## 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 8:00 a.m. Tue 6:30 p.m. Wed 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.

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## MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & EXPENSES Ordinary Income 17,592.85 Extraordinary Income 5,457.80

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#### 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

Expenses

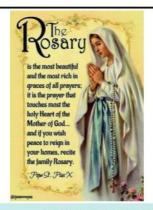
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Altar Society Meeting—Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Widows Group—South Side for 11:00 a.m.

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

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



#### 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, 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, Patricia Barrois, Amy Fandal, Val Methe

#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, October 13

(Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32)

No Mass Scheduled

#### Tuesday, October 14

(Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41)

8:00 a.m. Lou Lou Battle†

#### Wednesday, October 15

(Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

#### Thursday, October 16

(Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54)

8:00 a.m. Rosary R. Marchese†

#### Friday, October 17

(Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7)

8:00 a.m. Pat Cuccia†

#### Saturday, October 18

(2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9)

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, Mariana Selva†, Bruce Guidry† & Family, Bill & Kay Fisher, Larry Chisholm†, Richard & Patty Gray, Diana Bradshaw†

#### Sunday, October 19

(Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8)

7:00 a.m. Margaret & Henry Jorns†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Charlene Zimmerman, Jack Langley, Loretto Stottman†, John Lacourrege†, May Caballero†, Eydie Richmond†, Pat Cuccia†, Robert & Jimmie Lou Fava, Shirley Lacoste†, Charles P. Walling†, Michael C. Walling†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

# PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM Weekly Rosaries: 255 Year to Date: 12,872

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## POPE INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flower arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated for

†C. J. Lightell†

#### MIRACLES OF FAITH

Besides being cured, what do Nathan (first reading) and the leper who thanked Jesus (Gospel) have in common? Both of them began to believe. Nathan proclaims Israel's God to be the only God; he even wants to worship the Lord in his own country. The only leper who returned to thank Jesus was "glorifying God in a loud voice" (Luke 17:15). It makes me wonder, what miracles do we see that help us grow in faith?

For an answer, we can look at a second thing they had in common: they both asked for help. Sometimes we get caught up in self-sufficiency mode, thinking we have to handle all our problems by ourselves. We may miss out on good solutions by not asking for help. Help often comes from someone who shows us a way through our problems, without solving them for us. Perhaps if we talk about the problem with another person, the solution will become obvious to us. If you think asking for help is a sign of weakness, you may be missing a chance for God to act through one of your friends and give you support. And, of course, you can ask God for help in prayer, giving God the chance to speak to your heart with the answer or the encouragement you need.

Miracles don't just happen to other people. We may have friends who help us in times of need or inspire us with their faith, but we have to decide to make a leap of faith ourselves. The third thing that Nathan and the leper did in common was express their faith. You can spend your whole life thinking that you are a Christian, but if you never express that faith, it will be no more than a theory. Scientists work with theories all the time, but until they write out the math or do the experiments, the theory is never proven. St. Paul in the second reading, for example, was suffering in prison, but he didn't mind because his suffering demonstrated the importance of Jesus' message to him. So he wrote from prison in the hope that other Christians would be encouraged in their faith. Perhaps you know of someone who inspired you with their faithfulness and dedication. Having a friend who helps us grow in faith can be a very nice miracle indeed.

Tom Schmid

#### AROUND THE PARISH

Pilgrimage to St. Benedict Abbey—October 24 (see flyer for more details). Call office to register

Beautification Day—October 25th 7:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Communion Service—October 28-30

Magnificat—November 1st 9:00 a.m. —12:00 p.m.

Pinewood Country Club (see flyer in back of church to purchase tickets)

#### SAINT TERESA OF JESUS (1515-1582) OCTOBER 15

Let nothing disturb you; let nothing frighten you. Gifted with a passionate spirit, young Teresa dreamed of converting Muslims and becoming a martyr. All things are passing; God never changes. But her mother's death when Teresa was fourteen inspired lifelong devotion to Our Lady, and Teresa entered the Carmelites, Mary's order, despite her father's objections and her own fragile health. Patience gains everything. Initially, she enjoyed her lax convent's sociability and "busyness," but mystical prayer and John of the Cross' collaboration inspired her to reform the Carmelites. Whoever has God, lacks nothing. When her ideals encountered resistance and brought suffering, she maintained her peace-—and humor. Discovered devouring leftovers, she told her mildly scandalized nuns, "When I fast, I fast! When I eat, I eat!" To nuns demanding less work and more prayer in the convent schedule, she retorted: "What we really need around here are fewer starry eyes and more strong arms!" God alone is enough! The italicized sentences here are her "Breviary Bookmark," the simple, profound prayer of Teresa, the first woman Doctor of the Church.

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Christian liturgy has always contained an opportunity to make a choice for sharing. From the beginning, Christians pooled their resources, especially for the care of widows and orphans, at the weekly Eucharist. Over the years, the collection became detached from the liturgy and baskets or plates would be passed through the community while the Mass was going on at the altar, or contributions would be collected at the doors. In Milan's Ambrosian Rite, these gifts have always brought to the altar by lay people in procession. In German countries, the ancient custom was for the entire assembly to process with their gifts—first the men, then the women, then the priests and deacons—to offer their gifts at the altar. The old ceremony of canonization included a curious vestige of this procession: people would present the pope with two loaves of bread, two barrels of wine and water, five candles, and three cages containing pigeons or turtledoves!

-James Fiel

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#### THE HOLY ROSARY HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY (PART 1)

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description."

While the rosary and the indulgences attached to it by the Church essentially concerns the decades and the meditation upon the mysteries only, the following is a customary way of preparing for the rosary and concluding it.

PASTOR'S CORNER The Rosary is the "epitome of the whole Gospel" (St. Paul VI). While occupying the senses with the "praying of the beads" the one who prays the rosary prayerfully reflects, meditates, on the mysteries of Christ's life. These myster-

ies, represented by the five groups of ten beads are taking from the Gospel, and from the Churches own reflection on the Gospel down through the centuries—especially with respect to the role of the Blessed Virgin. She is the Woman (Gen. 3:15) from whom Christ took His human nature, as well as the Woman who cooperated in His Redemptive mission to its completion (John 19:26-27).

The purpose of the Rosary, therefore, is a deeper understanding of all the mysteries concerning Christ. A mystery is something divine, because the Persons associated with it are divine. Human reflection alone reaches a limit of understanding. But by seeking God in what we can know by prayerful reflection, we dispose ourselves to His grace and to a deeper understanding of the truths of the Faith, and of ourselves in light of them,

Catechism 2708 Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ. Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, as in lectio divina [prayerful contemplation of Scripture] or the rosary. This form of prayerful reflection is of great value, but Christian prayer should go further: to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to union with Him.

Thus, the testimony of the Saints, and of the Church herself, is that the perseverance in praying the Rosary, especially through times of both consolation and dryness, is the path to a deeper prayer life—to contemplation of God, to growth in virtue, especially faith, hope and charity, and thus in holiness. For good reason, therefore, the Blessed Mother in appearing to the three shepherd children of Fatima in 1917 asked them, and through them us, to pray the Rosary for peace in the world. Such peace is a gift of God that begins in the human heart and spreads outward to others. It is a gift we must ask for, both for ourselves and for those who won't ask. In this way we unite ourselves to His redemptive mission, as Our Lady did, and help Him accomplish it toward those who are alive today.

#### How to Pray the Holy Rosary

A Rosary proper is made up of 5 groups of ten beads, or decades, each of which constitutes one of the mysteries of the Rosary. In addition, as Pope St. John Paul II noted in his Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae it has become "customary" to say prayers before the decades, and also in conclusion. These are said on the Crucifix and group of one plus three beads hanging from the Rosary. As customary prayers they are to that extent also optional, or, others may be freely chosen. They do in fact vary from place to place, though the pattern suggested here is a common one.

#### The Preparatory Prayers

Starting on the Crucifix, we call to mind our Redemption and the truths of the Faith.

- 1. Holding the Crucifix make the Sign of the Cross, praying: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holv Spirit, Amen."
- 2. Still on the Crucifix profess the Apostles Creed. "I believe in God, the Father Almighty..."

On the group of 4 beads, honor the Holy Trinity, One God and Three Divine Persons. On the three beads, one may also ask successively for an increase of Faith, of Hope and of Charity, the three theological virtues (1 Cor. 13).

- 3. On the single bead, pray the Our Father.
- 4. On the three beads, pray three Hail Marys.
- 5. On the space after the beads pray the Glory Be.

#### Prayer and Meditation on the Mysteries

On the 5 groups of 10 beads, or decade, a distinct mystery from the lives of Jesus and Mary is honored. A complete Rosary of 20 decades is composed of 5 Joyous Mysteries, 5 Luminous Mysteries, 5 Sorrowful Mysteries, and 5 Glorious Mysteries. At Fatima, the Blessed Virgin asked for a Terço every day for peace, which meant a "third" of the traditional 15 decade rosary, meaning a 5 decade rosary composed of one of the groups of mysteries. This remains the case, even though Pope St. John Paul II in 2002 added a fourth set of mysteries, the Luminous.

One may freely say a single set of mysteries each day (or once around the beads), or a complete rosary of 20 decades. One may pray any set of mysteries, or follow the traditional pattern. One may pray the rosary at one time, or spread throughout the day, and do so in a church, at home, or anywhere, as time and opportunity allows.



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October 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

On October 19<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, a powerful reminder of our shared responsibility to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. It is a day when Catholics around the world unite in prayer and solidarity to support the missionary work of the Church. This year's theme, "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," is particularly moving because, even though it was chosen by Pope Francis, it reflects both the heart of our faith and the vision of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV.

We are called to support the missionaries, priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay leaders who serve in the 1,124 mission territories where the Church is still young, vibrant, and often facing persecution or poverty. These areas, spanning Asia, Africa, Latin America, Oceania, and the Middle East, depend on our prayers and financial support to sustain and expand their efforts to share Christ and his saving words and work.

The World Mission Sunday collection supports the work of The Pontifical Mission Societies, the Pope's official means of assisting Catholic communities in the world's poorest regions. Our contributions provide essential resources for the Church's mission: the formation of seminarians and religious sisters, the training of lay catechists, education for children in Catholic schools, medical care in Church-run hospitals and clinics, and construction and maintenance of churches and parish centers.

Your prayers and sacrifices ensure that the light of Christ reaches the ends of the earth. The Church's mission is not the responsibility only of those who serve in distant lands; it belongs to all of us by baptism. Each time we support the missions, we affirm that we are one Church, one family in Christ, united in bringing hope and love to all people.

May this World Mission Sunday deepen our commitment to the missionary dimension of our faith. Let us go forth as Missionaries of Hope, bringing God's love and mercy to all people.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Gratefully in the Lord,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond Archbishop of New Orleans

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