

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church



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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

Rosary will begin 30 minutes Before each weekend Mass

YOUR CLERGY

Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond, D.D.
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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."

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.

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

THANK-YOU

The families of Mae Caballero and Eydie Richmond would like to thank everyone for all the help and prayers that have been given to them during this time of healing.



IN MEMORIAM

With deep sympathy we inform you of the death of Pat Cuccia, wife of Tom Cuccia, who was called by God to her eternal reward. Please remember Pat and all those who mourn her in your Masses and prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 21

(Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, July 22

(Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18)

8:00 a.m. Debra Goodey†

Wednesday, July 23

(Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, July 24

(Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17)

8:00 a.m. Tammy Gilbert†

Friday, July 25

(2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28)

8:00 a.m. Gabriel Dickerson

Saturday, July 26

(Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30)

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†, Judy Woods†, Patti & Vaughn Gay, Richard McInerney†, Robert & Linette Carlin, Lester Coupel

Sunday, June 27

(Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13)

7:00 a.m. Matthew DeCarlo

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Debby Landry, JC Spiers†, CJ Lightell†, Kerry Bourgeois†, Charlotte Stottman†, Dorothy Clouser†, Tyler & Patrick Brent, Mark Miller, May Caballero†, Eydie Richmond†, Nancy Pfeifer†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PRAY FOR THE SICK



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 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

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM



Weekly Rosaries: 371

Year to Date: 8879



Cross Catholic OUTREACH

Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor

Last weekend we were blessed to have a visiting priest from Cross Catholic Outreach. More than ever, poor families in developing countries depend on Catholic missions for assistance with food, water, shelter, medical care and spiritual nourishment. It's not too late to support Cross Catholic Outreach and the Church missions that live out the Corporal Works of Mercy, such as feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty. To participate, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach, or scan the QR code in the back of church.



ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Mark your calendars. The Assumption of Mary is a holy day of obligation. Vigil Mass will be August 14th at 6:30 p.m. and on August 15th at both 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.



TABERNACLE LAMP

This week, the Tabernacle Lamp in the Sanctuary burns for

†Eydie Richmond†

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

JULY 22



Though her transgressions may have been many, just as abundant was her love for her Lord. Perhaps one of the greatest conversion stories of the New Testament, Mary Magdalene was one from whom seven demons had been expelled, a woman plagued by turmoil. She lived her own type of hell on earth, that is, until Jesus

crossed her path one day. She first appears in the Bible accompanying him as he journeyed from one town to the other "preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God". Her gratitude led her to follow and serve her Lord tirelessly, all the way up to the foot of the cross. She did not abandon him in the face of difficulty, nor did she deny him despite the harsh cruelty all around her. She was one of the few to accompany him, gazing upon his beaten and torn countenance as he took his final breath. Jesus rewarded this loving devotion as she is known in Mark's account to be the first one to see him after the Resurrection (Mark 16:9). May we follow the example of Saint Mary Magdalene in our unwavering dedication to God, so that at the end of our days we may also declare, "I have seen the Lord!"

—Tami Urcio

AROUND THE PARISH

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days when we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so care-worn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach, and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love.

In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors, who turn out to be God dropping in. During the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God's deep desire for us to know divine love.

—James Field

BLACK & INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

Today, our parish will take up the 141st annual National Black & Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support!

PUT DOWN YOUR BUCKET

This is one of those Gospel passages that can be intimidating to write reflections about because so much has been said already. A popular passage, especially for women, this Gospel story provides a quick sketch of how we ought to prioritize our time.

As I was reflecting on this reading, I was reminded of a podcast I listened to last year which was talking about a completely different topic, but this phrase stood out at the time and I've continued to ponder it: "If it's raining, put down the bucket." The story went like this: We are gardeners, working to tend to the garden of our lives. There is a lot of work to do, and one of the primary things needed is water. We can't control the sunlight, but we can fill a bucket and bring it to our tender sprouts. But, if we get so wrapped up in filling our bucket and carting the water back and forth, we might not even notice when the mist starts to fall. As a gardener, there is nothing more to do at that moment; the rain has come. It is time for stillness. Put down the bucket and let the rain fall.

Applying these thoughts to our reading, Martha was a diligent gardener as she tended to her guests. She was so focused on the proverbial bucket, she neglected to notice the sustenance present.

I like this way of thinking of this story, because it acknowledges that work is good and necessary. If the gardener left the plants to their own devices, there is the risk the garden would fail. If we leave our spiritual lives to wander or lay fallow, we won't progress far. We have work to do when it comes to study, prayer, service. However, we cannot forget that God is the master, and there will be times in our lives when we are asked to be still, to wait, to simply be in His presence. He will bring the rain needed to sustain this period.

But how can we know when to be still and when to work? Ecclesiastes tells us there is a time for everything, for work and rest, for laughter and sorrow. What is this moment for - is it for listening with my full attention to my child, or to ask them to wait while I finish preparing dinner so our family can eat on time. Is it to stay late at work because a colleague is in need, or to go home at my usual time to see my family.

None of these are easy questions and either answer could be correct. It takes prayer and practice to discern God's will. Martha was doing good work. She was serving her guests, attending to their needs and caring for their physical wellbeing. But in that moment, Mary discerned the better choice by putting down her "bucket", being still, and listening to Jesus' every word.

By Kate Taliaferro

THE BETTER PART

The Gospel for this Sunday can sometimes give the impression that Jesus favored Mary over Martha. But if they had both sat down to listen, there would have been no dinner to serve to Jesus. He wasn't just saying, "Sit down and listen." He meant that just as Mary was content to listen to him, so Martha could have been content to prepare the meal for him. Instead of thinking of her work as a gift to Jesus, she was more concerned with why Mary was not helping her. Remember the first reading, in which Abraham insisted on serving the visitors, whom he came to recognize as the Lord and two angels. He was rewarded with the assurance that he would soon have a son.

So simple acts of hospitality can also be how people can welcome the Lord into their homes. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ is in us; the church is the body of Christ. When we welcome someone into our homes as a visitor, or into our lives as a friend, we are also welcoming Christ. When we get to know someone better, we are also getting to know Christ. When we are respectful to people who help us, like the maintenance staff, the mail carrier, the waiter, we are also showing respect for the Lord.

And what about that "better part" that Mary had chosen? Are we sometimes like Martha, with too many things on our minds to be aware of the Lord? Sometimes we can't avoid the distractions that are part of life. But if we keep the Lord on our minds, we may be able to see which are distractions to be put aside and which are opportunities to serve the Lord in a different way. Sometimes kids interrupt when we're fixing dinner—maybe they need to be taught how to take care of things by themselves, or maybe they just need a few moments of attention. We can certainly ask the Lord to help us handle distractions. And as we spend more time with the Lord in prayer, we begin to experience God's peace, which gives us the ability to choose the better part.

Tom Schmidt

SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLUF (ALSO KNOWN AS SAINT CHARBEL)

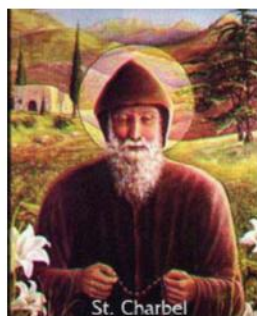
Key aspects of his life:

- **Early life:** Born Joseph Zaroun Makhluḥ in 1828 in Lebanon, he joined the Monastery of St. Maron in Annaya at age 23, adopting the name Sharbel.
- **Monastic life:** He was ordained a priest in 1859 and spent 16 years in the monastery, known for his deep prayer life, obedience, and austere living.
- **Hermitage:** Inspired by St. Maron, he lived as a hermit from 1875 until his death in 1898, devoting himself to prayer and the Blessed Sacrament.
- **Reputation for holiness:** People sought his blessings and prayers due to his holy reputation.
- **Death and incorruptibility:** He died on Christmas Eve in 1898. Reports of dazzling lights around his tomb and his body being found incorruptible, even exuding a blood-like liquid, led to his tomb becoming a place of pilgrimage and miracles.
- **Canonization:** Pope Paul VI beatified him in 1965 and canonized him in 1977.
- **Miracles and intercession:** Numerous miracles, including healings, have been attributed to his intercession. These miracles are reported to have occurred across the world and are not limited to people of his own country or religion.
- **Patronage:** He is considered the Patron Saint of Lebanon.
- **Shrines:** There are various shrines dedicated to St. Charbel, including the Saint Charbel hermitage and St. Charbel Church in Lebanon, and the National Shrine Grotto in the United States.

Notable miracles associated with St. Charbel:

- **Healing of Nohad El Shami:** After suffering a stroke that left her paralyzed, she reported a dream where St. Charbel performed surgery on her neck, resulting in her complete healing upon waking.
- **Healing of Dafne Gutierrez:** A legally blind mother from Arizona, she reported having her sight restored after receiving a blessing with St. Charbel's relic.

St. Charbel's life and the ongoing miracles attributed to his intercession continue to inspire faith and devotion around the world.



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