

# Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time    November 10, 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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Pastor

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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."







### TABERNACLE LAMP

This week, the Tabernacle Lamp in the Sanctuary burns for

† *Jewel & Wallace Bailey, Sr.*†



### ALTAR FLOWERS

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

*John Lacouregue*

### WEEKLY EVENTS

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

OCIA 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—Sunday begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass

Bible Study—Sunday 12:00 p.m. Parish Hall

### CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



Come to the Altar Society Christmas lunch at Fatty's Seafood on December 4th at 11:00 a.m. at the Gause Blvd. location. Cost is \$20.00 per person. If you would like to attend, register at the office. The deadline to register is November 18th. We must give a

FINAL count on November 19th. Hope to see you there!

### PRAY FOR THE SICK



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, Israel & Joyce Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Joseph Decaro, 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, Cathy Stanford, Herbert Landry, John McKelvey, Jr., James White

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, November 11**

(Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6)

No Mass Scheduled

**Tuesday, November 12**

(Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10)

8:00 a.m. Kerry Bourgeois†

**Wednesday, November 13**

(Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

**Thursday, November 14**

(Phmn 7-20; Lk 17:20-25)

8:00 a.m. Monica Waterall

**Friday, November 15**

(2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37)

8:00 a.m. Jewel Bailey†

**Saturday, November 16**

(3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8)

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†, Fay Vogt†, Helen Story†, Audrey Bonnet†, Wally Goodey, Jim & Eydie Richmond, Vaughn Gay

**Sunday, November 17**

(Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32)

7:00 a.m. Dorothy & James Meyers†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, DJ Bourgeois†, Michael Landry, Elizabeth Brown, Earline Garitty†, John Lacouregue†, Jewel Bailey†, Miguel Iscoa, Helen Story†, Lou Lou Battle†, Kenneth Guillot†, Brandon Tracy†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

### PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM



Weekly Rosaries: 389

Year to Date: 14,268





### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

### A LOT OF NERVE

I always thought it took a lot of nerve for Elijah to beg that poor woman for a meal. Even though, during a long drought, she has only a bit of her food to give to her son, he still asks her to make a little cake for himself. It would be easier to understand if we heard the verse before this reading begins: God tells the prophet that he has "commanded a widow...to feed you." (1Kgs 17:9)

Now the widow was not aware of this command. But she does as Elijah asked. That took even more faith than Elijah showed. She was afraid for herself and the boy. But she had enough faith to risk the last of her food to help someone else. She shows us that we are obeying God's commands when we trust him. Most of those commands come not from a vision, but from someone's cry for help.

I wonder how many good people have passed up a chance to do God's will because they didn't hear directly from God what to do. When you hear that a tornado destroyed a nearby neighborhood, do you hear God asking you to help? Do you hear God's voice when you read in the bulletin that the food pantry is running low? When a storm knocks out the power on your block, do you think God is asking you to check on the elderly widow next door?

And if you do hear God calling in these examples, how do you respond? You can be like the rich people in the gospel and just give your ten percent. Or do you have the faith of the woman whose few cents were all that she had. It takes a lot of courage to trust God completely. Do you have what it takes?

Tom Schmidt



### ALL-IN

A student learns from their teacher and then goes out and lives their own life using what they have learned. A disciple seeks to emulate their master, living their life in imitation of their master as much as possible. Yes, Jesus was a teacher, but we are not merely students. We are disciples who seek to model our life after his, and Jesus was all-in. Today's Gospel gives us a model of what discipleship looks and sounds like in real life.

Jesus didn't come to do things halfway. Fully God and fully man, he experiences all of our life. He cries at the death of loved ones. He offers love and tenderness to those who reject him. He frequents the homes of those considered less than others, on the fringes of society. He is fully one of us. He goes all in, offering his very body and blood in atonement so that we do not have to be separated from God. After his resurrection, he still eats with the disciples, not out of his need, but out of theirs. He institutes the Eucharist, where he is forever humbled to be present in the bread and wine. Jesus is all-in in everything he does.

Likewise the widow. No one would blame her for giving less. After all, she is a widow. She has no one to take care of her and provide for her. But her response to God's call to give, is to give everything. She leaves it all there trusting God to provide her daily bread.

Are we all-in? When we give, do we give from our excess or from our need? Is our gift to God from our first fruits or our leftovers? It isn't just money! What about our time? Life in our society is so crazy fast! We are on the move from the moment we wake until we fall into our beds again at night. When our feet hit the floor, do we take time to thank God for the gift of another day or are we already at a run, tackling our never-ending to-do list?

People used to sanctify their day by stopping when they heard the Church bells to pray and reconnect with God. In today's world, the Church bells have been drowned out by all the other sounds of modern society. How do we stop and reconnect with God, our Source and our Creator, throughout the day? Do we invite God into all parts of our life or do we save some portion of ourselves for ourselves? How close, or how far away are we from going all-in? The widow sets a high bar for us.

Dear Lord, help me to be like the widow. Help me to be all-in. Let all that I do bring glory to you and reflect your love back into the world. May I truly be your disciple, not just your student. Amen.

By Sheryl O'Connor

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Veterans Day began with the signing of a symbolic treaty between the Allies and Germany ending World War I (then called the "Great War") on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The auspicious date was actually a well-established religious holiday, the feast of Saint Martin of Tours, a beloved soldier saint of the army of Rome. After World War II, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Britain, but of course the feast of Saint Martin endures.

Martin was named after Mars, the god of war, and against the advice of his parents he went on his own to church. He became a catechumen at the age of ten. By fifteen he was enlisted in the cavalry in France. Coming across a poor man, Martin had an impulse to divide his bright red soldier's cape and clothe him. He later had the insight that he had served Christ, and the other half of his cape became a lifelong sign to him of his duty to serve the poor. Housed in a tiny church *capella* or "chapel," the cape became a great object of pilgrimage on the way to Compostela, and a favored place for the prayers of soldiers. Martin was not so eager to serve as bishop as he had been as a soldier, and legend says that he hid in a barn filled with geese to avoid episcopal election. To this day, the customary meal for November 11 is goose! Traditionally, this is the last feast day before winter closes in, and begins a period of fasting once known as "Saint Martin's Lent" or "Martinmas," that later developed into the season of Advent.

—Rev. James Field





## PASTOR'S CORNER

This week in my pastor's corner, I will talk about two more forms of prayer that I have used.

### THE PRAYER OF SILENCE

The prayer of silence is probably one of the simplest forms of prayer. This is where you sit in silence before the Blessed Sacrament and gaze at Jesus, allowing Him to look into your heart as you look at His. In this form of prayer, you allow Jesus to touch you as you marvel at His presence in the Eucharist. Remember that in one of the Eucharist Miracles that was tested by a scientist, they found that it is heart tissue, which is still fresh, as if it was still in a person's heart. Science is at a loss as to how to explain this in any way. This is especially evident when one of the miracles is partly flesh and partly Eucharistic Host, which was formerly bread. So, Jesus gives us His heart for us to adore and to receive. So it is right for us to say that in the prayer of silence we are gazing at His heart in Adoration, as He is gazing at ours.

While this is a simple form of prayer, it may also be a prayer form for those who are more advanced in prayer. I have heard this form of prayer to be likened to a young married couple who are in deep love where they can just sit in each other's presence gazing at the other and not saying a word, but because of their love for each other they are communicating their love for each other. While I have not experienced the married aspect of love, I have experienced the deep penetrating love of God, when in silence before Jesus in the host. This prayer works best in adoration in front of the Eucharistic Host.

It was St John Vianney who preached on Jesus' true presence in the Eucharist all the time who started to notice a simple farmer who would come to church every day and spend time in church before the tabernacle in the evening before going home. After this went on for some time, St. John approached the man and talked to him. When asked how the man prayed he responded, "I look at Him and he looks at me." The man would spend about an hour a day doing this simple gazing before Jesus.

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Prayers of thanksgiving are a very interesting form of prayer. In this prayer form, you spend time thinking of all of the good things that God has given you and thanking Him for it. It is helpful to realize that everything we have is from God. He has given us all good things. This form of prayer will help to cultivate in us an attitude of gratitude for all that God has done for us. This is an antidote to our broken human nature where we seem to look at all of the bad things that happen in our life and forget about the good.

To do this form of prayer, you would find a quiet place, take a notebook and a pen with you, and then ask the Holy Spirit to remind you of all of the wonderful things that God has done in your life that you can be thankful of. You can start by thanking God for being born and for your parents. Remember if they had not said yes to life you would not be here. From there you can thank God for your husband or wife, your children, grandchildren and so on. You can thank God for the simple things in life like being able to walk or to see. There are people out there who are blind or deaf or are missing limbs and confined to a wheel chair. I know of a man who is a motivational speaker who was born with no arms or legs. God has allowed him to look at the good things that he has from God. Another simple thing to be thankful for is if you are in good health, there are many people in our world who are in very poor health. You can thank Him for having a job, especially during this time where it is hard to get a job. You could thank him for having a home to live in and food to eat. There are many homeless people who do not have adequate food or shelter. You could also thank God for the gifts you have or the things that you are good at. If you have a hobby that you like, remember that it was God who created all things and gave us plenty of things to do. You can thank Him for the many inventions that we have in our world today. Remember that God gave humans the intelligence to create and the ideas for inventions come from Him in the first place. Next, you can look outside at the flowers and thank Him for creating the flowers. It is also a wonderful idea to look in amazement at all of the different kinds and shapes of flowers. There are thousands of different types of flowers out there. Some flowers have a very beautiful smell to enjoy. No other animal on the planet will gaze in wonder at the flower as humans do. For instance, if you show a flower to a cow it will only eat it and not look at its beauty.

You could look in wonder at the sunset or sunrise. Each one is different and some are so beautiful and colorful. Take some time to go out to the lake or the river and just sit and watch the beauty of God's creation.

In the summer when I was on vacation in the Smokey Mountains, I was able to take in the beauty of the mountains. I gave thanks for the beauty of God's creation while I was there. The list can easily go on from there. I am sure that there are plenty of other things that you can be thankful for in your life.

As you are thinking about all of the good things in your life, don't be surprised if God reminds you about things you have forgotten about or things that you did not realize that God had a hand in. I love to remind people that everything we have is a gift from God and it is so good to thank Him who has given us everything.

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