

*September 7, 2025
The Twenty-Third
Sunday in Ordinary Time*

SS. Peter & Paul Church
4450 Granite Drive - Rocklin, CA 95677
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Whoever does not
carry his own cross
and come after
me cannot be
my disciple.

Luke 14:27



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, Sep 6	5:00 PM	✠	Tom Reilly	✠	Matthew Joseph Olsen
Sun, Sep 7	9:00 AM	✠	Mike Gervasori	S	Community of SSPP
	11:00 AM	S	Rodolfo Alvarez	✠	Mary Elizabeth Salveson Holland
	5:00 PM	✠	Harriet & Jacob Stanovich	✠	Andy Albanese
Mon, Sep 8	8:30 AM	✠	Carol Lambros	✠	Thomas Hammett
Tue, Sep 9	8:30 AM	✠	Judy Brown	✠	Queen Elizabeth II
Wed, Sep 10	8:30 AM	S	Diane Gilpin	S	Esther Campos
Fri, Sep 12	8:30 AM	✠	Ken Huettl	✠	Glenda Martinez Esterling
Sat, Sep 13	5:00 PM	✠	Maria & Joseph Do	✠	Chester Arkus
Sun, Sep 14	9:00 AM	✠	Bernie Voight	✠	Edith C. Guzman
	11:00 AM	S	Community of SSPP	✠	Jack Kirwan
	5:00 PM	✠	Bob Pfister	S	Perry, Walsh & Fox Families

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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



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✠ Liturgy 101 ✠

Liturgy of the Word

The Word of God is proclaimed. These are the stories of God's people – these are our stories! We stand in attentive reverence to hear the Gospel; ready to respond. We believe that Christ "is present in his word, since it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the church." (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #7)



COMBINED RITE OF ENTRANCE & WELCOME



This weekend at the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass we will joyfully welcome our Candidate: Sungkyu Choi and our Catechumens: Alisa & Amira Bekric, Lhya Garcia, Lacee Buijten, and Tristan Luna, 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. Alisa, Amira, Lhya, Lacee, Tristan and Sungkyu 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, Alisa, Amira, Lhya, Lacee and Tristan will prepare for their Initiation into the Christian faith through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist; and Sungkyu, 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.

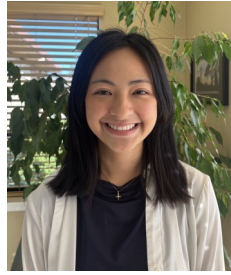
Announcing Our New Maintenance Coordinator!



We are happy to announce that a new Maintenance Coordinator has been selected. Parishioner and OCIA Catechumen, **Bobby Shanor** has joined our staff to fill the maintenance position. Welcome, Bobby!

***From Bobby:** Hello! My name is Bobby Shanor. I am on my second year of attending SS Peter & Paul. While sitting in the pews of this church, I found God. It encouraged me to begin OCIA where I am a catechumen. I have such a great respect and love for this church and I am honored to help maintain its beauty. I am also preparing for the sacrament of marriage through the Church. I have a bunch of crazy dogs that keep me busy outside of work. I have never been so happy in this journey of life. Proud to be a part of this parish. Praise be to God.*

Announcing Our New Coordinator of Music!



We are happy to announce that parishioner **Alyanna Asuncion** has joined our staff. Alyanna has been selected as the new Coordinator of Music. Welcome, Alyanna!

***From Alyanna:** My name is Alyanna Asuncion and I am so excited to be serving the community of SS Peter and Paul Parish as the Coordinator of Music! I was born and raised in the Bay Area and moved to Rocklin in 2017 with my parents and three siblings. I was raised in the faith and had the privilege of attending Catholic school growing up. Through my educational experiences and my family's involvement in the Catholic church, I began to form a solid foundation in and natural curiosity about the faith. This led me to desire to serve and get involved at Church, whether it was through singing in the choir and lectoring in high school or attending youth ministry events at SS Peter and Paul.*

I attended college at the University of California, Berkeley (Go Bears!) and graduated in May 2025 with my Bachelor's in Public Health. I look upon my college years with great fondness and gratitude, as I consider them some of the most formative times in my life. I started attending Mass, faith formation, and fellowship events at the Newman Catholic Center in Berkeley my freshman year and began to form a deeper love for the Catholic faith. In college, I spent much of my time in Bible studies, discipleship groups, and serving as music chair on the Student Ministry Team.

I have always had a love for music. I remember taking music lessons as a kid ever since I could talk and trying to learn every musical instrument that reached my hands. Some of my greatest joys have been getting to offer the gift of music to the Lord in worship.

The support of my family, friends, and faith community have all helped guide me in my journey of saying "yes" to the Lord's call to serve. Every day, I am reminded of how He calls us His Beloved and how He wants us to open our minds and hearts to His abundant love. As I return home from college, I hope to lead with and make this message known as I work with and serve the people of our parish. Siempre adelante!



Coffee & Donuts Return THIS Weekend—September 7th!

Come for fellowship, coffee, and donuts after Sunday morning masses.

Volunteers are needed—especially at the 11:00 AM Mass. Contact Kris

Cowen at cowenkris@gmail.com for more information.



GENERATIONS OF FAITH



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

**Have you registered your children for Faith
Formation/Sacrament Preparation?
CLASSES BEGIN SOON!**

**It's not too late to register
for our 2025-2026 Youth &
Family Faith program**

(K – 8th grade & Sacrament
Preparation), but space is filling fast (some grade levels/
days of the week are already filled). **DON'T WAIT!**

REGISTER NOW

Please visit our website for registration materials and more
details at www.rocklincatholic.org/youthfamilyfaith.



Registration will be accepted in
the Faith Formation Office
Monday–Thursday from
8:00 AM–11:00 AM and
3:00 PM–5:00 PM
(or by appointment).

Classes begin the week of September 21st.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:

Sacramental Preparation for First Communion and
Confirmation is a consecutive two-year process, typically
beginning in the 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.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

There are many ways to demonstrate
carrying your own cross as Jesus did; one
way is sacrificial giving. As a family, identify
something your family can give up for the
week, such as a luxury or a favorite activity; donate the
saved resources to a charitable cause or your parish.



- September 6: Girls' Night from 6:00-9:00 PM, Room 11. It is a Paint & Scripture night. RSVP to ensure there is enough supplies and food for dinner!
- September 7: Youth Ministry Kick Off—join us for a night of fun, friendly competition and community!
- September 10: Game Night
- September 13: OnFire 2025 at Six Flags
- September 14: Life Night topic night—Team Player
- September 17: Game Night
- September 21: Catechetical Sunday and the first Small Faith Group night. Dinner and then we Find Our Flocks!
- September 24: TTRPG Night
- September 28: Car Wash in the morning; Mini Golf at Sunsplash in the evening
- October 1: Game Night
- October 4: Girls' Night
- October 5: Life Night topic night—College finance information with Mike & Trudy. It is not too early to plan to make college affordable. Parents are welcome!

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, 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!

Join us on September 13 for OnFire at Six Flags—there is a Young Adult component. You do not need to be Safe Environment certified to participate. Contact Nancy for details.

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.

Do you enjoy reading? These books and more are the past selections of our parish book club and are available in the Adult Faith Formation office (located in the parish office) at no cost. They are just collecting dust! Stop by during our office hours or contact darcy.wharton@rocklinccatholic.org for more information.

Seasons of

L.O.V.E.

Calling all Couples!

Join us for a
L.O.V.E. Kickoff Picnic
Friday, September 12th
6:00-8:30 PM

in the
SS. Peter & Paul
Nature Sanctuary

L.O.V.E. [Living Our Vows Every day] SS. Peter & Paul Parish's couples ministry is kicking off a new season with a family picnic to bring together past and current ministry participants and to introduce new couples to the beauty of **L.O.V.E.**

Bring a picnic dinner for your family, as well as a blanket and chairs. We will provide the beverages and FUN!

If planning to attend, please complete the RSVP form through the website (rocklincatholic.org/love-picnic) or QR Code **by Monday, September 8th** so we can plan accordingly.

If you want to learn more, please visit the ministry website



Looking for Welcome Basket Delivery Volunteers

We're putting together a team of volunteers to help deliver welcome baskets to new parishioners in our community. Deliveries will be made to homes near your area, so you'll be serving right in your neighborhood. If you'd like to share a smile and extend a warm welcome on behalf of SSPP, please email welcomesspp@gmail.com.

San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena Celebration

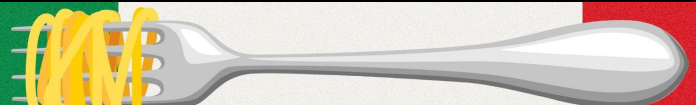
Tuesday, September 16, 2025
 Sacred Heart Parish, 39th & J Street,
 Sacramento



- ◇ 5:30 pm Rosary/Novena Prayer
- ◇ 6:00 pm Mass celebrated by
 Aux. Bishop Rey Bersabal,
 Concelebrants: Fr. Mark Richards, Fr. Jovito Rata,
 Fr. Brian Atienza, Fr. Renier Siva, Fr. Abraham Chiu
 Filipino Choir - Rollie Mamauag Family
- ◇ 7:00 pm Fellowship/Reception—includes Filipino cuisine, Tagalog folk songs and native dances

San Lorenzo Ruiz is the Patron Saint of the Philippines. His feast day will be honored by nine churches in the greater Sacramento area with a Novena of Celebrations starting on September 11, and ending with a Fiesta on September 20.

Please join us at Sacred Heart for the 6th day of the Novena. For more details about times and church locations for all of the Novena Celebrations and Fiesta, text Zac Rivera, (916) 616-7390 or email at riverazrjr@gmail.com



Italian Dinner!

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025
6:00 PM

Join us in the Social Hall
for an evening of
Food, Fun, & Famiglia

Appetizers, Italian Food/Desserts,
and Italian Music

Cost: \$25 per person
\$10 for children under 10 years

Reserve a table of 8 and receive a
complimentary bottle of wine

RSVP by Oct. 6th
Volunteers are also needed.
Link to volunteer signup is on the
website
rocklincatholic.org/italian-dinner
or in the parish office



**Special Collection THIS Weekend
September 6/7 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!



**Special Collection NEXT Weekend
September 13/14 is the Diocesan
Collection for Priests Retirement**

This is an opportunity for parishioners to thank our faithful and dedicated priests for their long and loving service to the Diocese.

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

Support Survival and Recovery Across the Holy Land: Gaza's families are enduring conditions of catastrophic collapse as hostilities escalate and basic elements for survival vanish. By supporting Catholic Relief Services (CRS), you can support survival and recovery across the Holy Land. If you wish to donate to support these efforts, visit: www.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict



**SACRAMENTO
LOAVES & FISHES**

The SSPP Loaves & Fishes Ministry is looking for a new Ministry Leader! Holly Upton, a parishioner at St. Joseph Marelllo who has helped lead this ministry at our parish for many years is stepping down and looking to train someone new to take her place.

This charitable outreach ministry serves lunch at Loaves & Fishes on the third Thursday of the month. Volunteers meet in the parish parking lot and then carpool together to Sacramento. The Ministry Leader is responsible for emailing the group at the start of each month with information and serves as the parish contact person and liaison with Loaves & Fishes.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or joining this ministry, please contact Melissa Terry at melissa.terry@rocklincatholic.org for more information.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

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First Reading—Wisdom 9:13-18

The book of Wisdom was written by a teacher who lived in Alexandria, Egypt, a center for Greek philosophy in the ancient world. Fearful that the Jewish people might be captivated by this secular wisdom, the author contrasts it with rich wisdom of God found in Jewish religious traditions. The ninth chapter presents a prayer of Solomon for wisdom, and today's reading is an excerpt from this prayer.

Second Reading—Philemon 9:10, 12-17

Philemon was a rich man with many servants, one of whom – Onesimus – escaped. He reached Paul in prison and converted to Christianity. In sending Onesimus back to Philemon, Paul gave him a letter to take with him, a portion of which we hear today.

Gospel Reading—Luke 14:25-33

The saying about hating one's own family members is jolting to our ears, as it was to Jesus' first followers. In Jesus' time, people did not conceive of themselves as individuals but derived their identity and social standing from their family, clan, village, and religious group. It would be unimaginable to cut oneself off from family; this would be tantamount to losing life itself.

Looking at other passages in the Gospel of Luke, we see that Jesus himself does not renounce his family. Unlike Mark (3:31-35), Luke (8:21) leaves open the possibility that Jesus' blood kin can also be disciples. In fact, Luke portrays Jesus' mother as one who faithfully hears the word of God and obeys; and in the story of Pentecost (Acts 1:14), Luke notes that Jesus' mother and siblings are among the disciples in the Upper Room. What Jesus asks, however, is that a disciple be willing to embrace as kin others who are not related by blood. Disciples must act as brother and sister toward those who are different, whether by physical ability or any other status marker.

God of all wisdom, in our haste and our pride, we often think we can "go it on our own." But Jesus reminds us that, as his disciples, we each must carry our own cross. Teach us your ways, that we may gain your wisdom and work toward building your kingdom. Amen.



Altar Servers Needed!

Below are our statistics of how many altar servers we have that serve at our various Mass times:

- † Saturday Vigil Mass — 7 with 2 substitutes
- † Sunday, 9:00 AM — 4 with 2 substitutes
- † Sunday, 11:00 AM — 13 with 2 substitutes
- † Sunday, 5:00 PM — 23 with 1 substitute

As you can see from the above statistics, we are in NEED of more altar servers; especially at the Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass and the Sunday, 9:00 AM Masses!

If you have children who are entering the 4th through 8th grade, please encourage them to serve at our Mass.

Contact Joan Valdez at msjoanvaldez@yahoo.com if your child would like to serve or just come and see!

Save the Date – Feast of St. Francis Celebration and Blessing of Animals

When: Saturday, October 4th the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. Join us for all or part of the day's events in honor of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and ecology, the lover of all creation.



Where: The celebration will be held in the SSPP Nature Sanctuary beginning at 10:30 AM. Please bring a chair if you need to sit.

Schedule:

- 10:30-11:30 Prayer Service
- 11:30-12:45 Information tables, family activities & refreshments
- 1:00-2:00 Optional hike at Secret Ravine (map provided); return to SSPP with your pet.
- 2:30-3:30 Blessing of the Animals—All creatures great and small are welcome! But for the well-being of all, please use leashes, harnesses, or pet carriers.

Event Highlights:

- Information on energy saving, plastic recycling, water conservation, planting, and more!
- Learn how we can be better stewards of God's creation.

RSVP desired, but not required: marikea@pacbell.net

Hosted by the Care for Creation teams of:
SS. Peter & Paul, Rocklin, St. Teresa of Avila, Auburn,
and St. Patrick, Grass Valley



Hosted by Care for Creation Ministry

Sept 11, 2025
6:30-8:00 PM

Guest speaker:

Ryan Brayton

Deputy Fire Chief– Fire Marshal

City of Rocklin

- What can you expect during a major wildfire
- Find out what homeowners can do to prepare their properties for both large and small wildfires
- What are the responsibilities of the homeowner and what are the realistic capabilities of the fire service
- Come see examples of commercially available equipment that residents can purchase to better prepare their home

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Classroom #1

Simply Baroque Music Concert

You're Invited to an evening of Classical Sacred Music in Our Blessed Mother's Rose Garden:

Saturday, October 18
St. Joseph Marelllo Catholic Church
7200 Auburn Folsom Road

Free admission!

Seating from 6:00-6:30 PM. Concert begins at 7:00 PM. Arrive early for limited chair seating! Open space available for blankets and short lawn chairs.

Cheese boards & Mount St. Joseph wines available for sale.



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 in the sacristy at least 10 minutes prior to the start of Mass to make arrangements to receive a gluten free host so that you can join us at the Eucharistic table.