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

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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.

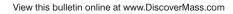
Communion for Ill/Shut-In

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.







LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard in all parishes from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. is all parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on Wednesday, March 6, 13, and 20.

WEEKLY EVENTS

GASPP—Monday 12:00 p.m. Parish Hall

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

Antonians—Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Way of the Cross—Friday after 8:00 a.m. Mass, 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Healing—Saturday 1-2 p.m. Parish Hall

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



ALTAR SOCIETY BAKE SALE

The Altar Society will hold their monthly bake sale next weekend after all masses. Come by to get a treat for the Sunday dinner table.

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, Brenda Dehm, Andriana Richard, Landon Jeffrey, Camila Dest, Cindy Falterman

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 4

(2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, March 5

(Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35)

8:00 a.m. Tommy Gilbert†

Wednesday, March 6

(Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, March 7

(Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23)

8:00 a.m. Yvette & Al Bowman

Friday, March 8

(Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34)

8:00 a.m. Josephine Rodriguez†

Saturday, March 9

(Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14)

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/ Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Sarah Stokes, Eleanor Strickland, Jack McLaughlin†, Lawrence Otillio†, Robert Jenevein†, Earline Garrity†, Augie & Little Augie Paretti

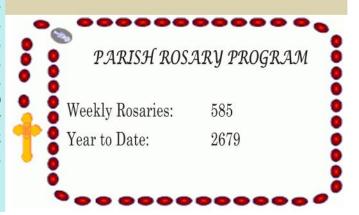
Sunday, March 10

(2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21)

7:00 a.m. Joyce Landry

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, Brenda Dehm, The Richard Family, Cheryl Cook, Robert Jenevein†, Bonnie Aguilar†, Brenda Dehm, Camila Dest, Earline Garity†, Augie Paretti, Little Augie, Nicholas Eirich†. Eirich Family

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish





POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR MARCH

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

First Reading - Exodus 20:1-17

The Ten Commandments are the foundation of living our life, and direction for loving God and our neighbor. As Christian stewards, reflecting on this reading is a good time to ask ourselves how seriously are we trying to follow God's command.

Psalm 19:8-11

Good stewards praise and thank God for His gift of wisdom and guidance handed down to us through His commandments.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Jesus' crucifixion appears to the world as weakness, but faithful stewards recognize the saving power of God in Christ's sacrifice.

Gospel - John 2:13-25

In today's Gospel, Jesus is justified in correcting the abuse occurring in the Temple.Are we courageous enough to work to correct the wrongs in our present day world?

Stewardship Thought

"You shall not covet ..." is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer- oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that all is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 16).





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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Participating in Lent, we are engaging in patterns that have endured across the centuries. From very early times, we have the sense of accompanying the elect on their journey to the font. From as long ago as the fourth century, we receive Lent as forty days to shake the dust from our spirituality and reorder our conduct. Then, fasting was not seen as a strict duty, yet it seems it was widely observed. Think of the rules of politeness and courtesy that everyone agrees on. Fasting was also seen as a social duty, since food was in short supply as winter wore on, and the weak and the sick had the first claim on what remained on hand.

As a boost to the fasting of the body, the church developed a richer spiritual fare, including celebration of the Eucharist every day. This practice began in Rome by the sixth century. Weekday Mass was only at designated "stations." The pope would arrive on horseback at the stational church. In those days, although the catechumenate was already in eclipse, there were prelbaptismal activities at the stational Masses: the giving of the Lord's Prayer, prayers for the godparents, and constant references to baptism.

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SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL (1858-1955) MARCH 3



Born into Philadelphia society, Katharine was an infant when she lost her mother. Her father remarried and the couple taught their daughters that their wealth was a "gift on loan" to be shared with the poor, whom they fed and cared for in their home. Invited by priest-friends to witness firsthand the destitution on Native American reservations, Katharine resolved to devote her inheritance to this apostolate and enter a contemplative order. When, however, in private audience, she begged Leo XIII to send missionaries to staff the schools she was building, the pope replied, "My child, why not become a missionary yourself?" Katharine renounced a twenty-million-dollar fortune and founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, adoring Christ present in the Eucharist and ministering to Christ suffering in victims of racial discrimination. Her Sisters established over sixty schools nationwide, including Xavier University, New Orleans, the first dedicated to professional education for African Americans. In 2000, John Paul II canonized "Mother Drexel," praising her "excellent example of practical charity and generous solidarity with the less fortunate, long the distinguishing mark of American Catholics."

MARCH IS THE MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH



This month we remember the foster father of Jesus and the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Joseph is a very important man in salvation history, however, we know that there is not much known about him, because the bible only tells us a few things about him. It would be misleading to gauge St Joseph's importance by the number of words attributed to him in Scripture. As is often the case in the Bible, a few seemingly simple remarks say more than we can comprehend in a lifetime of study and reflections.

tion. The Bible does not give us an exhaustive picture of the saint, but then neither does it contain a definitive biography of Christ or His mother. However, Scripture does tell us all that we need to know about St Joseph, as well as, the mission assigned him in the plan of salvation. It tells us that he is a descendant of King David, which makes him important in the life of Jesus. It was through the father that the ancestral linage was traced in the Old Testament times. Now it is Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich, who was given visions of the life of Jesus, who tells us that Mary was of the line of David as well, so Jesus is from the line of David which fulfils the prophecy that there would always be a king on the throne of David. Now if you were a person of Jewish lineage in the first century BC, you would be asking the question, "why did the line of David end?" In the Babylonian captivity the line of kings was ended, however, as Catholics it is important for us to know that Jesus is the answer to that prophecy. He is the eternal king in heaven.

Another thing we know about St Joseph is that in his dreams he is given special knowledge, like to give the child born of Mary the name of Jesus. Naming a child was the role of the father, so he is given this honor by an angel of God. Also, this is done when he is struggling with the thought to leave Mary quietly. It is Fr. Donald Calloway in his book on the life of St Joseph who tells us that Joseph was not worried about Mary being pregnant out of wedlock, but that he was worried that he was not worthy to be the foster father of so great a person as the chosen Messiah. There are two other times in Matthew's Gospel where we hear about Joseph receiving dream messages from an angel. The first message is after the visit of the Magi where he is told to flee into Egypt with his wife and the child. The second is later when he is told it is safe to return because Herod has died.

So in St Luke's Gospel we only hear of Joseph in passing where he is present at the birth of Jesus, and when the shepherds visit. Then at the presentation in the temple and when Jesus was found in the temple, there is only a brief mention of Mary looking for Him where she says your father and I were looking for you. So from biblical sources, we do not know much about St. Joseph, however, we do know this, after the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Joseph is the greatest of the saints. He is the one "into whose custody God entrusted his most precious treasures," Jesus and Mary. That right there makes him very important. He must have been a just and upright man to be picked by God to watch over such precious treasures. He would have to be a chaste man of particular honor, who was strong and could protect his wife and foster child.

In his Apostolic Exhortation Custodian of the Redeemer, Pope St. John Paul II elaborates on this statement of Pope Leo XIII, as it touches upon Mary and Joseph's vocation with respect to the Incarnation of the Eternal Word. This is the mystery in which Joseph of Nazareth "shared" like no other human being except Mary, the Mother of the Incarnate Word. He shared in it with her; he was involved in the same salvific event; he was the guardian of the same love, through the power of which the eternal Father "destined us to be his sons through Jesus Christ" (Eph. 1:5).

And later, If Mary is the Lord's humble servant, prepared from eternity for the task of being the Mother of God, Joseph is the one whom God chose to be the "overseer of the Lord's birth", the one who has the responsibility to look after the Son of God's "ordained" entry into the world, in accordance with divine dispositions and human laws (Custodian of the Redeemer, 8).

The Church therefore honors St. Joseph on March 19th for his faithfulness to God, and to his vocation as Custodian of the Redeemer.

What does St. Joseph help with?

St. Padre Pio said, "Go to Joseph with extreme confidence, because I do not remember having asked anything from St. Joseph, without having obtained it readily."

Since St. Joseph was the foster-father of Jesus, he was continually working for his family, the Holy Family. He provided for them, protected them, and was the head of the family. Now that he is in Heaven, he is a powerful intercessor for us and the patron saint of many different people and places.

Of what is St. Joseph the patron saint?

St. Joseph is the patron saint of the Universal Church, unborn babies, families, fathers, immigrants, social justice, carpenters, those seeking employment, realtors, and a happy death. His greatest patronage, however, is that of the Universal Church, an office that can be said to have begun with the "domestic church" of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Just as he diligently watched over the Christ Child, he continues to protect the Mystical Christ, the Church.

How did St. Joseph serve God?

St. Joseph was unfailingly obedient to God's commands. When the angel told St. Joseph to not be afraid to bring Mary his espoused wife into his home, he obeyed. When he was warned to escape to Egypt, he obeyed. He continually provided for his family and protected them—even in the face of great danger.

Even though he was not the father of Jesus biologically, St. Joseph was a devoted father to the Word Incarnate, taking the place on earth of His Father in heaven.

HE UNDERSTANDS US WELL

Jesus came to save. From what? From sin, yes. From death, yes. But he goes to the very root cause of those things in every word and action of his life – and the root is hypocrisy and egoism, which is pride. In order to restore and defend man's authentic relationship with God, Jesus must cleanse us from everything that gets in the way of that relationship, particularly whatever detracts from authentic faith and sincere worship. He came to save us from ourselves and our own contradictions.

The Temple officials directed their fellow Jews in the proper rituals, but had allowed the provision for that worship to gradually become adulterated with unholy practices. So when Jesus sees how the Temple has become a place of buying and selling, greed and worldly ambition (the businesses that provided proper sacrifices and the currency exchange making a lot of money for themselves), he cannot bear the hypocrisy that is detracting from true worship and sacrifice.

In his righteous anger, Jesus demonstrates uncharacteristic outrage. The very few times in the Gospel that we see Christ angry, it is to condemn hypocrisy. Hypocrites are holding themselves outside of the Kingdom, even as they claim to be at the pinnacle of it. We are all prone to this, due to the effects of Original Sin; by thinking of ourselves as exemplary citizens of God's Kingdom, we are subtly seeking to be rulers of our own kingdom.

We are created to be Temples of the Lord's Presence, but too often we allow lesser things to gradually occupy us and obscure the One Thing That Matters. Even if we are doing all the proper things on the outside, our hearts can become distracted and filled with lesser things.

Jesus understands us well. He knows the needs and desires and contradictions of our hearts and the many ways we fall as we try to walk in His ways. While our failures may surprise us, they do not surprise him. While we may forget we need to be saved and cannot save ourselves, he is ever our strong Savior, redeeming and refreshing and reminding us that we need to get up and look anew in the right direction.

And he delights to come to our aid! Lent is a time when we repent and ask the Lord to dust us off and clean our glasses so that we can see aright who we are and who He calls us to be, and adjust our course. We do not need to be perfect before we place all our confidence in Him – it is in placing all our confidence in Him that we grow in the way of perfection. He allows us to see our need so that we can entrust ourselves completely to His Heart, aching and beating and burning and pouring Itself out completely for love of us. This Lent, we can open ourselves anew to His Presence within us and entrust all our needs to Him.

By Kathryn Mulderink

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

As we are now well into Lent, we can take a look at what it means to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. A good place to start would be the Ten Commandments. The reading from Exodus presents us with one of the first listings of the Commandments. In this passage, God explains some of the laws to show how serious they are. For the first one, God includes making images to be used for worship. Now you might jump to the conclusion that all the statues and crucifixes in our churches must be destroyed. Not so.

In the days of Moses, people of other cultures made images of their gods and declared that the image was the god, and so should be worshipped. The LORD wanted his people to remember that God cannot be limited to an image or idea. That is still true today. Our images and statues are meant to help us pray to God, not to that work of art. In that sense, they are no worse than using a beautiful sunset or mountain scene to help you pray.

On the other hand, some people give a superstitious meaning to religious articles. Burying a statue to help sell your house could be one example. If you want to ask for a favor from God, just ask Him. God is much more likely to listen to a sincere prayer than a superstitious action.

The reason God gives for the first commandment is that he is a passionate God, who has chosen the Israelites to be his people. When he punishes sin, he allows the effect of our bad choices to hurt us and those around us. But when we repent and change our ways, his love is everlasting.

God also emphasizes some commands by duplicating them. He tells us not to steal from others, and also not to plan to steal from our neighbor. The same with adultery: Planning it is just as bad as doing it. Taking his name in vain originally meant perjuring yourself after taking an oath to tell the truth. That is similar to the eighth commandment about false witness.

Jesus simplified all these commands when he reminds us to love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. Let's remember that as we turn away from sin to serving God better during Lent.

Tom Schmid



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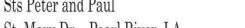
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