

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 4, 2024

66192 St. Mary Drive, Pearl River, Louisiana, 70452
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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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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 JULY

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & EXPENSES

Ordinary Income	26,736.00
Extraordinary Income	1,079.25
Expenses	15,751.48
Total	\$ 12,063.77

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If the alb is the premier baptismal garment, then why are there so many other styles of vesture in evidence in our parishes? In some places, altar servers and other ministers might wear a garment, usually black, called a cassock. Over that is normally worn a white garment (a "surplice"), reminiscent of the alb but much shorter, often of starched linen and trimmed with lace. The cassock is not a liturgical garment, but a clerical robe. Its origins lie in the religious habit of monks. By the late Middle Ages, diocesan priests and clerics increasingly were encouraged to emulate religious priests. Very small boys were often apprenticed to monasteries, especially for music education, and would be invested with a cassock and sometimes even inducted into the ranks of clerics.

For centuries before the Reformation, it was required that all men entering higher education be clerics, and so the cassock and its variations became familiar academic garb. At the Reformation, many ministers retained a form of the cassock as ordinary dress, rejecting liturgical garments. In the seventeenth century, the English Civil War was in part provoked by the Archbishop of Canterbury's insistence that ministers wear surplices. Although the Episcopal Church now retains "cassock and surplice" as the normal dress for lay men and women assisting at liturgy, Catholics are increasingly attentive to the deeply traditional treasure of the alb, our baptismal robe, when special liturgical vesture is needed.

—Rev. James Field

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 5

(Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, August 6

(Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10)

8:00 a.m. Trudy Cusimano†

Wednesday, August 7

(Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, August 8

(Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23)

8:00 a.m. Yvette & Al Bowman

Friday, August 9

(Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28)

8:00 a.m. Andrew Benson, III M.D.

Saturday, August 10

(2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26)

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†, Jody Roszczynialski†, Vaughn Gay, Catherine Lambert†, Claire Popovich, Art Taylor, Darryl Taylor, Arthur Taylor, Joy Taylor

Sunday, August 11

(1 Kgs 19:4-8, Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51)

7:00 a.m. Margaret & Henry Jorns†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, Georgia Charbonnet, George Dickerson†, Bernadette Landry†, Richard/Kittel Families, Emily Richard, Catherine Lambert†, Danny & Nancy Fontaine & Family, Brad & Alison Laguaite, Ralph Veth†, Frank Armato, Sr.†, Sandra Roussell†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM



Weekly Rosaries: 305

Year to Date: 9829



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR AUGUST

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

DON'T LOOK BACK

It's bad enough that the Israelites were grumbling against their leaders. But they also complain to God that they were better off as slaves in Egypt. After all God did to bring them to freedom, now they want to go back to slavery. Before we judge them too harshly, we might ask ourselves if we ever act like that. For us, it might be looking back on our slavery to sin.

We would never sin if there wasn't something attractive about it. We might confess the sin and say we'll never do that again, but we often can't resist the memory of our past sins. As we hold on to the past, the temptations come back and draw us to repeat our offenses. Even though we know we are better off putting it behind us, we sometimes find it difficult to move on. Notice that the Israelites look back to their time in Egypt, while the people of Jesus' time look back to the manna in the desert, yet none of them ever had manna!

So how do we free ourselves from the past? Should we look to the future, instead? If we want to make the world, or just our community, a better place we can make plans. If those plans are ever going to work, we have to begin now. Jesus doesn't say "Remember how good that manna was." Or "Don't worry; your children will get it right." No, he keeps us focused on the present moment, telling us to believe in Him now, His Father gives us true bread today; Jesus is that bread of life.

Those words are just as true today. We may look fondly at Jesus' birth, his miracles, and his death on the cross, but if we don't let him be born again in us, if we don't trust him to do wonders today, and if we don't take up our crosses each day—we are missing the chance to experience Jesus in us and in the people we live and work with each day.

Tom Schmidt,

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Almighty God We give you our school. We give you all the teachers and staff who work here, We give you all the children who study here. We pray our school would be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity. May

it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love, A place where every one is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(A modern prayer from www.lords-prayer-words.com)



A HARD RESET

It is so important to take breaks from the daily grind. While routines are important and foster stability, a fresh perspective and a change of atmosphere often stimulate growth. Let's consider the example of a child in a learning environment. At some point, they are bound to become disinterested, apathetic or bored. They may claim they don't care, that they don't like school or begin to pout and complain. But then they are asked to go take a break, get a drink and wash their face. In the meantime, a geography lesson is set up with a large map on the floor and they begin to play a game where they jump to each state as its name is called. The next thing you know, they are even volunteering to name the state's capital and they end up telling their parents they had a great day.

What made such a big difference? It's what some like to call a "hard reset". Just like you would turn a computer off and reboot it when it begins to have issues, sometimes we need to reset our current situation and start over. St. Paul speaks to this in today's second reading: "you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth." He is imploring the Ephesians to no longer live in futility but in the way of Christ, just as they were taught. He asks them to live in the truth of Jesus.

It appears as if the Ephesians needed a hard reset. They were having trouble living out their new way of life and needed a reminder of how to do so. Perhaps they needed to go take a walk, wash their face and take in St. Paul's words in silence. They were not promised this new life would be easy, and we aren't either. Yet they were assured that their minds and hearts could be renewed by the Holy Spirit. Jesus had shown them how to live in righteousness, truth and holiness, but this truly did imply putting on a "new self".

In the Gospel, Jesus gives his followers yet another tool for this radical change: "my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world...I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." He gives us His very self in order that we might put on a new self in Him.

So whether you are dealing with a child struggling in school, experiencing boredom at work, or lost in the monotony of your daily routine, maybe it's time for a hard reset. Plan a family outing, go on a retreat, or get some exercise in the fresh air and let God continue the good work in you that He has already begun.

By Tami Urcia

PASTORS CORNER ON SUFFERING

I am sure that if you have lived for more than a few years you have experienced some form of physical suffering. That is normal in life. But some people have experienced more suffering than the rest of us. So I wrote these prayers with those who experience intense suffering in mind.



PASTOR'S CORNER

PRAYER IN TIMES OF BODILY SUFFERING (SHORT FORM)

Lord God, please help me, this pain is so unbearable. I feel crushed, torn, weary and worn. I find it hard to get around. My body hurts so much, that I am crying out to you through my pain. Please lessen this pain so that I can bear it and make it through another day. Be with me and help me through today. Amen

PRAYER IN TIMES OF BODILY SUFFERING (LONG FORM)

Lord God, please help me, this pain is so unbearable. I feel crushed, torn, weary and worn. I find it hard to get around. My feet hurt, my back hurts, my arms hurt, my shoulders hurt; everything hurts so much. My head hurts so much it feels like I have a vice crushing it. My body hurts so much, that I am crying out to you through my pain. Please lessen this pain so that I can bear it and make it through another day. May I unite my pain to yours. Be with me and help me through today. Amen

PRAYER IN TIMES OF BODILY SUFFERING

(Used for redemptive purposes to unite your pain with that of Jesus)

Lord God, please help me, this pain is so unbearable. I feel crushed, torn, weary and worn. I find it hard to get around. As I go through my own pains may I be able to remember your pains were so great. I can only imagine what it must have felt like to carry your cross. May I be able to understand more what you went through carrying the cross. When my feet hurt, may I be reminded of how your feet must have hurt and bled when you carried that heavy cross. When my back hurts, may I be able to understand what it must have felt like to be scourged and beaten. When my shoulders hurt, may I be able to realize that your pain was so great as you carried the cross because it must have dug into your shoulder that was already wounded from the scourging and it was dislocated from one of the times that you fell. When my arms hurt, help me to remember how much your arms must have hurt and how tired you must have been from the weight of carrying the cross. When my head hurts so much that it feels like I have a vice crushing it, remind me of the pain and agony of that wretched crown of thorns that was placed upon your head. Even though everything hurts so much may I be able to offer up all of this pain, united with your unimaginable pain and suffering on the cross, for the salvation of souls. My body hurts so much, that I am crying out to you through my pain. But I believe that you will use it for the salvation of souls. Blessed Mary ever Virgin as I offer these prayers up please send them to where they most need to go. As I unite my pain to yours, be with me and help me through today. Amen

PRAYERS YOU CAN SAY ON BEHALF OF SOMEONE WHO IS GOING THROUGH INTENSE BODILY SUFFERING

Lord God, I can see that—— is suffering and in so much pain. He/she says that the pain is so unbearable. He/she is often bent over in pain or crying out because it hurts so much. I have noticed that he/she often feels crushed, torn, weary and worn; so much so that he/she often finds it hard to get around. He/she often complains that his/her feet, back, arms, and shoulders hurt so much. He/she often says that his/head hurts so much it feels like he/she has a vice crushing it. It seems like every part of His/her body hurts so much. I can see that N. hurts so much that I am calling out to you to lessen that pain so that he/she can bear it and make it through another day. Be with him/her and help him/her through today. Amen



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 it 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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