

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 7, 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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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.

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."



MONTH OF JUNE	
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & EXPENSES	
Ordinary Income	27,714.00
Extraordinary Income	841.07
Expenses	18,619.30
Total	\$ 9,936.07
<i>thank you</i>	
WEEKLY EVENTS	
Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall	
Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall	
Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church	

LOVE IS VULNERABILITY

Love is vulnerability; willingness to lose that which is most dear to you. We lost our first child ten years ago and it was the most gut-wrenching feeling ever. To take the risk of this happening again whenever I have been pregnant has felt unbearable, like having your heart open and exposed, waiting for a sword to potentially strike it at any moment. Jesus' love for us is similar, wide open, but to an infinitely greater degree. He continually gives us everything. He was willing to lose and be rejected for our sake. He was ridiculed and despised, yet forgave.

How often do I reject Jesus? I am always surprised on Good Friday how so many don't want to read out loud as part of the Crowd during the reading of the Passion. Over and over again, we are complicit in the crucifixion through our sins. Sometimes it is my active actions and other times I am quietly passive and allow the injustices of the world to continue. Yet the wonder of Christ, His glorious perfection, is that He still loves me, despite my many shortcomings. He knows my faults yet is not afraid to take on the whole world for me!

St. Augustine famously declared, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you." It always feels like something is missing, like I'm a puzzle piece waiting to be added to something that needs completing. We can often embrace the allures of today's world while foregoing the heavenly gifts that await us tomorrow. We must remember over and over again that we belong not to this world, but to God's kingdom. As a child of God, thirst for that water which provides eternal comfort, that of Christ's peace!

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 8

(Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, July 9

(Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38)

8:00 a.m. Arnold Rodriguez†

Wednesday, July 10

(Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, July 11

(Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10:7-15)

8:00 a.m. Yvette & Al Bowman

Friday, July 12

(Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23)

8:00 a.m. Yvette & Lucas Tracey†

Saturday, July 13

(Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33)

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.†, Lawrence Otillio†, Lee Ann Scogin†, William R. Wahl, Sr.†, Aime McInerney†, Robert Jenevein†, Althea Deckwa†, Earline Garitty†, Claude Yarrow†

Sunday, July 14

(Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13)

7:00 a.m. Dorothy & James Meyers†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, Joseph Roszczynialski†, Vivian Huber†, Bernadette Landry†, Richard/ Kittel Family, Catherine Lambert†, Ludger Miller, Dottie Strickland

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

Weekly Rosaries: EARLY
Year to Date: PUBLICATION



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JULY

We pray that the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.



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, Israel & Joyce 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 & Eydie Richmond, Ed & Carol Wallace, Frederick Songy, Sue Miller, Molly Hymel, Lucy Reese, Brenda Dehm, Landon Jeffrey, Glenn Bunting, Lucy D' Antoni, Don & Judy Aleman, Dylan Gornor



ALTAR FLOWERS

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

First Reading – Ezekiel 2:2-5

As Christian stewards, do we witness by our lives in this modern day, that we are following Christ's message to us?

Psalms 123:1-4

As the Lord's disciples, we need to stay strong in Him when we are insulted and challenged for our faith and beliefs.

Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

St. Paul reminds us that in our weaknesses, Christ makes us strong through His gift of grace.

Gospel – Mark 6:1-6

In today's Gospel, Jesus does not perform any large miracles in His hometown because of their lack of faith. As Christian stewards, is our faith strong enough to bring about even small miracles in our lives?

Stewardship Thought

During this time, we celebrate the independence of our country. We would do well to echo the psalmist, saying, "*Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy.*" May we always recognize and use the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us. See Psalm 123 (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 20).

STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS

Is Paul serious? Can you imagine being content with "weaknesses, insults, hardships, and persecutions?" (2Cor 12:10) Paul never specifies what that "thorn in the flesh" was. I used to think it referred to a physical weakness, or disability. But some of the commentaries I've read say that it was a person who opposed Paul (think of a "thorn in my side.") That opponent may have been a Christian who Paul did not want to mention by name.

Paul could have been proud of all that God revealed to him, and of all that he accomplished in spreading the gospel. He sees that "thorn" as God's way of keeping him humble. So instead he boasts about his weaknesses. He knows that all the good work he has done have been accomplished by Christ. So he accepted suffering, rejection, setbacks and persecution because they helped him see how much Christ was doing through him.

We can learn a lot from St. Paul. Remember how Jesus said to love your neighbor as yourself. Paul loved himself in the good sense of accepting his faults and weaknesses. He was always aware that he once persecuted Christians. But that fault enabled him to experience God's forgiveness. I usually try to avoid doing things that show my weaknesses. That means I might miss a chance to see how God can help. Suppose you don't know how to swim, so you stay out of swimming pools. Of course, then you could never learn to swim. But if you get in the water and let someone teach you, you might just find yourself liking the water.

St. Paul says that when he is weak, then he is strong. He knows that God will still work through him, showing God's power to heal the sick and draw converts to Christ, in spite of Paul's weaknesses. Paul did what he could to encourage others to follow Jesus, but he knew the results of his preaching and healing were up to God. When you think that you would fail at spreading the faith, remember Paul and give your weaknesses to God. Then see what he can do!

Tom Schmidt,

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The American summer is officially underway, and people are on the move. Signs of hospitality are everywhere. In today's Gospel, Jesus' visit home is hardly marked by hospitality. He goes up to the *bema*, the elevated place for solemn public reading of the Torah, and his message is poorly received. Today, we read from the descendant of the *bema*, the ambo, almost an "altar of the Word of God." Many ancient ambos are preserved in Italy, decorated with marble, ivory, precious metal, and jewels. Six hundred years ago, the pulpit came into use, meant for preaching rather than proclamation of scripture. Before microphone systems, pulpits were often located halfway down the church, amid the gathered people, and not so clearly associated with the altar.

Today, the ambo (the plural is "ambone"!) is an expected feature of our worship spaces because the Word is once again proclaimed to the people. Before 1964, typically the readings were done quietly by the priest at the altar in Latin, and optionally repeated in English from the pulpit. With the restored place of scripture in our worship, a beautiful and worthy ambo, related in design to the altar table, has once again become a prominent and familiar feature of Catholic architecture.

—Rev. James Field



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parish Family,

It is with great joy and a sense of anticipation that Natalie and I join your family in Sts. Peter and Paul Parish. We had the great pleasure of meeting many of you at the pot-luck dinner honoring Father Kevin's 15th year of Ordination to the Priesthood. The food was fantastic, and the fellowship was extraordinary. We are very excited to see everyone again soon and to meet many more members of the family!

Natalie and I grew up in Lake Charles, LA and met at McNeese State University. We went out on our first date in my senior year and her junior year and never stopped. God has a way of working in all peoples' lives, usually in very subtle ways, that are not obvious to us in real-time. But, when we take the opportunity to look back and reflect, we can clearly see His handiwork. My meeting and marrying Natalie are assuredly examples of His subtle handiwork.

We have been married for 37 years and will turn the calendar over to 38 years in November. God has blessed us with four remarkable children and three beautiful grandchildren. Tyler, our son, is 36 years old and lives in Birmingham, AL with his wife Ashley and his two children, Miles and Parker, and are expecting their third child in November. Our daughter Lauren is 36 years old and lives in Huntsville, AL. Our daughter Sarah is 28 years old and lives in Slidell with her daughter Anne Katherine (Annie-Kate). Our daughter Abigail is 23 years old and lives in Slidell.

Ever since high-school, Natalie has been a devoted and active member of her Parish while I was something of a later bloomer. I had always heard God calling me to a deeper faith and active ministry, but until Natalie and I were married, I wasn't sure what God was calling me to do. Living in Gadsden, Alabama, we were very active in our Parish's ministries, and followed God's call to serve his people by participation in the St. Vincent de Paul society. In that ministry, by serving God's people one-on-one, face-to-face, I finally came to understand that the call I had heard for so long was a call to service in the Church. With Natalie's consent and her constant encouragement and support, we entered Diaconate Formation in the Archdiocese of New Orleans in 2017 and I was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in June 2022.

The life of a Permanent Deacon is one that requires balance between our vocation as a husband and father, our vocation as a provider for our family, and our vocation to serve the Lord in a particular way. While I wish that I could tell you that I get it right every time, the reality is that it is a constant struggle, one in which I ask for your ongoing prayers and support while I seek to serve God by serving my family and by serving you.

We are truly overjoyed and excited to become a part of your loving and devoted family. I ask for your prayers as well as your patience and understanding as we get to know each one of you and respond to your needs under the guidance of Father Kevin. My very best wishes and prayers for God's blessings upon you.

With Kindest Regards,
Dcn. Bryan McCauley
bmccauley@arch-no.org



JULY — IS THE MONTH OF THE — *Most Precious Blood*

— OF JESUS — IDEAS TO INCREASE
YOUR DEVOTION:

"DRINK OF IT, ALL OF YOU;
FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF
THE COVENANT, WHICH IS
POURED OUT FOR MANY FOR
THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS."
(MT 26:27-28)

"LET US FIX OUR EYES
ON THE BLOOD OF
CHRIST AND LET US
REALIZE HOW PRECIOUS
IT IS TO HIS FATHER,
SINCE IT WAS POURED
OUT FOR OUR SALVATION
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GRACE OF REPENTANCE
TO THE WHOLE WORLD."
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(96 A.D.)

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JESUS." —CCC #766



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PUT IT SOMEWHERE
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PRAY THE CHAPLET OF
THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

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CHRISTI PRAYER, AND
MEDITATE ON ONE OF
THE LINES OF THE
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PRECIOUS BLOOD

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SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT JULY 11



It may be difficult for us to relate to someone who preferred to live by himself in a cave contemplating the mysteries of God. But if we are honest with ourselves, perhaps some of our most profound moments have been when we were alone in prayer. Born in central Italy, both Benedict and his sister Scholastica were drawn to religious life at a young age. He became a hermit for some time, but as others learned of his holiness, wisdom and ability to perform miracles, they began to follow him. Benedict came up with the idea of having devout lay people and monks live together in a monastery so that they could worship together in fraternity and unity. He began construction on Monte Cassino in Naples and started developing a rule of prayer, study, work and communal living under the guidance of an abbot. Benedict introduced to his community the idea that manual labor was not the work of slaves, but dignified, honorable and conducive to sanctity. His monks fasted and abstained from meat, but severe and self-inflicting austerity was not encouraged. During the Middle Ages, all western monasticism was eventually brought under the Rule of St. Benedict, which influenced European education, art and literature. Today the Rule includes two branches: The Order of St. Benedict and the Order of Cistercians. Saint Benedict is the patron saint not only of Monastics, but also all of Europe, of schoolchildren, and those suffering from kidney disease or poisoning. Let us invoke the intercession of this incredible monk who enriched our world through his holy life,

writings and prayer.

—Tami Urcia



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