

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church



Seek the things which are above

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 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

Rosary will begin 30 minutes Before each weekend Mass

YOUR CLERGY

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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

OCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

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

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

ROBBING A BANK

The second reading from the Letter to the Colossians goes well with the first reading and the Gospel. Those passages warn how useless material wealth will be when we die. St. Paul continues this warning by reminding us that we have already died with Christ in baptism and risen to new life. To live this new life we must put to death whatever tendencies keep us from Christ.

Wealth can be a gift from God. The abuse is not necessarily in the possession of wealth. More likely, we abuse wealth either in the ways we attain it or use it—or both. How do we abuse the attainment of wealth? I can give an obvious answer, such as robbing a bank, but this makes it too easy to justify myself. Do I work a full day for my pay, or do I spend a lot of time visiting with other employees, surfing the Web, taking extra-long breaks, or texting my friends? Am I honest with my customers, charging only for work I have done?

As for using our wealth, we usually think of family first. Do we spoil our kids, so they can “have the things I couldn’t afford when I was young”? Or do we teach them to work for what they get? Do we also think of the poor and homeless? Do we teach our children to be generous to others?

Notice that Paul does not mention wealth. Instead he goes deeper, pointing out the thoughts and desires that lead to a life centered in wealth. In baptism, we put to death passion and greed, tendencies that push us to own more or to control another person. Paul uses the image of taking off these vices as if they were clothing and putting on a new self that shows Christ in us. When we have been renewed that way, then Christ becomes visible in all people. We no longer have reason to look down on anyone for being poor or sickly or of another race. We begin to see Christ in them, for as Paul says, “Christ is all and in all” (Colossians 3:11).

Tom Schmidt

SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (EDITH STEIN) (1891-1942)
AUGUST 9

“Come,” Edith gently whispered, taking her sister Rosa’s hand, “let us go for our people!” These were Edith Stein’s last words as the Nazis, enraged at the Dutch bishops’ condemnation of their genocide, took into custody all Catholic converts from Judaism. Born Jewish, but non-practicing from her teens, Edith’s search for truth led to a doctorate in philosophy, a brilliant career as professor and author and, finally, to the *Autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila*, which she read in one sitting, then declared, “*That is the Truth!*” Baptized on January 1, 1922, observed then as the feast of Jesus’ initiation into the covenant of Abraham, confirmed on February 2, the feast of Jesus’ Presentation in the Temple, Edith entered the cloistered Carmelites in Cologne, transferring to a convent in Holland when she realized that, because of the Nazi persecution of the Jews, her presence could imperil the safety of the other nuns. She died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz as a daughter of Israel and of the Church.

—Peter Scagnelli

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 4

(Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, August 5

(Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14)

8:00 a.m. May Caballerro†

Wednesday, August 6

(Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, August 7

(Nm 20: 1-13; Mt 16:13-23)

8:00 a.m. Margaret Laughlin†

Friday, August 8

(Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28)

8:00 a.m. Jewel Bailey†

Saturday, August 9

(Dt 6: 4-13; Mt 17:14-20)

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, Leanna† & Lester Coupel, Andy Benson III, Gail & Ramon Garay†, Bennie Garay†, Ramon Garay, Jr., Carl, Paula & Clay Manger, Robert, Colin & Violet Bunting, Glenn & Dana Bunting, Paulette O. Nelson, Robert J. Horne, Jr., Patricia Tenhundfeld†

Sunday, August 10

(Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40)

7:00 a.m. George Dickerson†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Judy Roszczynialski†, Deacon John & Mary Joyce Howard†, George Charbonnet, Margaret Laughlin†, Dorothy Clouser†, Patrick & Tyler Brent, Mark Miller, May Caballero†, Eydie Richmond†, Pat Cuccia†, Robert & Jimmie Lou Fava

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

Weekly Rosaries:278

Year to Date:9,542



POPE INTENTION FOR AUGUST

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or



TABERNACLE LAMP

This week, the Tabernacle Lamp in the Sanctuary burns for

† *Wallace & Jewel Bailey* †

THE POOR IN SPIRIT ARE RICH

Today's readings all point Heavenward. They call us to give up the vanity of earthly thinking, of "toil and anxiety of heart" (Ecc. 1) and the things that pass, to "seek what is above" (Col 3).

We are reminded to listen to the voice of God, and we can do this only when we "number our days aright" and thereby "gain wisdom of heart" (Psalm 90). When we are aware that this current mode of life is short, we keep our eyes on the life that is waiting for us, "where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Col 3).

Jesus responds to the man asking him to arbitrate an inheritance dispute with his brother by pointing beyond the immediate disagreement: "one's life does not consist of possessions," and telling a parable to remind us of the shortness of this life, and the poverty of earthly "riches."

We all find it easier to focus on the things before us, the things that demand our immediate attention, the things by which we measure our effectiveness and fruitfulness. We all find it easier to store up some kind of treasure right here – it may be money, experiences, knowledge, influence, order, good causes, or even some spiritual treasure, like religious art or prayer books or devotions. These give us a sense of satisfaction and security because they are tangible in some way. But Scripture calls us to surrender our own ideas of what constitutes real treasure, reminding us that what is of true value is hidden.

We must work to "think of what is above, not of what is on earth" because our "life is hidden with Christ in God" (Col 3). In another place, Jesus tells us to store up treasures in heaven (Matt 6:20), where moth and rust do not destroy; and at the end of his life, he tells Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world" (Jn 18:36).

The Kingdom of Heaven is unlike any kingdom on earth, and Jesus' mission to establish this Kingdom among us continues through the work of the Church. We, too, must make the eternal Kingdom the priority in our own lives, and in the life of the world. Jesus turned the values of this world upside down, illustrating how far from our ways are God's ways. By walking with Christ in every moment, we learn to value what he values, we build up treasure in Heaven, and Christ at last "is all and in all" (Col 3).

By Kathryn Mulderink

AROUND THE PARISH

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

Assumption of Mary—Holy day of obligation. Masses 6:30 p.m. on August 14th and 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on August 15.

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

Daughters of St. Paul— August 23rd and 24th Catholic Book Fair after all masses.

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When Pope Pius XII died in 1958, there was the usual buzz of speculation about likely successors. Cardinal Agagianian, Patriarch of the Armenians, was highly thought of as a likely choice. This took many Catholics by surprise, since he had never celebrated the same liturgy as Pope Pius, but followed ancient Armenian customs according to the Eastern Church, which veils the Eucharistic liturgy from sight by a series of curtains, and in which the priest kneels while the people stand for Communion.

In the years that followed, the Second Vatican Council would affirm the dignity and independence of the Eastern Churches, in complete union with Rome, yet different in patterns of life and worship. We have the same faith, the same sacraments, and the same pope. Yet everywhere in the world our separate Churches are combined into families held together by the ministry of bishops. All of this serves as warning: If you ever say, "But we've always done it this way," you are on very thin ice indeed!

—James Field

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, 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



PASTOR'S CORNER

Wasted Pain

While our world today sees suffering as something to be avoided at all costs, suffering does have its place. For instance, it was the suffering of Jesus that brought about the salvation of the world. If it was not for the suffering that Jesus went through our world would be in a really bad place. As we know, Jesus paid the price of our sins by his extreme suffering and death. So the number one thing to remember is that if Jesus had not suffered and died for us than we would not be forgiven of our sins and the only place that would be available to us after death would be hell. But the good thing for us humans is that Jesus did suffer and die for us and we can in turn do something with all of the pain and suffering that we endure in our lives.

It is in the Catechism of the Catholic Church where we hear more about suffering.

CCC 1521 Union with the passion of Christ. By the grace of this sacrament the sick person receives the strength and the gift of uniting himself more closely to Christ's Passion: in a certain way he is consecrated to bear fruit by configuration to the Savior's redemptive Passion. Suffering, a consequence of original sin, acquires a new meaning; it becomes a participation in the saving work of Jesus.

So in this paragraph we can see that Jesus gives suffering new meaning. It has a meaning of redemption where it can be used for good, instead of being wasted by avoiding suffering, like so many people do.

When we are suffering or in pain a great idea is to offer it up to God in union with the suffering of Jesus Christ on the cross for the salvation of the world.

You can say this, "Lord Jesus I offer up this suffering that I am going through to you for the salvation of sinners and I ask the blessed Mother, Mediatrix of all graces, to send it where it can do the most good."

By doing this we are not wasting the suffering but actually helping those in need. This is because we are redeeming our suffering and God will use it for the salvation of those in need. It could even be used for fallen away relatives. Now in the prayer I gave I mentioned Mary under the title of Mediatrix of all graces. This is because God has given her the grace to see where the graces are needed the most and then her job is to distribute them to those who are in most need of the graces.

Here is an instance of redemptive suffering at work in the lives of a sinner. I recently listened to the conversion story of a man named Zachary King, who was a former satanic wizard, and he had a conversion experience and is now catholic and has an online blog where he tells people what to avoid in the occult. It was someone's redemptive suffering that Jesus used to bring him to conversion in a powerful way. Check out his testimony online. I talked about him in a homily over a year ago. Some of you may remember. I am sure that it was due to people who offered up their pain and suffering and also through prayers and intercession that God was able to bring him to conversion.

So today take some time to think about any suffering that you have gone through recently and actively give it to Jesus for the salvation of souls.

I leave you with this thought from a wonderful man of God who knows about pain, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. The prayer is directed to Jesus. What draws me to this prayer is the connection the Bishop makes between everyday life and the Eucharist.

When one makes this connection, the Mass comes alive. The Mass is no longer people “watching” the priest celebrate, but rather, all of us together, uniting our lives to the life of Christ. Our sacrifice is becoming Christ’s sacrifice:

Wasted Pain

There is nothing more tragic in all the world than wasted pain. Think of how much suffering there is in hospitals, among the poor and bereaved.

Think also of how much of that suffering goes to waste. How many of those lonesome, suffering, abandoned, crucified souls are saying with our Lord at the moment of Consecration: “This is my body, take it?” And yet that is what we should be saying at that second. “Here is my body, take it. Here is my soul, my will, my energy, my strength, my poverty, my wealth—All that I have. It is yours. Take it! Consecrate it! Offer it!” Offer it to the Heavenly Father with yourself, in order that he, looking down on this great Sacrifice, may see only you, his beloved Son, in whom he is well pleased. Transmute the poor bread of my life into your life; thrill the wine of my wasted life into your divine Spirit; unite my broken heart with your Heart; change my cross into a crucifix.

Let not my abandonment and my sorrow go to waste. Gather up the fragments, and as the drop of water is absorbed by the wine at the Offertory of the Mass, let my life be absorbed in you. Let my little cross be entwined with your great cross, so that I may purchase the joys of everlasting happiness in union with you.

Consecrate these trials of my life which would go unrewarded unless united with you; transubstantiate me so that, like bread which is now your Body, and wine which is now your Blood, I, too, may be wholly yours. I care not if the species remain, or that, like the bread and wine, I may seem to all earthly eyes the same as before. My station in life, my routine duties, my work, my family—all these are but the species of my life which may remain unchanged; but the substance of my life, my soul, my will, my heart, transubstantiate them, transform them wholly into your service so that through me all may know how sweet is the love of Christ!

—*Bishop Fulton J. Sheen*



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