

*November 23, 2025  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe*

*SS. Peter & Paul Church*  
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# *Christ the King*



## ***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

## ***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.

### **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. 201 to arrange an appointment with a priest.

### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

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

### **Christian Initiation**

For adult individuals interested in becoming Catholic or for those over six years old who have not received Baptism, please call Ext. 214.

## ✠MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK✠

|             |          |   |                              |   |                   |
|-------------|----------|---|------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Sat, Nov 22 | 5:00 PM  | S | Community of SSPP            | ✠ | All Souls         |
| Sun, Nov 23 | 9:00 AM  | S | Florentino Alvarez           | ✠ | All Souls         |
|             | 11:00 AM | ✠ | Mary Elizabeth Holland       | ✠ | All Souls         |
|             | 5:00 PM  | ✠ | Christian Pierre Magat       | ✠ | All Souls         |
| Mon, Nov 24 | 8:30 AM  | ✠ | Thomas Donovan               | ✠ | All Souls         |
| Tue, Nov 25 | 8:30 AM  | S | Norma Higgins                | ✠ | All Souls         |
| Wed, Nov 26 | 8:30 AM  | ✠ | All Souls                    | ✠ |                   |
| Thu, Nov 27 | 8:30 AM  | ✠ | Julia Marchiori Mothe Reagin | ✠ | Bill Griffon      |
| Fri, Nov 28 | 8:30 AM  | ✠ | Mary & Frank O'Toole         | ✠ | All Souls         |
| Sat, Nov 29 | 5:00 PM  | ✠ | Maria & Joseph Do            | ✠ | All Souls         |
| Sun, Nov 30 | 9:00 AM  | ✠ | Don Wolfe                    | ✠ | All Souls         |
|             | 11:00 AM | ✠ | James Nolen                  | S | Community of SSPP |
|             | 5:00 PM  | S | Francisco Martinez           | ✠ | Herb Herman       |

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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



Online Donations  
Use the QR Code Below



# November 23, 2025 — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## ✠ Liturgy 101 ✠



### Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

This year marks the 100th Celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe. This feast (Christ the King) was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism. Originally celebrated in October, the feast shifted to the very last Sunday of Ordinary Time following Vatican II. Theological emphasis also shifted to one that culminates the entire liturgical year, explicitly pointing towards the Christ's Second Coming and the ultimate establishment of His eternal kingdom at the end of time.

Jesus Christ's eternal authority over the world is one that is not temporal and fleeting. God does not seek to be king to get something from us. He is king for our good. And His Kingship begins within the heart.

Though the days increase in their darkness, the Lord of light and love reigns supreme. May the power of God's love be King in your hearts and reflected in your lives now and always.

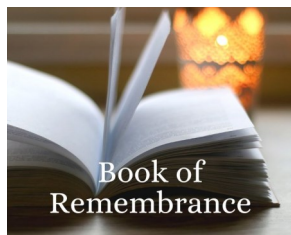
Next Sunday we enter the first Sunday of a new liturgical year (Cycle A), where we will embark on our journey through the Gospel of Matthew – Advent begins!

### November Remembrance / All Soul's

In the month of November, we remember in a special way those who have gone before us in faith. Beginning on November 1<sup>st</sup> up until Thanksgiving Day, the parish book of remembrance will be located in the vestibule.

You are invited to enter the names of your loved ones who have died this past year or the names of the dead which you have not entered into the book in previous years.

In addition, remember to pick up your All Soul's Day envelopes which will be available at the church door entrances and print the names of your deceased relatives and friends to be remembered for the All-Soul's Day Masses throughout the month of November. You may return the envelope in the offertory basket when the collection is taken up at Mass.



### Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, Nov. 27th  
8:30 AM



You are invited to bring non-perishable foods, cash, or grocery gift cards for the Loomis Basin Christmas Basket Program and our food pantry

### Advent Reflection Resources



With a tighter budget this year, we are unable to offer Advent reflection booklets for the parish community. Instead, the parish will be directing you to online links to websites for daily prayer and reflection during the Advent season.

If you wish a physical booklet, the parish website will contain recommended companies from which you can order.

Please use the QR code to access the Advent reflection resources.



### Thank you!

A special thank you to Mike Gordon and the Men's WAKE UP Ministry for their generous donation to the Parish Food Pantry.



They heard the pantry was in need of a restock and they delivered! In addition to restocking the shelves, their donation will be used to create shelf-stable meal kits for families in need.



If you would like to donate to the Parish Food Pantry, please contact the Parish Office at (916) 624-5827 for a list of the most needed items.

**ALL PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27th & 28TH IN OBSERVANCE OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!**





# GENERATIONS OF FAITH



## YOUTH & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (Kindergarten—8th Grade & Sacrament Preparation)

### Upcoming Youth & Family Faith Schedule:

#### **No Youth & Family Faith Classes—Thanksgiving Break**

In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will be no Youth & Family Faith classes the weeks of November 23rd and November 30th.

We wish all our families a blessed and restful Thanksgiving filled with gratitude and joy. Classes will resume the week of December 7th.

- **Week of November 23rd - NO CLASSES THIS WEEK**
- **Week of November 30th - NO CLASSES THIS WEEK**
- **Week of December 7<sup>th</sup> - Classes meet as scheduled**

## **FAMILY CONNECTION**

Understanding today's Feast of Christ the King may be particularly challenging. While we may not have a direct experience of kings or royalty, we have some sense of what these mean. We know that royalty have sovereignty over their kingdom. We know that those who are subjects to royalty offer them allegiance and honor. Christ is King in a way that is different from traditional understandings of royalty. Christ's kingship extends to all places, all people, and all times. Christ manifests his kingship through his death on the Cross, in which he offers salvation to all.

Tell your children that this Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church Year, and on this Sunday, we celebrate a special feast called the Feast of Christ the King. Read today's Gospel, Luke 23:35-43. Reflect together on how the various people in this Gospel respond to Jesus on the Cross. Who in this Gospel recognizes Jesus as King? (the thief) What does Jesus promise the thief as a result? (The thief will be with Jesus in paradise.)

Talk about how your family will recognize and honor Christ the King. Pray together the Lord's Prayer and ask God to help your family to act in ways that show you recognize and honor Christ as King.



Hello Youth Ministry Families!

As a reminder, **Youth Ministry will not be meeting on Wednesdays this month.**

Stay connected while Nancy recovers by attending our Youth Ministry events!

**Senior Thanksgiving Dinner- Youth Ministry**  
Volunteers Needed! November 23rd 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Please consider serving those in the parish who support us in our ministry.

<https://rocklincatholic.org/senior-thanksgiving-dinner>

Thank you for all you do for our parish! It is our hope that these events will give you an opportunity to serve together as well as deepen your faith through community at Small Faith Group night. Please continue to pray for Nancy during her recovery.

If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Renier in the parish office or [fr.renier@rocklincatholic.org](mailto:fr.renier@rocklincatholic.org)



### **Advent Calendars, Wreaths, and Candles for Sale** *(while supplies last)*

Advent begins Sunday, November 30th! Prepare your home and heart for this beautiful season of waiting and hope. Our Youth & Family Faith program is offering:

- Advent Calendars (with daily chocolates) – \$5
- Advent Candle Sets – \$8
- Advent Wreaths (includes candles) – \$25

Items are available for purchase in the Parish Office and Faith Formation Office. Supplies are limited, so stop by soon to get yours and begin your Advent journey!





## OCIA Sponsors Needed

The Holy Spirit is indeed at work here at SS. Peter & Paul parish with a growing number of adult Candidates and Catechumens in the OCIA seeking the Sacraments of Initiation.

As such, we are in need of Confirmed Catholic adults, who are active in their faith, to accompany our participants on their journey to the Sacraments. What is the role of an OCIA sponsor?

- ♦ **Companion:** accompanying a person who is on a journey toward a deeper relationship with our loving God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.
- ♦ **Guide:** not just walking alongside the person, but also guiding, lending a hand, and helping to notice important things along the way.
- ♦ **Support:** encouraging the person when he/she gets discouraged or confused.
- ♦ **Representative of our SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Community:** connecting the person to our community of faith both at mass and in ministry.
- ♦ **Witness:** beholding the work of the Holy Spirit in the person's journey.

Our OCIA Candidates and Catechumens are a gift to our community and renew our own faith. As such, being a sponsor is incredibly rewarding and provides an opportunity to share and grow in your own faith along the way.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Katie Maynard, Coordinator of Christian Initiation at (916) 624-5827 x214 or email [katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org](mailto:katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org)

## Book Club Selection



Our parish book club has selected *When the Jessamine Grows* by Donna Everhart. This book is an evocative, morally complex novel set in rural 19th century North Carolina, as one woman fights to keep her family united, her farm running, and her convictions whole during the most devastating and divisive period in American history.

Join us on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM in the Dillon Center for our discussion!



## New Divorce Care series begins in January

Our Divorce Care facilitators have graciously agreed to provide another 13-week session beginning January 22<sup>nd</sup>. This series can provide much needed healing during a difficult time. Open to all, so please share this information with family and friends.

To register, visit [www.rocklincatholic.org/divorcecare](http://www.rocklincatholic.org/divorcecare)

## ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS...

Thinking about becoming Catholic...



Do you have an interest in becoming Catholic or were you baptized as a child but have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation?

Our inquiry **"Come and See" sessions** are held on Monday evenings in the Library building.

For more information about the process, please call Katie Maynard at 916-624-5827 ext. 214 or [katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org](mailto:katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org)





## Caregivers Ministry

The Caregivers Ministry meets  
Wednesday, December 3rd from 12:00-  
1:00 PM in Room #1 of the classroom  
buildings.

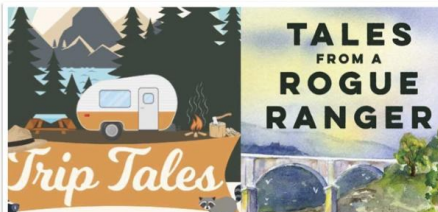
If you are providing part-time or full time care to a loved one, we invite you to attend the caregivers ministry gathering. Join with others who share this experience. You will find support, information, and camaraderie. Feel free to bring lunch and a friend.

For more information, contact Jo Kellogg at [jokellogg@gmail.com](mailto:jokellogg@gmail.com)

## PECA PRESENTS

(Placer Earth Care Action)

### Loving the Great Outdoors



#### Adventures with Ranger Rose

Get ready for humor, tales of adventure, great stories, and real life experiences with park ranger and award-winning author Rosanne McHenry! Rosanne has worked in a dozen different national and California state parks, and has written two books about her experiences. Through her story-telling, you will discover what it is like to be an outdoor adventurer, camper, and park ranger. Join us this month at PECA Presents for the talk, Q & A, free prize drawing, and book sales/signing. For more information, go to: [www.triptalesbook.com](http://www.triptalesbook.com).

Hosted by Placer Earth Care Action, an interfaith partnership (<https://www.ppof.org/peca/>)

**Sunday, Dec. 7, 1:15 pm**



Fireside Room, 1st Congregational Church of Auburn  
710 Auburn Ravine Rd. Auburn, 95603

Go here for more information (including a zoom option):

[https://www.ppof.org/peca-events#PECA\\_Presents](https://www.ppof.org/peca-events#PECA_Presents), or use the QR code →



## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### First Reading—2 Samuel 5:1-3

The two books of Samuel describe a time early in Jewish history when the 12 tribes were forming one nation under a single king. After the death of Saul, their first king, the tribes decided upon a successor, as we will hear in this reading.

### Second Reading—Colossians 1:12-20

In our age of space travel, there is sometimes speculation about Christ's place in the wider universe, particularly if life were found on other planets. Today's passage quotes an early Christian hymn which describes the kingship of Christ in cosmic terms.

### Gospel Reading—Luke 23:35-43

Some people in Jesus' day were looking for a king like David, who would overpower imperial Roman rule and reestablish Israel's independence. And there were real advantages to monarchical rule. When Jesus appeared, proclaiming God's kingdom, he offered an antidote to imperial ways. He criticized the way the "kings of the Gentiles" lorded their power over their people and demanded recognition for their benefactors.

By contrast, he urged the leaders among his followers to be the servants of all (Luke 22:26-27), a manner of life he modeled for them as he took up his itinerant mission with people at the lowest rungs of society. Unlike a monarch who imposes harsh punishments for infractions, he instead exercised power through forgiveness and compassion when there were transgressions.

Today's gospel paints in stark contrast the power of imperial Rome, which brooks no challenges to its rule, and the "kingly" ways of Jesus that rest on forgiveness and love. Even as it appears that the former may win out, the gospel makes it utterly clear that Jesus' merciful rule cannot be extinguished by death.

Lord Jesus Christ, we revere you as our King, although you did not acknowledge that title. Still we go forth rejoicing, proclaiming your name throughout the earth. In you and through you we were created, and by your love we hope to someday dwell with you in your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

Gathered  
in gratitude,  
lifting our  
hearts in  
Thanksgiving  
to the Lord.



## No Coffee and Donuts This Weekend!

Coffee and Donuts ministry will be back on November 30th

## Soup for the Soul

With the cold part of winter coming, the SS Peter & Paul Ladies Guild is presenting **Soup for the Soul** fundraiser. Happy Valley Soup, located in Happy Valley, PA, offers over 14 varieties of soups made with the finest freeze-dried ingredients. Easy to make too! Cost is \$9.50 (plus shipping) per bag.



SCAN ME

This fundraiser ***begins November 15 and ends February 15.*** The funds raised will go back to our parish ministries. More information and the link to order your soup can be found on the Ladies Guild webpage: [rocklincatholic.org/soup](http://rocklincatholic.org/soup).

**Be sure to share with family and friends!!**

## Special Collection THIS Weekend November 22/23 is for the Facilities RMI fund



The monies collected for this fund will be specifically set aside and only used for the **Repair, Maintenance or Improvement** of the parish facilities. We sincerely hope that you will consider donating to this effort that will help keep SS Peter & Paul's facilities preserved and thriving.

Some of the projects currently in planning are:

- o Additional lighting for the Church
- o New Flooring for the Church
- o Landscaping & Irrigation improvements for the grounds

Please make your donation online at: [www.rocklincatholic.org/rmi](http://www.rocklincatholic.org/rmi) or place in the collection basket during the second collection. Thank you for your generosity!

## Prayer for Vocations

Almighty God, please open our minds and hearts to your light and truth as we discern and fulfill our vocations according to your will. May the intercession of our Blessed Mother guide us in our vocations to the priesthood, religious life, marriage, and family life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



## Mark your calendars!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation time will be changing! Beginning Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, the First Weekend of Advent, our Sacrament of Reconciliation time on Saturdays will be moving from 3:30 PM – 4:15 PM to **4:00 PM – 4:45 PM.**



Reconciliation

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION



SS. Peter & Paul is offering parishioners an opportunity to purchase a poinsettia in honor of a loved one beginning on **Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

You will find donation envelopes at the entrances of the church. The suggested donation is \$15 per plant/memorial.

- Complete the information on the envelope, enclose your donation, and place it in the collection basket. Cash or checks payable to SS. Peter & Paul are accepted.
- You may also make your donation online by going to: [www.rocklincatholic.org/christmas-flower-donation](http://www.rocklincatholic.org/christmas-flower-donation)

Poinsettia plants may be picked up from the Church between 6:00-8:00 PM after the 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, January 4, 2026.



SS. Peter & Paul Ladies Guild

## Santa's Sweet Shoppe & Craft Fair

**Dec. 13th 5-7 PM** **Cookie Bar**



**Dec. 14th 9 AM- 1 PM**

in the Social Hall



**Candy**



**Handmade Crafts**



Donated Unpackaged  
Homemade Cookies & Candy  
Gratefully Accepted  
Dec. 13th 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

**Warm Cinnamon Rolls**





## Opportunities For Holiday Giving/Receiving Offered By SS. Peter & Paul Parish



If you are a parishioner of SS. Peter and Paul and you can share with others, thank you. If you are a parishioner in need, please call the parish office at 916-624-5827, ext. 201 and allow us to help you with your need.



### THANKSGIVING FOOD CARD DONATIONS LAST WEEKEND!

Sharing a Thanksgiving Day meal with family and friends is very special for it gives families the opportunity to gather together and give thanks to God for all their blessings. Some families cannot afford a turkey and all the fixings to celebrate this favorite family meal. A \$50 food card to your favorite grocery store would be appreciated to give to these families in need. Drop off the food cards at the parish office or in the offertory basket. Call Melissa in the parish office at 916-624-5827, ext. 201 with questions about donating a card OR to receive a food card for Thanksgiving.

### ANNUAL GIVING TREE

There is still time to visit the Giving Tree! Sunday, November 30th will be the last Sunday to take a star and purchase a Target or Walmart gift card. These can be returned to the Parish Office, the mailbox outside of the Parish Office, or in the collection basket. The nonprofit agencies and their clients appreciate your generosity.



**The deadline to turn the cards in is Tuesday, December 2nd!** If you have questions, please call Dorothy Peterson at 916-773-5478.



### CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS November 27-December 7

You are invited to bring non-perishable food items to the 8:30 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day. You may also leave non-perishable food items in the Social Hall in the specially marked bins until December 7th. These non-perishable food donations will be used for our Parish Food Closet and are given to the Loomis Basin Christmas Basket Program which serves the needy in Rocklin, Loomis, Newcastle, and Penryn. For more information, call Tom Krudwig at 916-632-9142.

HELP A FAMILY AT  
CHRISTMAS!

## Assist a Family

★ ★ ★  
\*Let us know by Nov. 27th what size family  
you can assist

\*Purchase two gifts per person in the family  
You will receive a specific wish list from the family

\*Deliver to the family's home or agency by Dec. 13

Thank You for Helping A Family in Need

[www.rocklincatholic.org/assist-a-family](http://www.rocklincatholic.org/assist-a-family)



### The Ladies Guild Christmas Luncheon

An annual event bringing the ladies of our parish together, along with their significant others and friends, to enjoy the holiday season. Tickets will be sold at the October and November meetings or online. You can find more information and buy tickets on the Parish website at:  
[www.rocklincatholic.org/christmas-luncheon](http://www.rocklincatholic.org/christmas-luncheon)



JOIN US FOR THE LADIES GUILD

## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025

DOORS OPEN 10:30 AM

LUNCH 11:30 AM

ENTERTAINMENT 12:00 PM

TIMBER CREEK LODGE, 7050 DEL WEBB BLVD  
\$40 PER PERSON

CHOICE OF SALMON, TRI-TIP,  
TERRIYAKI CHICKEN, OR PASTA PRIMAVERA  
DESSERT IS INCLUDED



FOOD, DOOR PRIZES, LIVE MUSIC, AND  
HOLIDAY MAGIC AWAITS!

RSVP NO LATER THAN NOV. 24  
[ROCKLINCATHOLIC.ORG/CHRISTMAS-LUNCHEON](http://ROCKLINCATHOLIC.ORG/CHRISTMAS-LUNCHEON)