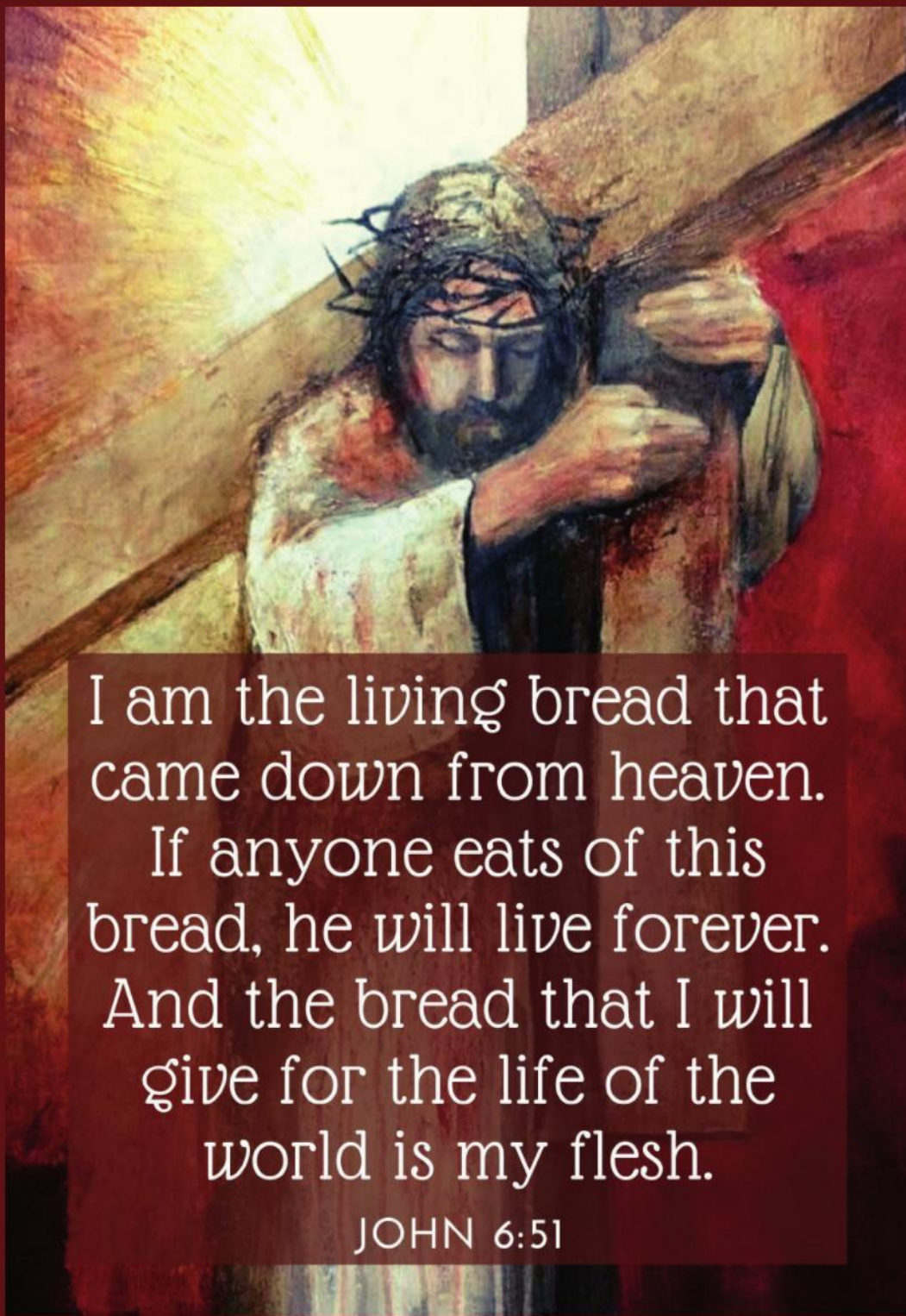


# Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

August 18, 2024

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



I am the living bread that  
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bread, he will live forever.  
And the bread that I will  
give for the life of the  
world is my flesh.

JOHN 6:51

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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."





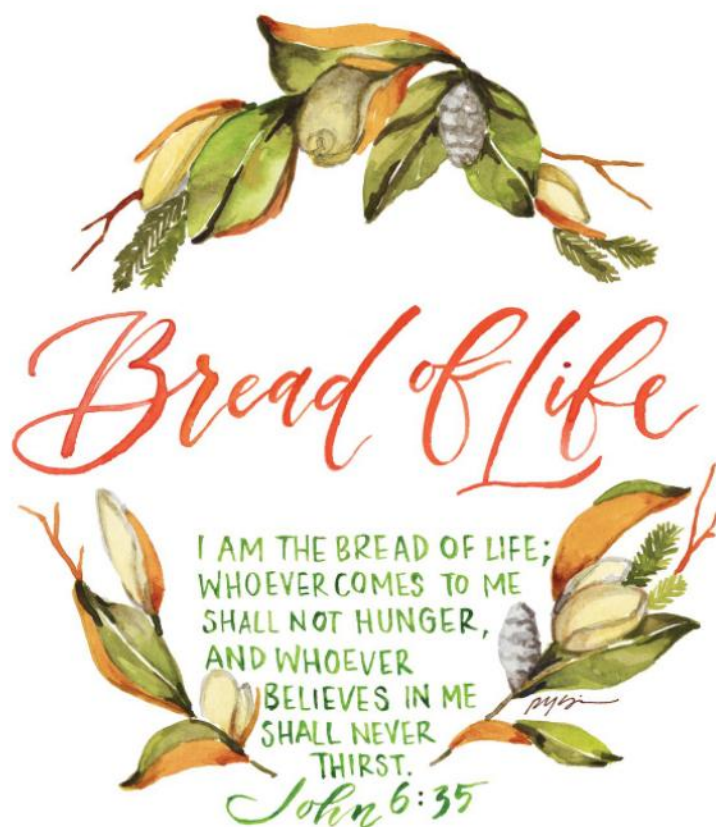
## WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

Altar Society Meeting—Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

PSR Registration—Saturday and Sunday after all masses in Parish Hall



## PRAY FOR THE SICK



Audrey Bonnet, May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Bunny Shriver, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Beverly Cosse, Lou Lou Battle, Fay Vogt, Israel & Joyce Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Romana Smith, Joseph Decaro, 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, Helen Story

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, August 19**

(Ez 24:15-23; Mt 19:16-22)

No Mass Scheduled

**Tuesday, August 20**

(Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30)

8:00 a.m. Phyllis Brown

**Wednesday, August 21**

(Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

**Thursday, August 22**

(Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14)

8:00 a.m. Legion of Mary

**Friday, August 23**

(Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40)

8:00 a.m. Debra Goodey†

**Saturday, August 24**

(Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51)

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragsa, Sr.†, Lawrence Otillio†, Lee Ann Scogin†, Rosaro Noto†, Cassi Code, Tommy Gilbert†, Sister Loretto Tighe†, Earline Garitty†, Vaughn Gay, Catherine Lambert†

**Sunday, August 25**

(Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69)

7:00 a.m. Bernadette Landry†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, C.J. Lightell†, J. C. Spiers†, Danny Fontenot†, Richard/Kittel Family, Margaret Wingerter, Brad & Allison Laguaitte, Velma Landry†, Augie Paretti, Augie Guth, May Caballero, Audrey Bonnett

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

## PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM



Weekly Rosaries: 441

Year to Date: 10,520



## WISE FOOLS

When we were in high school, we learned that the word sophomore came from Greek words meaning “wise fools.” The idea was that the second year student thinks he knows it all now, but still has a lot to learn. The first two readings describe wisdom versus foolishness. In Proverbs, Wisdom is a woman who invites us to her banquet, telling us to “forsake foolishness.” St. Paul invites us to give up our ignorance and to know the will of the Lord, by filling ourselves with the Spirit. Jesus says he himself is the way to understanding God’s will; he gives himself as food and drink for eternal life. So how will we accept these invitations to partake of the Wisdom of God?

One way is to read the scriptures every day, even for only 20-30 minutes. Take time to think and pray about what you read. Don’t do all the talking; let God have his chance to be heard. Read short passages and the footnotes—they can explain some of the obscure references. The gospels are especially good “food” because of all the examples Jesus gave in his sermons and parables.

Listen to the readings and homily at Mass. The Pastor may have some insights that make you think. Receive communion often to be fed with the living Bread. The Church has always taught that we are fed with both the word and the Eucharist.

An athlete grows in strength by eating well, but he also has to exercise to tone and strengthen his muscles. If we want to grow in God’s wisdom, we have to exercise our faith. If you have a friend or relative who is a good example of faith, talk with that person about how you experience God or your lack of experiences. They may help you see God in ways that never occurred to you. You could offer to be a sponsor for someone in the RCIA, and help someone else’s faith to grow. Your parish or diocese may also have on-line resources or discussions.

God never forces himself on anyone. To grow in his Wisdom, we have to accept it. Ask him for real food and you won’t be disappointed. But be patient, God only gives what we are ready to receive.

Tom Schmidt

## A RADICAL “UNLESS”

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” There is no other way to look at it. Jesus says, “unless”. This is not negotiable. It is not open to interpretation. If we want his life within us, if we want to spend eternity with him, we must eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood. And like many of the Jews of Jesus’s time, we may also say, “What? How? This is too far!”

Jesus meant what he said. When we partake in communion, we take into our body and soul, the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus. That is a pretty big deal and we need to spend the time and energy to wrestle with that. The flesh of the Son of Man is a reference to the suffering of Jesus, suffering which is the price for integrity. When we follow Jesus, when we do as he says and approach the altar to eat his flesh, to drink his blood, it shouldn’t be a passive reception. We need to embrace wholeheartedly what it means to become one with Jesus. We need to ask to see with his eyes, hear with his ears, speak with his tongue and, most of all, to love with his heart.

We embrace his way of suffering. As we say yes to Jesus, when we declare “Amen” to the person who offers us the Body of Christ, we are not simply saying thank you. We have to engage our will. We have to acknowledge that God is God and we are not. It is an act of humility as we give Jesus access to the core of our being - we want him to be active, to mold it, sculpt it, change it - change us from the inside out.

I heard a bishop suggest once that each and every Christian should spend time with John 6. A quick read through will take under 10 minutes. But we should not do this quickly. We need to engage with this passage of Scripture. We need to mull it over in our minds, to engage willingly and truly hear what Jesus has to say.

Lord Jesus, open my mind and heart. Help me to believe what you say, even the hard parts. When I meet you in the Eucharist, radically change me from the inside out, so that I truly have your life within me. Amen.

By Sheryl O'Connor



## FORWARD TO THE PRAYER FOR PTSD

PTSD is a difficult thing to deal with because so many things can cause it. We often hear more about cases of PTSD for those who were in a war situation who saw horrible things happen in front of them, but someone who experienced trauma can have a PTSD moment. For example a person who was molested or raped may keep remembering the incident and be locked in fear or someone who was mugged may recall the trauma of the event. These two prayers are asking God for help and healing from trauma.

### PRAYER FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM PTSD (DUE TO STRESSFUL SITUATIONS LIKE WAR)

Lord Jesus this PTSD is often too much to bear. My every waking moment can be and often becomes a living nightmare when I recall that / those horrible event / events. When the memory of the moment comes up I feel powerless and lost. So much so that I cannot feel your presence or even know you are there. Please help me in the moment that I need you, show me your presence to soothe those memories. Help me to break through the pain and heal my memories so that I will see the event in a different way. Help me to forgive those who made my life so miserable... (Mention here what you are going through, example would be seeing people die in front of you or being attacked by the enemy) Please Lord bring my mind to peace and heal the trauma in such a way that I would be able to go about my life giving you thanks for the healing that I have received. Amen

### PRAYER FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM PTSD (BECAUSE OF BEING ATTACKED OR ABUSED)

Lord Jesus please help me. I keep remembering that traumatic event, over and over again. This feeling is so real that it is like that event is happening all over again. This is so bad that I feel like I am being.... (Mention here what you are going through examples would be... hurt / abused / attacked.. etc.) all over again. Lord I realize that only you can stop this. I believe that you can heal my memory. So at this moment I humbly ask you to heal my memory and take away this pain so that I no longer have a PTSD episode again. Also help me to forgive those who abused / attacked / harmed me. So that I can let it go and move on with my life. Grant me the grace to one day be whole again. Amen

### PRAYER FOR OFFERING UP THE SUFFERING OF PTSD (REDEMPTIVE SUFFERING)

Lord Jesus I come before you today offering up this suffering due to PTSD that I am going through and I unite it to your suffering on the cross. As I contemplate your suffering I realize that the suffering you endured on the cross was so much worse than the suffering that people with PTSD endure, since your suffering ended in your death. But I also realize that you could have easily endured PTSD yourself from all of your suffering, if you were not God and Man. Please accept my suffering and apply it to the person who it will do the most good for. Amen

### PRAYER YOU CAN SAY FOR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO IS SUFFERING WITH PTSD

Lord Jesus I have seen \_\_\_\_\_ suffer so much from PTSD. The suffering he/she goes through is so great at times. The memories that he/she carries from the trauma he/she endured torments him/her so much. I pray on his/her behalf for healing and for hope. I pray that you would give him/her the strength to carry on during this trying time. Give him/her comfort and direction and send him/her the best possible help to overcome this trauma. Amen







# Hail Holy QUEEN Enthroned Above

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week we observe another Marian celebration, the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Its original date was May 31, when it was instituted by Pius XII in 1954, but it was eventually moved to August 22 so that its close relationship with the Assumption might be made clear. Mary's queenship is multi-dimensional: she reigns gloriously in heaven as queen and mother; she is the queen who intercedes; she is the sign of the Church in its future glory.

Of course, the traditions surrounding the Blessed Mother's queenship extend much further back than the establishment of this feast. In the eighth century St. John Damascene could write, "When she became Mother of the Creator, she truly became Queen of every creature." According to Jewish tradition, the mother of the king was accorded a seat of honor at the right of the king. With Jesus' royal heritage as a descendant and member of the house of David, Mary quite naturally takes her proper place as the queen mother. Pius XII simply recalled these traditions and gave us a day to remind us of how we can direct our prayers to Mary, our Queen.

—Rev. James Field

## WHY DO WE CELEBRATE THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY?

Catholics celebrate the Queenship of Mary because her Divine Son is King. Pope Pius XII, having declared the dogma of the Assumption, that "the Immaculate Mother of God . . . was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory," then established the feast of her Queenship. He set the date for the octave (8th day) after the Solemnity of the Assumption, that is, August 22nd each year.

In his encyclical *Ad Caeli Reginam*, the Pope proclaimed, we are instituting a feast so that all may recognize more clearly and venerate more devoutly the merciful and maternal sway of the Mother of God. We are convinced that this feast will help to preserve, strengthen and prolong that peace among nations which daily is almost destroyed by recurring crises. Is she not a rainbow in the clouds reaching towards God, the pledge of a covenant of peace?

*O Mary Immaculate Queen, look down upon this distressed and suffering world. You know our misery and our weakness. O thou who art our Mother, saving us in the hour of peril, have compassion on us in these days of great and heavy trial.*





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