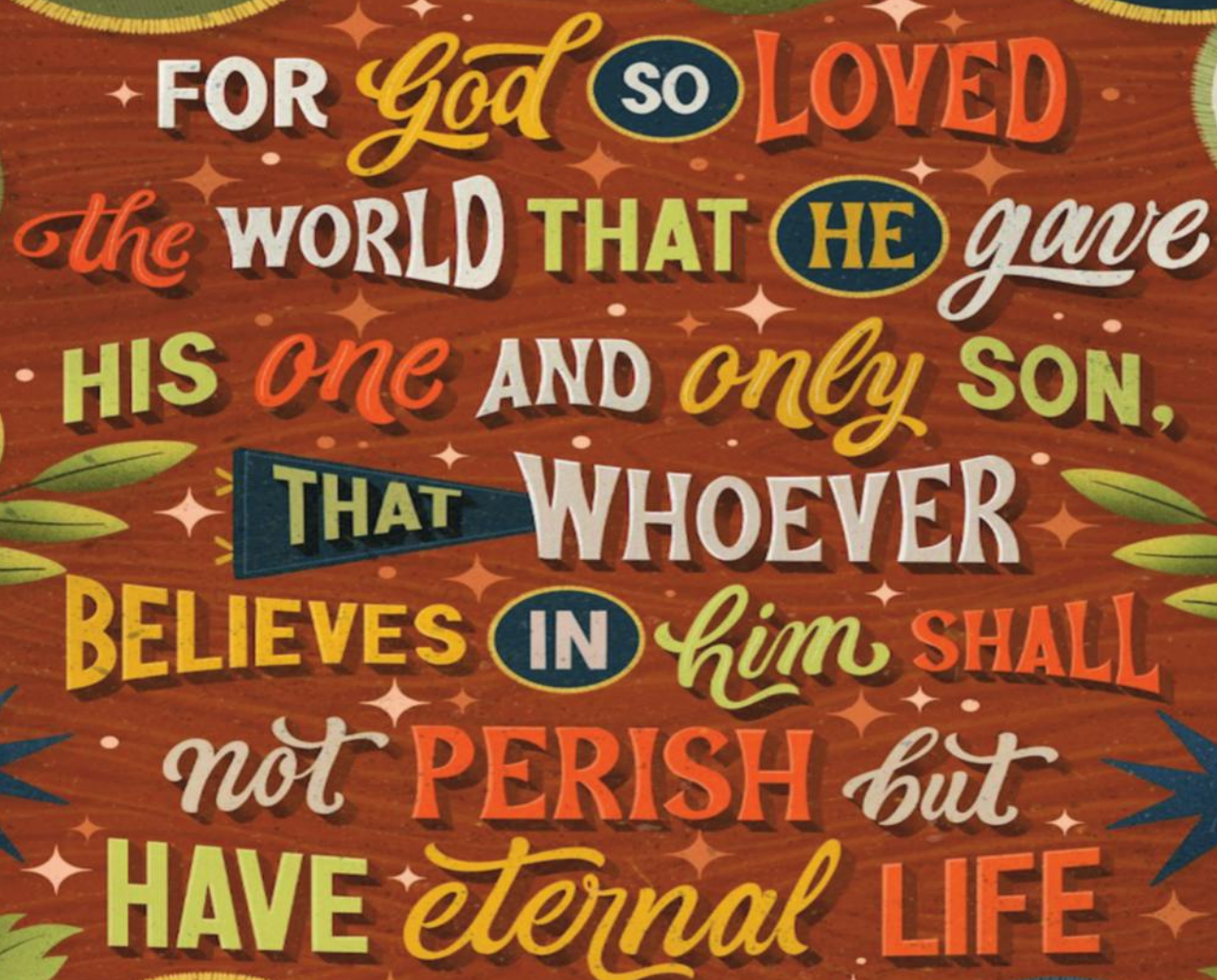


# Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church



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THAT WHOEVER  
BELIEVES IN *him* SHALL  
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JOHN 3:16 (NIV)

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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**—Tuesday 6:00 p.m. in classrooms

**Widow's Group**—Peck's Seafood 11:00 a.m.

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

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

## AROUND THE PARISH

**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

**Pet Blessing**—October 5th 12:00 p.m.

**Life Chain**—October 5th 2:00-3:00 p.m. by SMH

**Rosary Congress**—October 10th 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in Church

**Rosary Rally**—October 11th 12:00 p.m. Poitevent Park

**Confession**—September 17 from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, September 15**

(1 Tm 2:1-8; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 )

No Mass Scheduled

**Tuesday, September 16**

(1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17 )

8:00 a.m. Lee Tracey†

**Wednesday, September 17**

(1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35 )

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

**Thursday, September 18**

(1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50 )

8:00 a.m. Nicholas Roszczynialski

**Friday, September 19**

(1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3 )

8:00 a.m. Lisa Benson

**Saturday, September 20**

(1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15 )

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 Otillio†, Lee Ann Scogin†, Judy Woods†, Patti & Vaughn Gay, Loretto Stottman†, Robert Jenevein†, Stella Foss, Leanna† & Lester Coupel, John Lacurrege†, Mary Davis†, Maurice Provosty†, Mary Reck†, William Halagarda†, Bernadette Halagarda & Family, Bruce Guidry† & Family

**Sunday, September 21**

(Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 )

7:00 a.m. Dorothy & James Meyers†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Debra Goodey†, May Caballero†, Eydie Richmond†, Pat Cuccia†, Robert & Jimmie Lou Fava, Barbara Laughlin, Richard Labourette†, Shirley Lacoste†, Sondra & Augie Parette, David Licciardi†, Susan Mercier

10:30

a.m.

## PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

Weekly Rosaries: 314

Year to Date: 11,678



## 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, Linda Lopez



## FIX YOUR EYES ON THE CROSS

"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." (John 3:14-15)

At Mass recently, as the priest lifted the host I visualized the cross being raised up with Jesus already nailed to it as the soldiers clumsily used ropes to pull it up. It made me cringe thinking of the way His wounds must have widened a bit by the jerking and sheer force of the jolt into the ground. He hung there for three hours. We now gaze upon crosses in our Churches or in our homes. Our Eucharistic Lord also allows us to gaze upon Him as the host is lifted up during the consecration—His life laid down again and again for us—and held up for us before we say "Amen" to receive Him and His life within us. The cross and the Eucharist are both constant reminders of Jesus' sacrifice for us.

Jesus became the bridge in our relationship with God by becoming a sacrifice. Where there once was a great chasm, Jesus on the cross bridged humanity with the Father once again. Just as Moses lifted the serpent on a pole in the desert so that anyone bitten by a snake could be healed, so Jesus is placed on a cross so that all who gaze upon Him might be contrite for their sins and seek reconciliation with God.

Satan comes and tries to steal God's life from us by persuading us to sin. The devil tries to foster feelings of dissatisfaction, compelling us to question God, just like he did with Eve in the garden. But now we have the cross to remind us of God's love for us. God sent His only begotten Son to us as a remedy from the evils of sin. He is an example to follow, a sacrifice lifted high for all to see.

Jesus' sacrifice is where we fix our gaze, not only because He laid down His life for us, but also because we know the rest of the story. We know the lifting up does not end with the cross. Jesus also rose from the dead and ascended into heaven where He is seated at the right hand of the Father. The story does not end with death but instead with *new life*, eternal life.

The cross changed everything for us. There, in Him, we can find mercy, love, understanding, compassion, generosity, and perfection which heals us in supernatural ways. As we celebrate the Exaltation of the Cross, let's fix our eyes on Him, believing in His saving power and trusting in His great love for us.

By Nicole Bertucchi

## OUR LADY OF SORROWS

September 15



Mary is venerated under this title to commemorate the seven sorrows that she suffered: The prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the child Jesus in the temple, meeting Jesus carrying his cross, the Crucifixion, receiving the body of Jesus from the cross, and the burial of Jesus. A devotional image of her shows her heart pierced with seven swords to represent these sorrows.

## BEARING OUR CROSSES WITH JOY

We may have any number of crosses throughout our lives. Some may be small, some may be big. Some may be heavy, some may be light. Some may be temporary, some may be long lasting. A number of examples come to mind: a time of financial burden, a chronic illness, chronic pain, a particularly difficult season of parenting, the seemingly endless busyness of everyday life... the list could go on and on.

As Christians, we are called to bear those burdens, not begrudgingly but joyfully. Sometimes that seems downright impossible. How am I supposed to keep a smile on my face when my teenager contradicts every word I say? How can I be happy about the fact that my paycheck is never enough? How can I have joy in my life when every moment is filled with pain (whether that be physical or emotional)?

The answer is, it is not possible without a profound relationship with our Lord, that includes constant surrender to His will. In His great love for us, He often allows things to happen that we don't understand, but are for our good or for the good of others. After all, the goal for each of us is eternal salvation, not earthly comfort.

The one idea that can bring peace to all of our hearts is the fact that He understands us. Whether we suffer rejection, loneliness, illness, pain, hunger, cold, or even torture and death, we know that He has experienced it all and knows exactly how it feels. We can draw real comfort from that, from His compassion, empathy and understanding. We can ask Him to walk with us each step of the way and be our strength when our own fails.

Who knows, we may get to the point where we are able to rejoice in our sufferings like St. Paul, or we may realize we can finally endure them without complaint. We may remember more and more to offer them up for our own soul or for our children's salvation, or for the poor souls in purgatory. But above all, may our crosses be a constant reminder to us of today's powerful Gospel passage: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Tami Urcia



### POPE INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.





## PASTOR'S CORNER

### PASTOR'S CORNER ON DEVOTIONAL PRACTICES (PART 1)

In today's Pastor's corner, I will be telling about devotional practices in the Church. Since we had a few new people come into the Church on Easter, I feel that it will be good to help them out with an explanation in detail. For those who know about devotional practices, you may learn something you did not already know. I plan on giving a series of Pastor's Corners on this topic.

In order to understand devotional practices, it is helpful to first define the term Devotion.

Devotions are manifestations of our profound love of God, rooted in worship and service to his Holy Name. As Catholics, it is our readiness to give honor and glory to God, whether in public or private prayer, or by performing some act of God's will, that exercises our own spirituality. Through prayer, our devotions reaffirm our total commitment to our Lord, Jesus Christ. And in return, we hope to obtain favors that only He can provide through his infinite mercy and blessings. Our comprehensive selection of Catholic devotions -- prayers, novenas, litanies and meditations -- is de-

signed to help Catholics grow in their faith and love of God.

I invite you to try different devotions and make them part of your daily prayers. These are meant to help you along your spiritual journey.

#### What are some types of devotional practices?

There are so many great and wonderful devotional practices and novenas in our Church that I will not be able to list them all. I will list many good practices that are helpful to building our faith and growth in relationship with God. I am sure there are many more out there that you may know of. So, if there are devotional practices that you want to know more about, please tell me or Karen, so that I can research them and add them to future pastor's corners.

One of the most well-beloved devotions is the Rosary. It has many beautiful ways of praying and even meditating on the mysteries contained in it. If you have ever asked me to bless your rosary, you may have heard me say this prayer, or something similar: "May those who meditate on the mysteries contained in this rosary be brought to a closer more intimate union with You (by you I mean Jesus, who I am addressing the prayer)." The reason for this prayer, that God inspired me to come up with, is so that the person who uses the rosary would be led into the Mysteries of the Rosary and be allowed to grow closer to Jesus through its use. When you take time to reflect or meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary, it can bring you to a deeper love for Jesus and Mary. That is why I pray that prayer. I plan on giving reference to several great resources for getting more out of the Rosary. I also plan on giving a wonderful explanation on the Rosary. I will also work on some meditations to go along with the mysteries.

There are also devotions that take several days to pray like the novenas, which are prayers that you pray for nine days for a particular purpose or grace from God. In this devotional practice, you either pray asking for the intercession of a saint or the Blessed Virgin Mary for help.

There are many different novenas such as the St. Joseph Novena, Novena of St. Teresa the little flower, or the St. Jude Novena. We pray this novena every Tuesday at Sts. Peter and Paul after the 8 AM mass. One of my favorite novenas is titled "Our Lady Undoer of Knots" or "Mary Undoer of Knots." There are plenty of novenas out there and I will look into introducing many more than I have listed.

There is also the Nine First Fridays, a different kind of novena given to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque by Jesus who wanted her to spread devotion to His Sacred Heart throughout the world. In this devotion, you observe nine first Friday's while adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. I will give more information on this topic as well.

There are many devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary, most notably would be the Hail Mary which we looked at in depth last week. There is also the True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, as well as many other devotions to Mary.

Other devotional practices include devotion to Eucharist Adoration.

There are devotions to many of the saints. In these devotions, you pray in a similar way as that saint. For example, the way that St. Benedict prayed was a monastic style of meditation and one of meditation on scriptures as seen in *Lectio Divina*. The Franciscans are devoted to the Eucharist and the Sacred Heart.

There are even devotions to the Archangels. The devotion to St. Michael is called the Chaplet of St. Michael. In this prayer, you call upon the nine choirs of Angels and the Archangels for help.

There are also devotional items like the Brown, Green and Purple Scapulars. I will discuss this devotion as well as other Scapular devotion at a later date. I will give the reason for the scapular and the Orders, or groups, that use them.

There is the Unity Prayer by Elizabeth Kindeman. She was a mystic who had private revelations from Jesus and in one of these she was given a prayer to be said that would bring unity to the families and communities in which it would be prayed.

There are a whole bunch of devotions during Advent and Christmas

There are also devotions during Lent and Easter like the Stations of the Cross and the Pentecost Novena.

I plan on covering many different devotional practices throughout the next few months in the Pastor's Corner. My hope is that you will find new devotional practices and that you will use them and grow in faith, as well as, grow in relationship with Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately, there are a few devotional practices that have arisen that are deceptive and dubious in nature. I will point out a few of those in next week's Pastor's Corner.



## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14) TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On this date in 335 two churches and a shrine erected by Constantine over the empty grave of Jesus and over the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. After these were destroyed by the Persians in 614, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which still stands, was erected by the Crusaders in 1149. Today also commemorates the event that led to the building of the churches dedicated in 335: the discovery of the "true cross" by St. Helena, Constantine's mother, in 326.

According to one legend, St. Helena traveled to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, in search of the true cross. Workers she hired dug through a pagan temple that had been erected on the site of the Crucifixion by Hadrian and found three crosses. A dying woman was brought in, and touched by each cross in succession, the last of which healed her. Helena ordered that this cross be divided in three parts, one to be kept in Jerusalem and the other two to be sent to Constantinople and Rome. The pieces in Jerusalem and Constantinople were ultimately lost. Slivers were taken from the portion that went to Rome until eventually it was scattered around the world.

Of course, the significance of the true cross lies not in the wood itself but in the burden that it bore. As a faithful Christian, what crosses do you accept in your life today?

—James Field

### ARE YOU A CAREGIVER? DO YOU KNOW ONE?



You probably know someone who provides care for an elderly or disabled family member, friend or client. Caregivers unselfishly do God's work on earth. The chores are endless and the recognition minimal. But then again caregivers don't seek recognition--they are lovingly devoted to their charges.

Caregivers are not perfect. They experience frustration, anger, depression and loneliness. Sound familiar?

Would you be interested in meeting with like-situated parishioners for conversation, professional advice, assistance and Christian support? Perhaps even an occasional meal? The STs Peter and Paul Parish Council wants to know.

We are canvassing our parish to determine who our caregivers are and if they would be interested in taking an occasional break to gather. How can we help? If you are interested and/or want to know more, please provide your name, address, phone, email address, question (s) and a brief paragraph on your caregiving situation on an index card found at the rear of Church. Drop it in the Parish Council suggestion box or the collection basket.

Saint John the Evangelist is the patron saint of caregivers!

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service.

—James Field

## SAINTS CORNELIUS (DIED 253) AND CYPRIAN (DIED 258) SEPTEMBER 16

Cornelius was a Roman citizen, who, after 14 months without a bishop, succeeded Saint Fabian in the papacy. This new candidate created serious problems for Fabian, as he described the papal election of Cornelius as illegitimate. He was opposed to apostates, those who have abandoned their Christian faith, being received into the Church, while the new Pope Cornelius maintained that they could be readmitted after penance. In 253, persecution was declared against Christians and Cornelius was exiled, suffering captivity and later beheading. During his exile he received a letter from Bishop Cyprian, who congratulated him for suffering in the name of Christ. Cyprian had converted to Christianity at the age of 45, renouncing his pleasant life and embracing not only the Gospel, but also Christian authors, most notably Tertullian. Thanks to his knowledge of oratory and rhetoric, he greatly promoted Christianity in Africa. As a bishop, he was firm and charitable, yet faced persecution and was also later beheaded. Both Cyprian and Cornelius are remembered in Eucharistic Prayer I of the Roman Rite.

—Moghan McDonagh





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