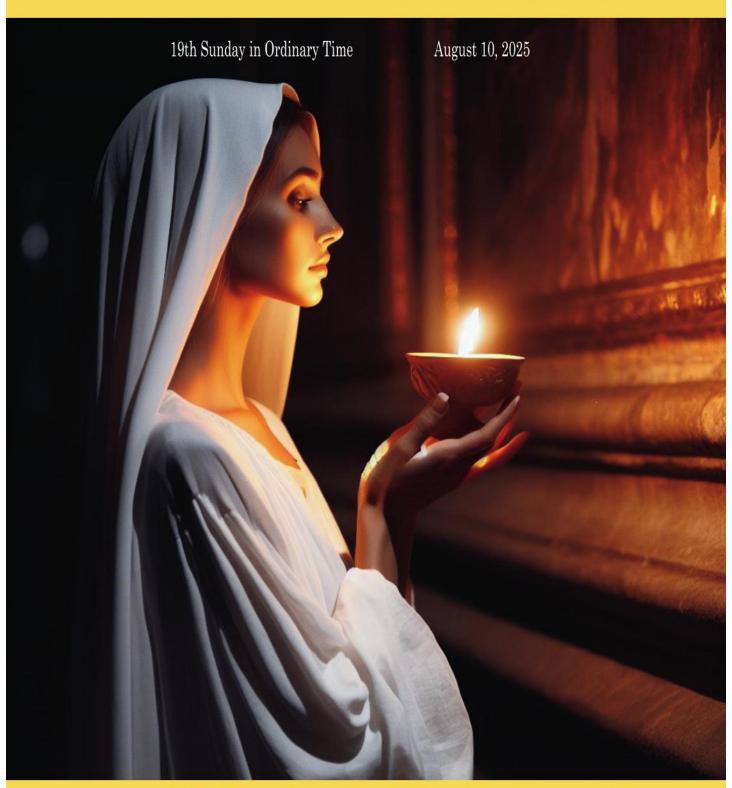
# Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church



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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

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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."



## MONTH OF JULY WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & EXPENSES

 Ordinary Income
 2,8321.85

 Extraordinary Income
 1,750.00

 Expenses
 24,201.10

 Total
 \$5,870.75

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#### 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
Assumption of Mary Vigil—HOLY DAY Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Assumption of Mary— HOLY DAY Friday 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

—James Field

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lilv Jorns, Dalin Davis, Israel & Jovce 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

## MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, August 11

(Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35)

No Mass Scheduled

## Tuesday, August 12

(Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42)

8:00 a.m. Deacon Bryan & Natalie McCauley

## Wednesday, August 13

(Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

## Thursday, August 14

(Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53)

8:00 a.m. Judy Woods†

## Friday, August 15

(Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58)

8:00 a.m. Legion of Mary

## Saturday, August 16

(Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12)

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, Jenny Jenevein†, Israel Landry, Robert Jenevein†, Bill Deckwa†, Marie Heztine†, Lester Coupel, Devin Perez & Skyla Guidry, Linda, Carlis, Carlin & noah Gaudet, Lisa & Dale Theriot & family, Linette & Rob Carlin & family, Lynn & Lisa Coupel & family, Monique Matranga†

## Sunday, August 17

(Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21)

7:00 a.m. Lori Roszczynialski

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Cinda Melerine†, Lou Lou Battle†, John Lacourrege†, Dorothy Clouser†, Patrick & Tyler Brent, May Caballero†, Eydie Richmond†, Pat Cuccia†, Robert & Jimmie Lou Fava, Nicholas J. Cuccia†, Marilyn Grosz†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

## PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

Weekly Rosaries: 341

Year to Date: 9,883

## GOD ANSWERS OUR CALL FOR HELP

Several months ago, our pastor asked my husband and I to mentor couples who are preparing for marriage. As I read through his email, I chuckled to myself, thinking what a coincidence it was. My parents had mentored engaged couples for years. In fact, as a permanent deacon, that was my dad's main ministry. Since his marriage to my mom was far from perfect, it gave me hope that maybe my husband and I could be of some help to the couples we are assigned to. In fact, perhaps we could be of *more* help due to our struggles, giving witness to our fidelity to each other despite the ups and downs of life.

Even as we met with our first engaged couple for the first time, my husband was just a couple weeks away from his second major back surgery. Although it would eventually relieve him of some pain, it would also *cause* him pain. His three month recovery process would have him using a walker, then a cane, all the while wearing a restrictive back brace. He would need help using the restroom and showering, getting out of bed and getting dressed. All the while, I, his partner "in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health" was called to care for him, encourage him and support him.

Jesus never promised it would be easy. He knew the reality of life on Earth. He lived through the hardship. And He promised to help us carry our burdens.

Perhaps one of the heaviest burdens we bear is our sins. We make resolutions, and then break them. We try to be better and then fail. We try harder and then fail again. Perhaps the reason this burden becomes so heavy is because we try to carry it on our own. We forget about the power of prayer and the grace poured out in the sacrament of Confession. God wants to make "our yoke easy and our burden light" but sometimes we fail to call out to Him for help.

We see God's loving mercy so clearly in today's readings. In the first reading, God promises to withhold destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah if He were to find only 10 just people therein. In the second reading, Paul reminds us, "even when you were dead in transgressions...he brought you to life along with him" through the forgiveness of sins. In the Gospel, Jesus assures us, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Time and time again in the Scriptures, God tells us how much he wants to be there for us. Even though the actual weight of our burdens may not change, the fact that He is there by our side, makes them so much lighter. So whether we be living the ups and downs of married life or struggling through an illness or battling with a recurring sin, may we truly believe what we proclaim in today's Psalm Response: "Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me."

By Tami Urcia

## AROUND THE PARISH

**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.

#### BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU ASK FOR

Jesus talks about praying for whatever we need with faith and confidence, but he ends by asking, "How much more will the Father . . . give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (Luke 1:13). Is he saying there are limits to what we can ask for?

"Be careful what you ask for," the saying warns. Just because we want something doesn't mean it will be good for us. Remember the Indiana Jones movies? The artifact that the bad guys were seeking usually turned out to be lethal. But if we have enough faith to pray for something, we probably would not pray for anything evil. So what is Jesus really saying? He is giving us two lessons about prayer.

First, he assures us that God does hear our prayers and answers them. Many people take "ask and you shall receive" so literally that they expect God to do their bidding no matter what they want. Prayers, however, are not a magical ritual that somehow forces God to do our will. God is free to do what is best for us, free to answer some prayers with a no when what we seek is against God's will. So maybe our first prayer should be to ask God to show us what we really need.

That leads us to the second lesson: prayer changes us, not God. If we truly pray as Jesus prayed, we would ask for what we need, adding, "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). If we pray humbly and are open to what God wills for us, we will begin to see that what we really need most is actually God. It's not easy to change our minds about what we want or need. To change our desires from selfish to holy takes a lot of power, the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was raised from the dead by that power and we will be, too (Romans 8:11). Mary conceived by the power of the Spirit (Matthew 1:18). The bread and wine of the Eucharist become the Body and Blood of Christ by the Spirit's power. So when Jesus promises that the Father will give the Spirit to us for the asking, the Spirit is both the source of and the answer to our prayers. Let us ask the Spirit to empower us to desire and pray for what we really need.

Tom Schmidt



#### PASTORS CORNER ON INTINCTION

This is how we are instructed by the Archdiocese on Intinction, according to a letter given to extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion by the Office of Worship when asked "What is Intinction and is it permitted?"

The response is "Intinction is a method of distributing Holy Communion under both kinds. The priest takes a host and dips it into the Precious Blood and then gives the Host to the communicant who receives it on the tongue. Communicants are not permitted to take the Host and dip it into the Precious Blood. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are not permitted to distribute Holy Communion through Intinction."

The letter further states, "If someone approaches you and attempts to dip the Host into the chalice, hold the chalice and invite them to consume the Host. Then present the chalice to them so that they may drink directly from it. Be sure to inform your priest after Mass." This is a ruling throughout the churches in America according to Archbishop Aymond.

I hope that you can see that Intinction is a very interesting topic and I believe that all of the Catholic churches have used this form of receiving communion at one time or another. In the Eastern Orthodox faith, each Rite has a different way of distributing Most Holy Communion. Years ago, when the archdiocese first held the annual Rosary Congress, which was held for a week and had time with prayers, the rosary and masses every night, they used to invite a priest from a different Orthodox Rite to celebrate mass one night of the Congress. I was able to attend a few years in a row and experience how different Orthodox Churches distributed Holy Communion. Two of those churches normal way of distributing Communion was under both Species. This was done by Intinction, and it was only the Priest who distributed Communion. The Orthodox Churches distribute communion using leavened bread, as opposed to the Roman Catholic Church which uses unleavened bread. This leavened bread look kind of like round loaves of Pita bread.

At the first Rosary Congress Mass I attended Communion was administered by Intinction. It was done by the priest cutting the bread into square shapes which he placed into the chalice and then as the laity came forward to receive, he used a special spoon to take the host out of the chalice and put it into the person's mouth. They were instructed to open their mouth and tilt their head back, so that the Host with the precious blood could be dropped into their mouth. When this sacred action is performed an altar server or deacon, in some rites, will hold the paten under the person's chin. For those who have never seen a paten, it is a metallic disk with a wooden handle that is placed under the person's chin so that if a piece of the Host or a drop of the Precious Blood were to fall; the paten would catch it.

The second Orthodox Mass that I attended during the Rosary Congress was somewhat different in how they ministered communion by Intinction. The priest of this Rite cuts the leavened bread into slightly long rectangular pieces, sort of like thick French-fries. As the people come forward for communion, he dips the leavened bread into the wine and puts it into the person's mouth. A server holds the paten under that person's chin. Since that time I have attended several other OrthBefore Vatican Council II, if the priest accidently dropped the Precious Blood on tile, wood, concrete, marble floor etc., It had to be carefully cleaned up with special cloths so that none would be left behind. If the Precious Blood dropped on the carpet, this was a whole different task to clean. The piece of carpet where the Blood was spilled would be cut out so that it could be disposed of properly, whether by burning the piece or burying it in the ground so that the carpet could disintegrate naturally. In cases where this happened in a convent chapel, nuns would kneel and pray before the Precious Blood until the priest came back with the proper materials to take care of the spill. Unfortunately, today we have lost so much of our respect for the Beautiful Sacrament of Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity we see these actions as being too ridged. If we really understand what is going on at every mass we would be overwhelmed and truly in awe, or in fright over the irreverence we see happening today.

After Vatican II this restriction was lightened. The priest is now required to take water to dilute the Precious Blood that has spilled on the carpet and use towels to absorb the water and Precious Blood as best as they are able. The priest is to ask God to make up for anything left over that his eyes cannot see. I wonder, if in these cases, it would be preferable to use a wet shampoo vacuum to wash that part of the carpet so you could pour the water from the vacuum tank into the sacrarium to dispose of it properly. The sacrarium is a special sink in the sacristy, usually covered with a lid with a cross, which drains directly into the ground, instead of into the sewer. So, I am sure you can now see what a monumental task it is to properly clean the precious blood out of the carpet. Since a chalice full of Precious Blood would be easy to see where as a drop would be next to impossible to find and dispose of properly.

We must remember that what is most important here is respect for the Most Holy Sacrament. This is why we must give Jesus the most respect, because we would not want to knowingly disrespect Him in any way. Therefore we take precautions to make sure He is respected in this way.

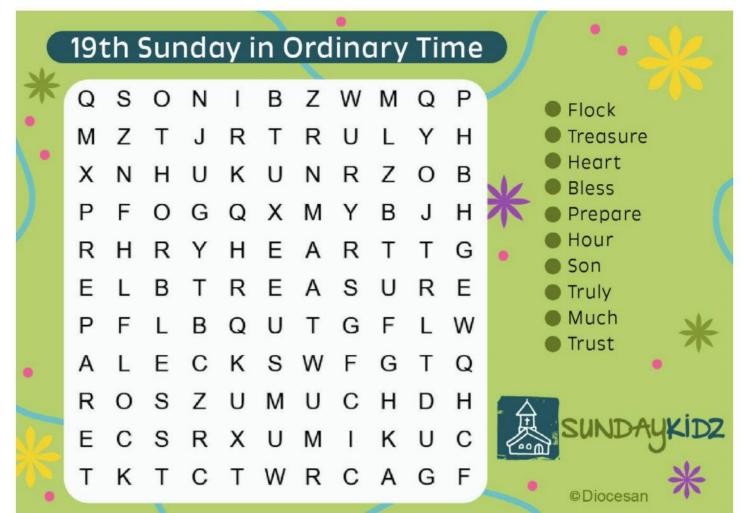
Now I understand that there are those who want to receive communion under both species. First of all, it is important to note that Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity are fully contained in both the Body and the Blood. So when you receive the Host you are receiving all of Jesus and when you receive the Precious Blood you are receiving all of Jesus. You do not have to receive both. It is a special privilege at our church to receive both species. Most other church parishes only distribute Holy Communion under one species.

In closing, I pray that Jesus would help us to see and understand how sacred His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity truly is and in time return to the strong sense of reverence that was held in the past for such a great gift. May God grant us more and more graces daily for this reverence to be returned. Amen



# 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 ideological reasons.



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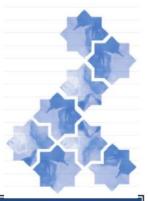




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