

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 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	

YOUR CLERGY

Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond, D.D.
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Monday 1:00-3:00
Tuesday-Thursday 8:00-3:00
Friday 8:00a.m.-3:00 p.m.

CONTACT US

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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

PSR—Sunday begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass

THE REJECTED SAVIOR

In the reading from Acts, Peter explains to the leaders of Israel how they cured a crippled man. They probably expected Peter to take credit for the cure, so they were waiting for him to hang himself by his words. Peter, of course, gives the credit to Jesus and then makes two important points.

First he calls Jesus the “stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.” This quote from Psalm 118 was used often by the early Christians to show that Jesus was rejected by fellow Jews when he was crucified, but was actually doing God’s will when he gave his life on the cross. Thus he became not just a martyr, but the savior of the world. This gave comfort to those who had expected the leaders of Israel to follow Jesus and recognize him as the Messiah. It also told those leaders that they could be forgiven for crucifying Jesus if they would simply repent.

The second point made by Peter was that Jesus is the one and only savior of the world. In those days, the Roman emperor was considered to be a god and was called a savior. Peter says this to the leaders because they had to obey the emperor and his appointed rulers over Israel. While we no longer look to politicians to be saviors, we need to remember that Jesus is **the** Savior: he forgives our sins, shows us how to love God and our neighbors, and hears our prayers. He lives in us to support us when the answer to our prayers is “no.” And in the end, he is with us when we die to bring us to eternal life. When we love others (and are loved by others) we experience a taste of God’s love. Now the choice is yours: to reject the Savior or make Him the cornerstone of your life.

Tom Schmidt

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, Glenn Bunting

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 22

(Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, April 23

(Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30)

8:00 a.m. Debra Goodey†

Wednesday, April 24

(Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, April 25

(1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20)

8:00 a.m. Claude Yarborough†

Friday, April 26

(Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6)

8:00 a.m. Emily Doucette

Saturday, April 27

(Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14)

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragu-sa, Sr.†, Sarah Stokes, Elanor Strickland, Earline Garitty, Altar Society Members, Antonians & Benefactors, Lawrence Otillio†, Augie Guth, Joyce Morgani†, Emilie Tran

Sunday, April 28

(Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8)

7:00 a.m. Henry & Lois Rubli†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, John Lloyd Marchese†, C.J. Lightell†, J.C. Spiers†, Brenda Dehm, Earline Garitty†, Augie Paretti, Riley Richard & Family, Mary Seeler†, Peter Dakin†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

Weekly Rosaries: 245

Year to Date: 4998



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

It is with heartfelt sympathy that we inform you of the death of Peter Dakin, husband of Kathryn. Please remember him and all those who mourn him in your thoughts and prayers.



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR APRIL

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

SHEPHERDING OUR HEARTS TO THE FATHER'S

The Holy Spirit is burning within Peter, the first of the Apostles, as he proclaims the truth about Jesus to the leaders of the Jews in today's First Reading: Jesus Christ is the stone they rejected and executed, the cornerstone of the Church, in Whom all salvation and healing is found.

In Christ, the Son of God, we also become children of God. In Christ, who calls himself the Good Shepherd, we are known and healed and saved. This Good Shepherd has sacrificed everything for our sake, laying down His life willingly, and taking it back up again.

Jesus is always the one in control. No one forces him to do anything. The Father sent him into the world on a mission of salvation, and his whole life is dedicated to saving all of us. It is a struggle, but he is not struggling to protect or save himself; he is struggling to save all of us as he gives all of Himself. The enemy does not make him recoil or run away from his mission; the "wolf" will not make him anxious, because he cannot lose. Jesus is not worried. He does not need to recalculate his battle plan. The Plan is set from the beginning: He must take on all our fallenness and woundedness and sin and death itself, and carry it all the way to Golgotha in his own Perfect Heart – completely human and completely divine; he must sacrifice himself wholly by laying down his life, and then transform every darkness into light when he takes up his life again.

And His glorious promise to us is that ultimately, all will be drawn together so that there will be one flock without division, under the one Shepherd of love. The love of the Father has willed that we be called His children, as St. John tells us. God has created a world and a Heaven that would not be complete without us, because we are all members of one family in Christ, each of us beloved sons and daughters. Through Christ's rejection and death, we are redeemed, received, and given eternal life. In this freedom, we are called to accept this great gift and follow the commands of our Good Shepherd.

By Kathryn Mulderink



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Archdiocese of New Orleans is on the Southern, "Juan Diego", pilgrimage route. We will welcome the pilgrims from June 7-9, 2024. There are three public events we are planning in the Archdiocese while the pilgrims are here:

- On Friday June 7th, beginning at 6:30 p.m., we will hold a public Eucharistic Procession from the steps of Notre Dame Seminary and proceeding to St. Rita's Church on Lowerline Street. The procession will be followed by a time of Eucharistic Adoration with music provided by the Vigil Project and a reflection by one of the perpetual pilgrims. Our intention is to make the sacrament of reconciliation available at this event. Priests are asked to contact Chris O'Neill in the Office of Marriage and Family Life (coneill@archno.org, 504-861-6247) if you will be willing and available to hear confessions. I thank you for your assistance.

- The CYO Young Adult Ministry is planning to host a "Theology on Tap" for young adults with the Perpetual Pilgrims on Saturday evening June 8th. This event will give the pilgrims a chance to meet our young adults and encourage them in their walk of faith. The time and place of this event are forthcoming and will be announced in the E-Bulletin and on the Young Adult Ministry Social Media channels. Contact James Behan, Associate Director for Young Adult Ministry with questions jbehan@arch-no.org.

- I will offer the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 9th at St. Louis Cathedral followed by a Eucharistic Procession around Jackson Square. All are invited. Please help us spread the word about these events and encourage people to participate.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans



Altar Servers Needed

Sts. Peter and Paul is in need of Altar Servers for all masses, in particularly the 5:00 p.m. Vigil mass, 7:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday masses. If YOU or your child would like to serve, please contact Fr. Kevin or the office. Adults will not need to wear cassocks like the youth wear.



FARMER'S MARKET

Sts. Peter and Paul's Farmer's Market is back!

If you have an abundance of homegrown fruits and vegetables or jellies, jams or other homemade goods and you'd like to participate in the market, contact the office at 985-863-7935 no later than the second Wednesday of the month to reserve your spot.

Don't have anything to sell? Come out to support our local farmers and stock up on fresh produce.



PASTOR'S CORNER

4TH WEEK OF EASTER

Have you ever wondered why Easter is on a different Sunday each calendar each year? Well you're not the only person to ask this question. ZENIT has a wonderful article on this topic. Easter follows a lunar-solar, rather than a solar, calendar and is celebrated on the Sunday that follows the first full moon after March 21, the vernal (spring) equinox. Therefore, Easter cannot fall earlier than March 22 or later than April 25.

Thus, according to a detailed article in Wikipedia, "Gregorian Easter can fall on 35 possible dates. ... It last fell on March 22 in 1818, and will not do so again until 2285. It fell on March 23 in 2008, but will not do so again until 2160. Easter last fell on the latest possible date, April 25, in 1943 and will next fall on that date in 2038. However, it fell on April 24, just one day before this latest possible date, in 2011. The cycle of Easter dates repeats after exactly 5,700,000 years, with April 19 being the most common date, happening 220,400 times or 3.9%, compared to the median for all dates of 189,525 times or 3.3%."

Most of the Eastern Churches follow the same basic principles but often celebrate Easter on a date different from Catholics and other Western Christians because they continue to follow the calendar of Julius Caesar without the corrections incorporated by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582.

Julius Caesar's calendar (from 46 B.C.) calculated the year as 365 days and 6 hours and thus was about 11 minutes and 9 seconds more than the Earth's actual course. Although tiny, this excess puts the calendar off by a day, more or less, every 128 years. Thus, the Council of Nicaea already found it necessary to regress the date of the spring equinox to March 21 instead of the original date of March 25.

By the time of Gregory XIII the difference had grown so much that the spring equinox occurred on March 11.

In 1581 with the bull "Inter Gravissimas" Pope Gregory promulgated a widespread reform which, among other things, re-established the spring equinox on March 21 by eliminating 10 days from October 1582. Coincidence would have it that St. Teresa of Avila died on that very night of Oct. 4-1582.

The error of Julius Caesar's calendar was corrected by deciding that the turn of the century — always a leap year in the Julian calendar — would be so only when the year could be divided by 400, that is 1600, 2000, 2400, 2800, etc., whereas there would be no leap year in the others.

Most Catholic countries, and even some Protestant ones, accepted the reform almost immediately. Some countries, such as England, held off accepting the papal reform until 1752 while Russia did not adopt it until after the Communist takeover in 1918.

The calculation is still not perfect as there is still a difference of 24 seconds between the legal and the solar calendar. However, 3,500 years will have to pass before another day is added.

Although all Western countries now use the Gregorian calendar for civil purposes, most Oriental Churches continue to use the Julian calendar to calculate Easter. The difference between the two systems is now 13 days, so that although the Orthodox Easter also falls between March 22

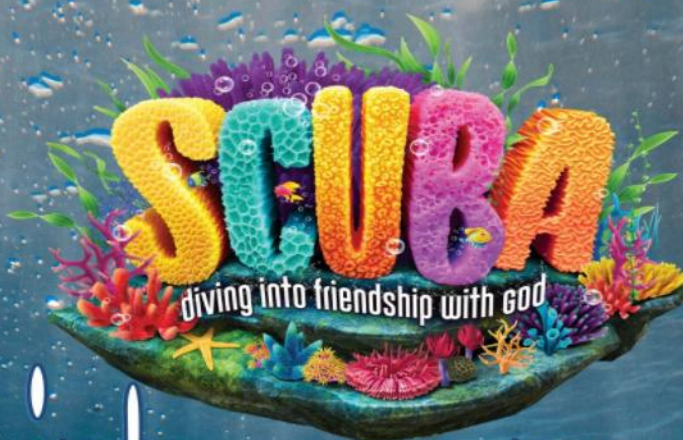
and April 25 (inclusive), these dates correspond to between April 4 and May 8 (inclusive) in the Gregorian system.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord's Passover: *Pasqua* in Italian, *Paques* in French, *Paach* in Dutch, *Pascha* in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name: the name of a pagan goddess, Eoster. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain, the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King's chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Eoster once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn't take to the new Latin name (*Pascha Domini*) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: Yule.

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VBS June 3-7, 2024
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