

# Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time    September 15, 2024



James 2:15-16 - "Suppose a Brother or a Sister Is Without Clothes and Daily Food. If One of You Says to Them, 'Go in Peace; Keep Warm and Well Fed,' but Does Nothing About Their Physical Needs, What Good Is It?"

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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.  
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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."





## 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

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

Widow's Group—Thursday 11:00 a.m. T-Leblanc's

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

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

## HUMILITY

I have always been so easily influenced by others' opinions of me. I want to be loved, or at least well-liked, by all I meet. It is a natural human tendency. The compulsive need to check email or Facebook messages relays back the same feelings - is there anyone out there looking to connect with me?

It is so easy to be distracted by worldly comforts brought forth by people, as well as material possessions. In today's Gospel, Christ proclaims of the need to separate ourselves from these habits. Sometime while we're praying the Litany of Humility, we might ask ourselves if we really want these petitions to become true. To deny ourselves feels paradoxical, especially living in a society that highly values each human's right to so many freedoms. I think we can often reach above and beyond that which we're entitled to.

In *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis noted pride as the ultimate "anti-God", which leads to every other vice. In contrast, St. Bernard declares that Jesus Christ is the ultimate definition of humility. We are so used to the comforts of the world around us. Christ also lived as a human being with similar circumstances, yet made the ultimate sacrifice of giving it all away for our sake, despite our extreme unworthiness.

Today, let's ask ourselves if we know that God is who he says He is. May we truly know the truth that takes precedence over all our individual matters, that Christ suffered and died in great humility and out of a deep love for us.

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh

## 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, Maria Kalcic, Beverly Cosse,

Lou Lou Battle, Israel & Joyce Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, 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 16**

(1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10)

No Mass Scheduled

**Tuesday, September 17**

(1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17)

8:00 a.m. Lucas Tracey†

**Wednesday, September 18**

(1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 7:31-35)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

**Thursday, September 19**

(1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50)

8:00 a.m. Nick Roszczynialski

**Friday, September 20**

(1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3)

8:00 a.m. Barbara Laughlin

**Saturday, September 21**

(Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13)

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†, Loretto Stottman†, Yvette, Robert Jenevein†, Stella Fos†, John Lacoureg†, Ludger Miller, Vaughn Gay

**Sunday, September 22**

(Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37)

7:00 a.m. Jacqueline Brouillette†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, Debra Goodey†, Lisa Benson, Earline Garitty†, Richard Family, Catherine Lambert†, Chase Sharkey†, Jewel Bailey†, Miguel Iscoa, Rita Ramos†, Cathy Stanford†, Ragusa Family

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

## PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM



Weekly Rosaries: 726

Year to Date: 11,945





### 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.



### OUR LADY OF SORROWS

September 15

Mary is venerated under this title to commemorate the seven sorrows that she suffered: The prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the child Jesus in the temple, meeting Jesus carrying his cross, the Crucifixion, receiving the body of Jesus from the cross, and the burial of Jesus. A devotional image of her shows her heart pierced with seven swords to represent these sorrows.



### OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

September 19

In 1846, at La Salette in France, the Blessed Mother appeared to two young teens, Maximin Giraud and Mélanie Calvat. She told them to make her message "known to all my people." The La Salette missionary order is founded on the reconciling message of this apparition.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In this country, we don't name our churches "The Fourth Avenue Catholic Church," but rather seek a patron saint or mystery of faith. We inherit this tradition from an old Roman custom via medieval England. Interestingly, that has not been the practice elsewhere, and parishes abroad often do carry just the name of the neighborhood. In Ireland, the Roman (English) practices didn't take hold, and so churches are known simply by the street they are on, or by a nickname. Saint Francis of Assisi in Dublin is often called "Adam and Eve" after a pub in the same street. The pub sign is an interesting carving of our first parents, so they become patrons by default.

Increasingly in the United States, we are seeing a familiar European pattern emerge when a few churches, each bearing the name of a patron saint or mystery, are gathered into one parish that bears a different name. Thus, we might hear of a parish of "Midvalley City" comprised of Saint Mary, Saint Francis, and Saint Ursula churches. Once a church has been consecrated, its name may not normally be changed. Therefore, when parishes are merged, a new name is given to the parish, which may or may not be that of a heavenly patron, but the church buildings retain their names. In the process, we have lost sight of some worthy patrons of old, but have also seen new parishes open dedicated to twentieth-century saints like Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel, and Mother Teresa.

—Rev. James Field

## FAITH OR WORKS?

Sometimes we think the argument of faith vs. works started with the Reformation. But the second reading shows that it was already being debated in New Testament times. The simplified version of the debate has the Reformers saying that faith alone is all we need to be saved, while the Catholic side says we have to do good to be saved. Actually, they are both right.

The idea of works being necessary for salvation probably goes back to the Old Covenant emphasis on the law and the commandments. The Jews believed that keeping the law showed their holiness. They avoided anything or anyone that was unclean. They believed that their religious practices set them apart from the pagans around them.

Then Jesus came to show that only God is Holy. Our holiness comes from loving God and loving others. Because Jesus is the Son of God, he is the best way to know God. So believing in Jesus is not just believing that he exists, (like those who believe in Santa Claus or UFO's.) It means we believe in Love, the love Jesus showed by his life and death. We believe in a Person who loves us and showed us that God is not our boss or judge; he is our Father. He gives us life and protects us; he supports us and also lets us learn from our mistakes. Then he forgives us, showing that he loves us even when we turn away from him.

So if we truly believe in Jesus we believe in what he said and did. We follow his commandment of love, not because we want to avoid evil, but because we love him so much we want to be just like him. We help others, not to make us look good, but to show them how good God is. So you cannot truly believe in Jesus without wanting to help others to know and love him too. Jesus' way of saying that in today's gospel was to take up our cross and follow him. That is truly a work of faith.

Tom Schmidt

## 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.







## PASTORS CORNER ON THE ROSARY CONGRESS

We have a beautiful gift coming to our parish in October in the Rosary Congress. For seven days there will be seven different parishes on the north shore that will host the Congress including, Sts Peter and Paul, St Luke, St Peter, St Margaret Mary and Our Lady of Lourdes. We will have the opportunity on Tuesday October 8 to participate in the congress at our parish which includes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all day and into the night, it also includes praying the rosary each hour. The event starts with 8 Am mass and continues until 8 Am the next morning where another parish takes over for that day, this will event will be for 7 days straight. I am not sure what parish will start or which will end.

The Rosary Congress will be a great opportunity for those who are not normally able to spend time in adoration on First Friday's because of work to come and spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

So if you are interested in leading the rosary or taking a time for adoration, please sign up at the office. Those who will lead the rosary will do not have to worry what to say. There will be a binder with prayers, all you have to do is to read out of the binder.

Years ago I remember the first Rosary Congress that I participated in. At the time I was in the seminary and I was able to serve at a couple of different churches. The most interesting part of the even for me was at that time was that one of the coordinators was able to involve one of the Eastern Orthodox churches in the even so I was able to see how mass is celebrated in a different Easter Rite church. They actually came to a Roman Catholic Church and celebrated their form of the mass at that church, unfortunately I do not remember which church it was held at.

## HERE IS A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ROSARY CONGRESS

In 1988 – The Rosary Congress was brought to the United States by John Downs (a quadriplegic) who set it up in Washington D.C. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is the Patroness of the U.S. All those in attendance were encouraged to bring back it to their own State.

In 1989 – A delegation from New Orleans attended the second U.S. Rosary Congress and brought the idea back to the city of New Orleans. Many Prayer groups and adoration chapels were started at this time.

In 1990 – The first Greater New Orleans Rosary Congress was held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor – Patroness of New Orleans in the State of Louisiana. They prayed for life, reparation of sin and peace. On the last day of the GNO Congress the oldest abortion clinic in the city of New Orleans closed.

After the 25 th GNO Rosary Congress the abortion clinic on Ridglake in Metairie closed. This year will be the 34 th congress in New Orleans.

In May 1997 – Poland prayed for seven days and nights. Masses Eucharistic Adoration and hourly rosaries were said at the National Shrine of Czestochowa for the pope to be able to visit his homeland. At the end of 7 days the sanctions were dropped and the pope was allowed to visit.

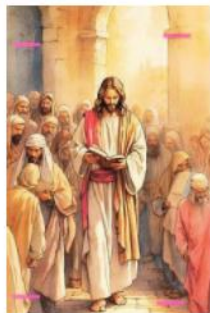
In 2023 – A group of the Legion of Mary organized a three day mini Congress on the Northshore of New Orleans. Three different parishes each hosted 24 hours of prayer and at the end they agreed to expand it to seven days the following year. The 2nd Annual North Shore Rosary Congress will be a full 7 days from October 5 – 11, 2024.







Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children.



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With your fatherly blessing, Lord, strengthen these servants of yours in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists. Grant that they may be able to teach that they themselves derive from pondering your word and studying the church's teaching. And let them gladly join those they teach in honoring and serving your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*Book of Blessings*

## 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.



## *With Heartfelt Sympathy*

With deep sympathy we inform you of the death of Helen Story, mother of Dean (Raye Ann), who was called by God to her eternal resting reward. Please remember Helen and all those who mourn her in your masses and prayers.

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