

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church



Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 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.
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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.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & EXPENSES

Ordinary Income	19,932.01
Extraordinary Income	1,967.12
Expenses	3,235.20
Total	\$18,663.93

thank you

WEEKLY EVENTS

PSR Christmas Program—Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

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

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 15

(Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, December 16

(Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32)

8:00 a.m. Michael Methé

Wednesday, December 17

(Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, December 18

(Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25)

8:00 a.m. Lucille Lorio†

Friday, December 19

(Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25)

8:00 a.m. Lee Tracey†

Saturday, December 20

(Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38)

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, Sr.†, Jerry Roszczynialski†, Lucille Lorio†, Robert Jenevein†, William Deckwa, Jr.†, John Lacourrege†, Bruce Guidry† and Family, Lester Coupel†, Augie Paretti†, Ramon, Sr. & Gail Garay†, Bennie Garay†, Carl, Paula & Clay Manger†, Wayne Pfeiffer†, Miguel Cruz†, Fr. Karol Shirima, Ramon Garay, Jr., Glen & Dana Bunting, Lisa Garay

Sunday, December 21

(Is 7:10-14; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24)

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


8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, May Caballero†, Dana Bunting, Eydie Richmond†, Robert & Jimmie Lou Fava, Pat Cuccia†, Augie Paretti†, Lester Coupel†, John, Ellie & Grace Ross, Blaine, Alyssa, Brynn & Colton Leake, John, Jackie & Kenzie Ross, Fr. Kevin DeLerno

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM


Weekly Rosaries: 246

Year to Date: 15,508



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POPE INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We make transitions along life's journey, and search for meaning. Watch an infant take those first wobbly steps. Inevitably they are toward the arms of a dear one, and the gleeful smile and wordless laughter let us know that the baby understands that the whole world is renewed in an instant. Parents may see that wide-eyed smile again some years later as they flip car keys in the teenager's direction, and by God's grace at in-between moments of forgiveness and affirmation.

Sacraments open a window to the blessings of everyday life and help us claim their deep meaning. A voice from a fiery bush warned Moses to take off his shoes because he stood on "holy ground." Your first steps, your first word, taking your place at the family table, stirring to new love, forgiving and being forgiven: all of this is holy, laden with meaning, full of possibilities. Sacraments are not escape pods from the realities of the everyday; rather they invest us ever more deeply in life and recruit us for the kingdom inaugurated by Jesus. We take baby steps all our life long. In the world of sacrament, they are always directed toward the arms of a loving God, and always on the common holy ground of a community's life.

—Rev. James Field



AROUND THE PARISH

PSR Christmas program and pot luck lunch—
Sunday, December 14th at 11:30 a.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. and Midnight

Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m. ONLY

Solemnity of Mary:(Holy day of obligation)

New Year's Eve: 6:30 p.m.

New Year's Day: 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Sunday—Widow's Group hosts after
all masses on Sunday, January 11th

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael McKelvey, 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, 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, Robert Lawtum, Bailey Battle, Patricia Barrois, Amy Fandal, Val Methe, Randy Tilloy

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This fund helps more than 20,500 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have spent their lives in service—many receiving little to no pay. Now, their communities struggle to meet their basic care, medication, and daily living needs. Your generosity ensures they can age with dignity. Please give in gratitude for their lifelong commitment on December 20th and 21st.

PASTOR'S CORNER ON THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Today, we complete our journey through the rosary meditation with the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. The beauty of these mysteries is that Jesus beat the devil at his own game. The devil thought that he had won the battle by killing the Son of God. When Jesus resurrected from the dead, the devil realized to his horror that he had played into God's trap. This was done by God's own power and this action would be done for the salvation of the world. So, today we take time to reflect on the Glorious Mysteries and the gifts that they are to us.

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

The Resurrection – Faith

Jesus did as He foretold, He rose from death, thus securing for us everlasting life in heaven with Him and His father. An angel greets the women who went to visit Him. He gives them this good news. They see Him on their way to Galilee and He tells them to tell the disciples of His resurrection. I imagine the joy they feel when they see the one they love living again, the celebration of the disciples and Mary when they are able to touch Him and talk to Him. I pray for faith that I too may one day be with Jesus in heaven.

The Ascension – Hope

As Jesus ascends to heaven He tells his followers to go and make disciples. He sends them to the world to share His story and He promises He will always be with them. I imagine their surprise to see Him lifted up and away to the clouds and their wonderment as all that occurred. I imagine them considering what will happen next and how they will do as He told them. They are filled with hope and maybe fear. I pray for hope when I don't know the way forward or when times seem dark.

The Coming of the Holy Spirit – Wisdom

The apostles and Mary are hiding in the upper room in fear of the future. When the Holy Spirit, the Advocate Jesus said He would send, comes to them, they are filled with the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are the gifts they need to go out into the world and spread the Good News of the Gospel: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. We receive these same gifts at our baptism and confirmation. I pray that I can use these gifts to share the love of Jesus and the story of his Good News.

The Assumption of Mary – Devotion to Mary

Mary is taken to heaven to her rightful place with Jesus where she intercedes for us in prayer. I imagine her excitement at being with her son again, and her pleasure at being in heaven with God. I pray for her intercession and help in growing closer to Jesus, while asking her to help me love him more. She will keep pointing the way toward her son.

The Coronation of Mary – Eternal Happiness

Mary is the Queen of Heaven and Earth. She listened to God's will and stayed true to his plan for her life. Mary suffered but her reward in heaven is great. She is our queen too, and if asked she will help us in all facets of our life. I imagine her lovingly looking down at us and her happiness at our requests for help. I pray for her humility, patience, and trust.



The Resurrection



The Ascension



Descent of the Holy Spirit



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FINDING JOY AMID PAIN

The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. I find the Gospel reading of the day particularly fitting, but especially the second half. Jesus asks His disciples who they went into the desert to see, namely, the messenger that He sent ahead of Himself, to prepare the way for His coming. I believe that the call of John the Baptist is also the call of all Christians, especially in this time when the world is so focused on creating division and sadness. There is a noticeable darkness spreading in the world. People are hurting and that hurt makes them sad, and the sadness makes them lonely and the cycle continues.

You may have heard the term “trauma dumping”, that is, sharing every negative thing that has happened in your life in hopes that someone will relate to you and help fix the hurt. But this has had an adverse effect where people try to ‘one up’ each other’s trauma experiences, which ultimately widens the void of loneliness when everyone realizes that no one will truly understand their personal hurt. I believe that this is a major contributor to the darkness that seems to loom over the world these days. John the Baptist undoubtedly had difficulties in life: he lived uncomfortably, he experienced loneliness in the desert, away from anything easy, yet people flocked to him. This leads me to believe that although his life remained difficult, he never sought to preach to people about his hardship, instead he had the joy of God and was excited to share His coming with everyone who listened.

I don’t want to discredit anyone who may have experienced particularly difficult things in life; those wounds are real and necessary in our fallen states, and sometimes the hurt never goes away. However, we can turn to the Lord for strength - the joy of the Lord is our strength. I’m the first to admit that sometimes wallowing in and holding on to our pain like a vice grip seems like the only safe thing to do when you’re in the midst of it. But when we turn to Him, place our pain into his pierced hands and let Him strengthen us, we cannot help but rejoice and share the joy of His word with everyone who listens.

This is how we can dispel the darkness that is taking over our world. Our wounds are what make us human, but through His strength, Christ heals, and the joy that follows helps us grow in holiness.

y Lily Hooper

THE PROPHET’S PROFIT

If you read the books of the prophets in the Old Testament, you might notice that they were not very popular. Most were killed or exiled because they challenged people (especially the rulers of the people) to follow the commands of God. John the Baptist (who could be called the last Old Testament prophet and the first prophet of the New Testament) suffered the same way. So what kept the prophets going?

First of all, the prophets had faith in God. They believed that God spoke through them, they believed that God’s people must obey his commandments faithfully and love the Lord above all things. They had faith that God would protect them and support them, and that God would always keep His promises.

Second, they had patience. They kept going when people rejected their preaching. They patiently waited for God to keep those promises, sometimes for the rest of their lives. Some prophets had to be patient with their own weaknesses or their failure to change the behavior of the people of Israel.

The third gift of the prophets was hope: That by keeping God’s commands, God’s people would be renewed, along with all of creation. Our first reading is an example of such hope, with its descriptions of deserts becoming gardens and the sick and disabled being healed and strengthened.

So what do we learn from those prophets? First, we need to keep our faith in God strong. If you go to church once a week, the bare minimum, it would be like exercising only once a week and thinking that will keep you in shape. Prayer, for our spiritual health, is an exercise just as important as aerobics for physical health.

Second, we need patience and not just with our kids. We need to be patient with ourselves and with God. Some people stop going to church because they don’t see any spiritual growth in themselves. So be patient; don’t expect to become a saint right away. Sometimes even saints could not see their own spiritual growth.

Finally, the gift of hope helps us be patient because we trust that God will keep his promises and give us whatever we need. The reading from Isaiah gives us hope that God will open our eyes of faith, clear our ears to hear His word, (Is 35:5) and “meet him with joy and gladness” (Is 35:10).

Tom Schmidt



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