

June 29, 2025
Solemnity of Saints
Peter and Paul, Apostles

SS. Peter & Paul Church
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Feast of 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

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. 6 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, Jun 28	5:00 PM	✠	Donna Ward	✠	Victor Hugo Santos
Sun, Jun 29	9:00 AM	S	Areli Aguilar	S	Alexander Harrison
	11:00 AM	✠	James Nolen	✠	Milton Goes
	5:00 PM	S	Community of SSPP	✠	Sharon Udovich
Mon, Jun 30	8:30 AM	✠	Paul Holscher	✠	Jess Ramirez
Tue, Jul 1	8:30 AM	✠	Jacob Bagnod	✠	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed, Jul 2	8:30 AM	✠	Natividad Funtanilla Cabrerias	✠	Chris Sullivan
Fri, Jul 4	8:30 AM	S	Denise Llaque	S	Connie & Lico Montti
Sat, Jul 5	5:00 PM	S	Community of SSPP	✠	Peter M. Dezzani
Sun, Jul 6	9:00 AM	✠	Amelia Lemos	S	Yesenia Alvarez
	11:00 AM	✠	Raul Yap	✠	Jose Alvarez
	5:00 PM	S	Delfin Alega	✠	Joseph Perry

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Parish Maintenance

Open position

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
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June 29, 2025 — Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

✠ Liturgy 101 ✠



Solemnity of SS. Peter & Paul

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church."

Peter and Paul were leaders of the early church, granted authority to shape that church and what it would become. But as we see in the first and second readings, they also suffered greatly. Their lives were not glamorous. Their love for Christ made them willing to endure a great deal of pain in service of him.

As we celebrate this day as a community, let us remember our Pastor Emeritus, Fr. Michael Dillon. His wisdom in naming our Church after Peter & Paul reminds us of the power of working together even with our differences.

Happy Feast Day!!

Thank you all of my fellow parishioners!

On the weekend of May 30-June 1st I gave my final homily as an active deacon at each of the masses. Following each Mass we had the opportunity to meet and converse in the social hall and I was gratified and humbled by your appreciation at each time. Your cards and words as well as gifts filled my heart with joy. While I've tried to say it before I must repeat just how much I have loved being one of your deacons over these past 22 years. Jane and I continue to be volunteers and happy to remain active parishioners along with you. While this writing is in lieu of individual thank you notes please know that I appreciate each thought, gift and prayer that you showered on me. May God continue to bless all of you.



Donut pass up the opportunity for a sweet treat! Come for fellowship, coffee, and donuts after Sunday morning masses. This is the last weekend for coffee and donuts before the ministry takes a summer hiatus.

If you would like to join our team, email Mary Joyce at mary@soulsoap.com for more information.



Fr. Renier on Vacation

Fr. Renier is currently on vacation in the Philippines. We pray he experiences a restful and enjoyable trip and we look forward to his safe return on July 1st. Fr. Tamayo will be celebrating all Masses with us during the month of June.



Eucharistic



Adoration

First Friday Benediction, Adoration, and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be celebrated this Friday, July 4th, following the 8:30 AM Mass. Then we will be blessed to continue adoration in the chapel until noon. Please come by and spend some time with Jesus. If you have any questions, please call Grace Neel at 916-995-3778.

The Church and the Chapel are open daily from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM for personal prayer and adoration. Also, we are now reciting the Rosary every morning before Mass at 8:00 AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. God's blessings.

Special Collection THIS Weekend June 28/29 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:

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

Please make your donation online at:

www.rocklincatholic.org/rmi or place in the collection basket during the second collection. Thank you for your generosity!

**ALL PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON
FRIDAY, JULY 4TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY!**



GENERATIONS OF FAITH



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).

Looking ahead to Faith Formation 2025-2026

If you have children who have been registered in kindergarten through seventh grade during this 2024-2025 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, and 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) or for specific sacrament preparation questions.

FUN FACTS

Many historians believe that fireworks originally were developed in the second century B.C. in ancient Liuyang, China. The first natural "firecrackers" were bamboo stalks that when thrown in a fire, would explode with a bang because of the overheating of the hollow air pockets in the bamboo. The Chinese believed these natural "firecrackers" would ward off evil spirits. The tradition of setting off fireworks on the Fourth of July began in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777, during the first organized celebration of Independence Day.



- Register for STAY Mission—July 27-August 1! We need teens, adults and young adults! Find out more on our webpage rocklincatholic.org/stay-mission. Many of our favorites are back and we will have the chance to make new friends! Invite everyone to come and help!
- June 29: Campfire in the Nature Sanctuary
- July 2: Game Night
- July 6: Mission Tales and reunion night for all of Youth Ministry—hear about the Travel Mission, help create a memorial video and plan ahead for STAY Mission
- July 9: TTRPG Night
- July 12: All Team meeting for STAY Mission at 10:00 AM in Room 11. Learn about the worksites and the plan for the week. This is an orientation meeting—all who are signed up must attend.
- July 13: Life Night—Guest speaker Erin Gallawa presents a night on church history and the importance of serving our neighbor. Join us for this special evening.
- July 16: Game Night
- July 19: All Team meeting for STAY Mission at 9:00 AM in the Social Hall. This is an orientation meeting—all who are signed up must attend. Bring a white t-shirt if you need to tie-dye.

All meetings on Sundays and Wednesdays are from 6:00-8:00 PM in Room 11 or the Multipurpose Room.

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 at: nancy.vonthaden@rocklincatholic.org

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

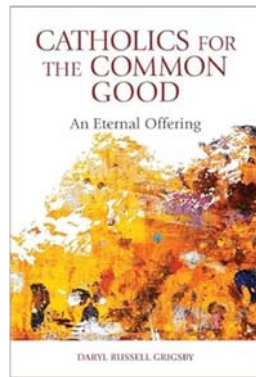


Our next gathering is July 19th. Meet in Room 11 after 5:00 PM Mass unless otherwise noted. Come hang out & have some fun!

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

Book Club

Our book club has selected "*Catholics for the Common Good: An Eternal Offering*" by Daryl Grigsby. Daryl is one of our very own parishioners and is also one of our daily reflection writers. In this book you will encounter thirty-six portraits of contemporary Catholics showing how they have lived the eucharistic prayer, "Lord, make of us an eternal offering to you" in their commitment to the common good and to human flourishing.



"Daryl Grigsby has written an inspiring book about inspiring people. As you turn the pages, you will join that great procession of people who have lived their lives for others. Prepare to be blessed."—Thomas P. Bonacci, CP

Our discussion will be held on Tuesday, July 8th at 4:00 PM in the Parish Library and we will be joined by the author!

ARE YOU SOMEONE, OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?



We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Katie Maynard at 916-624-5827 ext. 214 or katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org

Caregivers Ministry

The Caregivers Ministry meets Wednesday, July 2nd 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 jo_kellogg@gmail.com



Would you like to receive short spiritual reflections in your email box each day?

These reflections are written by various parishioners and many of our members use them as a means for growing in their faith or as a "prayer starter." If you would like to see some of the past reflections, they can be found on our parish website at www.rocklincatholic.org/daily-reflections or on our Facebook page at:

[facebook.com/ssppcommunity](https://www.facebook.com/ssppcommunity) To receive them via email contact darcy.wharton@rocklincatholic.org and you will be added to our email distribution.

Marriage Renewal Workshop

Are you and your spouse thirsting for spiritual and self-renewal?



Register for a weekend workshop at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos Friday, August 8 at 5:00 PM thru Sunday, August 10 at 4:00 PM. Meals are included.

Who should attend? Married and engaged couples desiring a deeper connection with one another, seeking a "tune up," or wanting to rekindle their connection.

Fees: \$350/couple. Lodging is available at the Retreat Center for an additional fee. Please don't let finances prevent attendance, assistance with registration fees is available.

Questions? Contact Tuankvan@gmail.com

RSVP by July 8 at <https://tinyurl.com/MRWSanJose>.



Missionary Cooperative Appeal

The Missionary Cooperative Appeal is an annual program designed to increase awareness of missionary work and raise funds to support ongoing evangelization efforts.

This year, the Diocese of Sacramento selected 50 different missions to participate in the Appeal.

Next weekend, July 5/6 our parish will be visited by Fr. Sony from the Diocese of Alleppey. He will share with us their courageous evangelization efforts on behalf of the Catholic Church and give us an opportunity to support their work.

The Diocese of Alleppey, situated in southwest India, nurtures a Catholic population of 166,870 within a total of 1,260,970 residents. In this densely populated region, 75% of the people are poor fishermen, who continue to practice traditional fishing, making a humble living off their daily catch. Challenges such as sea erosion and seasonal storms frequently disrupt their lives, yet the diocese remains steadfast in its mission to uplift the poor. Through numerous welfare projects led by parishes and social service ministries, the Light of Christ reaches all, transcending caste and religion.

The lack of government health programs has left families facing terminal illnesses in increasingly dire situations, with cancer cases on the rise. Assisi Hospice and Palliative Care Center of the Diocese remains the only facility providing free support to terminal patients—but it is struggling to keep up with growing demand. Your generous donations through the Mission Coop Program will help expand our hospice center and extend critical services to those who need them most.

There will be a Special Collection next weekend to support their efforts. Please make your donation online at: www.rocklincatholic.org/missionary-cooperative-appeal or place in the collection basket during the second collection. Checks should be made out to SS. Peter & Paul.

All funds collected throughout the Diocese will be equally divided among the 50 missionary organizations visiting the Diocese of Sacramento this year. Thank you for your generosity!

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

First Reading—Acts 12:1-11

Today's passage is taken from a section of the Acts of Apostles which describes Jewish persecution against the early Christian community in Jerusalem. It tells the story of the imprisonment of Peter and his escape.

Second Reading—2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Today we hear the concluding lines of the second letter to Timothy. This letter was written in Paul's name sometime after his death. Today's passage depicts Paul's thoughts while he was in prison, awaiting martyrdom.

Gospel Reading—Matthew 16:13-19

In today's gospel, Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?" How would we answer this question? Maybe we'd respond like the "some" referenced by the apostles—Jesus is a nice person, a good moral teacher, someone who tells us to all get along. Alternatively, maybe we'd repeat something formulaic from the Catechism or a theology textbook—Jesus is the Second Person of the Trinity, two natures in one person, and so on. Peter finds that Jesus is not satisfied with such an answer from others. Jesus probes further—who am I *to you*? Peter knows his response: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." A bold claim, and one that will have consequences for the rest of his life.

Today is a solemnity because of the significance of both Peter and Paul, two of the most important figures in the early church. Who could have guessed that a Galilean fisherman and a Pharisee from Tarsus could change the course of world history? Together, these great saints root the church firmly in the city of Rome—both ministered and were killed there. They also demonstrated that God qualifies the called rather than the other way around.

A mighty God, Saint Paul encountered you on the road to Damascus and his life was radically changed; may we also encounter you and find ourselves transformed. You released Saint Peter from his chains; free us from the ties that bind us, that we might build your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

Liturgy Coordinator
Job Opening



Immediate Opening for Coordinator of Liturgy

There is an immediate opening for the Coordinator of Liturgy. The position is 20 hours per week; to include some evenings, weekends, and holidays.

The Coordinator of Liturgy is responsible for planning and overseeing all liturgies and liturgical ministries in the parish. For more information on this position, contact Melissa Terry in the Parish Office at ext. 201.

Immediate Opening for Coordinator of Music



We are looking for a part-time Coordinator of Music. This position is 20 hours per week; to include some evenings, weekends, and holidays.

The Coordinator of Music fosters the faith life of the parish through music and has a thorough understanding of Roman Catholic liturgy. This person of faith is responsible for the effective planning, coordination, and execution of music within the liturgical celebrations of the parish.

For more information, contact Melissa Terry at melissa.terry@rocklincatholic.org in the Parish Office for a full job description and additional information.

Parish Maintenance



Parish Maintenance Position

This is an occasional, part-time position, up to 19 hours per week. This position includes maintenance work in the parish buildings and grounds. Interested candidates should contact Melissa Terry at melissa.terry@rocklincatholic.org

The Auxiliary of the Carmelite Sisters in Georgetown is hosting a benefit dinner on Saturday, August 23rd at St. Clare Catholic Church in Roseville. This dinner will be held from 6:00-9:00 PM and will include a drawing for a beautiful quilt handmade by the Auxiliary, a silent auction and raffle prizes. Registration is \$50 and can be completed online at carmeliteauxiliary.org, or email us at carmelitehelpers@gmail.com.



Seating is limited so get your tickets as soon as possible. Thank you for your support! (Good will donations can also be made if you are unable to attend, but would like to send a monetary gift to the sisters).

OFFERTORY

Offertory Giving 2024-25

	April	
	4 Sundays	Year to Date
Total mass/office offertory	\$ 74,295	\$ 634,825
Total on line offertory	\$ 30,599	\$ 308,503
Total offertory	\$ 104,894	\$ 943,327
Offertory Budget	\$ 116,933	\$ 945,489
Budget variance	\$ (12,040)	\$ (2,161)

April includes Easter Offertory
Thank you for your continued support!
Any amount you can give is greatly appreciated.

Offertory Giving 2024-25

	May	
	4 Sundays	Year to Date
Total mass/office offertory	\$ 46,235	\$ 681,060
Total on line offertory	\$ 29,050	\$ 337,553
Total offertory	\$ 75,285	\$ 1,018,613
Offertory Budget	\$ 81,235	\$ 1,026,723
Budget variance	\$ (5,949)	\$ (8,110)

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

GIVING



Quo Vadis Retreat ("Where Are You Going?")

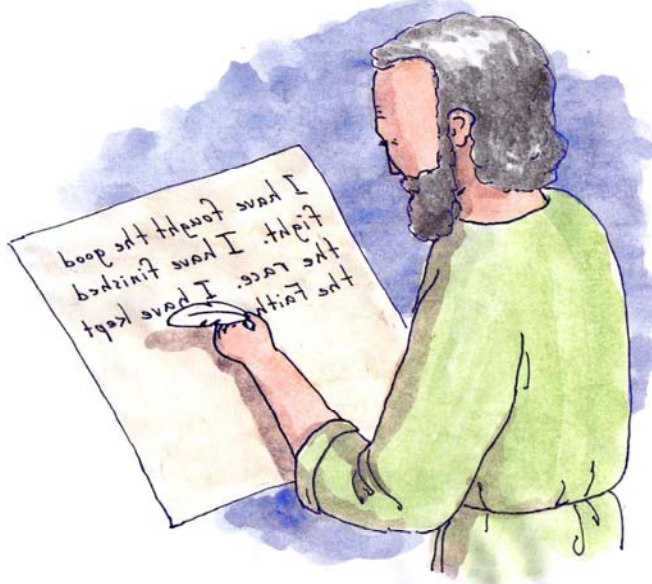
The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations invites all young men ages 13 to 17 to the **2025 Quo Vadis Retreat**.

Dates: August 1-2, 2025
Location: St. Joseph Parish,
9961 Elk Grove-Florin Rd., Elk Grove
Cost: \$95
Schedule: Friday, 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Saturday, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

To register your son, please visit www.scd.org/quovadis or for further questions, contact us at (916) 733-0258.

The Kids' Bulletin

Saints Peter and Paul
June 29th, 2025



Today is the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul.
Today's second reading is part of a letter
Saint Paul wrote shortly before he was martyred.
What did he say?
Look at the picture in the mirror to find out!

True or False: Who Knows Who Jesus Is?

Jesus asked His disciples "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" See if you know how they responded.

1. The apostles said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." True or False?
2. The apostles said, "Some say Methuselah, others say Barnabas, and still others say Solomon." True or False?
3. Then Jesus asked the disciples Who THEY thought He was. True or False?
4. Peter said, "You are John the Baptist resurrected from the dead!" True or False?
5. Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." True or False?
6. Jesus told Peter that the Father in Heaven had told him Who He was. True or False?
7. Jesus said to Peter, "...you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it." True or False?



Saint Paul the Apostle

June 29

SAUL WAS A JEW WHO WAS ALSO A ROMAN CITIZEN. HE WAS BORN AROUND THE TIME OF OUR LORD, AND WAS TRAINED AS A TENT MAKER.

SAUL WAS A PHARISEE AND APPROVED OF THE KILLING OF THE CHRISTIANS. HE WAS AT THE MARTYRDOM OF STEPHEN.

THEN ONE DAY HE FELL OFF HIS HORSE WHEN HE HAD A VISION OF THE RISEN JESUS.

SAUL, SAUL! WHY DO YOU PERSECUTE ME?

Who are You, Lord?

I baptize you...

SAUL, WHOSE ROMAN NAME WAS PAUL, BECAME A CHRISTIAN AND WAS BAPTIZED.

HE BEGAN TO TRAVEL AND PREACH TO THE GENTILES ABOUT JESUS

If Christ has not been raised our hope is in vain!

PAUL WROTE LETTERS TO THE NEW CHRISTIANS. MANY OF THESE ARE PART OF THE BIBLE

PAUL WORKED TIRELESSLY AND SUFFERED FROM SHIPWRECK, IMPRISONMENT AND SICKNESS. HE WAS MARTYRED NEAR ROME WHEN HE WAS 68 YEARS OLD.

SAINT PAUL IS CALLED "THE APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES." BEFORE HE BEGAN TO TEACH THE PAGANS, MANY PEOPLE BELIEVED THAT ONLY THE JEWS COULD BE SAVED FROM THEIR SINS AND GO TO HEAVEN. BUT SAINT PAUL KNEW THAT GOD WANTED EVERYONE TO BE PART OF HIS CHURCH.

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Peter and Paul

God has made the Gentiles to be His heirs too!

Today we are celebrating the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. They are such important saints that their feast day takes the place of the usual Sunday. Saint Peter was the chief of the Apostles. He was close to Our Lord, and the only one that Jesus told, "you are Peter (which means rock) and on this rock I will build my Church..." Saint Peter had a hard time accepting that Jesus had to die, and he also denied Jesus. But he was sorry afterward and became a strong leader for the disciples after Jesus went back into Heaven. Saint Peter was the Church's first pope.

Saint Paul was a Jew who at first was against the Christians. He even helped to persecute them. But then Jesus appeared to him and Paul became a Christian and a great preacher. His mission was to preach to the Gentiles, the people who didn't know about God or His promises. He wrote many letters that are now part of the Bible.

Both Saint Peter and Saint Paul preached and taught about Jesus and brought the Faith to many people and places. But the Roman government did not like the Christians. The emperor Nero began killing the Christians, and among those killed were Peter and Paul. Their deaths didn't stop the Church from growing, though. When people die for God it brings even more grace into the Church.

Today we should thank God for sending us these great saints, and we can also pray that we will help to spread the Faith.

Answers to True or False: 1. True 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. True 6. True 7. True

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