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

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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."





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

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

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary—8:00 a.m. mass, rosary, and confession

STEWARDSHIP

First Reading - 2 Kings 4:42-44

Good stewardship entails giving our "first fruits" back to God in thanksgiving for His

many blessings to us.

Psalm 145:10-11, 15-18

The Lord is faithful to us. As Christian stewards, do all our works give Him thanks and

praise?

Second Reading - Ephesians 4:1-6

In this second reading, St. Paul reminds us to be worthy of the Lord's calling us to virtue and to preserve community unity as one Body in Christ and in one Spirit. As Christian stewards, are we using our time, talent, and treasure to promote unity in our parish communion?

Gospel - John 6:1-15

In today's Gospel, Jesus feeds the physical needs of the multitude by multiplying five barley loaves and two fish. His actions are similar with His disciples at the Last Supper by instituting the Eucharist which continues to nourish the Church. As true Christian stewards, do we recognize His real presence in the Eucharist and do we exhibit reverence and respect in gratitude for this tremendous gift He made available to us?

Stewardship Thought

"The hand of the Lord feeds us," says the psalmist; "he answers all our needs." Both Elisha's servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true. See Psalm 145 (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 20).

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 29

(Jer 13:1-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, July 30

(Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43)

8:00 a.m. Kerry Bourgeois†

Wednesday, July 31

(Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, August 1

(Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53)

8:00 a.m. Joyce Firchter†

Friday, August 2

(Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58)

8:00 a.m. Jacques & Henrietta Ballay†

Saturday, August 3

(Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12)

8:00 a.m. Imelda Gares†

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/ Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Lawrence Otillio†, Lee Ann Scogin†, Laurie Benson, Earline Garitty†, Vaughn Gay, Dana & Glen Bunting, Lisa Garay, Ray Garay, The Leake Family

Sunday, August 4

(Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35)

7:00 a.m. Neil Benson

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, Bernadette Landry†, Richard/Kittel Families, Jerry Miller, Deidra Miller, Annette Gant & Family

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish



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POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JULY

We pray that the sacrament of the Annointing 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.

WHAT WILL YOU BRING TO THE TABLE?

Music has often helped enhance my memory through catchy tunes. A favorite song of mine is You Raise Me Up by Brendan Graham and Rolf Lovland. I was surprised to find that what I thought was such a tried and tested hymn has only been around for a little over 20 years. Its message offers so many lessons, particularly, that with God's help, we can achieve the infinite.

"When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary When troubles come and my heart burdened be Then, I am still and wait here in the silence Until You come and sit awhile with me." (© Universal Music Publishing Ab)

We often think our efforts are not enough. Who am I, amongst all the pristine social media profiles advertising "success stories" of the rich and famous? In today's Gospel the disciples, overwhelmed by the hungry crowd, say to Jesus: "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" The young boy who offered his five loaves and two fish may have initially been perceived as a minor character and perhaps still is today. We don't know the boy's name or his backstory, but he stepped up, providing that sustenance through which Jesus could work a miracle. Without his offering, it is unclear what might have happened next.

God teaches us that we are nourished by the gifts we offer to one another. Even the simplest of actions, like offering a shoulder to cry on when someone has lost a loved one, can make a big difference. Whether young or old, we can often feel helpless in situations that seem overwhelming. However, we must remember that nothing is insurmountable for God. As the chorus of *You Raise Me Up* declares, "I am strong, when I am on your shoulders. You raise me up to more than I can be."

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh

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, Vaughn Gay

THE PROPHET'S PROFIT

It's no coincidence that the first reading shows the prophet Elisha feeding a crowd of people like Jesus in the gospel. If you want to compare miracles, Elisha did his first, but Jesus did it better. Elisha had a hundred people to feed with twenty barley loaves and a handful of fresh grain. Jesus had five thousand people and only five loaves and a couple fish. So was Jesus trying to show up Elisha?

Neither Jesus nor Elisha ever did a miracle for their own benefit. The very next story in 2 Kings about Elisha is the one where he cured Naaman, the king's servant, of leprosy. (2 Kgs 5:1:19) When Naaman realized he was cured, he came back to Elisha and offered him a gift in thanksgiving. Elisha refused the gift, because it would imply that Elisha did the miracle, while the prophet knew that God had cured him. Jesus also refused to benefit from feeding the crowds. They came to take him away and make him king, but he went up to his place of prayer on the mountain.

Jesus' miracle of feeding the five thousand was not done just for the crowd. He was using it to teach the disciples something important. He knew there would be times when they felt they were not holy enough or good enough preachers, to spread the gospel over the world. So he showed them what God can do with our meager abilities.

There are millions of people hungry for the good news that Jesus brings to the world. Remember the miracle of the loaves when you only have a few dollars to give to the missions, when you're not sure you know enough to teach someone about Jesus, when you don't know how to invite someone to come back to church. And remember that you do those things, not to make you look holy, but to let God show his loving power.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The feeding of the five thousand (and more) by the seaside is certainly the most famous of picnics. The miracle of the loaves reminds us of the earlier miracle of the wine at Cana. Like the Cana miracle, this one begins with human initiative as the small child responds to the hunger of the crowd by offering a seemingly meager gift. What could be more appropriate for deep summer than a Gospel account of a joyful picnic with Jesus and the generosity of a child at the center?

The coming month of August has always been a time for delight in the bounty of the earth, for picnics by the sea, dinner under the stars, for porch and rooftop, for parks and beaches, and enjoying the best of local crops. August's festivals of Transfiguration and Assumption have long given Christians the best of excuses for feasting on the abundance of summer: corn, tomatoes, pesto, bowls of fresh fruit. Picnics are a sign of the welcome table of God: always room for one more, always plenty to share, always a place of laughter and story-telling and always speaking to us of our deepest longings. Don't let August pass by without a picnic!

-Rev. James Field



PASTOR'S CORNER PRAYERS FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, FEAR OR DESPAIR

All humans will struggle with depression and anxiety some time in our lives. Last week in my homily I talked about depression. Here are prayers you can say if you are someone you know is struggling with depression.

PASTOR'S CORNER

PRAYER FOR SOMEONE WHO IS DEEPLY DEPRESSED. (SHORT FORM)

Lord Jesus, please help me through this difficult time. This depression is so oppressive. Give me the strength to make it through another day. Things are so difficult and so dark. At times I feel as if I cannot make it through. Only by your strength and your help can I make it through today. Please help me today I pray. Amen Prayer for

someone who is deeply depressed (Long form) Lord Jesus, please help me through this difficult time. You know how deeply I am depressed and how oppressed I feel. Most of the time I feel like I cannot make it another day, or even another moment. Please help me. Give me the strength to make it through another day. Things are so difficult, so dark that I can taste it. How do people do this without you? At times I feel as if I cannot make it through. The medicine I take only helps so much. So I turn to you for relief. Thank you for what you are doing for me now. Only by your strength and your help can I make it through today. Please help me this day I pray. Amen Prayers for healing from depression Lord Jesus Christ, I humbly implore you for healing from this oppressive depression that I am going through. Please help me to see through this darkness and see your presence in my life even in dark times. Heal me so that I may go back to my life it should be. Heal me so that I may see your presence all around me. Fill me with joy and peace again. So that I may see you presence around me and recognize your love. Amen Prayer you can say on behalf of someone you know who is struggling with depression Lord Jesus, I come into your presence praying for — who is suffering from depression. Please help him/her through this difficult time. Give him/her the strength to make it through another day. Things are so difficult and so dark. At times he/she feels as if he/she cannot make it through. Only by your strength and your help can he/she make it through today. Please help him/her today I pray. Amen

PRAYER YOU CAN SAY ON BEHALF OF SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO IS STRUGGLING WITH DEPRESSION (LONG FORM)

Lord Jesus, I come into your presence praying for N. who is suffering from depression. Please help him/her through this difficult time. You know how deeply he/she is depressed. Sometime he/she seems to feel like he/she cannot make it another day, or even another moment. Please help him/her. Give him/her the strength to make it through another day. Things are so difficult, so dark that He/she often says that he/she can taste it. How do people do this without you? At times he/she has said that there is a feeling that he/she cannot make it through. It seems like medicine only helps so much. So I turn to you for relief on his/her behalf. Thank you for what you are doing for him/her now. Only by your strength and your help can he/she make it through today. Please help him/her this day I pray. Amen Prayer you can say on behalf of someone who is depressed for their healing Lord Jesus Christ, I humbly implore you to heal N. from this depression that he/she is going through. Please help him/her to see through this darkness and see your presence in his/her life even in dark times. Heal N. so that he/she may go back to life as I t should be. Heal N. so that he/she may see your presence all around him/her. Fill him/her with joy and peace again. So that he/she may see your presence all around and recognize your love. Amen

PRAYER YOU CAN SAY ON BEHALF OF SOMEONE WHO IS DEPRESSED FOR THEIR HEALING

Lord Jesus Christ, I humbly implore you to heal N. from this depression that he/she is going through. Please help him/her to see through this darkness and see your presence in his/her life even in dark times. Heal N. so that he/she may go back to life as I t should be. Heal N. so that he/she may see your presence all around him/her. Fill him/her with joy and peace again. So that he/she may see your presence all around and recognize your love. Amen





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4 7-8:30-10:30 Mass	5 12 pm GASPP	7 pm Antonians 8 am Mass with St. Jude Novena 8:45 Rosary Group	7 Confession 6:00-6:15 pm 6:30 pm Mass	8 10 am Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Patriotic Rosary 8 am Mass with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9 8 am Mass	10 4-4:45 Confessions 5 pm Mass
11 7-8:30-10:30 Mass Building Fund	12	8 am Mass with St. Jude Novena 8:45 Rosary Group	14 Confession 6:00-6:15 pm 6:30 pm Mass	11 am Widows Group 10 am Legion of Many 600 p.m. mass 6:30 pm Patrick Rosany 8 am Mass with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena Assumption of Many	16 8 am Mass	17 4-4:45 Confessions 5 pm Mass
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