

*March 1, 2026  
Second Sunday of Lent*

# *SS. Peter & Paul Church*

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# LENT

## *A Time of Grace & Peace*

### ***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 4:00—4:45 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, Feb. 28	5:00 PM	✠	Jeff Palumbo	✠	Steve Cooper
Sun, Mar. 1	9:00 AM	✠	Jeff Pettit	S	Delfin Alega, Jr.
	11:00 AM	S	Community of SSPP	✠	Julieta Pandes Elpedes
	5:00 PM	✠	Jeff Palumbo	✠	Jack & Lorraine Wharton
Mon, Mar. 2	8:30 AM	✠	Aileen Jane Siao	✠	Avra Melendez
Tue, Mar. 3	8:30 AM	✠	Ninh Van Pham	✠	Lindsay Pham
Wed, Mar. 4	8:30 AM	✠	Joye Castorina	✠	Aileen Jane Siao
Fri, Mar. 6	8:30 AM	✠	Lucille & John Gaddis	✠	Joan Estes Klose
Sat, Mar. 7	5:00 PM	✠	Julia Arkus	✠	Christian Pierre Magat
Sun, Mar. 8	9:00 AM	✠	Robert MacDonald	✠	Maria Nieve Moreno
	11:00 AM	S	Community of SSPP	S	Delfin Alega, Jr.
	5:00 PM	✠	Jack & Lorraine Wharton	S	Bayolet Agilar

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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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# March 1, 2026 — Second Sunday of Lent

## ✠ Liturgy 101 ✠

### Blessed



What does it mean when we have something/someone “blessed”? To “bless” originally meant to speak well of someone, but in Scripture and Christian practice it has deeper meanings: praising God, authoritatively calling down God’s grace, or asking God to grant good things.

Blessings can be constitutive (setting something apart as holy, like holy water or sacred objects) or invocatory (asking God’s protection or favor on people, activities, or objects).

Priests have a special role in giving blessings through their priestly authority.

Ultimately, blessings are powerful spiritual acts through which God shares grace, protection, and sanctification with His people.

### Penitential Rite

This ritual serves to mark the Lenten purification of the baptized (Candidates) who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. It is held within a celebration of the word of God as a kind of scrutiny, similar to the scrutinies for the Catechumens. This will be celebrated this Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at the 11:00 AM Mass.



### Annual Catholic Appeal

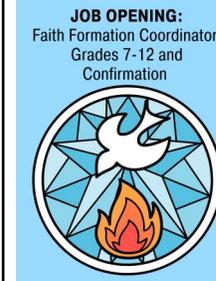
Through the Annual Catholic Appeal we offer ourselves as missionaries of hope to those who suffer in our communities. We may not all work on the front lines of charity, but through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our whole community leans in to help our Catholic charities and our own parish to sustain programs and ministries that help lift our neighbors and friends out of the hardships of poverty.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is dedicated solely to the social mission of the Church here in Northern California. Last year, 630,000 people were helped by Appeal-funded charitable works. Please be as generous as you can. Every gift makes a profound difference in someone’s life.

## STAFF CHANGES & JOB OPENINGS

Kris Dahla and Jen Gordon will be leaving their Faith Formation roles at the end of May to focus on their families. We are deeply grateful for their service to our parish. Currently, we are seeking two people to fill those positions.

SS. Peter & Paul Parish is looking for a full time Faith Formation Coordinator for Grades 1<sup>st</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> & First Communion. This person would be responsible for organizing and developing the faith formation programming for children in 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade and their families, as well as First Communion preparation. Please contact Melissa Terry at [melissa.terry@rocklincatholic.org](mailto:melissa.terry@rocklincatholic.org) for more information.



SS. Peter & Paul Parish is looking for a full time Faith Formation Coordinator for Grades 7<sup>th</sup>– 12<sup>th</sup> & Confirmation. This person would be responsible for the planning, coordination, and implementation of a comprehensive faith program that supports 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in their sacramental preparation and ongoing discipleship. Please contact Melissa Terry at [melissa.terry@rocklincatholic.org](mailto:melissa.terry@rocklincatholic.org) for more information.

**Eucharistic Adoration** *First Friday Benediction, Adoration, and Divine Mercy Chaplet* will be celebrated this Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.

The Rosary is prayed before Mass at 8:00 AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited after each of those Masses. God’s blessings.

### Grow closer to your fellow parishioners this Lent!

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](mailto:kriscowen@hotmail.com) for more information.





# GENERATIONS OF FAITH



## YOUTH & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (Kindergarten—High School)

### Upcoming Youth & Family Faith Schedule:

- Week of March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Classes meet as scheduled
- Week of March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>:** Classes meet as scheduled
- Week of March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>:** Family Formation Sessions (Sunday 3:30 PM, Sunday 6:15 PM & Monday 3:30 PM)
- Week of March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Classes meet as scheduled

### Second Sunday of Lent



*“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”*  
— Matthew 17:5

On this Sunday, we hear the story of the Transfiguration, when Jesus’ friends saw His glory and heard God’s voice. Lent invites us to notice Jesus in our lives and follow Him more closely each day.

### For Families:

Take a few minutes this week to read the Transfiguration story together. Talk about ways your family can “listen to Jesus” through prayer, kind actions, or helping others, and support each other in living Lent with faith.



**\*\*NEW\*\***

### High School Youth Ministry Large Group Prayer Night

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>—Large Group Prayer Night. We’ll meet in the Multipurpose Room and then gather in the church to learn about different types of prayer.



## This Week on Formed Week of March 01, 2026



### Lent and New Life in Christ

What is the importance of almsgiving? Dr. Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life.



### Sts. Perpetua

Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kemp discuss the life and impact of two female martyrs from the third century, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity. Both were beheaded for refusing to renounce their Christian faith.



### The Total Gift: A Katharine Drexel Story

Saint Katharine Drexel chose a life dedicated entirely to serving marginalized communities. Born into a wealthy Philadelphia family, Katharine Drexel used her fortune to challenge societal norms and dedicate her life to education and racial healing.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

### Deus Vocat Retreat (God is Calling):



The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations invites girls ages 13 to 17 to the Deus Vocat Retreat. Join us & consider where God might be calling you: Religious Life, Married Life, or Consecrated Life. Come for a day of prayer, fellowship, games and more!

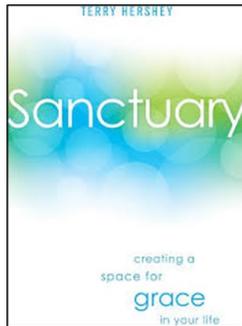
Date: Saturday, April 11, from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.  
Location: Marellio Youth Retreat Center, 6430 Wells Avenue, Loomis  
Cost: \$65

Registration deadline is March 27 (space is limited).  
For more information or to register, please visit [www.scd.org/deusvocat](http://www.scd.org/deusvocat)

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (916) 733-0258 or by email to [msmith@scd.org](mailto:msmith@scd.org).

## Book Club Selection

Our parish book club has selected *Sanctuary: Creating a Space for Grace in Your Life* by Terry Hershey as its next book. The challenges of daily life take a toll in energy, time, and effort. And the space and rest we need to recuperate is usually pushed to the back burner. This book not only defines what sanctuary is but why we need it, where we can find it, and how we can create it as space and habit.



Join us on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM in the Dillon Center for our discussion!



## Fr. Tom Bonacci Online Series STARTS THIS WEEK!

We are happy to welcome the wisdom of Fr. Tom Bonacci, C.P. as he explores the gospel of Matthew in an online (Zoom) series. As you may know, we are in Cycle A Readings for our Sunday Masses and our gospel reading primarily come from the gospel of Matthew. Using his typical wisdom and wit, Fr. Tom will awaken us to the riches in this gospel and how we can apply it to our world today.

Dates: March 4, 11, 25, and April 8  
Time: 1:00-2:30 PM via Zoom  
Suggested Donation: \$25 per person

Register at [www.rocklincatholic.org/bonacci](http://www.rocklincatholic.org/bonacci). These sessions will be recorded and available to all registrants.

## Caregivers Ministry

The Caregivers Ministry meets Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 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 questions or information contact:  
Jo Kellogg at [jo.kellogg@gmail.com](mailto:jo.kellogg@gmail.com) or  
Claire Stroope at [claire@stroope.net](mailto:claire@stroope.net)

## Women's Retreat Registration Opens

Don't miss this year's Women's Retreat! Our theme this year is "Touching the Garment". We will explore the many ways that God responds when we reach out. Questions? Contact Darcy in the parish office.



## 2026 Womens Retreat

# Touching the Hem

May 19-20 2026  
10:00 AM Tuesday - 2:00 PM Wednesday  
Mercy Center in Auburn

### Overnight Retreat Includes

- Presentations
- Discussions & Social Time
- Individual Reflection
- Music
- 4 Delicious Meals
- Private Room

**\$170 PER PERSON**

### Information & Registration

[rocklincatholic.org/womens-retreat](http://rocklincatholic.org/womens-retreat)

Facilitated by Darcy Wharton, Spiritual Director  
& Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation



## 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](mailto:katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org)

## SS Peter & Paul Parish Foundation Scholarship Program



The annual scholarship program for the 2026 academic year is accepting applications through **March 19**. Visit the parish website at <https://rocklincatholic.org/scholarship-applications> to download the 2026 application.

Scholarships are available to students ages 13-26 who will be attending Catholic high schools, two-year and four-year colleges, continuing college students, and trade and vocational accredited schools. See website for details.

**Submit completed applications to the Parish Office during office hours by Thursday, March 19**, or mail them with a postmark date of no later than that date. **Late submissions will not be accepted.**

## Dance and Pray

Join us **Monday, March 9th at 6:30 PM** in **Classroom #1** (close to the Faith Formation Office).



Remember to wear comfortable clothes, shoes/sneakers, and bring water. We'll move, dance, and pray for about an hour. We found out that putting one of those low-cut no-show socks on the bottom of our shoes/sneakers makes it easier to dance on carpet. Remember to bring a pair.

Feel free to invite a friend to Dance & Pray with us! Email Lucia at [luciadanceandpray@gmail.com](mailto:luciadanceandpray@gmail.com) for more information.



food & friendship potluck

## JOIN US FOR THE FOOD & FRIENDSHIP POTLUCK GATHERING MONDAY, MARCH 9th!

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, March 9th. No RSVP is needed and you are welcome to bring a friend.

These fun potlucks are the second Monday of each month. For more information contact Barbara Warmerdam at [barbara.warmerdam@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.warmerdam@gmail.com).

## St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 14  
6:00 PM

Corned Beef Dinner No Host Bar

\$20 per person/\$10 children

Purchase a table of 8 in one transaction and receive a complimentary bottle of wine for the table

RSVP by March 8th

[www.rocklincatholic.org/shamrock](http://www.rocklincatholic.org/shamrock)



ARE YOU MANAGING MONEY  
**GOD'S WAYS**  
OR YOUR WAY?

Improve your life AND your finances!

Join Dave Ramsey's 9-week, *Financial Peace*

**University class in Room 2:** Take control of your money. Retire with dignity. Give generously. Learn how to plan for your future and get on the same page as your spouse (if you have one!)

Starts **Monday, March 2, 2026, at 6:30 PM**. Cost is \$99.99 or \$129.99 (best value).



Register at [www.financialpeace.com/app/classes/1E7968](http://www.financialpeace.com/app/classes/1E7968). Questions? Contact Trudy Rebollo, 916-276-2409.

## Cruising into Spring

*Ladies' Guild Annual Fashion Show*

Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

11:00 AM



Doors open at 10:30 AM  
Timber Creek Ballroom  
7050 Del Webb Blvd. Roseville

**\$40 per person**

Entree choices:

Salmon, Tri-tip, Chicken Piccata  
and Pasta Primavera  
*Dessert is included*

Raffle Baskets    Silent Auction  
Hat Lady    Door Prizes

RSVP by March 29

[rocklincatholic.org/fashionshow](http://rocklincatholic.org/fashionshow)



## LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

In keeping with our Lenten practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, you are invited to participate in a food collection to help those in need.



During the weekend Masses of February 22 through March 22 you will be invited to bring to the altar non-perishable food donations.

### Needed items are:

Peanut butter, jam/jelly, canned fruits & vegetables, canned meats (tuna, chicken, SPAM, stews), kidney, pinto, and baked beans, Cup of Noodles, canned ravioli, chili, energy bars, individually packed pudding, and fruit cups. Grocery gift cards are also welcome.

### A few guidelines for canned goods:

- ✓ Pop-top lids are helpful.
- ✓ Ready to eat soup is preferred over condensed soup which must be mixed and heated.
- ✓ Think portable! Avoid large (Costco) size cans. Normal size cans are easier to transport.
- ✓ Individually packed snacks are a treat.

**Please check the Best By date. We cannot distribute expired food!** Not only homeless but many local families rely on assistance from our food pantry and that of St. Vincent de Paul to make it through the month. Thank you for your generosity!



**FRIDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30  
(AFTER STATIONS OF THE CROSS)**

FISH, CHIPS, COLESLAW, AND ICED TEA

CHILDREN'S MENU:  
FISH STICKS, FRIES, AND ICED TEA

**\$7 ADULTS  
\$5 CHILDREN (10 AND UNDER)**

[ROCKLINCATHOLIC.ORG/FISHFRY](http://ROCKLINCATHOLIC.ORG/FISHFRY)

RSVP BY SUNDAY, MAR. 22  
ONLINE OR IN PARISH OFFICE



## SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A tradition that goes back to the Middle Ages. European pilgrims would travel to the Holy Land to walk the same steps as Jesus did in his final hours. The idea of having stations to represent each part of Jesus' journey came into practice for those who could not travel to the Holy Land themselves.



*The Road to the Cross*

Each Friday night during Lent we offer the devotion of Stations of the Cross at 6:00 PM in the church. Each week features a different approach to the Stations. You are invited to experience them all.

**March 6:** *Walk with Me the Way of the Cross*, presented by L.O.V.E. ministry

**March 13:** *By His Cross, Stations for Young Catholics and Their Families*, presented by Sunday Faith Formation 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class

**March 20:** *Mary, the Mother of Jesus*, presented by Mom's Bible Study

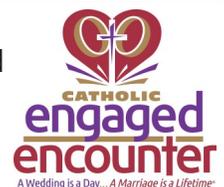
**March 27:** *Shadow Stations*, presented by Middle School students

This devotion is followed by a simple soup and bread supper hosted by students and families in our parish community. The final Friday (March 27) will be a fish fry. Check the bulletin for payment information and RSVP details.

Donations accepted at the soup supper will go to Rocklin & Loomis Kids In Need.



**Getting married or know someone who is?** Sacramento Catholic Engaged Encounter is a weekend marriage preparation retreat for couples being married in the Catholic Church.



**Are you interested in ministering as a couple?** The Engaged Encounter ministry promotes growth and a stronger bond in your own marriage as you help engaged couples build the foundations for their own strong Catholic marriages.

For more information, visit [www.sacee.org](http://www.sacee.org) or e-mail us at [registration@sacee.org](mailto:registration@sacee.org).

# BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Second Sunday of Lent

## First Reading—Genesis 12:1-4

The first 11 chapters of Genesis are referred to as pre-history because they teach truths in parable form. Today we begin the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter which contains stories with identifiable historical roots. The first of these is the call of Abraham, whose original name was Abram.

## Second Reading—2 Timothy 1:8-10

The second letter to Timothy, although probably written some 30 years after Paul's death, was written in his name. This was an acceptable practice at that time. The author, writing as Paul would write if he were alive, encourages the readers in the face of trials.

## Gospel Reading—Matthew 17:1-9

Matthew's account of the transfiguration in today's gospel reading highlights the radiance of Jesus' face and clothing and the brightness of the cloud that overshadows the disciples. This underscores that Jesus, although executed as a criminal, is righteous. As Jesus had told his disciples, at the end of the age "the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." The voice from the cloud reaffirms Jesus' identity as God's beloved Son, upon whom divine favor rests.

Jesus is at a turning point in his mission. There are those who seek his life, as well as those who try to live faithfully God's law that he teaches. On the mountaintop, he is able to see with God's own vision the way forward in faithfulness.

Jesus' transforming experience resonates with that of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr, who on the night before he was assassinated declared that he had been to the mountaintop and had seen the Promised Land. He set aside all fear and assured his followers that even if he were killed, as a people they would get to the Promised Land. God's transformative love radiates through a face determined to love no matter what the other's response.

King urged his listeners to continue to struggle for justice here and now, not only to wait for "long white robes over yonder." So, too, for Jesus, nothing would have been more tragic than to stop with teaching, preaching, and healing in Galilee. To bring transfigured life to completion for all, he continues on toward Jerusalem.

## Micro-Plastics & Our Health



The Care for Creation team at SS. Peter and Paul Church recently hosted retired nutrition professor and registered dietitian, Ginny Kesler-Day, who spoke about the health risks associated with our increasing exposure to microplastics.

Here are some tips taken from a Blue Cross and Blue Shield blog on how to reduce your intake of microplastics:

- Avoid plastic water bottles
- Don't microwave food in plastic containers
- Store food in non-plastic containers
- Replace plastic kitchen items
- Avoid non-stick cookware
- Buy food in metal or glass containers
- Limit single use plastic
- Filter tap water
- Wear clothes made of natural fibers, such as cotton
- Seek plastic-free cosmetics, and menstrual products
- Don't let young children, under 3, play with plastic toys, since they frequently put them into their mouths
- Buy organic produce

Daylight  
Savings  
Time Begins  
Next  
Sunday  
March 8th!



Father of Jesus, through the revelation of the transfigured glory of your beloved Son, strengthen and inspire us to accompany him during our observance of Lent, to Jerusalem. Help us always to follow your command to "listen to him." Amen.