

August 3, 2025
The Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

SS. Peter & Paul Church
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**"The things you have prepared,
to whom will they belong?"**

Luke 12:20

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, Aug 2	5:00 PM	✠	Jovanni Salinas	✠	Robert LaChance
Sun, Aug 3	9:00 AM	✠	Cristina Dela Cruz	✠	Hazel Pople
	11:00 AM	S	Community of SSPP	✠	Proculo & Purificacion Rivera
	5:00 PM	✠	Terry Riccio	✠	Linda Raquel-Santos
Mon, Aug 4	8:30 AM	✠	Teresa Castorina	✠	Adam Plantz
Tue, Aug 5	8:30 AM	✠	Adam Plantz	✠	Tom Reilly
Wed, Aug 6	8:30 AM	✠	Fr. Matteo Balzano	✠	
Fri, Aug 8	8:30 AM	✠	Giovanna Grana	✠	Adam Plantz
Sat, Aug 9	5:00 PM	✠	Auxilio Mayorga	S	Community of SSPP
Sun, Aug 10	9:00 AM	✠	Zenaida Tajonera Tagle	✠	Raquel Campos
	11:00 AM	S	Diane Gilpin	✠	Milton Goes
	5:00 PM	✠	Celia Juarez	✠	Romeo Buencamino

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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
Use the QR Code Below



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COMBINED RITE OF ENTRANCE & WELCOME

This weekend at the Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass we will joyfully welcome our Candidate: Joseph Minnis and our Catechumens: Chris Gulbrandson, Martin Annest and Robert Shanor, who will be received into the Order of Catechumens. St. Paul teaches us in his letter to the Galatians that a Catechumen is one who has seen the good things of the Lord and wants to learn more about them. Chris, Martin, Robert and Joseph have recognized some qualities in us (the community of SS. Peter & Paul) and they wish to join our faith tradition.

You are encouraged to support and welcome our Catechumens and Candidate as they continue their journey with us. Please remember our brothers in your prayers. In the year to come, Chris, Martin, and Robert will prepare for their Initiation into the Christian faith through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist; and Joseph, who is already one with us through Baptism, will prepare to complete his Christian Initiation through Confirmation and Eucharist to be received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

Special Collection THIS Weekend
August 2/3 is for St. Vincent de Paul.



Please make your donation online at:
www.rocklincatholic.org/st-vincent-depaul-donations
Or place in the collection basket during the second collection. Thank you for your generosity!

Share your Faith



Support the Church in
Latin America
usccb.org/latin-america

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Special Collection NEXT
Weekend August 9/10 is for the Church in Latin America.

For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Please make your donation online at:
www.rocklincatholic.org/latin-america or place in the collection basket during the second collection. Thank you for your generosity!



Backpack Blessing

BACKPACK BLESSING NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 10th

As students prepare to begin a new school year, we would like to send them back to school with a blessing for a safe, successful and faith-filled year of learning.

Next Sunday, August 10th, students of all ages are invited to bring their backpack to Mass to be blessed. A special gift will be given out to everyone to put on their backpacks.

We also invite all teachers and anyone who works in any capacity for our schools to come and be blessed for the new school year. Please keep our students, teachers and all school employees in your prayers as the academic year begins.

School Supply Drive for the Rocklin/ Loomis Kids in Need Ministry

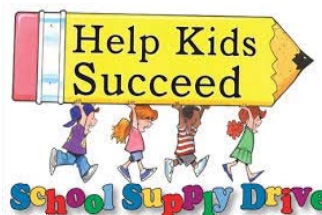
MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
August 2/3—Final Weekend!

Thanks in advance for supporting the kids in need in our parish community!

We collect the school supplies and gift cards and deliver them to the Rocklin and Loomis unified school district offices. They distribute the supplies to the families in need.

Please participate by dropping off **school supplies, Gift Cards or Visa cards** in the bins located in the **Social Hall** after weekend Masses.

Suggested school supplies:
Colored Pencils, Highlighters, Markers, Pens & Pencils, Crayons, Glue Sticks, Folders, Composition Books, Binders, Graph Paper, Backpacks, Water Bottles, Lunch Boxes and Gift Cards



Final drop off date is Monday, August 4th by Noon in the Parish Office.



GENERATIONS OF FAITH



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

2025-2026 Youth & Family Faith Registration:

It's almost time to register for our 2025-2026 Youth & Family Faith Formation year. **Registration materials have been mailed out.** If you did not receive a registration packet in the mail, you can visit our website at www.rocklincatholic.org/registration for program and registration information.

Registration Begins Next Sunday, August 10th:

In-person (walk-in) registration will be accepted **Sunday, August 10 and Sunday, August 17.** Registration will take place in the Social Hall from 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM. **Note: Mail-in registration will not be accepted. We are not able to accept registration prior to Sunday, August 10th.**

First Communion and Confirmation Preparation:

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

Volunteers Needed (Kindergarten – 8th Grade):



Are you looking for a way to get involved in our parish community? Are you willing to share your time and faith with the children and youth of our parish? If so, our Faith

Formation Team would love to talk with you about how you can become involved and support the Youth & Family Faith program. We have a well-established program, but it cannot be successful without the support of volunteers! Training, materials, and support are provided. If you are interested or would just like to learn more, please contact Kris Dahla or Jen Gordon in the Faith Formation Office or visit the website www.rocklincatholic.org/volunteers.



- August 3: Life Night - S.T.A.Y. Mission Reunion & Kickoff Planning Night
- August 6: TTRPG Night
- August 9: Girls Night 6:00-9:00 pm in Room 11. Come to the first monthly young ladies meeting. Bring your favorite snack to share, be ready to spill the tea and pray about it. There might also be a movie to watch.
- August 10: Life Night goes to the park!
- August 13: Game night
- August 17: Life Night Campfire Night
- August 20: TTRPG Night
- August 24: Carwash in the morning 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM; Ice Cream Social in the afternoon 1:00-3:00 PM in Room 11.

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

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. All volunteers 18 and older must be Safe Environment certified.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

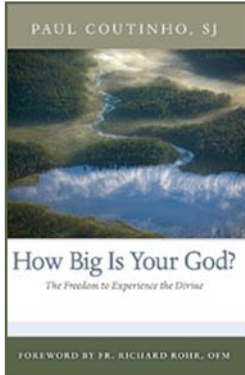


Our next gathering is August 17th. Contact Nancy for details. Come hang out & have some fun!

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.



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Book Club Selection

Our book club has selected How Big Is Your God? by Paul Coutinho, S.J.

What limits have you placed upon God in your life? If your experience of the Divine has become predictable, or if you have a relationship with God that is small and confined, the author (a Jesuit priest from India) invites you to

believe that God is bigger-much bigger!

Our discussion will be held on September 16th at 4:00 PM in the Parish Library building.

Baptism Preparation Class

We would love to welcome your child into our Catholic faith!

We offer a baptism preparation class for parents and

godparents via Zoom once a month. The next class will be held on Tuesday, August 12th. This class is also suitable for parishioners who have been asked to be a godparent at a different parish.

Visit www.rocklincatholic.org/baptism to register for the class.



Are you recently separated or divorced? You are not alone. You are invited to participate in a 13- week series that offers help, healing, and support. A new series begins on Thursday, August 21st at 6:30 PM in Room #9 of SS. Peter & Paul Church. This group is facilitated by Bev and Rick Luyet, both who have experienced this journey. The cost is \$30 for the book. For more information and to register, visit www.rocklincatholic.org/divorcecare

Bible Studies Resuming Soon!

As summer comes to a close, we invite you to consider joining a bible study. There are a few options to consider:



The Journey Bible Study

meets on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:30 PM in Room #10 beginning in mid-September and will be studying the Book of Acts. They are using the Ascension Bible Study program which includes a study guide and a video lecture. Open to men and women. The group is facilitated by Erin Gracia and assisted by Larry Levin. To register, visit www.rocklincatholic.org/the-journey

Women's Inductive Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 AM in Room 9 beginning in early September. This longstanding group of women uses an inductive study method which emphasizes application of the bible in daily life. The group is facilitated by a team of cheerful women under the direction of Denise Freiheit. To register, visit www.rocklincatholic.org/womens-bible-study

Mom's Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00 AM in Room 1 beginning in early September. The longstanding group is facilitated by Jen Payan and scripture study guides are chosen that require a small amount of preparation but are rich with life application questions and discussion. Moms of all ages are welcome. To register, visit www.rocklincatholic.org/moms-bible-study

Monday Morning Online Bible Study is a lectionary-based Bible Study. Every week, we study the three readings for the following Sunday in their context in the Bible, in history, and in our daily lives. There is no charge for the class and no materials required. This is a year-round bible study. Email Joe Offer to get on the email list. Joe-offer@msn.com

Adult Bible Study meets mostly online and is led by John Hunt. John chooses the book that will be studied and uses a lecture format. For more information on this study, visit www.rocklincatholic.org/mens-bible-study

Back to School Prayer ~ Almighty God We give you our school. We give you all the teachers and staff who work here, We give you all the children who study here. We pray our school would be place of great discovery, adventure, and creativity. May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love, a place where every one is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (A modern prayer from www.lords-prayer-words.com)



Dance and Pray

Put on your sneakers, comfortable clothes, bring a bottle of water, and join us **Monday, August 4th at 6:30 PM** in **Classroom #1** (close to the Faith Formation Office).

Feel free to bring a friend or two!

Email Lucia at luciadanceandpray@gmail.com for more information.



Caregivers Ministry

The Caregivers Ministry meets Wednesday, August 6th 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 Kellog at jokellogg@gmail.com

JOIN US FOR THE MEET & MINGLE POTLUCK MONDAY, AUGUST 11th!

Join your fellow parishioners for the monthly potluck lunch gathering and make some new friends! You are invited to bring a potluck dish (to feed around 4-6 people) to the Multipurpose Room at 11:00 AM on Monday, August 11th. No RSVP is needed and you are welcome to bring a friend.

These fun potlucks occur on the second Monday each month from 11:00 AM—1:00 PM.

Questions? Contact Barbara Warmerdam at barbara.warmerdam@gmail.com.



meet and
mingle



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: facebookbook.com/ssppcommunity To receive them via email contact darcy.wharton@rocklincatholic.org and you will be added to our email distribution.

OCIA: Christian Initiation for Families



Do you have children or teens from the ages of 8 through 17 who have not yet been baptized or who were baptized in another faith and would like to become Catholic? The process for this is called the Order of Christian Initiation Adapted for Families. This process is for children, teens, and their parents, and it is designed for the family to encounter Christ and to learn and practice the Catholic Faith applying it to their daily family life. If you are interested, please contact Katie Maynard at 916-624-5827 ext.214 or by email at katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org.



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 Katie Maynard at 916-624-5827 ext. 214 or katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org.

OFFERTORY GIVING

Offertory Giving 2024-25

	June	
	5 Sundays	Year to Date
Total mass/office offertory	\$ 51,326	\$ 733,532
Total on line offertory	\$ 27,942	\$ 365,494
Total offertory	\$ 79,267	\$ 1,099,026
Offertory Budget	\$ 99,053	\$ 1,125,776
Budget variance	\$ (19,786)	\$ (26,750)

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



Coffee and Donuts Hiatus

The Coffee and Donuts ministry is taking a break for summer! Look for their return Sunday, September 7th!

Saints Peter and Paul Youth Ministry Car Wash



Sunday, August 24th 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

- Follow signs and teens to parking area
- Enjoy mass @ 9:00 AM or 11:00 AM
- Return to a sparkling clean car

Donations accepted to support our service & pilgrim experiences!

Memo

From: Diocese of Sacramento
Re: An old scam with a new spin



Federal authorities are reporting new versions of telephone scam attempts involving callers representing themselves as investigators with the Customs and Border Protection Agency or Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The callers appear to be taking advantage of heightened concerns in some communities about recent federal immigration detentions to follow a script used in other scam attempts; claiming the call recipient is the subject of some type of criminal investigation and then demanding the recipient make a payment or provide confidential information to avoid being arrested.

Some scammers have “spoofed” their phone number to make it appear that the call is originating from a federal agency while others use a prerecorded message that instructs the call recipient to press “1” to be connected to an “agent” who tries to access confidential information from the victim.

Federal authorities say they do not make calls requesting payments or solicit sensitive or confidential material like social security or bank account numbers over the phone and they do not take payments in crypto currency or gift cards. Authorities suggest that recipients of these calls should hang up and warn that people should not use numbers that appear on caller ID or text messages to return calls from these types of callers. Instead, recipients should locate the appropriate agency’s website for contact information.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

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First Reading—Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Ecclesiastes is one of the seven books of the Old Testament referred to as Wisdom books. Wisdom literature reflects on how to live in this world in a way that is pleasing to God. The author of this book calls himself *Qoheleth*, a term that perhaps means “teacher.” Qoheleth has a pessimistic view of life, in part because he doesn’t believe in life after death. The wisdom he teaches is that one should not be burdened by anxieties, but rather live each day as a gift from God.

Second Reading—Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

In our previous readings from the Colossians, we have seen how Christ is the only mediator between God and the world, and how our baptism has made us one with Christ. The author will today remind us of the heights to which Christ has raised us, and then call upon us to live up to this.

Gospel Reading—Luke 12:13-21

The gospel today shows us in parable form what the “greed that is idolatry” looks like. The rich man’s self-centered plan for stockpiling and spending for his own enjoyment is interrupted by a startling apparition by God. “You fool,” comes the accusation, everything belongs to God; even life itself is given to us on loan.

The parable also hints at how the miserly man will meet his end. If Jesus was addressing this parable to poor peasants, whose backbreaking labor only increased the riches of the landowner, the answer to the question of ownership would have a different ring. Wouldn’t the land and its fruits, which come from their toil, belong to them? Is it the peasant workers who, in an uprising, are demanding the life of the rich man?

The parables cuts two ways: to those who are blessed with abundance, hard questions are posed about legitimate use, greediness, and just distribution of resources for the common good. To those on the underside of privilege, there is encouragement to take action to unmask vicious greed and to engage in efforts to bring about economic justice, while heeding an implicit warning that violence and killing are futile means for achieving just ends.

Giver of all gifts, you are so generous with us, yet we do not acknowledge your goodness. Too often we find ourselves concerned about what is fair, or what is owed to us. May we hear your voice and soften our hearts, so that we may live more fully for you. Amen.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Many of you got a tomato plant at our Care for Creation Table when we were celebrating Earth Month. We would love to hear how your plant is doing? Send a picture and a few comments, to marikea@pacbell.net

If your family has a summer garden growing, share photos of your harvest, as well. Include your kids in the photo, only if you agree to having them appear in the bulletin and in the Flocknote. We will try to include a few photos in upcoming bulletins.



*Not the prettiest tomato plant I've ever grown.
In fact, it's pretty scrawny looking, but boy does it
produce. It was the first tomatoes we had this year and I
get about a half a strawberry basket every 3 or 4 days.
Yesterday I picked the last couple of peaches and
Apricots on our trees. All the grapes from the grapevine.
The first two large tomatoes were ready and every
couple days I get enough strawberries for a good taste.
We called the cherry tomatoes, the holy tomatoes
because they came from church.
~Mary Joyce*



Can the World Put an End to Plastic Pollution?

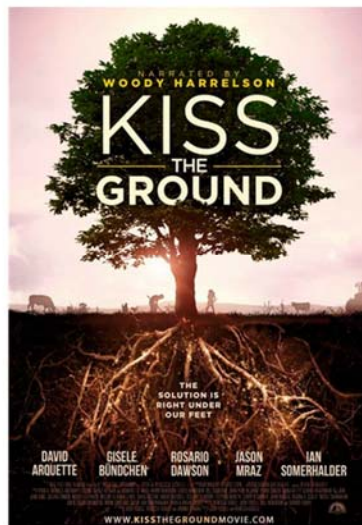
August 5th through August 14th, 175 countries are meeting in Geneva for the final round of negotiations for a Global Plastics Treaty. They have been working on creating a legally-binding instrument to end plastic pollution.

How is your Plastic Free July and August going?



Join Us for Movie Night

Sponsored by: Care for Creation Ministry



"Kiss the Ground is a groundbreaking film that reveals a viable solution to the climate crisis. By regenerating the world's soils, we can stabilize Earth's climate, restore ecosystems, and create abundant food supplies. Using compelling graphics, and NASA/NOAA footage, the film shows how soil can draw down atmospheric carbon, completing the climate puzzle."

**Thursday,
August 7**

6:30 PM

**SS Peter & Paul
Classroom #1**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Masses for this holy day of obligation will be on Friday, August 15th at 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM. Please join your community! Because the Blessed Virgin Mary belonged to Christ, Mary is raised high, a great sign for all who believe in her son Jesus.

