

May 21, 2023
The Ascension
of the Lord

SS. Peter & Paul Church

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SS. Peter & Paul Mission Statement

The people of SS. Peter & Paul Parish are called to create and sustain a community of faith in Jesus Christ. We celebrate the life of faith through the Eucharist. As we break bread together, we are inspired to care for others and are challenged to grow in faith through prayer, study, and social interaction

SS. Peter & Paul Vision Statement

All parishioners recognize the challenge of the Gospel and the Eucharist as evidenced by participating in various ministries, inviting and welcoming others, caring for and serving those in need, and promoting peace and justice.



We are SS. Peter & Paul

Saturday Vigil Mass—5:00 PM
Sunday Masses—9:00 AM (Live-Stream),
11:00 AM & 5:00 PM
Daily Mass (M, T, W, F)—8:30 AM

Church & Adoration Chapel Hours
Monday—Friday 9:00 AM—2:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM—6:00 PM

Parish Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM—3:30 PM
Closed 12:00—1:00 PM for lunch

✠MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK✠

Sat, May 20	5:00 PM	✠	Rose E. Vallecillo	S	For Our Neophytes
Sun, May 21	9:00 AM	S	Community of SSPP	✠	Jose Quiambao
	11:00 AM	✠	Tennise Marie Allen	✠	Judy Unsell
	5:00 PM	✠	William & Carol Lambros	✠	Peter Glen
Mon, May 22	8:30 AM	✠	Rita Travis	✠	
Tue, May 23	8:30 AM	✠	Kathy Lynch	✠	
Wed, May 24	8:30 AM	✠	Jeff Palumbo	✠	
Fri, May 26	8:30 AM	✠	Hernan C. Vallecillo	✠	
Sat, May 27	5:00 PM	✠	Armando Urbina	✠	Andrew Kapila
Sun, May 28	9:00 AM	✠	David DeLucchi, Jr.	✠	
	11:00 AM	S	Community of SSPP	✠	Gary Lucchesi
	5:00 PM	✠	Jim Piquette	✠	Jose Quiambao

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Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism Class: Contact Darcy Wharton
for Information at ext. 211

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sunday
of each month except
during the season of Lent.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30—4:15 PM
In the Church or by appointment

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

For anyone experiencing chronic illness or
preparing for medical treatment, surgery, or
long-term care, please call Ext. 6 to arrange
an appointment with a priest.

Sacrament of Matrimony

We welcome inquiries
from engaged couples!
Please call Ext. 201 for information

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

For adult individuals interested in
becoming Catholic or for those over six
years old who have not received
Baptism, please call Ext. 210.

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✠ Liturgy 101 ✠



Finally comes the moment for which the last weeks have prepared us. Jesus gives us our mission: to make disciples, to baptize, to teach all that Jesus has taught. This is OUR ongoing work of the church! Remember, we are not alone in this work!

Coffee and Donuts THIS Sunday after the 9:00 and 11:00 AM Masses.

Come enjoy the smiles on the faces & the Spirit of our Christian community.



We are currently accepting applications for the following position:
Coordinator of Liturgy and RCIA

This position would include overseeing the development and implementation of the parish program of worship as well as implementing the Catechumenate and all catechumenal ministries including RCIA for adults, children, and teen processes.

Hours – 35 per week

Pay Range - \$21.60 – \$31.25 based on experience

To apply for this position, please submit a Resume' and a completed application. Job description and application may be obtained in the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Peterson in the Parish Office at ext. 201.

Special Collection THIS Weekend May 20/21 is for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)

Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio and print media.

50% of all donations will remain in our Diocese to support our local communications efforts.

Please make your donation online at:

www.rocklincatholic.org/catholic-communications

Or place in the collection basket in a special collection envelope. Thank you for your generosity!



Ladies Guild End of Year Meeting



Monday, May 22 at 9:30 AM in the multipurpose room. We will be voting for the 2023-23 board positions and proposed budget. The installation of officers and potluck will be cancelled due to newly elected board members not present. We will be having the installation potluck in August. All ladies of the parish are welcome!



For those with Celiac Disease

We have a supply of low-gluten altar bread available for those who cannot tolerate gluten.

Please see the Mass Coordinator to make arrangements to receive a gluten free host so that you can join us at the Eucharistic table.



All parishioners are invited to attend this celebration. We are also in need of some volunteers. To RSVP or to volunteer, visit www.rocklincatholic.org/retirement or stop by the parish office.

We also invite you to a special Mass on the Feast of SS. Peter & Paul – Thursday, June 29th at 8:30 AM to honor our patron saints and Michelle.



YOUTH & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (Kindergarten—High School)

Youth & Family Faith Formation classes have ended for this year but, will resume again in September. In the meantime, should you have any questions about our program or want to learn more about volunteering, please contact Jen Gordon (jen.gordon@rocklincatholic.org) or Kris Dahla (kris.dahla@rocklincatholic.org).

Faith Formation 2023-2024

If you have children who have been registered in kindergarten through seventh grade during this 2022-2023 Faith Formation year, you will automatically receive registration materials for next year. Registration materials will be mailed out in mid-July.

If you are new to our parish or have children who have not been previously enrolled, and you would like to receive registration materials, please email

faithformation.sspp@gmail.com with your name, mailing address, phone number, names and ages of the children in your family.

First Eucharist and Confirmation Preparation:

Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation is a consecutive two-year process, typically beginning in the 1st grade (Reconciliation/Eucharist) and 7th grade (Confirmation). Please contact Kris Dahla (kris.dahla@rocklincatholic.org) or Jen Gordon (jen.gordon@rocklincatholic.org) for specific sacrament preparation questions.

Celebrating Children At SS. Peter & Paul Church

To the parents of our young children, may we suggest...



- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's House.
- Consider sitting toward the front where it's easier to see and hear.
- Quietly explain the parts of the Mass.
- Sing the songs, pray and say the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you!
- Feel free to leave Mass with your child if you need to, but please come back!

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to Jesus. Let them know that they are at home in this liturgical gathering (Mass).



- Wednesday night meeting dates are May 24th and 31st from 6:00-8:00 PM in Room 11. Alpha for Youth continues and dinner is included.
- May 20th: La Fiesta Dinner—Sign up to help!
- May 21st: All ministry gathering in the Social Hall for all Small Faith Groups, Seniors and their families. Blessing of the Class of 2023 at 5:00 PM Mass. A special guest speaker will join us for dinner and share a special message before we break off into Small Faith Groups with your leaders!
- May 28th: Life Night in Room 11 is GAME NIGHT! Dinner is included. Gather from 6:00-8:00 PM. Bring a game if you have one you would like to share!
- June 4th: Pancake Breakfast and Carwash from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM. Help is needed! Sign up through the Sign Up Genius in Flocknote.
- June 10th: Get on the Bus Folsom event. Sign up through the Sign Up Genius in Flocknote.

If you have questions or would like to participate, as a teen or an adult mentor (of any age), and do not know how to get involved, please contact Nancy at (916) 624-5827 ext. 203 or by email nancy.vonthaden@rocklincatholic.org



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Friends are welcome to join us and you do not have to be Catholic to participate!

Our July 15th gathering will be from 6:00-8:00 PM in Room 11.

If you would like to be added to the roster or have any questions, please contact Nancy Von Thaden at (916) 624-5827 ext. 203 or via text at (916) 343-1168.

Adult Confirmation Class Forming Now!

Are you an adult who has not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation? Adult Catholics (ages 18 and older) who have been baptized, received First Eucharist, and are practicing their faith, but simply missed Confirmation somehow along the way, are invited to participate in SS. Peter & Paul's preparation program. We would like to be able to offer this class beginning in June and culminating with Confirmation here at SS. Peter & Paul this September. If you or someone you know is interested in Adult Confirmation, please contact Jen Gordon at 916-624-5827 ext. 212 or email jen.gordon@rocklincatholic.org.



Ministry for Parents of Young Children



If you have young children (under the age of 5), you are invited to join the SS. Peter & Paul Facebook group "Parents of Littles". Once established with a few families, we hope that participants will participate in play dates, become Mass

buddies, and attend various parish activities while getting to know other families with little ones.

The original coordinator of the group, Shannon Taluban, has recently moved and we are looking for someone to take the lead on this ministry. Please contact Darcy in the parish office if you are interested.

Darcy.wharton@rocklincatholic.org

Spiritual Direction Available to Parishioners

Are you desiring to deepen your relationship with God? Are you in a period of searching or questioning? Would it be helpful for you to meet one-on-one with a trained spiritual director? We have six trained spiritual directors in our parish who are willing to meet with you for one hour each month for as long as you desire. Donations to the parish for this ministry are appreciated, but not required. For more information and to read more about each director, visit www.rocklincatholic.org/spiritual-direction or call Darcy at (916) 624-5827 ext. 211.



Book Club Selection

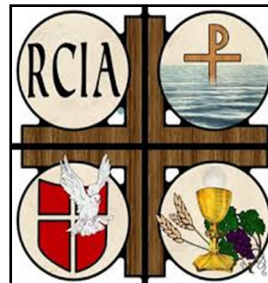
Our book club has chosen **The Book of Longings: A Novel** by Sue Monk Kidd as our next book. One critic writes, "Grounded in meticulous research and written with a reverential approach to Jesus's life that focuses on his humanity, *The Book of Longings* is an inspiring, unforgettable account of one woman's bold struggle to realize the passion and potential inside her, while living in a time, place and culture devised to silence her. It is a triumph of storytelling both timely and timeless, from a masterful writer at the height of her powers."



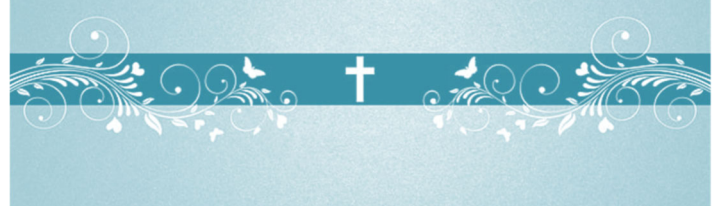
Let's gather to discuss the book on July 18th at 4:00 PM in the Rev. Michael J. Dillon Center.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

- Have you joined us from another religion and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?
- Were you baptized a Catholic but never completed the Sacraments of Initiation, Confirmation or Eucharist?
- Have you been worshipping with us, but have never taken the step to become Catholic?
- Do you have a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?



If any of these situations apply to you, we would love to assist you on your journey! For more information, please contact Michelle Pfister at 624-5827, ext. 210.



**Sacramento Cursillo presents
"Energize" luncheon**



When: Saturday, May 27 at 11:00 AM

Where: Good Shepherd Catholic Church
Father Philip Wells Hall
9539 Racquet court
Elk Grove, CA 95758

Tickets: \$50/person - purchase online at
sacramentocursillo.org or
contact Treasurer Mary Palmer at
treasurer@sacramentocursillo.org

Join us as we journey together to strengthen the
Sacramento Cursillo Movement and raise funds for our
Cursillo de Cursillo (CDC) workshop, technology updates/
maintenance and scholarships for our Candidates.

Come together with Cursillistas...grow as you listen to a
Guest Speaker's presentation.



Participate in our amazing special
themed raffle baskets, silent auction
items such as Dinner with Bishop Soto,
Polish Dinner with Two Polish Priests,
original local artwork from local artists
and much, much more!

Totally Catholic Fundraiser is back!!!
For the month of May, whenever we
have volunteers, you will be able to
encounter our young people as they
sell religious items and jewelry, as well
as what is left of the See's Candy, after
most Masses. Whether you have a
friend in need of an uplift, a student
receiving First Communion or getting
Confirmed, the items we have would be perfect gifts!
You can also visit Nancy Von Thaden in the Parish
Office during business hours and do your shopping
there! Thank you for your support of our summer
mission service weeks!



Save the Date! The next Pancake
Breakfast and Car Wash is June 4th
after both morning Masses!

Come support the mission work of our
young people this summer, enjoy
delicious food and a sparkling clean car!
We appreciate you!



OFFERTORY

Offertory Giving 2022-23

	April	
	5 Sundays	Year to Date
Total mass/office offertory	\$ 83,959	\$ 586,159
Total on line offertory	\$ 37,561	\$ 293,766
Total offertory	\$ 121,520	\$ 879,926
Offertory Budget	\$ 125,110	\$ 904,404
Budget variance	\$ (3,590)	\$ (24,478)

April Includes Easter Offertory

**Thank you for your continued support!
Any amount you can give is greatly appreciated.**

GIVING



**Thinking of a way to donate to SS Peter
and Paul and save on your taxes?**

"If you are of the age where the IRS rules
require you to take required minimum
distributions (RMDs) each year from your tax-deferred
retirement accounts, you may want to consider a Qualified
Charitable Deduction (QCD). A QCD is a direct transfer of
funds from your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity,
as described in the QCD provision in the Internal Revenue
Code. Amounts distributed as a QCD can be counted
toward satisfying your RMD for the year, up to
\$100,000. The QCD is excluded from your taxable
income.

Contact your financial or tax advisor for details and see if
this might work for you.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity."

If you call SS. Peter & Paul your parish home, or would
like to, we invite you to become a registered parishioner.
Should you have any questions about registration, please
call Sarah Peterson at 916-624-5827, ext. 201 or go to our
website at www.rocklincatholic.org/parish-registration.

**Welcome to our community!
We thank God for your
presence!**





TRASH BY THE NUMBERS:

4.4 POUNDS: *The amount of trash generated daily, on average, by each American*

254 Million tons: *The amount of trash that Americans generate in a year.*

22 Billion: *The number of plastic bottles thrown out yearly.*

(www.treehugger.com/environmental-policy/trash-numbers-startling-statistics-about-americans-and-their-garbage.html)

Challenge for the week:

Last week, the diocese asked us to reduce our waste. This week, ***pay attention to the things you throw away.*** How much is plastic? Are they single use items, such as plastic water bottles? How much is take-out containers? Are there items that you are throwing out that you could have reused or repurposed? How many things are really things that you didn't need at all? How can you reduce your waste next week?

Extra Challenge:

Try weighing your garbage for the week. Divide that number by 7 and find out how much trash your family throws out on average per day. How much per person? Have the kids help. What a good math problem!



Year of Service

We are the hands and feet of Christ both here in the parish and in the community around us!

It is imperative we not only hear Christ but *serve as Christ served*. We hope that you will find inspiration for ways to serve as our parish explores various opportunities during this Year of Service.

This week we thank the **Ushers and Audio-Visual Crew** who serve in these ministries during the Mass.

Ushers assist our community by inviting us to our pew each week at Mass. Ushering goes beyond seating the congregation, taking the collection, and handing out the Weekly Bulletin. Ushers are responsible for knowing the flow of the Mass, as well as identifying and solving situations as they occur. They are a guiding presence, a welcoming face, and shepherds of our community.

Audio-Visual Ministry consists of three roles in the liturgical celebration:

- **Projectionists** help the community follow prayers and song as we celebrate Mass. PowerPoint slides are projected overhead from a laptop.
- **Slide Authors** review the Mass Plans from Music Directors to build the slides for a weekly Mass.
- **Livestream Production** utilizes streaming technology to broadcast every Sunday at the 9:00 AM Mass.

YOU are the hands and voice of Christ in our community!
We need you in these ministries! Training and guidance are provided. Please prayerfully consider if you are being called to these ministries. An Usher must be in high school or older. Technology roles available for middle schoolers or older. If you are interested in learning more, please visit the following weblinks on our website.



Ushers:
<https://www.rocklincatholic.org/ushers>



Audio Visual:
<https://www.rocklincatholic.org/audiovisual>

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading—Acts 1:1-11

Today's passage takes us back to the beginning verses of the Acts of the Apostles and sets forth the themes that Luke is going to develop throughout this, the longest book of the New Testament. His major theme is the role of the Holy Spirit, who enables the apostles to be effective witnesses to Jesus. The Holy Spirit is mentioned 57 times in the Acts of the Apostles.

Second Reading—Ephesians 1:17-23

Ephesus is located on the western coast of what is today Turkey, and Paul visited there several times. Today's passage, which is near the beginning of the letter to the Ephesians, is a prayer asking God's blessings upon that community. Many thoughts in this prayer are connected to today's feast of the Ascension.

Gospel Reading—Matthew 28:16-20

The French have a proverb: "To leave is to die a little." That is what we experience when we leave a house, a community, a place full of memories, when we say goodbye to adult children as they leave home, or when we have to cope with new geographical distances between ourselves and our friends; often something in us dies. And when we offer our final farewell to our loved ones in death, there is so much pain. But out of these deaths the new can be born.

Today's feast celebrates the truth of the promise that Jesus makes to his disciples: that only after they have stopped clinging to his physical presence, only after he has ascended to his Father, can the promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit, descend into their hearts. "Be sure to keep in touch!" These are the familiar words we speak to our friends when they are leaving us, and their response is always something like, "Of course, promise!" But often, and regretfully, we fail to keep the promise. The Ascension is about promises kept through the gift of the Spirit who enables us to be always, intimately "in touch" with Jesus.

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. You ascend on high, yet are still close to us, inviting us to glorify you by our lives. May our witness be constant as we remain faithful to your gospel and the way of discipleship. Amen.