

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

“Don’t be afraid;
from now on
you will
fish for people.”

-Luke 5:10

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9, 2025



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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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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.

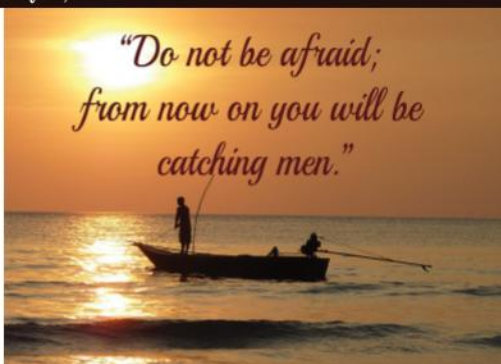
Funerals

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

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



This week, the Tabernacle Lamp in the Sanctuary burns for

TABERNACLE LAMP

Wallace Bailey, Sr. †



ALTAR FLOWERS

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

Dan Jocks

PRAY FOR THE SICK



May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, 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, 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, February 10

(Gen 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, February 11

(Gen 1:20 – 2:4a; Mk 7:1-13)

8:00 a.m. Drauzin Bourgeois†

Wednesday, February 12

(Gen 2:4b-9; 15-17; Mk 7:14-23)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, February 13

(Gen 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30)

8:00 a.m. Patti Gay

Friday, February 14

(Gen 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37)

8:00 a.m. Vincent F. McInerney, Jr.†

Saturday, February 15

(Gen 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10)

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†, Judy Woods†, Patti & Vaughn Gay, Debra Goodey†, Leanna† & Leater Coupel

Sunday, February 16

(Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26)

7:00 a.m. Dorothy & James Meyers†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Sarah Guth, Fr. Chris DeLerno, Cathy Downey, Deacon John & Mary Joyce Howard†, Lloyd Vieages†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM



Weekly Rosaries: 276

Year to Date: 1394



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

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.

JESUS' INTERVENTION ON OUR OFF DAYS

Has your life—at least here and there—been so hectic that you couldn't even think straight? We try to be intentional about reflectively moving through our day, but...sometimes...life happens. In the scattered moments, in the topsy-turvy schedules, in the frustration at not being able to be in three places at once, grace happens.

That's what today's Gospel is about. Most of the time we focus on Peter's experience when we hear this story. Jesus, however, is showing us all how He intervenes on our not-so-super days and calls us to something deeper.

When things aren't going as well as we'd want... (Peter fished all night and had nothing to show for all his work.) Jesus shows up and asks if he can slip into our life precisely in the area that isn't going well. Then He asks us to do something that we can't do on our own... (In Biblical times, most fishing was done at night so that fish couldn't see the nets and swim around them. Peter knew very well that fishing during the day wasn't going to work.)

We surrender to Jesus and set aside what we know or desire and do as we are asked.... ("Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.")

Jesus shows us that He is the one who brings about fruitfulness in ministry. We are only His co-workers. He is the one in charge. He knows what He is doing. We can trust him. (When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.)

Amazement at what is clearly not our doing, leads to humility and trust... ("They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, 'Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!'")

Jesus takes us deeper, opening up a call to more amazing things if we join His team... ("Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.")

This pattern is repeated throughout the Gospels. The apostles doubt when Jesus tells them to feed the crowd of 5,000 themselves, the disciples are unable to heal the boy possessed by a demon, the apostles run away when the soldiers and Judas enter the Garden of Olives, Peter betrays Jesus....

This pattern is a beautiful lens which helps us to understand the way Jesus enters into the difficult passages of our lives and shows us the amazing things He wants to do with us. We can admit we need help and ask for it. Then trust, and be at peace.

By Sr. Kathryn Hermes



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

Men's Conference 2025 – I Trust in You Join us for the 2025 Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference; March 15, 2025 at St. Dominic Church in New Orleans. The Men's Conference is the largest gathering of Catholic Men in the Archdiocese. There will be dynamic speakers, inspiring music with the Vigil Project, time for adoration, dozens of priests to hear confessions, Mass with Archbishop Aymond, and breakfast and lunch besides! This year's Conference theme, *"I Trust in You"*, focuses on building greater trust with God and one another in order to take our faith to the next level. Register today and help our parish win bragging rights with the Men's Conference Best Represented Parish award! Learn more at Nolacatholicmen.com. Call the office to register and take advantage of our group discount.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For a humble guy, St. Paul really tells it like it is. It seems some of the Corinthians did not believe that Christ rose from the dead, or that resurrection was a spiritual symbol of forgiveness of sins. So Paul lists those witnesses who actually saw the risen Jesus, last and least of these being Paul himself. Now we are used to thinking of Paul as one of the greatest apostles, even though we know he once persecuted Christians. So you might think he is being overly humble, like someone fishing for a compliment. No, Paul is only interested in making sure the Corinthians understand just how much God has done.

Besides being "born abnormally" (1 Corinthians 15:8), that is, coming to follow Christ in such an unusual way, he felt unworthy because of so many Christians he hurt before his conversion. Yet he turns that unworthiness into an example of how much God has done through him, so he can say that he worked harder than any other apostles because of God's grace, not Paul's strength. The same grace that turned a former enemy into a friend also gave him the strength to spread the gospel farther than anyone else at that time.

In today's Gospel, Peter has a similar experience. He was a fisherman who knew his business and knew that some days, the fish just aren't there. So when Jesus tells him to go out one more time, try one more cast of the nets, Peter probably thought he'd show Jesus that it was no use. Then when they caught enough fish to fill both boats, he realized that his pride was sinful. He was unworthy to receive such bounty from the Lord. And yet Jesus tells him that "you will be catching men" (Luke 5:10).

How many of us are like Peter and Paul, thinking we know just what our place in the world is, relying on our own strengths to do our jobs? Surely that's all God expects of us, right? They found Jesus calling them to a much more challenging life. Do we have the courage to listen to God's call to serve?

Tom Schmidt



There will be no Pastor's Corner this weekend due to Father having the flu. He will resume next weekend.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The song of the angels, "Holy, Holy, Holy," resounds from our lips at every Mass. There was a widespread belief in the first religions of the world that God stirred creation into being by a word, a song, a musical note. Music and a sense of God's presence have always been inseparable. In the liturgy, your voice is invited into this song as the priest names the reasons for our praise. "Heaven and earth are full of your glory," and we are not passive onlookers, but participants in this glory. Catholic prayer no longer assigns this angelic hymn to a choir, but gives it to you to sing. Even if your voice is thought to be suitable only for a well insulated shower stall, you are called into this song.

We are born to sing—just listen to a baby testing the full range of newly discovered vocal abilities. Soon we get shushed and hushed into quiet, and given lots of messages that our voices are unwanted, and that we need to raise our hands in order to be heard. All of that is overturned in liturgy, the place where God waits to hear us come alive in the song of all creation. In heaven, everyone's in the choir; why not start practicing now?

—James Field

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SITE IN HELPING CATHOLICS TO DEEPEN THEIR FAITH



Our Lady of Lourdes is a significant site where Catholics can deepen their faith. "Faith is being sure of what I hope for, and certain of what I cannot see." -Hebrews 11:1. Our Lady of Lourdes is a place where Catholic's can put their faith into their actions and journey across the pilgrim in order to deepen their faith. The reason Our Lady of Lourdes is significant, is due to the history and the meaning behind Lourdes. The apparitions, miracles and healings applied from Mary Immaculate are what define this sight as a significant place.



Therefore, what makes Our Lady of Lourdes so significant is the relationship between the site and Mary. Mary is not only the chosen mother of Jesus, but she was Mary Immaculate who was born without sin. Mary is the main reason why Lourdes is so significant because it is the site where she appeared to put herself forward to heal people and set miracles.

Catholics today deepen their faith through Mary who appeared near the site in 1858. Bernadette Soubirous a 14 year old was faced with 18 apparitions where she identified herself as the Immaculate Conception. "Hail, Full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28). Mary gave Bernadette a message for all "Pray and do penance for the conversion of the world." Then on, for four years the church investigated Bernadette's claims approving devotion to Lourdes and its Catholic Teachings.

Whilst on the pilgrim at Our Lady of Lourdes, just like other pilgrims, you undertake a series of five steps in order to deepen your faith.

1. **The sign of the cross:** in every moment of your Christian life a prayer accompanied by a gesture can help you fund the door of faith and go through it in this case is the sign of the cross.
2. **The rock of the grotto:** Before making the sign of the cross, we reminded ourselves that faith is a gift of God received as a seed in our baptism, so that we can welcome it, live it and let it grow by making us develop.
3. **The water from the spring:** The sign of the cross, expression of our baptism, is given to us to open the door of faith in an ongoing way. To express our trust in God, as we can do by touching the rock of the Grotto, makes us enter by the door of faith. But, in becoming more effective, our relationship with God immediately sheds light on our relationship with others through our own behaviour in thought, word, and deed.
4. **The light of pilgrims:** The sign of the cross helps us to find and cross the door of faith. At this level, trust allows us to live more deeply for the first time on the door of faith. Then confidence gives us the desire, not only not to be separated from God, but above all to commit ourselves to a path back to God. In the Gospel, Jesus says: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, and will have the light of life" (Jn 8:12).
5. **New life:** The final step is like the sign of the cross, to be lived always and everywhere. It is the relationship with the other person who, when lived with the Lord, becomes for each person a door of faith because of the experience of love.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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