

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10, 2024

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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."

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 **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.

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

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

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND



On March 16-17, the Archdiocese of New Orleans will host a very important collection to raise funds to offset the cost of educating seminarians at Notre Dame Seminary and St. Joseph Seminary College. All funds collected will go directly to supporting the education and formation of the men currently studying to be priests in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The annual cost to fund one seminarian is \$45,000, and this total is one of the largest budgetary items in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Please continue to pray for these men and those who work with them on their priestly formation. Please give generously to this very important fund that will provide support for those who will minister to the people of God in New Orleans for many years to come.

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.

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 Sedgbeer, 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 11

(Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, March 12

(Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16)

8:00 a.m. Scarlett Charbonnet

Wednesday, March 13

(Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, March 14

(Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47)

8:00 a.m. Camila Dest

Friday, March 15

(Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30)

8:00 a.m. Janine Gares

Saturday, March 16

(Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53)

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

Sunday, March 17

(Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33)

7:00 a.m. Margaret & Henry Jorns†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, Brenda Dehm, The Richard Family, Bonnie Aguilar†, Earline Garrity†, Augie & Little Augie Paretti, John Lacourrege†, Nicholas Eirich†, The Eirich Family, Bob Barrell, John Benfatti

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM



Weekly Rosaries: 392

Year to Date: 3071



ONE OF JESUS' WORDS FROM THE CROSS

Our God is so good. He sent His only son to die for our sins. We humans were the ones who went against God and sinned, but He died for us out of pure love.

Have you ever wondered why Jesus said, "My God My God, Why have forsaken me?" when he was hanging on the cross?

The first thought that usually comes to mind is, was Jesus doubting God, the Father's plan for Him when he was in agony on the cross? The simple answer is no, of course not. But why did he say that? It has been recorded for us in scripture, so we know that is in fact what He said, but why?

The answer is at the same time simple and also complex. In no way did Jesus doubt anything the Father wanted Him to do. Jesus had what is called the beatific vision. What this means is that he was connected to God, the Father, in such a way that he would have the full plan of salvation. So, He could see the mind of the Father and He would know everything that His father wanted Him to know. In other words, He could see the plan that God had laid out for Him because He and God were connected. They were in fact one in being; they were two parts of the same being of the Trinity. So that being said, He knew He would have to suffer from the beginning; which is why He tells his apostles beforehand that his mission was to suffer and die. This is why Peter rebuked him for talking this way and why Jesus said "Get behind me Satan," in reply.

So, Jesus and God, the Father, were on the same page, but why then did He say "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" The answer comes from scriptures, specifically from Psalm 22, which is known as the suffering servant psalm. When you read that psalm you will see a man who is going through great suffering. In fact Psalm 22 starts out with the words, "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?" So right there, Jesus is identifying with the suffering servant. While there is a difference in the words used between forsaken and abandoned, both words convey the feeling of being far from God, and not feeling oneness with God when He is needed the most. While Jesus, obviously was not far from God, being united to Him inseparably, we can see that His human nature was truly suffering and going through the feeling of separation from God in a bodily way.

So what this shows is that Jesus was identifying with this Psalm even as he spoke the words; since this Psalm is about a person going through much suffering. And many scripture scholars have said that the person the psalm is written about is really Jesus; since it embodies His suffering so well. When we look at certain parts of Psalm 22 we can see how it relates to Jesus' suffering. For instance, in verse 8, we hear the words, "All who see me mock me: they curl their lips and jeer, they shake their heads at me." Well, Jesus was assuredly mocked. We can see this directly in the Gospel of Matthew 27:29, "Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And kneeling before Him, they mocked Him, saying, 'Hail king of the Jews!'" So right here we can clearly see how this passage from Matthew points directly to the one from Psalm 22. Also, as He walked the road of Calvary many on the road shook their heads at Him.

Next, if we look at verse 16 we can clearly see how the person in the Psalm is suffering when we hear, "As dry as a potsherd is my throat; my tongue cleaves to my palate." Think about Jesus' suffering on the cross when he yelled out, "I thirst, While it was a cry about His thirst for souls and growth in faith, at the same time, His body would have surely been thirsting for water after several hours hanging on the cross.

Next verse 17 states, "Many dogs surround me: a pack of evil doers closes in on me." Here it's easy to see how the Pharisees and Sadducees were like a pack of dogs or evil doers seeking to kill him. Since this is what is happening on the cross, when they could not wait to put Him to death.

The next verse in line 18 is very clear, "I can count all my bones." This really hits home when you think about how, after the scourging, his bones were visible in some places due to how his flesh was torn; so they could easily be counted. If you saw the Passion of the Christ this should be readily evident.

When we look at line 19 you can really see how this Psalm must have been written about Jesus, because it is prophetic When you hear the verse say, "... they divide my garments among them; for my clothing they cast lots." Let us look at where in the Gospels this is heard, John 19:23-24 "When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took His tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they cast lots for it to see whose it will be, in order that the passage from scripture would be fulfilled. They divided my garments among them and for my vesture they cast lots." The last line even identifies directly to Psalm 22 verse 19; the only different is between the word garment and vesture (Which is another way of saying garment).

Please read Psalm 22 and bring it to prayer and reflect on it. In the remainder of Psalm 22 you can see where the man who formerly was crying out in agony is now praising God, which is a far cry from the beginning where he was doubting God. Which in its own way tells about the resurrection Here is in His risen body Jesus praises God the Father in heaven. So through this short reflection of Jesus' agony on the cross, I hope you can see one way in which both the New Testament and the Old Testament work well together. It is also important to note that the book of Psalms is the preeminent form of prayer in the Bible. Because it was God who inspired the Psalms to be written and they were required prayers for the Jewish people; Jesus Himself prayed the Psalms. This can be seen throughout the Gospels. Lastly, the Psalms, themselves, cover many different moods of people in prayer. An example would be Psalm 22 and 23. Psalm 22 is the suffering servant Psalm and Psalm 23 is one of praise to God for being the good Shepherd.



Beloved father

Joseph placed himself at the service of God's plan of salvation. He cared for the Holy Family that God had entrusted to him. He became an attentive servant from the moment of the Annunciation, a provident servant in caring for Mary and the Child she carried in her womb. He defended the Family in the moment of danger. These are just a few of Saint Joseph's traits that explain why the People of God are especially devoted to him.

Tender and loving father

Joseph taught Jesus how to walk, holding Him by the hand. Jesus saw the tenderness of God in Joseph, the Just Man. In Joseph, Jesus saw a man of faith who knew how to view life with hope because, in the midst of the storm, God remains steadfast at the helm of the course of life.

Obedient father

God's plan was revealed to Joseph through dreams. He always responded promptly: at the moment of the Annunciation of the Lord, when Herod wanted to kill the Child, when Herod died. Joseph was guided by God and he obeyed. Jesus

absorbed this filial "submission" to God from Joseph. He learned obedience from His parents.

Accepting father

Joseph is presented as someone who is respectful and sensitive, capable of placing Mary's dignity and life above everything else, even above his own reputation. Joseph accepts, certain that everything is guided by God's providence. He understood that life reveals itself according to the degree to which God's plan is accepted, to the degree to which we reconcile ourselves to God's plan. This is Christian realism: to accept, to welcome God into our own personal history, to learn how to welcome and accept everyone we meet.

Creatively courageous father

In the face of difficulties, Joseph always brought out the most unexpected resources. Joseph is the man through whom God manifested His providential care from the beginning of the history of salvation. Difficulties never stopped the boldness and tenacity of this just and wise man in whom God trusted, just as He trusted in Mary. This is how we see in Joseph the Guardian of the Holy Family: first of his family in Nazareth, and today, of the Church.

Working father

Work, understood as participating in God's own work, is what Joseph carried out in his own life and what he taught Jesus. Work is important to bring to birth a new "normal", in which no one is excluded. Saint Joseph's work recalls that Jesus, the Son of God-made-Man did not disdain manual labor. Work guarantees human dignity.

Father in the shadows

As a father, Joseph introduced the Son of God to life's experiences and realities: not holding Him back, not confining Him, not possessing Him, but fostering His capacity of making choices, His freedom, eventually letting Him leave home. The logic of love is always the logic of freedom: Joseph's joy is the gift of himself. He made himself obsolete. At a certain point, he stayed in the background so that his Son could emerge.

Prayer

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

(Prayer from the [Apostolic Letter Patris Corde](#), written by Pope Francis)

LENTEN CONFESSIONS



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

ANNULMENT WRITING WORKSHOP

Do you need to write an annulment or are you struggling to write an annulment? Deacon Drea Capaci of the Archdiocese is offering a workshop on March 23 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There is no registration necessary.

SAYING, DOING, OR BEING?

St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Ephesians that we are saved through grace: God's actions of sending his Son to die for us, and raising Jesus from the dead show the love God has for us. It comes entirely from God. We are saved by our faith in Jesus, but even that faith comes from God. So when Paul says that no one can boast about being saved, he means that we can't add up our good deeds like reward points for heaven. He also means that we can't brag about our faith because we can recite the creed or answer an altar call. So if being saved is not a matter of saying the right things, or doing good deeds, what is it?

The answer comes from the gospel. Jesus tells us that he will be lifted up, or crucified, so that we can believe in him and have eternal life. Notice he doesn't give a list of facts about God that we are required to believe. When we "believe in" someone, we put our love and trust in that person. We want to be with that person as much as we can. We know that we are loved and so respond by giving love. Our response of love is not just a happy feeling. It inspires us to stop being selfish and start noticing that others need our help. Jesus describes it as living in the light: we are not ashamed to help someone, forgive someone, or comfort someone. While we do not force our faith on others, we don't hide it either. Our life is in the light, open to anyone who wants to see what God has done for us.

That brings us back to the question about salvation: it is not something we do or say. It is what God does for us. Our response of faith is also his gift. So when we recognize all that God has done for us and believe in his Son Jesus, the Spirit will guide us to live that faith and share it with others.

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MARCH — IS THE MONTH OF — *Saint Joseph*

WAYS TO HONOR
ST. JOSEPH:

IN HIS ROLE AS PATRON
OF THE UNIVERSAL
CHURCH, HIS
INTERCESSION FOR ALL
OF OUR REQUESTS HAS
BEEN RECOMMENDED BY
MANY OF THE GREAT
SAINTS

GOD SPOKE TO
ST. JOSEPH THROUGH
DREAMS, WHICH IS
WHY HE IS OFTEN
DEPICTED AS SLEEPING

ST. JOSEPH IS KNOWN
FOR HIS MANY
VIRTUES, INCLUDING:
OBEDIENCE, CHASTITY,
FAITHFULNESS,
CHARITY, AND
HUMILITY



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MODEL TO ALL -
ESPECIALLY FATHERS,
HUSBANDS, PRIESTS,
AND WORKERS

PICK A VIRTUE OF
ST. JOSEPH AND COMMIT
TO GROWING IN THAT
LEARN ABOUT THE SEVEN
SORROWS AND SEVEN JOYS
OF ST. JOSEPH

PLACE LILIES OR LIGHT A
CANDLE IN FRONT OF A
STATUE OF ST. JOSEPH
LEARN ABOUT THE
CONSECRATION TO
ST. JOSEPH AND
CONSIDER BEGINNING IT
ON MARCH 30TH TO
END ON MAY 1ST

PRAY THE LITANY OF
ST. JOSEPH

PRAY A NOVENA TO
ST. JOSEPH FOR YOUR
FATHER OR SOMEONE WHO
HAS BEEN A SPIRITUAL
FATHER TO YOU AND SEND
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