

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

June 29, 2005

Saints Peter and Paul



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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

Blood Drive—Sunday 7:40 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

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

Legion of Mary—Thursday 2:30 p.m. Parish Hall

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Friday beginning with 8:00 a.m. Mass and ending with Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

Office Closed—Friday, July 4th

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary—Saturday 8:00 a.m. with Mass, the Rosary, and confession

ALTAR FLOWERS



The beautiful flower arrangements
adorning the altar this weekend were donated for

*John & Ellie Ross
for their anniversary*

AROUND THE PARISH

Blood Drive—June 29th from 7:40 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.
Please scan the QR code on the door to pre-register.

Movie Night—August 9th at 6:30 p.m. the Parish Council
will host a family movie night.

PSR Registration—August 23rd and 24th after all masses.
You may also register online.

Fellowship Sunday—GASPP will host the August 31st Fellowship Sunday.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 30

(Gen 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, July 1

(Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8: 23-27)

8:00 a.m. Betty Showalter†

Wednesday, July 2

(Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8: 28-34)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, July 3

(Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20: 24-29)

8:00 a.m. Kristen Charbonnet

Friday, July 4

(Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24: 1-8, 62-67; Mt 9: 9-13)

8:00 a.m. Lou Lou Battle†

Saturday, July 5

(Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17)

8:00 a.m. Jewel Bailey†

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/
Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee &
Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragu-
sa, Sr.†, Lawrence Oillio†, Lee Ann Scogin†, Judy
Woods†, Patti & Vaughn Gay, Claude Yarborough†,
Lester Coupel, Don Aleman†

Sunday, July 6

(Is 66: 10-14c; Gal 6: 14-18; Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9)

7:00 a.m. Fr. Chris DeLerno

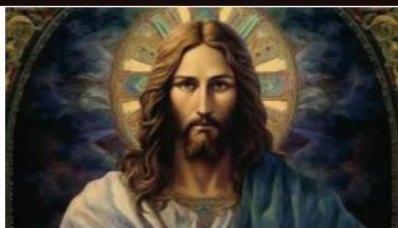
8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Deacon John &
Mary Joyce Howard†, Dorothy Clouser†, Lisa Garay,
Ray Garay, Debbie Howard, Patrick & Tyler Brent,
Jim & Eydie Richmond, Trevor Hess, Sarah Paretti
Guth, Augie Guth, August Paretti

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

Weekly Rosaries: 394

Year to Date: 7988



THE OTHER DIMENSION OF SUFFERING

I have really been drawn to the lives of the saints lately. It amazes me how much they were willing to suffer and offer up that suffering, but even more so, how they were able to use their suffering as a way to unite themselves to Christ.

I don't pretend to suffer nearly as much as many others do, but one day I had a pretty bad headache. It was making me cranky and I stepped into our home office for a quiet moment of prayer. As I closed my eyes, I asked Jesus to unite me to Him through that small suffering. For a split second, I envisioned my head as Jesus' head, covered with the crown of thorns, dripping with blood. I realized then and there how small my headache really was.

Suffering is a funny thing. It can make us so unhappy, downright miserable at times, yet there is a whole other dimension to it. When I was a kid, my parents often told me to "offer it up", when I grumbled about this, that or the other thing. At the time, it seemed like a flippant way to get me off their back. But as an adult, I see the real merit in offering up our hardships for a special intention. Suffering in and of itself is torture, but united with Christ, becomes a means of sanctification. Afterall, it was through His suffering that the gates of Heaven were opened to us once again.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Both of these great Apostles suffered tremendously for their faith, yet chose consistently and persistently to follow the Lord. Peter suffered persecution, imprisonment, temptation and ultimately death by crucifixion, which the Lord foretells in the Gospel: "Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." But perhaps the greatest pain he endured was the guilt from denying our Lord. Paul suffered beatings, imprisonment, shipwrecks and illness as well as the emotional pain of mockery and false accusations. But perhaps the greatest pain he endured was the guilt from persecuting so many Christians before his conversion.

These two great men both teach us the same thing. God can transform suffering and use it for His glory. The whole of Christianity was built upon the courageous endurance of these and so many others who literally gave their lives to spread the Gospel. Their chains have allowed us to know true freedom in Christ. The shedding of their blood has shown us what it means to truly live. Their sufferings, endured with patience and love, teach us how to suffer gracefully.

So the next time you get a headache, remember all those saints who have gone before you, and unite your sufferings to the One who has suffered so greatly out of love for you.

By Tami Urcia

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, Judy Aleman, Isabella & Dylan Gornor, Vaughn Gay, Cathy Stanford, Herbert Landry, James White, Maria Kalcic, Dave Anderson, Lisa Wayne, Courtney Allen, Robert Lawtum, Bailey Battle

WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

Our sympathy on the death of May Caballero, mother of Doreen Barbin and Darlene Vinet. Please keep May and her family in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles (June 29)

Today is an exceptional event on our calendar: the regular Sunday of Ordinary Time is eclipsed by a solemnity honoring two saints who didn't spend much time together in their earthly ministry, and who have distinct feasts so they probably don't mind sharing this one. Yet each suffered a similar fate in the same city, Rome, during the persecution of the Emperor Nero. Nero probably ordered the destruction of many of the residential neighborhoods in service to his building projects, and when the homeless began to look for someone to blame for the fires, Nero targeted the Christians. Soon, Peter was crucified, upside down, on the Vatican hill. Excavations (called *scavi*) under the Vatican basilica have proven the authenticity of his burial place near the place of his death. Paul, a Roman citizen, was later granted a swifter execution by sword, and is remembered at a vast basilica on the city's outskirts.

Peter and Paul were just about polar opposites. Peter rough and ready, Paul poetic and polished. Peter carried a burden of regret for his denials, Paul had his own issues with which he struggled. Peter leapt over barriers to go to the Gentiles, Paul strove with and surrendered to the same call. True, they spent very little time together in this life, but the same Spirit filled their hearts and by their witness changed the face of the earth.

—Rev. James Field

PASTORS CORNER FOR THE FEAST OF STS PETER AND PAUL 2025

So this weekend we celebrate the feast of our patron saints, Peter and Paul.

Who were these two saints that our Church was named after ?

Most people know about Peter, from scripture of course. Scripture says that he was a Galilean and that his original home was in Bethsaida, but somewhere later he moved to Capernum which was located on a major trade route and next to the sea, so this would make it a great place to ply his trade. He was a fisherman and owned a few boats and probably a business. His brother, Andrew, was also chosen to be an apostle by Jesus. Peter was married, since Jesus healed his mother-in-law.

Of all of the Apostles, he is the one that we know most about from scripture. Since outside of Jesus, he is the only one who is talked about more than the rest, which shows he is more important than the other apostles.

His birth name was Simon, but Jesus changed it to Peter which means "rock". Now it is important to note that whenever God changes a person's name it is a big deal and it means something important. Jesus did not just call him rocky, like he was strong or something, or pebble like he was a small rock. No, this is not the case. The clue as to what was going here is that when Jesus gave Peter his name He said "you are Peter and upon this rock I will build My church." That is an important distinction because Jesus wanted people to know that the Catholic Church must be built on a rock solid foundation, the foundation built by Jesus, guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit. Jesus knew it would need to be strong to withstand the trials of this world.

We know that from the beginning Peter often made mistakes. But from time to time, while Jesus walked with the disciples, Peter was given inspiration by the Holy Spirit to speak profound truths, like "You are Christ the Son of the living God." It was Jesus Himself that confirms that he was inspired to say this. Sadly, Peter would have to be rebuked right after when he did not want to let Jesus suffer death.

Another thing that shows how important Peter was to the church Jesus founded was that he was taken up the high mountain with James and John to bear witness to the Transfiguration of Jesus. Only these select few, His inner circle, were shown the divine nature of Jesus. This was done right before Jesus' crucifixion, so that they would have strength, after the trial of seeing Jesus die.

Of course a big part of Peter's story is his denial of Jesus at the crucifixion. The fact that the bible does not hide the humanity of Jesus followers is inspiring to me. This shows the true nature of the bible, unlike other stories of the world that were fantasized like the *Iliad* and *the Odyssey*, with characters who never made mistakes. The bible always tells the sinful brokenness of us human beings, and allows them to triumph only by the grace of God. This should be very important to us who follow Jesus Christ because it allows people to see how much they need God in their lives.

So up until the crucifixion, Peter was constantly making mistakes. The Gospels record more of his failures than his victories. This of course allows us to see how much he changes after the descent of the Holy Spirit.

It is not until after Jesus' resurrection that Peter begins to change. Part of that change is his accepting the role that Jesus has given him. He stops being so caught up in worldly things, which allows him to focus on the future and on God alone. After the resurrection, Jesus allows him to make= up for his threefold denial of Jesus by asking him three times, "Do you love me?"

It is not until the Acts of the Apostles that we begin to see real change in Peter starting in the upper room after Jesus Ascends. Peter is the one who takes the initiative to elect someone among the disciples who will take the place of Judas since he felt that the number had to be kept at twelve. By the way the reason for Jesus appointing twelve men as His apostles is to fulfill the biblical prophecy of reuniting, the twelve tribes of Israel.

It is only after the descent of the Holy Spirit that Peter becomes emboldened enough to become the leader of the Apostles he was appointed to be and overcome his fear in such a way that he would be ready to face death and martyrdom.

During the Acts of the Apostles we hear that He gave great homilies. His first brought three thousand into the church that day. He would heal many who were sick and lame. He would be so emboldened that he would be thrown into prison several times. One such time an angel released him when he was under lock and key between two guards.

Lastly, Peter was to be crucified on a cross. As the tradition goes, he was warned by fellow Christians to get out of Rome before he could be captured, due to the persecution against Christians. On his way out, he encountered Jesus walking towards Rome and when Peter asked Him where He was going Jesus said, "I am going to Rome to be re-crucified". At this Peter realized how he was to be martyred and he turned back. Peter willingly submitted to this form of death, but asked to be hung upside down because he knew he was not worthy to die as Jesus did.

Who was St. Paul? Most of what we know about him comes from scripture, from both the Acts of the Apostles and his own personal writings. His birth name was Saul and he was born in Tarsus. He was a Jew of the Tribe of Benjamin. For those who do not know, the tribe of Benjamin was the smallest of all of the twelve tribes and when the other ten tribes broke from Judah, after Solomon's son caused the break, they pretty much merged with the tribe becoming known as the Jewish people. He called himself a Pharisee of Pharisees, who went far above his contemporaries in his zeal for following their strict way of life. Paul actually tells us this in his second letter to the Corinthians chapter 11.

The most significant event in his life happened when he was on his way to Damascus, to bring back the Christians in chains for daring to change the laws of Moses. At this time he met Jesus Christ, after His ascension, in a vision. In this vision Jesus says to him, "Saul, Saul why are you persecuting Me?"

At this Saul replies, “who are you sir?” The reply that Jesus gave was, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.” And then He told Saul what to do. (Acts. 9: 4-6) Now the interesting thing to note here is that Saul had never met Jesus in person, but Jesus says “why are you persecuting Me?” How could Saul be persecuting Jesus? It’s simple. When anyone persecutes Christians they are persecuting the body of Christ, in His believers. After this event, it says Saul was blinded, and that something like scales fell off of his eyes. I have read information about cataracts that says under a microscope they look like scales. So, God made him have cataracts after his vision of Jesus, so that he would have to spend time in prayer reflecting on his vision. The reason that this event is important in his life is that after it he is a changed man. Now it is important to note that the reason Jesus chose Paul is that he really thought he was doing God’s will by persecuting the Christians. He was a faithful Jewish man who believed in the one true God, who was awaiting the fulfillment of the scriptures, so therefore when he met Jesus, who is the fulfillment of the scriptures, he realized his mistake and became one of the greatest followers of Christ Jesus known today.

After his conversion he went to Damascus for three years and then returned to Jerusalem where he met St. Peter and St. James the lesser. Later, he traveled back to Jerusalem to meet and deliberate what should be done with the Gentile converts to Christianity. This was known as the Council of Jerusalem, the first council called in the Church.

He would travel with Barnabas and his cousin, John Mark, on one of his greatest journeys around the known world. Later, due to a fall out with Barnabas, after John Mark, who was a young man, left them because the journey was too tough for him, he parted ways with Barnabas and journeyed with Silas. We know that later on he reconciled with John Mark. In one of his letters, he asked that John Mark be sent to him because he was helpful to him. Paul had been mad at John Mark for leaving and being too weak, but as he grew older, he probably realized that he was too hard on him. Paul was probably too overzealous for souls and did not realize that he must work with those who journeyed with him since not everyone was as zealous as he was.

In his second letter to the Corinthians chapter eleven he goes on to tell us a lot about himself. He says that he is a Hebrew, a child of Israel, a descendant of Abraham, and a minister of Christ. He goes on to say that he went through many hardships like, imprisonment, beatings, stoning, he received lashes 40 minus one, and was beaten with rods. He was left for dead after the stoning incident, but survived. He was shipwrecked, passing a night and a day at sea, and saw many dangers on his journeys. He spent many sleepless nights, went through hunger and thirst while being exposed to nature in the wilderness.

Even one time, after surviving a shipwreck when he came to shore he met a man who was amazed at his survival. But just then a very venomous snake bit him on the hand. At this the man said, you must be accursed by the gods since the sea did not kill you; they then had to poison you. But to that man’s amazement the poison did not affect Paul because he did not die or suffer any hardships from the poison. As you can imagine, Paul preached Jesus Christ to him and he was converted. All of this he suffered for the sake of preaching Jesus to the known world.

Being a Jewish man the first thing he did on all of his journeys is to preach to the Jews and when they rejected him, he then went on to preach to the gentiles which is a slang term for anyone one who is non-Jewish. He would go to the synagogue every Sabbath and preach about Jesus crucified.

Paul wrote about 13 letters that are in the New Testament today. Due to these letters, we know much about the early Church.

In the end, Paul would die a martyr’s death outside the walls of Rome. Since he was born in Tarsus, a colony of Rome that had helped Rome out in a great way, he was considered a Roman Citizen, Roman citizens were to be given a dignified death if they were executed. Simply put, he was beheaded outside the walls of Rome, which was a fast merciful way to go.

This is the information on the two great saints that our church is named after. I hope you learned a bit more and I will leave you with a prayer.

Lord Jesus, through the intercession of these two greats Saints Peter and Paul, whom our church is named after, we ask for healing and growth in holiness. Healing for any wounds of our lives, especially any caused by any priest. We ask you to grant us a desire to grow closer and deeper in love with Jesus through their intercession. We ask for inspiration from them so that we can come to understand the grace that they were given to grow in holiness. Lord we ask that they would pray and intercede for all of the parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul Church so that we would be as on fire for Jesus as they were. May God bless us abundantly. Amen



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