

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 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

YOUR CLERGY

Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond, D.D.
Archbishop of New Orleans

Very Rev. Gerald Seiler
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday 1:00-3:00
Tuesday-Friday 8:00-3:00

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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."



SECOND ANNUAL ROSARY CONGRESS



The Legion of Mary will be holding their Second Annual Rosary Congress on October 8th and 9th from 8:00 a.m. Tuesday until 8:00 a.m. Wednesday. A leader or two will be needed for each hour of the 24-hour congress. Each leader will be responsible for reciting one mystery of the rosary and one Divine Mercy Chaplet. You may sign up to be the leader of a mystery of the rosary by calling the office at 985-863-7935.



THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

THE PROPHECY OF SIMEON

THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

LOSING JESUS IN THE TEMPLE
AT JERUSALEM

MEETING JESUS ON THE WAY
TO CALVARY

THE CRUCIFIXION
STANDING AT FOOT OF THE CROSS

THE PIETA
RECEIVING HIS BODY

PLACING HER DIVINE SON
IN THE TOMB

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

RCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall

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

PSR Teacher Meeting—Saturday 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Parish Hall

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, 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, Herbert Landry, John McKelvey, Jr.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 9

(1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, September 10

(1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19)

8:00 a.m. *Sister Loretto Tighe†*

Wednesday, September 11

(1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, September 12

(1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38)

8:00 a.m. Legion of Mary

Friday, September 13

(1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42)

8:00 a.m. Joyce Balley Wahl†

Saturday, September 14

(Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17)

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 Otilio†, Lee Ann Scogin†, Vaughn Gay

Sunday, September 15

(Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35)

7:00 a.m. Mary Elizabeth Benson†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, Ashley Code, Deacon John & Mary Joyce Howard†, Earline Garitty†, Richard Family, Marvin Wingerter, Catherine Lambert†, Catherine Schafer†, Chase Sharkey†, Helen Story, Reggie Seymour, Jewel Bailey†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM



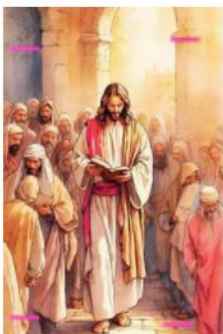
Weekly Rosaries: EARLY

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POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Sign up now for Parish School of Religion classes (formerly called CCD). Classes are for age 3, if they are potty trained, and go through Confirmation. You may pick up a form in the back of church, stop by the office, or register on-line. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 22, 2024 and NO registration will be accepted on that day. There will be a brief, mandatory parent's meeting on the first

day of classes. One parent for each child needs to be in attendance.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flower arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated in memory of

† Earl Conravey †



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Turning the calendar page to September marks a new beginning in the lives of many who live by the academic year. Traditionally the start of the school year in the United States, this month can bring to mind the many calendars by which we live. There are fiscal years, academic years, television seasons, sports seasons—the list seems endless. Added to all of these is, of course, the liturgical year.

A Christian of the first century or so would have been hard-pressed to understand what we mean by a feast day or holy day. That person would have understood Sunday as the primary feast day, and Easter as the primary Sunday. It was only over time that the Church began to set aside particular days and seasons to commemorate certain events or highlight selected mysteries of the faith. What has evolved over the centuries is a “map” of our faith, written on the days and seasons of the year. Some have observed that one will absorb all the major teachings of the Church in the course of a single year of Sundays if one is attentive. What a wonderful way to get Christianity “into our bones!” And best of all, there are no grades!

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NATIVITY OF MARY: OPEN TO GOD'S GRACE

Sometimes, God's sense of humor is hard for me to ignore. When I opened my Bible to begin penning this reflection in a quiet adoration chapel, it took all my strength to muffle the involuntary giggle that arose. Why would I find the Gospel heading, “Jesus Cures the Deaf Man” humorous? I was struck by the fascinating “godincidence,” as I am the mother of a child who is deaf.

There has been many a Good Friday, as we venerated the Cross, that my family and I have wondered if my daughter would return to the pew miraculously able to hear. Please don't get me wrong, we love her just as she is, and she is the first to tell you this is how God created her and that she loves being deaf! It is not that we want to change her, but being able to hear would make some things much more accessible. Learning about her Catholic faith would be one world we'd love more open to her, and that is precisely the blessing behind the deaf man's miracle.

Today's story of healing goes far beyond providing this man the ability to enjoy listening to singing birds or smooth jazz! No, the greatest gift here is Jesus giving this man the ability to hear the Word of God. He now had the chance to grow in his knowledge of the Messiah, to discover the blessing of living a life yoked to the man who had just healed him, and more importantly, who longed to heal his soul. This life of faith is what Jesus wants for all of us, for our eyes and ears to be open to hearing the Good News and to focus our hearts toward heaven. There are enormous blessings available to everyone who is open to the grace of God, which brings me to why I chose to write for this day in the first place.

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. While we don't know the exact date of Mary's birthday, the Church recognizes that her life is definitely worth celebrating! No one's ears are open wider than Mary's! This woman pondered God's Word in her heart, which allowed her the courage to answer “yes” when the Angel Gabriel asked her if she would allow the Holy Spirit to overshadow her and bring the Savior of the World. That was the power of grace overflowing and active in her life!

A little aside: this day was chosen to celebrate Mary's birthday because the early Eastern Church began its Church year in September. This date also helped determine the Church's celebration of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. Mary's birth is truly a joyous moment and is considered “the dawn of our salvation.” (see *Marialis Cultus* by Pope Paul VI). Though it may not be her real birthday, I don't think anyone would take issue with you if you celebrated this momentous day with a cake!



IN MEMORIAM

With deepest sympathy we inform you of the death of Fay Vogt, who was called by God to her eternal reward. Please remember Fay and all those who mourn her in your Masses and prayers.



PASTOR'S CORNER

PASTORS' CORNER ON PRAYER

Prayer is such an important part of all of our lives. God has ordained that we should use prayer as a petition between the divine (Him) and us. It is a form of conversation where we make our needs known. Remember what Jesus said to his disciples, "Seek and you will find, ask and it will be given to you, knock and the door will be open to you." Why do we need to ask? First of all this is because God told us to ask. Second of all it is so that we can humble ourselves and realize that we need God in our lives. Third of all it is because prayer is a relationship between God and us. Look at this for a moment. Do you think that the great saints, like Mother Teresa or Padre Pio started off in life as great prayers? No that would come later, they both had to grow in relationship with God. They both had to pray and talk to God. So therefore prayer is so important for us to do, especially because if we want to get to heaven we will have to grow closer to God who is in heaven to do this. Also when we pray and make time to converse with God, we come to know his love in a greater way. I myself take plenty of time each day to pray and spend time with God. Sure when I first started out I was just asking God for help with my needs and only praying because I wanted His help. But as time moved on I started to realize how much I needed to spend time in prayer. Now on a daily basis I pray several hours a day, many times throughout the day I stop and thank God for being so good or thank Him for his gifts to me. I do not say this to make myself look holy or anything like that.

No I pray because I realize that to be a good priest and a good pastor it will take lots of prayer. So I hope you can see that prayer is necessary. This is why I realized that giving people prayers would be a helpful helpful thing to do.

So having said that I want to thank everyone who has used these prayers that I have been giving out for the last several weeks. I hope that they have been helpful for the many problems that many people suffer from. I am still working on them and if you feel that you have a prayer need please let me know. I would be best to write the need down and give them to me or Karen at the office.

I can always tweak the prayers as well. You can never cover all bases in public prayers for all people and for all needs, however you can adapt them to the situation at hand. When I have enough prayers on the list I plan on putting together a book of prayers sometimes in the future.

God has given me the gift of prayer and I have been using this gift to help others. I realized when I went on vacation that many people do not know how to pray, that is the whole reason the Catholic Church uses rote prayers like the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be. While there are plenty of people who pray extemporaneously like I do, not all people know what to say in prayer. That is why I felt it would be good for me to write out prayers for people to say.

So I hope that you use these prayers when in need and I will continue to come up with more prayers. As I have more prayers I will post them in future Pastors Corners.

LET ME END WITH A PRAYER

Almighty God and Father, I thank you for the prayers that you have inspired me to write for my people at Sts Peter and Paul Parish. May these prayers continue to help people in their needs and to give them hope in trying times. I pray that you would use me to guide my people into a closer more intimate walk with you. I pray that new ministries will be started with the help of the people of the parish and that Your love would grow in such a way that everyone would desire a true growth in holiness in their lives here and now and not just some time in the future. Amen



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— SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH OF —

Our Lady

— OF SORROWS —

THIS TITLE COMES FROM
THE SORROWS SHE ENDURED
AS THE MOTHER OF JESUS

ALSO REFERRED TO AS
MATER DOLOROSA
(MOTHER OF SORROWS)

MANY PEOPLE CONTEMPLATE
HER "7 SORROWS" USING THE
7 DECADE ROSARY OF THE
SERVITE ORDER

NOVENAS ARE OFTEN PRAYED
ASKING HER INTERCESSION
FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER,
ESPECIALLY FROM GRIEF



"THE MOTHER OF SORROWS IS MY
CONFIDANTE, MY TEACHER, MY COUNSELOR,
AND MY POWERFUL ADVOCATE."
—ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO)

IDEAS TO INCREASE YOUR DEVOTION:

CHANGE YOUR PHONE
WALLPAPER TO AN IMAGE
OF OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER
OR HER HEART

PRAY THE OUR LADY OF
SORROWS ROSARY

PRAY A NOVENA TO OUR
LADY OF SORROWS FOR
SOMEONE WHO IS LONELY
OR GRIEVING THE LOSS OF
A LOVED ONE (AND SEND
THEM A NOVENA CARD)

MEDITATE ON AN IMAGE OF
THE PIETÀ (A SCULPTURE
BY MICHELANGELO)

LISTEN TO SONGS
REFLECTING ON THE
SORROWS OF MARY

MEDITATE ON LUKE 2:34-35

INCLUDE THE PRAYER TO
OUR LADY OF SORROWS IN
YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

NOVENA  cards

Prayer to our Sorrowful Mother for a particular grace: By the sufferings of your life, by that sword of pain that pierced your heart, by your perfect joy in heaven, look down on me kindly as I kneel before you, sympathizing with your sorrows and offering you my petition with childlike trust.



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