things? Because he is still testing us. And not necessarily testing the victims of these troubles. If I get angry at God because I hear about someone's death, I haven't passed the test.

Does that mean those tragedies are our fault? No, God gives everyone free will and some people choose to do wrong. And some accidents are just accidental; no one is necessarily at fault. God intervenes sometimes and lives are saved. Other times, God intervenes by saving us after death with our resurrection. But as long as people doubt God's love, there will be tests. That's why it is so important to proclaim the Kingdom: so that someday all people will know God's love and not need to be tested.



Since we are beginning the Season of Lent I feel it is a good time to put the recount of my Italy trip on hold and look at Lent.

So, here we are again. Lent is here, and this solemn time of year is a great time to take stock of our lives. To see where we are in our spiritual journey. This season is not only a time to think about what we can give up but what we can do for God that increases our relationship with Him. A really great thing to do would be to put more time into prayer and reflection. If you do not know it, prayer is meant to be a relationship builder between you and God. PASTOR'S CORNER It is meant to draw you into a mode of one on one time where we meet the one who made us, who redeems us, who suffered for us out of love and who gave everything so that we could come to be with Him for all eternity.

Lent is a time of slowing down and refocusing ourselves on God's presence in our lives. We can do things like pray another rosary, or pray additional rote prayers like the Our Father, or pray novenas, or focus on the daily scriptures (Found in the Word Among Us books). We can practice the Lectio Divina prayers we learned in the Advent Mission, or go to one of the daily masses during the week. These are just a few suggestions.

One wonderful thing to remember about Lent is that Jesus shows us His love by dying for us on the cross. The Holy Saturday and Good Friday Passion narrative show us this in a beautiful way. Jesus went through an incredible amount of suffering, pain and agony out of love for the human race. While it is true that God could have saved us in another way. He chose this way, one that entailed Him giving himself up as a sacrificial offering for the expiation of our sins. Jesus became the lamb of sacrifice, interesting enough in the Old Testament times the only way that people could be forgiven was to sacrifice a lamb once a year. The poor innocent lamb had to die in place of the sinner, so they could be forgiven. It was God who instituted this sacrifice, and it was also God who died upon the cross as the new lamb of sacrifice, once and for all. Jesus also became a curse for us, as Paul says in Galatians 3:13, "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us - for it is written, cursed be everyone who hangs on a tree." What this means is that Jesus took upon himself the curse of Adam and Eve, who sinned and become broken by eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. So when Jesus died on the tree of the cross he is united to a tree, like the one with the sinful fruit, and when he died our sins were crucified with Him and forgiven. Now this brings me to the next point, we are sinners and need God's forgiveness.

We can make time to go to confession, which is a spiritual cleansing to make us more receptive of God's love. You may not realize this, but sin is a barrier to God's grace and it makes it hard for us to grow in relationship with God, simply because sin is separation from God and, when we are separated from God we cannot get to know Him. That would be like saying to our children that we love them and then never showing it, or even worse neglecting our children or pushing them away from us after saying we love them. They know something is wrong when we say one thing and then do another thing. The same is true for God. He knows when we are not in right relationship with Him. The Catholic Church says that we need to make sure to make our Easter duties and go to confession at least once a year. However, the Virgin Mother of God said at Medugorie that it would be good for us to go to confession once a month. Confession is good for us, I myself go to confession every two weeks, and because I need to be a good confessor, I need to be a good confesse.

The reason I say all of this is because I have a very good relationship with Jesus. I spend about two hours a day in prayer, I feel that Jesus is my best friend and in order to call Him my friend, I need to make time to spend with Him. It was not always like this. I had to work on prayer for many years. At first, it was hard to do, but in time I grew to cherish my prayer time. Now I look forward to my prayer time every day. Lectio Divina was a very helpful prayer form for me to grow in relationship with Jesus. Another prayer form that was beneficial for me was the Ignatian method of prayer. This form of prayer allowed me to enter into the scriptures and put myself in the place of people who encountered Jesus.

You will find that in time as you pray more and ask the Holy Spirit for help you will naturally grow in relationship with Jesus.

# PENNIES FOR PRIESTS Our Lenten almsgiving project will be collecting money for priests and seminarians in Tanzania, Africa. Our previous parish administrator, Father Karol, has stated that the priests and seminarians are in need of books, water purifiers, updated computers and supplies for daily living. There will be collection envelopes labeled "Pennies for Priests" at the entrances to the church. You can return your envelopes in the collection basket or drop them off at the church office. Thank you for helping to support the priests and seminarians this Lenten season.

# March 2024

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| 7-8:30-10:30<br>Mass<br>8:30 Youth<br>Attend Mass &<br>Adoration                       | 4<br>12 pm GASPP  | 6:30 OCIA I &II 7 pm Antonians 8 am Mass with St. Jude Novena 8:45 Rosary Group                        | 6<br>Confession<br>6:00-6:15 pm<br>6:30 pm Mass   | 7 10 am Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Patriotic Rosary 8 am Mass with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena  | 8 am Mass<br>Way of the<br>Cross after 8 am<br>Mass, 12 pm &<br>6:30 pm           | 9 4-4:45 Confessions 5 pm Mass 8 am St. Joseph Altar Baking Altar Society Bake Sale             |
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| 31<br>8:30 & 10:30<br>Masses ONLY<br>Easter Sunday                                     |   |  |   |   |   |   |

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