

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 31, 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

Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond, D.D.
Archbishop of New Orleans

Very Rev. Gerald Seiler
Dean, Deanery X

Fr. Kevin DeLerno
Pastor

Deacon Bryan McCauley

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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.

Meek and Humble of Heart

Jesus, always the loving and gentle teacher, is being watched by the Pharisees. And He is watching them too. He sees them vying for the place of honor, in need of prestige and recognition. They are driven by their narrow vision to exalt themselves, rather than lift others up.

Jesus could easily call them out individually and embarrass them, putting them in their place. He is, after all, the King of the Universe. But he is also Incarnate Love. And so, rather than embarrass them, He tells a parable to the whole group gathered, and gives them the freedom and opportunity to take a good look at themselves and maybe even change their ways.

He knows the human heart better than anyone, and He understands the desire for self-promotion; it is part of fallen human nature to reach for what I refer to as the "5 P's": power, prestige, prosperity, popularity, pleasure. And He knows that we are made to be filled, not emptied; He knows that we cannot create a vacuum in ourselves by simply pushing away every desire. We must fill ourselves with good things, so there is no room for the bad.

He does not tell them that they should not desire honor; instead, he redirects their desire, elevating it. He points us heavenward, reminding us that any "honor" we receive on earth is meaningless if it does not result in heavenly reward. If we give something in order to be repaid, we are making ourselves the recipient of our own gift, which is no gift at all! When, on the other hand, we give something without desire for repayment of any kind, we "will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

When we try to exalt ourselves, we can never be exalted enough, and self-affirmation notoriously fails miserably. We cannot sincerely believe compliments or honor that we have manipulated others to give us. When we give to others without our own prestige and popularity as the goal, we are acting in true generosity. It is God alone Who sees these generous deeds, and God alone Who can repay them. When we acknowledge our littleness in the grand scheme of things and focus our energies on lifting others up, we act according to the humble Heart of Christ, and we are "blessed indeed."

By Kathryn Mulderink



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 Kalic, Dave Anderson, Lisa Wayne, Courtney Allen, Robert Lawtum, Bailey Battle, Linda Lopez

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 1

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No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, September 2

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8:00 a.m. May Caballero†

Wednesday, September 3

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6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, September 4

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8:00 a.m. Margaret Laughlin†

Friday, September 5

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8:00 a.m. Lou Lou Battle†

Saturday, September 6

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8:00 a.m. Fr. Chris DeLerno

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, Manuel Selva, Jr.†, John F. Moran†, Lester Coupel, Ramon Sr. & Gail Garay†, Bennie Garay†, Carl, Paula & Clay Manger, Robert, Violet & Colin Bunting, Glenn & Dana Bunting

Sunday, September 7

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7:00 a.m. Michael Wingerter, Sr.

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Joyce Dearman†, Dorothy Clouser†, May Caballero†, Eydie Richmond†, Pat Cuccia†, Robert & Jimmie Lou Fava, Marilyn Grosz†, Harold Burke†, Dot Lacourrege, Don Lopez†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish



PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

Weekly Rosaries: 259

Year to Date: 10,890



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



The Antonians would like to thank everyone for their generous response to their Christmas in July. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

PARTYING WITH ANGELS

While the first reading from Sirach and the Gospel focus on humility (“Humble yourself . . . and you will find favor with God” [Sirach 3:18] and “go and take the lowest place” [Luke 14:10], with a surprise reversal of the humble being exalted), the reading from Hebrews surprises us in a different way. The author uses apocalyptic imagery to show how much the relationship between God and humanity has changed. He starts with images of fire, storms, and trumpet blasts—images that may remind you of an erupting volcano: something you want to view from very far away. Even God’s words brought fear and trembling.

It may not be surprising that God is beyond human comprehension, but Hebrews says no. God doesn’t want to be so far beyond us that we only approach in fear. Using more images from the end-time, the author gives us a picture of the baptized partying with angels and all the just who have died. And of course God is the host. Let’s look at some of those images to see how our relationship with the Lord has grown.

The heavenly Jerusalem reminds us that the Church is our home—not just our parish church building but the whole community of faith. How “at home” are you with your fellow parishioners? Do you regularly gather with that family for prayer? A church community can be a place to support those who are sick or jobless or depressed. It is also a place to be supported, to see God’s love in action. The angels in Hebrews may be a symbol of that support.

The “firstborn” and “spirits of the just” could remind us of those who went before us and now rest in the Lord. They had their own struggles in life, and now live in glory. They help us to keep our true goal in mind, to remember the real meaning of life, and to look forward to eternal life with hope.

Jesus came to show us how much God loves us and how close God can be. When he shed his blood on the cross (the final sign in our reading), he renewed the covenant with God’s people. So we no longer have to accomplish our salvation; it has already been offered to us by Jesus’ death and resurrection. We accept that gift not just by a verbal statement of faith, but by a life lived as Jesus showed us, in love of God and our neighbor.

Tom Schmidt

AROUND THE PARISH

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

Confirmation Retreat—Saturday, September 6th from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Teacher In-Service—Saturday, September 13th from 12:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

GASPP moved to September 8th at 12:00 p.m. in Parish Hall
PSR—begins on September 21st

Pro-Life Youth Leadership Summit —September 23rd at Old State Capital 9am-2pm

Family Day—September 28th in Parish Hall

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

Adoration—Friday beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Devotion to Immaculate Heart of Mary—Saturday 8:00 a.m.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God’s plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus’ presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September’s shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

Altar means “high place,” yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar’s three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei*, or “I will go to the altar of God,” followed by the altar servers’ response, “The God who gives joy to my youth.” Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

—James Field

PASTOR'S CORNER ON ST. MONICA AND ST. AUGUSTINE

This past week we celebrated two of the great saints in the church who are related. The mother and son team of St. Monica and St. Augustine. It is beautiful that we celebrate St. Monica first on August 27th and then her son, the next day, on the 28th. What is so beautiful about this placement is that it was through St. Monica's prayers that her son St. Augustine was brought back into the Catholic Church! He would become the Bishop of Hippo and would eventually become a great saint in the Church.

As I think about the gift that Augustine has brought to our Church, I think about how it would not have happened if it were not for Monica's prayers and persistence. It was these prayers and her persistence that paid off and brought Augustine back into the church of his youth. Because of this fact, we can turn to her for help. In the last few years, I have talked to many parents whose children have left the faith, and the parents are greatly grieved by this fact. This is understandably frustrating when this happens. People can often be left with the thoughts: Why did this happen? Where did I go wrong? Did this happen because I am a bad person? While there may be some truth to these questions, it is also important to look at the world we live in and how sorry of a state it is in right now. Our country seems to be more divided than it has ever been before. Not to mention, the fastest growing religion is the church of the "None's," that is to say, those who do not believe in any religion. There are so many things that can and will pull our children away from God like worldly anxiety, the lure of earthly wealth, scandal, false religions, heresy, false teachings, doubt, etc... The list can go on and on. What is important is to know that all hope is not lost. Monica herself knows what it feels like to have her son fall away from the faith and be wayward. She saw her son pulled away by the false religion of Manichaeism, as well as, the lure of the flesh. As a teenager, around 16 years old, he became involved with a woman, whom he never married and he had a child with her. Early on Monica tried to pull him back. At first, she felt it was hopeless and she even rejected him for a short while. But the good thing was that God sent the right person into her life to make her realize her mistake. Then she tried to bring him back to the faith, but that resulted in him getting onto a ship in the middle of the night and fleeing. He went to Rome and then to Milan and even further before she caught up to him. It was Monica's tears that moved a bishop, whom she went to for help, to say "the child of those tears shall never perish." Of course what he meant by this was that Jesus would listen to her tears and bring Augustine to the Church through them. This was true! Due to her prayers and persistence, God would answer her prayers with a holy Bishop named St. Ambrose. His eloquent preaching was exactly what Augustine needed to hear to bring him back into the true faith of Jesus Christ.

It is important to know how St Monica can be a powerful intercessor for those whose children or loved ones have left the Church and fallen into sin. Another important note about Monica is that not only did she bring her Son into the faith, she also brought her husband into the faith. Patricius is the name of her husband. He came from a pagan upbringing. For him and many of his time, his religion was no more than a name because he really did not follow the teachings of his religion. He was also violent and he appears to have been of dissolute habits. But while Monica could have become a nagging wife, and overbearing mother, it was her faith in the one true God that allowed her to win over her husband who one year before he died was baptized into the Catholic faith. It was due to the many hardships in their life together and the struggles that they endured that made Patricius realize that it was faith that brought his wife through and he realized he not only wanted that for himself, but needed it for himself as well. This is what allowed him to finally ask to be brought into the faith and while only one year later he died. He was able to be received into the heavenly realms. So Monica not only brought her son into the Church, but her husband as well.

Therefore, it would be a wonderful idea to reach out to this great saint and ask for her intercession before God for your spouse, your child, your grandchild or anyone else you know who is in need of her intercession; especially if they have left the faith.

In order to do this, I have provided a prayer to St. Monica, who is also the patron saint of married women, alcoholics, difficult marriages, disappointing children, victims of unfaithfulness, and victims of verbal abuse.

Prayer to St. Monica,

Dear St. Monica, troubled wife and mother, many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime.

Yet, you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence, and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius, and your beloved son, Augustine; your prayers were answered.

Grant me that same fortitude, patience, and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear St. Monica, that God may favorably hear my plea for (Mention your intention here) and grant me the grace to accept His Will in all things, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the **Holy Spirit**, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.



September 2025

Our Lady of Sorrows



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Mike & Cynthia Ripoll

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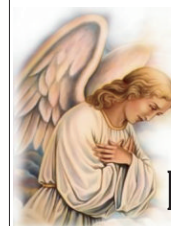
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