

*September 21, 2025
Twenty-fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

SS. Peter & Paul Church
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**Catechetical
Sunday**

**ALWAYS BE
READY**

**TO GIVE
AN EXPLANATION**

**FOR A REASON
FOR YOUR**

HOPE
1 PETER 3:15

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 20	5:00 PM	✠	Maria & Peter Bui	✠	Joaquin Bruno
Sun, Sep 21	9:00 AM	✠	Paul Welz	✠	Connie Fontes
	11:00 AM	✠	Jack Kirwan	S	Ann Kirwan
	5:00 PM	S	Community of SSPP	✠	Ron Caretti
Mon, Sep 22	8:30 AM	✠	Melvin Fontes	S	Ty Do
Tue, Sep 23	8:30 AM	✠	Ron Caretti	S	Ty Do
Wed, Sep 24	8:30 AM	✠	Joe Lozosky	✠	Ricardo David Gonzales
Fri, Sep 26	8:30 AM	✠	Thresya Kurran	S	Rocio Vaca
Sat, Sep 27	5:00 PM	S	Community of SSPP	✠	Forrest Bergman
Sun, Sep 28	9:00 AM	✠	Mike Raia	✠	Barbara & Al Raia
	11:00 AM	✠	Frank Sor	✠	Marshall & Marcela Edwards
	5:00 PM	✠	Romeo Carin	✠	Luz Siao

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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

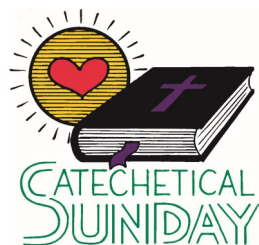


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✠ Liturgy 101 ✠



Who are Catechists?

The word "catechesis" is from a Greek word meaning "to echo". All those who teach the Catholic faith and share the Church's teachings, by word and by the way they live their lives, are

catechists. The catechist's goal is always to set hearts aflame for Christ.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. (CCC 2226) Therefore, moms, dads, stepparents, grandparents, foster parents, godparents, and all who form the faith of children at home, in the domestic church, are the first and most important catechists of their children.

Catechetical Sunday September 21, 2025

This weekend the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday during the Sunday 5:00 PM Mass.

Those whom the community has designated to serve as Catechist/Core Team will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

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Caregivers Ministry

The Caregivers Ministry meets Wednesday, October 1st 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 jkkellogg@gmail.com

Nosh and News for 2025! Join the SSPP Ladies Guild in sisterhood as we have our September brunch potluck meeting. Bring your appetite and get ready to engage in our upcoming events. Our members will be bringing their favorite food dishes to share. All ladies of the parish are welcome to our meeting on **Monday, September 22 at 9:30 am in the Multipurpose Room.**



An Invitation for YOU...

While you attend Mass, why not move deeper through your service in the liturgy when you are here? We are asking all Confirmed Catholics to

consider serving as Eucharistic Ministers. **WE NEED YOU!** A short training will prepare you to serve in this vital liturgical ministry. You will find the interest form at: www.rocklincatholic.org/eucharistic-ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Carla Campos, Liturgy Coordinator—Carla.Campos@rocklincatholic.org

Special Collection Next Weekend September 27/28 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 or place in the collection basket during the second collection. Thank you for your generosity!



Coffee & Donuts Are Back!

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

Volunteers are needed—especially at the 11:00 AM Mass. Contact Kris Cowen at kriscowen@hotmail.com for more information.



GENERATIONS OF FAITH



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

We are looking forward to getting our 2025-2026 Faith Formation year off to a great start!!

Kindergarten – 6TH Grade Classes Begin This Week!

On the first day of class, students will be able to locate their classroom on the class lists that will be posted on the windows outside of the Faith Formation Office.

Faith Formation Classes for Kindergarten - 6th grade begin...



K- 6th GRADE 'NEW' PARENT ORIENTATION

On the first day of classes (Sunday 3:30 PM and Monday 3:30 PM), we will hold a Parent Orientation for any "NEW" families in our program or for any returning families who would like a refresher! Please join us in the Multipurpose Room (after taking your child to class). During this time, we will provide you with important information about our program and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to meeting you!

7th-8th Grade & High School Confirmation

7-8th grade/High School Confirmation begins **Sunday, September 28th**.

More information about the first week of classes will be sent out in the Faith Formation Parent News Flocknote. Please be on the lookout for this email.

Faith Formation Classes for Middle School & High School Confirmation begin...



ATTENTION ALL 3rd – 8th Graders...

LAUNCH & LIFT YOUTH GROUP BLASTS OFF ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th



ALL 3rd-8th grade students are invited to our Launch & Lift Kickoff event on Friday, September 26th. Launch (3rd-6th grades) will meet from 5:00-6:30 PM and Lift (6th-8th grades) will meet from 6:30- 8:00 PM.

All of our Launch & Lift events are centered around building community and enjoying time together! All are welcome to join the fun!

RSVP at: www.rocklincatholic.org/launch-lift



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

Join us on September 27th and October 18th at 6:00 PM in Room 11 for fun & fellowship. Bring a snack to share.

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.

Christian Initiation – Inquiry into Catholicism

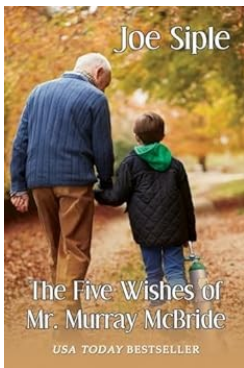
Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



Conversion is a gradual process as well as a community and personal journey of faith that leads to a transformation of mind and spirit.

The first step in the process of Christian Initiation is the inquiry phase: a time to get your questions answered and think about whether or not this is for you. For more information about the process, please contact Katie Maynard at 916-624-5827 ext. 214 or katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org

Book Club Selection

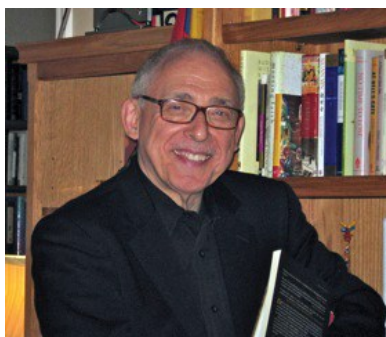


Our book club has selected The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride by Joe Siple. At 100 years old, Murray McBride has outlived everyone he's ever loved. But when he meets Jason Cashman, a 10-year-old boy with a terminal illness, Murray may learn something about finding meaning in life as he helps his young friend fulfill his last wishes.

Our Book Club Discussion will be held on November 18th at 4:00 PM in the Parish Library Building.

Contemplative Prayer Group

Are you looking for a group that can help you connect with God more deeply? Our Contemplative Prayer group meets online on Wednesday mornings. They pray using both Lectio Divina (reflecting on the upcoming Sunday's gospel) and Centering Prayer (20 minutes of silence). For more information or to be added to the email list, contact Katie Martin at paintswithfire@comcast.net



Fr. Tom Bonacci Series

Fr. Tom Bonacci will join us once again for an online (Zoom) course entitled, "The Papacy in an Ecumenical World".

The series begins on October 8th and runs

for 4 weeks. Fr. Tom is a wonderful instructor who has a great ability to bring complex thoughts to non-theologians. The cost for this series is \$25 per person. To register, visit www.rocklincatholic.org/bonacci.

Are you a Planner?

Mark the dates of February 1-3, 2026 for our Parish Retreat with Mike Patin. He's returning to our parish after 10 years and you are not going to want to miss it!



- 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—Dance Party! Please RSVP!!
- 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!
- October 8: TTRPG Night
- October 12: Life Night Topic Night—Magic & Miracles
- October 15: Game Night
- October 18: Feed My Starving Children service event 9:00-11:00 am. Only 8 spots available—first come, first served! Deadline to sign up is October 10th. RSVP to Nancy if you wish to participate.
- October 19: Small Faith Group night; jewelry sales end

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.

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 Mareello 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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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prevent hunger and homelessness in our
community.

Contact us today to learn more about
this exciting volunteer opportunity.

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PRAYER—A JOURNEY TOWARDS YOU

*Knowing that God has entrusted each of us with gifts
and talents, pray today that we may use those gifts for
the vocations to which he has called us.*

God, our Father,
in Baptism you called us by name
making us members of your people,
the Church.

We praise you for your goodness,
We thank you for your gifts.
We ask you to strengthen us
to live in love and service to others
after the example of your Son, Jesus.

Father, look upon your Church with love
and bless your people

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Christ the King Retreat Center's Diamond Jubilee

You are invited to a special
evening of celebration on
Saturday, October 4, from
4:00pm to 10:00pm as we

gather under the joyful theme: **"Let it Shine!
Celebrating 75 Years as Pilgrims of Hope and
Light!"** with Mass, Dinner, Dancing, Silent & Live Auction.

Cost: \$175 per person/\$300 couple

Tickets are available through September 29 either online
at www.christthekingretreatcenter.org, by phone, or onsite.

For more information contact Sandra Gill 916-725-4720, ext. 302.

with generous single men and women,
with loving husbands and wives,
with understanding parents,
with trusting children
with dedicated priests, sisters,
deacons and brothers.

Help us to see our vocations
as a journey toward you.

You have called us,
not to set us apart,
but to bring us together
with others who need our love.

Make us faithful signs of your
presence in their midst.

We ask you through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading—Amos 8:4-7

Amos has been called the prophet of social justice. He lived about 750 B.C., a time of economic prosperity and religious corruption. Amos was a forceful and colorful preacher, as we will hear in today's passage.

Second Reading—1 Timothy 2:1-8

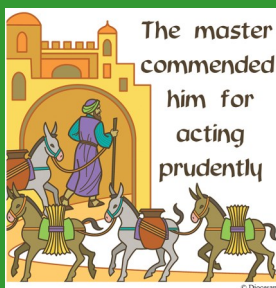
We continue to read from first Timothy, a letter written in Paul's name about 30 years after his death. Today's passage, drawing upon Paul's authority, teaches about public prayer. We will also hear quoted what may have been an early Christian creed.

Gospel Reading—Luke 16:1-13

Things aren't as simple as they used to be—or so it seems! Perhaps there never really was a time when issues were clear-cut and moral decisions were easy.

The parable in today's gospel is itself so complex that the only thing biblical scholars agree on is that it poses more questions than it answers, and no interpretation fully answers all of them. How can a dishonest steward be praised by his master? Who is the master? Jesus? The rich man? Is the parable about lost honor or lost income? What is the economic system presumed in the story? Does it concern usury? Or the steward's commission? What does "squandering" signify? Is the charge true or false? Who are the debtors? Is the master a sympathetic character or a villain? Is the steward someone to be emulated or is he designed to give us a chuckle?

One possibility for this Sunday is not to try to settle the interpretation of the gospel parable but to look instead at the underlying values and attitudes that the readings propose, which orient us toward what we must do in order to be able to make good moral decisions in complex situations.



Lord, our God, you know us and our failings, and yet you love us unconditionally. We praise you for raising up those in poverty, for we know ourselves to be poor in your sight. You have trusted us with much: may we be found worthy of that trust.

Its time for a

L.O.V.E.

DATE NIGHT

Friday, October 3, 2025

Starting at 6:00 PM

(Please note the start time is earlier than normal so that we have more time to kick things off.)

In the Multipurpose Room

L.O.V.E. [Living Our Vows Every day],
SS. Peter & Paul's Couples Ministry invites **ALL COUPLES** to take an evening for just you and your spouse to connect with one another and notice God's presence in your marriage.

The evening will begin with a brief pre-date talk by Jim & Patty Ritter on what it means to "Stay Turned Toward God & Each Other." Afterwards you will have an opportunity to enjoy one another as you discuss the topic on a date of your own design.

No matter whether you have attended L.O.V.E. ministry events in the past or if this would be your first time, we hope you take this opportunity to focus on your story as a couple.

For more information visit the ministry website at:

www.rocklincatholic.org/love

or contact Katie Maynard at

kmaynard118@gmail.com.

You can also follow us on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LOVEatSSPP

ASSISTANCE NEEDED DURING COMMUNION?



For those members of our community who are mobility challenged, you may ask an usher to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Communion to you!

Please speak to an usher **BEFORE** Mass begins to make these arrangements. It is helpful to know where you are located in the Church prior to the start of Mass.

Saints Peter and Paul Youth Ministry Car Wash



Sunday, September 28th 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!

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:

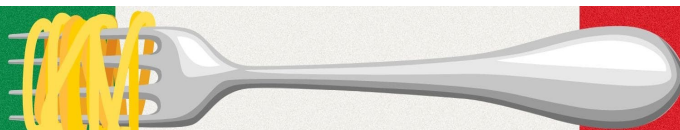
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| 10:30-11:30 | Prayer Service |
| 11:30-12:45 | Information tables, family activities & refreshments |
| 1:00-2:00 | Optional hike at Secret Ravine (map provided); return to SSPP with your pet. |
| 2:30-3:30 | Blessing of the Animals—All creatures 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



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



**SACRAMENTO
LOAVES & FISHES**

The SSPP Loaves & Fishes Ministry is looking for a new Ministry Leader! Holly Upton, a parishioner at St. Joseph Marelo 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.