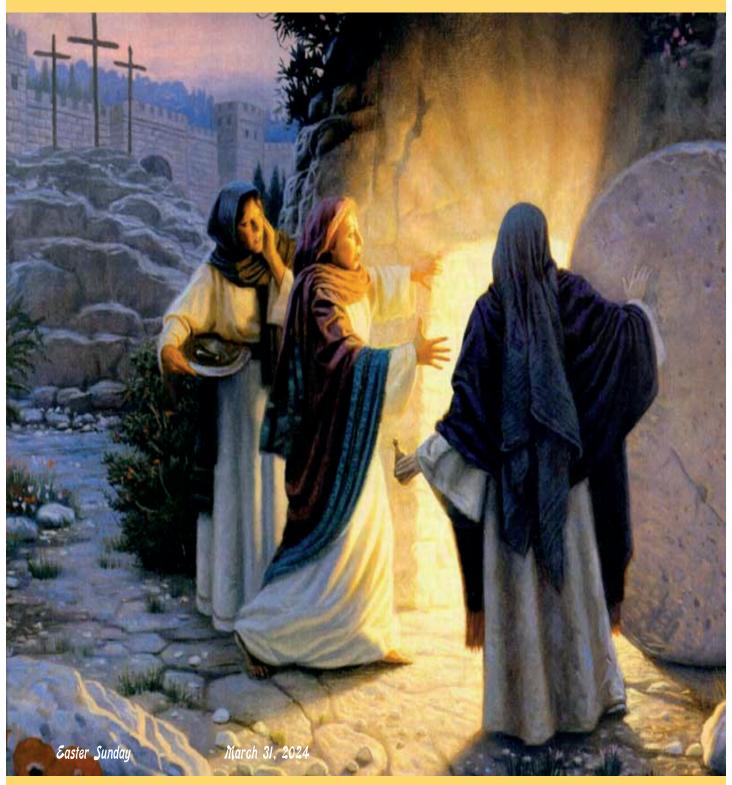
# Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church



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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.

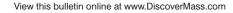
# Communion for Ill/Shut-In

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

Monday-Office Closed

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. Parish Hall

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

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Friday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and ending with Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

PSR—Sunday Youth Attena Mass & Adoration



## BEAUTIFICATION DAY APRIL 6TH

Many hands make light work. Bring the whole family and come join us for our Church Beautification day on Saturday, April 6th beginning with prayer and breakfast at 7:00 am.

Bring your work gloves, rakes, hand trimmers, hedge trimmers, weed eaters and wheel barrows

Stick around after the work day for lunch and fellowship at 12:00 p.m.





# PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

# Monday, April 1

(Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15)

No Mass Scheduled

# Tuesday, April 2

(Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18)

8:00 a.m. Edward Roszczynialski

# Wednesday, April 3

(Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

# Thursday, April 4

(Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48)

8:00 a.m. Lee Laughlin

# Friday, April 5

(Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14)

8:00 a.m. Wallace Bailey, Sr.†

# Saturday, April 6

(Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15)

8:00 a.m. Claude Yarborought

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

# Sunday, April 7

(Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31)

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

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, Brenda Dehm, Riley Richard & Family, Bonnie Aguilar†, Augie & Little Augie Paretti, Sherin Colombo, Mary H. Seeler†, Earline Garitty†, Augie & Sondra Paretti

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

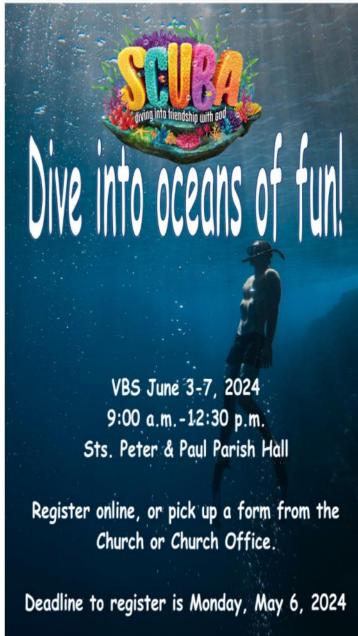


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# POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR MARCH

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.





Born of water and the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Baptism March 17 were **Drake**William Kittel, son of Elizabeth Kittel and Nicholas Cazenave and Evangeline Harper Wooley, daughter of Justin and Tiffany Wooley.
With love and joy we welcome **Drake William** and Evangeline Harper into God's holy family.

God's Divine Plan

"God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness, freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek him, to know him, to love him with all his strength. He calls together all men, scattered and divided by sin, into the unity of his family, the Church. To accomplish this, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son as Redeemer and Savior. In his Son and through him, he invites men to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs of his blessed life." - CCC 1

This is the first paragraph from the catechism and I think it perfectly sums up what we celebrate today on this beautiful Easter morning. In today's first reading we hear the entire Gospel story being preached by Peter. This is the same Peter who denied Jesus three times just a few days before, and who we read about in the Gospel as not fully understanding what Christ was doing until he saw the empty tomb. Peter then knew the plans of God and could easily and succinctly proclaim them to all people.

The goal of the lenten season is to bring us to a point where we can realize that our destiny is to share in the divine life of God. This isn't just a vague sentimental idea or ambiguous theology, but it is the entire point of our lives. Jesus loved you enough to die on a tree in order that you might receive adoption as his beloved. It seems simple enough, but do we really grasp the depth of the meaning? Easter morning is the good news that not only were you bought back at a price, but that the death of God was not the end. Rather, it was just the beginning. Christ rising from the dead defeated sin and death once and for all and claims us back as adopted children.

This is why Easter is the most important feast in our liturgical calendar. And God wants us to feast. We might be a little rusty after 40 days of fasting, but God wants us to pull out all the stops. I recommend making the nicest dinner you can within your means and celebrate as a family what Christ has done in conquering sin and death. The Easter egg hunts are fun and everybody likes baked ham, but let's not forget the reason for this season. That God desired for you to be saved and come to share in his divine life. This is enough to make even the worst of sinners or hardened criminals rejoice. As John Paul II said often, "We are an Easter people, and Hallelujah is our song." Now go feast!

From all of us here at Diocesan, God bless!



## HALLELUJAH HE HAS RISEN



Today is a day to rejoice! Death has been defeated, God has conquered death. We hear in the Easter Exultant, "Oh happy fault, O necessary fault of Adam and Eve that procured for us such a wonderful savior." Now your first thought is probably, happy fault? Of Adam PASTOR'S CORNER and Eve!!! Father what are you talking about? If it were not for Adam and Eve there would be no sins, no faults, why should I be happy?

This world is covered in sin and darkness due to the sin of Adam and Eve. And if you look around the world today you may notice that things seems to be getting worse. However, things would be much worse if not for Jesus.

The answer here is a simple one. If Adam and Eve would not have sinned, there would be no need for the Son of God to walk the earth and to save us. Jesus is the ultimate answer to this question because of what He did on the cross. The true happiness of the fault of Adam and Eye is Jesus' death on the cross.

The second part of the Easter proclamation is excellent as well, "Oh death where is your victory, Oh death where is your sting?" This becomes most evident in the fact that before Jesus' death was the end, no one escaped it and all who died were just stuck somewhere called the "bosom of Abraham", if they were not just condemned to Hell. However, after Jesus' resurrection, death no longer holds sway over humanity. While it is painful and difficult for us on earth, death is only the beginning of our soul's span as it heads on to heaven and prepares for the new glorified body.

It was through death on the cross that ultimate victory was pulled out of the jaws of total crushing defeat. Just when Satan thought that he had won and the Son of God was humiliated and defeated through death, he only too late realized that death itself was destroyed when it attempted to swallow God's son in death. Think of it this way, God is so great and so big that when death tried to swallow Jesus that it was burst asunder like a snake trying to swallow a too big prey or a large fish trying to swallow a fish too big for it and it dies. A few years ago, I came across the picture of an anaconda that tried to swallow a crocodile whole. The snake died. Its body tore apart because the crocodile was too big for it and of course the crocodile died as well. I also worked in the pet department in Walmart many years ago and we had an Oskar fish that tried to swallow a fish half its size. The smaller fish became lodged in the bigger fish's mouth, well both fish died. We can see it in a similar way, death tried to swallow the author of life and it was destroyed because of it. While Jesus did die on the cross he resurrected from the dead which was what destroyed death and opened for us the way to everlasting life.

It is also important to note that God actually set a trap for the Devil and allowed Himself to die so that He could pay the ultimate sacrifice in order to save us from our sins. This is important because in the Old Testament times God required a sacrificial offering for an expiation of our sins. This is because mortal sins are so much a break from God that the person who sinned in that way would merit death. In the time of Moses in the desert, God had to kill off certain people in order to stop all of His people from being destroyed in their sins. What I mean by this is that if God had not allowed certain consequences for sinful actions there would have, turned to the worship of the false gods of the Egyptians, and there would have been no people of God left alive on earth. This is why God had to destroy that wicked generation so that their sons and daughters would turn back to God. After that time in the desert the Israelites would be able to make a sin offering by sacrificing goats or sheep, or turtle doves, or cows in place of people. In the Letter to the Hebrews the author writes, "According to the law almost everything is purified by blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness." (Heb. 9:22) This is referring to the Old Testament times where by only a bloody sacrifice was capable of expiating or purifying our sins. Unfortunately the sacrifice of animals was never enough for the people to be forgiven from their sins even if all of the animals on earth were sacrificed it would not be enough.

In the new dispensation (of the New Testament), the unbloodied representation of the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary replaces the bloody sacrifice of the old sacrificial system of the Levitical Priesthood. Thus, rather than making daily and annual sacrifices of animals, Jesus Christ "offered Himself once and for all to take away the sins of many." (Heb. 9:28). And this He did "once for all" (Heb: 9:26). His sacrifice is eternal, and by His perfect obedience, He "offered one single sacrifice for sins, and has taken His place forever at the right hand of God (Heb. 10:2-13).

Now that the Son of God has been sacrificed things have changed. Humans can be forgiven through this once and perfect sacrifice. Now death truly has no sting, since it is only the opening to everlasting life with God in Heaven.

So this is what we are rejoicing about during Easter, that Jesus has resurrected and we are an Easter people, who can sing Hallelujah.



# April 2024

# Sts. Peter and Paul Church



| Sunday   | Monday                         | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--|--------------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|
|  | April Fool's Day OFFICE CLOSED | 6:30 OCIAT & II 7 pmAntonians 8 am Mass with St. Jude Novena 8:45 Rosary Group | Confession<br>6:00-6:15 pm<br>6:30 pm Mass       | 4 10 am Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Patriotic Rosary 8 am Mass with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena   | 5<br>8 am 1st Fri<br>Mass &<br>Adoration till 5<br>pm | 6 4-4:45 Confessions 5 pm Mass 8 am 1st Sat Devotion & Confessions 8-12 Beautification Day |
| 7 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet & Confessions 7-8:30-10:30 Mass 8:30 Youth Attend Mass & Adoration Daylight Savings Time Begins | 8<br>12 pm GASPP               | 6:30 OCIAT & II<br>8 am Mass with<br>St. Jude Novena<br>8:45 Rosary<br>Group   | Confession<br>6:00-6:15 pm<br>6:30 pm Mass       | 11 10 am Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Patriotic Rosary 8 am Mass with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena  | 12<br>8 am Mass                                       | 13<br>4-4:45<br>Confessions<br>5 pm Mass<br>Altar Society<br>Bake Sale                     |
| 14 7-8:30-10:30 Mass Altar Society Bake Sale Building Fund PSR begins with 8:30 Mass                                       | 15                             | 6:30 OCIAT & II<br>8 am Mass with<br>St. Jude Novena<br>8:45 Rosary<br>Group   | 17<br>Confession<br>6:00-6:15 pm<br>6:30 pm Mass | 18 10 am Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Patriotic Rosary 8 am Mass with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 9 am Atar Society Meeting 11 am Widows Group | 19<br>8 am Mass                                       | 20<br>4-4:45<br>Confessions<br>5 pm Mass<br>8-12 Farmer's<br>Market                        |
| 7-8:30-10:30 Mass Priest Retirement Collection PSR begins with 8:30 Mass   | 22                             | 6:30 OCIAT & II 8 am Mass with St. Jude Novena 8:45 Rosary Group               | 24<br>Confession<br>6:00-6:15 pm<br>6:30 pm Mass | 25 10 am Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Patriotic Rosary 8 am Mass with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena  | 26<br>8 am Mass                                       | 27<br>4-4:45<br>Confessions<br>5 pm Mass   |
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