## 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."

#### 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

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.



## MONTH OF JANUARY WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & EXPENSES

 Ordinary Income
 35,776.24

 Extraordinary Income
 2,895.5

 Expenses
 13,971.80

 Total
 \$24,699.94

Next Weekend's special collection will be for the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for Africa.

#### 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

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

First Holy Communion—Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Just as the origins of Lent have to do with accompanying people in the final stages of preparation for baptism at Eastertime, so does the structure of the Easter season help the newly received Catholics take root in the community. This is the season of "mystagogy," which means "reflection on the mysteries." This means that new Catholics are remembering the sacraments by which they become one with us, and are sorting out the implications for their everyday life. They can understand the excitement of Cornelius and his family in the first reading, filled with the Holy Spirit, and so eager to begin their new life that they overwhelm St. Peter. The second reading and the Gospel today likewise help our new brothers and sisters explore their new life as an experience of God's tender love.

Long ago, our tradition named these newly baptized adults and children the "neophytes," from Greek words meaning "newly planted." Newly planted in the garden of faith, they look to us to provide the fertile soil in which their new life can take root and grow. You can help. If you have "neophytes" in your parish, a card or note of welcome, or warm words of congratulation, are still timely. It's Easter!

—Rec. James Field

#### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lord, Hear Our Frayer

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

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#### MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, May 6

(Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a)

No Mass Scheduled

#### Tuesday, May 7

(Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11)

8:00 a.m. Barbara Roszczynialski †

### Wednesday, May 8

(Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

## Thursday, May 9

(Acts 1:1-11; Mk 16:15-20)

8:00 a.m. Michaela Cuccia †

### Friday, May 10

(Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)

8:00 a.m. Hillard Bach †

### Saturday, May 11

(Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28)

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 Srokes, Eleanor Strickland, Robert Jenevein†, Jenny Jenevein†, Althea Deckwa†, Earline Garitty†, John McKelvey, Sr.†, Lawrence Otillio†, Peter Dakin†, Brenda Dehm

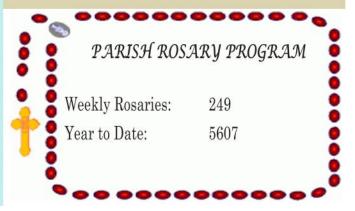
## Sunday, May 12

(Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19 )

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

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, Earline Garitty†, Riley Richard & Family, Brenda Dehm, Peter Dakin†, Shirley Lightell, Melanie Blakeman†, May Caballero

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish





## POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR MAY

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual, and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

#### THE POWER OF LOVE

Why is it that we are "commanded" to love? Wouldn't it be better if we were *invited* to love others? Isn't it true that no one can make us love another person? And if we love out of duty are we really loving at all?

There have been any number of people in my life that I personally have not liked to be around. Over the years, however, I have discovered that my life is about more than getting along, or obtaining what I want, or experiencing pleasant circumstances.

As a Christian, my life is no longer my own. I have been given the grace to experience the absolute love of God poured out on me in the sacrament of baptism and the only response to that overwhelming and limitless gift of God's love and grace is to return love for love in as complete a manner as possible. As I put on the Lord Jesus, and I put into action his utter selfless loving here and now, in whatever situation I find myself in, I keep the one command I have been given by Jesus at the Last Supper: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." No, it is not a suggestion, if I feel like it, if it works out, or if it is to my benefit. That is not the way that Jesus loved us and it is not the way he commands us to love one another.

I will love you, even as I wrestle within a relationship, but I may not agree with you.

I will love you, even though I don't really prefer being around you.

I will love you, even though I will take steps to protect myself from your behaviors.

I will love you because Jesus has loved me and because Jesus loves you.

Love gives meaning to all the other commandments.

Love gives meaning to every suffering.

The power of love alone can give ultimate direction even to the hard realism of economics and politics and social strife and issues of social injustice and disparity. Love alone can break these open so they serve the world in charity.

Just before his death, Jesus talked about love, unity, friendship, glory, and joy, that the love the Father has for Jesus may be in us and that Jesus may be in us. If we focus on love, all else will follow. Love will lead us to unity and glory and joy, as Jesus is in us and we in him so that we may be brought to complete unity.

This love is the bedrock of our Christian life. If we miss this we have missed everything. The "command" should make it really stand out to us so that we keep this front and center in our journey to becoming and loving like Christ.

By Sr. Kathryn James Hermes



#### 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 <u>YOU</u> 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.



St. John Chrysostom otherwise known as golden mouth, since that is what Chrysostom means, was a very eloquent speaker and writer. I came across this homily written by him on the website for EWTN and felt it would be a good addition to the pastors corner this week. I have been very busy since before Easter and I wanted to give some good information about Easter from a wise saint to everyone during Easter time.

## ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM: EASTER HOMILY AUTHOR: ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

#### PASTOR'S CORNER

Let all pious men and all lovers of God rejoice in the splendor of this feast; let the wise servants blissfully enter into the joy of their Lord; let those who have borne the burden of Lent now receive their pay, and those who have

toiled since the first hour, let them now receive their due reward; let any who came after the third hour be grateful to join in the feast, and those who may have come after the sixth, let them not be afraid of being too late; for the Lord is gracious and He receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him who comes on the eleventh hour as well as to him who has toiled since the first: yes, He has pity on the last and He serves the first; He rewards the one and praises the effort.

Come you all: enter into the joy of your Lord. You the first and you the last, receive alike your reward; you rich and you poor, dance together; you sober and you weaklings, celebrate the day; you who have kept the fast and you who have not, rejoice today. The table is richly loaded: enjoy its royal banquet. The calf is a fatted one; let no one go away hungry. All of you enjoy the banquet of faith; all of you receive the riches of his goodness. Let no one grieve over his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed; let no one weep over his sins, for pardon has shone from the grave; let no one fear death, for the death of our Savior has set us free: He has destroyed it by enduring it, He has despoiled Hades by going down into its kingdom, He has angered it by allowing it to taste of his flesh.

When Isaias foresaw all this, he cried out: "O Hades, you have been angered by encountering Him in the nether world." Hades is angered because frustrated, it is angered because it has been mocked, it is angered because it has been destroyed, it is angered because it has been reduced to naught, it is angered because it is now captive. It seized a body, and, lo! it encountered heaven; it seized the visible, and was overcome by the invisible.

O death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? Christ is risen and you are abolished. Christ is risen and the demons are cast down. Christ is risen and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen and life is freed. Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead; for Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the Leader and Reviver of those who had fallen asleep. To Him be glory and power for ever and ever, Amen





Blood Drive for Riley Kate Richard Sunday, June 30, 2024, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sts. Peter & Paul Church

Riley has hypoplastic left heart syndrome, which means that the left side of her heart is not developing fully. She will need several heart surgeries, the first right after birth. The Blood Center will cover all of Riley's blood needs and will donate \$15 per pint collected to go toward her medical expenses. In order to have enough phlebotomists to help the donors, you will need to register online using the provided QR code. On behalf of Riley and her family,

### WHO NEEDS LOVE?

Part of the first reading from Acts that we don't hear is a vision Peter has, in which God tells him that all foods are OK to eat; no longer are some unclean. He later realizes that the vision was a symbol that all people are "clean," Gentiles as well as Jews. All are called to have faith in Jesus, Not all of the early Christians understood. The Jewish Christians were shocked that the Holy Spirit would give gifts, such as speaking in tongues, to Gentiles. Especially Gentiles who had not been baptized.

Now the distinction between Gentile and Jewish Christians doesn't seem very important today. But we still need to follow St. Peter's example of sharing our faith in Jesus. We seem to be more interested in converting other Christians than in bringing non-Christians to the faith. Does that mean we should drag any non-believers we meet to church on Sunday? Should we brag about how much we love God?

Today's gospel gives us a hint at what we can do to bring others to Christ. Jesus makes it sound simple: Love one another as I love you. (Jn 15:12) Remember that God's love for us comes first. That's why the Gentiles in the first reading received the gifts of the Spirit before they were baptized. The second reading from John tells us that love is not people loving God; it's that God loved us first, enough to send his Son to die for us. We may think that we have chosen to love and follow Jesus, but as the gospel tells us, Jesus chose us before we ever chose him. So maybe that part about loving others as Jesus loves us is not so much about being willing to die for those you love. It may just be our willingness to love others without requiring that they love us first.

How can we do that? I can introduce myself to someone new to the parish that I see in church. I can offer to help the poor without waiting for the pastor to beg. I can be courteous to other drivers, letting them go in front of me in heavy traffic. I can make a priority of seeing what I can do for others, instead of what they can do for me. Perhaps part of our daily prayer can be asking God to show us who needs our love today.

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

In this first reading Peter says, "... in every nation whoever fears Him and acts uprightly is acceptable to Him." In our parish, as good stewards, how welcoming are we to visitors and new members of our faith community?

#### Psalm 98:1-4

Christian stewards give thanks and praise to the Lord in song for revealing His kindness, faithfulness, and gift of salvation.

#### Second Reading - 1 John 4:7-10

Good Christian stewards are thankful for God's great gift of love, a love so strong that He sent His only Son as an offering for our sins.

#### Gospel - John 15:9-17

In today's Gospel, Jesus commands us to love one another as He loves us. As Christian stewards, do we go forth and devote our lives as His disciples?

#### Stewardship Thought

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself — my skills and talents, my time and resources—will demonstrate my love for God's people? (Our Sunday Visitor, ibid., page 18).

### SAINT DAMIEN JOSEPH DE VEUSTER OF MOLOKA'I (1840-1889)





In the mid-1990s, a heavily bearded, bespectacled Robin Williams appeared on Late Night with David Letterman, whose host was clearly taken aback. Letterman inquired as to why the wild look. Uncharacteristically subdued, the usually manic comic responded that he was producing and starring in a movie about a most extraordinarily compassionate man, Damien, the Leper Priest of Moloka'i.

Some saints transcend religious and ethnic boundaries to touch the heart that beats in each human being: Francis of Assisi: Mother Teresa; and, though Williams' film was never completed, his admiration speaks, as does Damien's statue outside the capitol in Honolulu, of this newest saint's universal appeal. Far from his native Flanders' idvllic beauty and rich culture. Damien volunteered to bear Christ's light into Moloka'i's bleak leper colony, building decent homes, opening schools, establishing clinics, planting farms, sharing the sufferings—and the social stigma—of those with whom he delighted to identify: "We lepers," he would proudly say when finally he contracted leprosy. Saint Damien challenges us to identify the lepers of our own day, to examine our compassion for and our identification with them. -Peter Scagnelli

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