

*March 8, 2026
Third 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, 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
Mon, Mar. 9	8:30 AM	✠	Paula Righello	✠	Anthony D'Alessandro
Tue, Mar. 10	8:30 AM	✠	Dorothy Smotrys	✠	Betty Merchan
Wed, Mar. 11	8:30 AM	✠	Linda Atkinson	✠	Francis Tassinari
Fri, Mar. 13	8:30 AM	S	Jessil Jose	✠	Richard J. Martin Sr.
Sat, Mar. 14	5:00 PM	S	Community of SSPP	✠	Sue Campbell
Sun, Mar. 15	9:00 AM	✠	Jamie Mascola	✠	Ann Kirwan
	11:00 AM	✠	Del Rodgers	✠	Jose Alvarez
	5:00 PM	✠	Jeremy Styles	✠	Bernadin Enriques

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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



March 8, 2026 — Third Sunday of Lent

✠ Liturgy 101 ✠



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16

And He “Became Man”

Why do we bow during the Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed) when we say, “and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.”? We make a profound bow (bow at the

waist) during these specific words of the prayer, in reverence for the incarnation of Jesus Christ. The incarnation of Christ is a central mystery of our Christian faith, as God actually *became* one of us, a human, with all our vulnerabilities, our frailties, our imperfections. And, through his death on a cross, we find our salvation.

First Scrutiny

This weekend, we will be celebrating a marker along the faith journey of our Elect. During the Sunday 5:00 PM Mass, our Elect (unbaptized) will experience the **First Scrutiny**. Using the readings from Cycle A, we encounter **Jesus the living water** as He meets the Samaritan woman at the well.



What are the Scrutinies? The Scrutinies are meant to help the Elect in two ways. First, they come to know their need for God, and thirst more for His life-giving waters. Second, the Scrutinies help heal what is sinful and strengthen what is good. The Scrutinies are also a way for us, the Church, to help support the Elect through our prayers on the final leg of their journey to the font and table.

Serve with a smile



The Welcoming Committee is looking for volunteers to greet parishioners and answer questions at the Welcome Table at **Saturday Vigil Masses**.

This is a wonderful way to meet fellow parishioners and serve our community with a simple smile. Please reach out to Mayra at welcomesspp@gmail.com for more details. Training is provided.

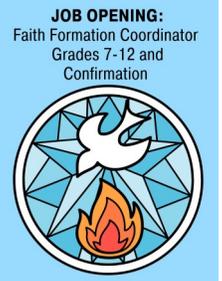
JOB OPENINGS

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Faith Formation Coordinator
Grades 1-6 and
First Communion



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

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



Annual Catholic Appeal



Thank you for helping our neighbors in need through the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Your gifts will make a difference in the lives of those who suffer physical, material, and spiritual poverty. If you have not contributed yet, it's not too late! Donate online at www.scd.org/acagive. Envelopes are also available in the church or parish office. 25% is returned to our parish for our own ministry to people in our community. Your gift matters.

Special Collection THIS Weekend
March 7/8 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!



No Coffee and Donuts This Sunday

Coffee and Donuts will resume Sunday, March 15th!



GENERATIONS OF FAITH



YOUTH & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (Kindergarten—High School)

Upcoming Youth & Family Faith Schedule:

- Week of March 8th & 9th:** Classes meet as scheduled
- Week of March 15th & 16th:** Family Formation Sessions (Sunday 3:30 PM, Sunday 6:15 PM & Monday 3:30 PM)
- Week of March 22nd & 23rd:** Classes meet as scheduled
- Week of March 29th & 30th:** No Classes (Holy Week)

MARCH FAMILY FORMATION SESSIONS:

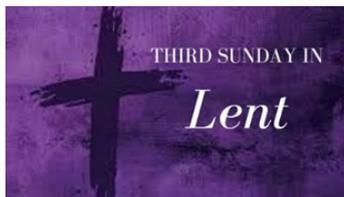
Our March Family Formation Sessions will help us set aside time as a family for prayer of reflection during this liturgical season of Lent. Parents and their students are to attend one of the three Family Sessions together. **Parents, please DO NOT send your child without an adult.**



Choose one of the three Family Sessions to attend:

- Sunday, March 15th:** 3:30 PM in the Social Hall
- Sunday, March 15th:** 6:15 PM in the Social Hall
- Monday, March 16th:** 3:30 PM in the Social Hall

Third Sunday of Lent



“Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst.” John 4:14

On this Sunday, we hear the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus speaks of “living water”; the grace and love only He can give. Lent reminds us that Jesus knows our hearts and invites us to come to Him with our needs.

For Families:

Read the story of the woman at the well together this week. Talk about the ways Jesus fills our hearts, through prayer, forgiveness, and kindness. Choose one small way to share His love with someone else.



High School Youth Ministry Small Groups

The next Youth Ministry Small Group will meet on Sunday, March 15nd from 6:15 PM -7:45 PM in the Multipurpose Room. Hope to see you there!

High School Youth Ministry Meal Sign-Up

For each date/sign up (link below) we ask that you bring food to feed approximately 25-30 teens & volunteers (a “main course,” potentially a side dish depending on the main course, and a dessert of some sort if you wish).

We will provide paper products (plates, bowls, napkins, utensils, etc.) and drinks. Please deliver your meal to the Multipurpose Room at 6:00 PM. We will have someone to meet you and help you set-up. Families are welcome to stay and serve the food, or not. Either way is fine!

Thank you for your support of our High School Youth Ministry Program.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CA4A72BAB9-61860302-high#/>



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



Fr. Tom Bonacci Online Series CONTINUES 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. These sessions will be recorded and available to all registrants.



This Week on Formed

Week of March 08, 2026



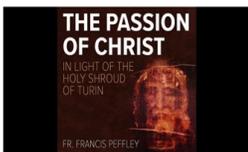
How to Lent

Lent is right around the corner. In How To Lent, you will be guided by priests and religious in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that you can make this your best Lent yet.



St. Frances

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyyear.com/at-home/>.



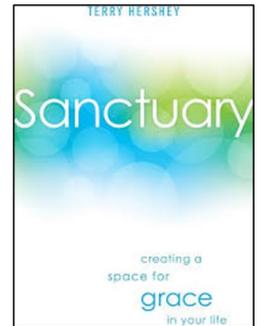
The Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud

The Holy Shroud of Turin was called the greatest relic in Christendom by Pope St. John Paul II. Fr. Peffley presents new, detailed scientific and medical evidence for the authenticity of the Holy Shroud.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

Book Club Discussion THIS WEEK!

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 10th at 4:00 PM in the Dillon Center for our discussion!



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



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

Women's Retreat Registration Opens

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

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 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.

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



Altar Server Appreciation & Training

Are you an Altar Server? Would you like to become one? Join us for some fun, food, fellowship, and, if you are new, training! Sunday March 15 at 12:15 we'll start in the Multipurpose room socializing with some lunch and goodies, do some fun activities, then move to the church for new server training, with the help of our experienced servers.

If you're interested in joining the fun and getting trained as an Altar Server, please RSVP to Angela Loder at angelamloder@gmail.com or (916) 877-4012. Current servers can respond to the message sent out through MSP to place your lunch order. Thank you for serving our parish!



Cruising into Spring

Ladies' Guild Annual Fashion Show

Friday, April 10th

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



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:

16 oz. jars of Peanut butter, jam/jelly, canned fruits & vegetables, canned meats (tuna, chicken, SPAM, stews), canned ravioli, chili, dry pasta & canned pasta sauce, packets of instant oatmeal, complete pancake mix, 24oz. Syrup, Protein bars, and granola bars. Grocery gift cards are also welcome.

A few guidelines for canned goods:

- ✓ Expiration dates should be 2027 and beyond.
- ✓ Ready to eat soup is preferred.
- ✓ Think portable! Avoid large (Costco) size cans. Normal size cans are easier to transport.

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 27TH 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

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



Evening of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an experience of the gift of God's boundless mercy. Not only does it free us from our sins but it also challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us.



There will be an Evening of Reconciliation Tuesday, March 17th at 6:00 PM in the church. Several priests will be available for individual confessions.

Give yourself a chance once again to become whole with God's grace and love, especially if it has been a while since you have experienced this sacrament.

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 13:** *By His Cross, Stations for Young Catholics and Their Families*, presented by Sunday Faith Formation 5th 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.



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading—Exodus 17:3-7

The book of Exodus tells of the Israelites' escape from Egypt and their wanderings in the wilderness. Their trials during that time, the way they faced them, and the way God responded, provided future generations with food for thought whenever they faced difficulties.

Second Reading—Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

In writing to the Romans, Paul is dealing with a community he had not yet visited. Many Roman Christians were converts from Judaism who believed they would be saved by how they lived out the Jewish Law. Paul stresses here, as he does frequently in his writings, that Christians are saved not by the Law, but by faith — faith in what Jesus accomplished by his dying and rising.

Gospel Reading—John 4:5-42

Today's gospel account opens with a tired and thirsty Jesus asking a woman of Samaria for water. Like millions of women who even today spend hours of their day collecting water, the Samaritan woman comes, perhaps for a second time that day, to draw water. Most women would come to the well early in the morning, not at the hottest part of the day.

Most likely the Fourth Evangelist intends the noontime detail to be taken symbolically. In this gospel, light signifies coming to belief, while darkness corresponds to unbelief. In contrast with the preceding story of Nicodemus, who came to Jesus at night, and who is unable to believe, the woman of Samaria comes at the brightest part of the day and will come to full belief. Jesus and the woman enter into a deep theological conversation, laden with symbolism. As often happens in the Fourth Gospel, the two are cast as representative characters for the whole of their people. They begin by speaking of their thirsts, their shared human need, and this enables a conversation by which they can begin to break down the enmity between their two peoples. Elsewhere in the gospel, Jesus speaks of his thirst to draw all people to God through himself and of his desire for all to be one.

The woman's understanding of Jesus progresses from the simple observation that he is a Jew to pondering whether he is greater than Jacob. Another step is her recognition of him as a prophet when he uses the marital metaphor favored by Hosea to speak of the people's relationship with God. Finally, she arrives at the conclusion that Jesus is the Messiah, which she shares with her townspeople in question form, so that they too can enter into the process of discovery that will culminate in faith.

Care for Creation Team Welcomes

Emily Hoffman



Emily Hoffman
Public Information Officer

If you're passionate about sustainability, curious about innovation in recycling, or just want to know how on earth recycling happens in Placer County, this presentation is for you!

Leading Placer County into a Sustainable Future:

Did you know the largest recovery facility in California is in Placer County? The **Western Placer Waste Management Authority** (WPWMA) recovers more recyclable and compostable material than any other facility in the state, all using an innovative mixed-waste collection and processing system, "You Toss & We Sort."

Tuesday, March 24, 6:30–8:00 PM

SS. Peter & Paul Church in Classroom #1

Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services Next Weekend March 14/15



Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide for basic humanitarian needs, protect vulnerable children, reunite families, encourages legislation that reflects the importance of family in society, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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

Placer County Lenten Penance Services

~ All services begin at 6:00 PM ~

- Holy Family—Tuesday, March 10
- St. Joseph, Lincoln—Thursday, March 12
- St. Clare—Tuesday, March 24
- Divine Savior—Friday, March 27