

*March 15, 2026
Fourth 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. 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
Mon, Mar. 16	8:30 AM	✠	Sonia Martires	✠	Peter & Mary Martin
Tue, Mar. 17	8:30 AM	✠	Luz Lorenzo	✠	Jeannie Wilson
Wed, Mar. 18	8:30 AM	S	The Ken Fernandes Family	✠	Debra Harrer
Fri, Mar. 20	8:30 AM	S	Jennifer & Maya Kerecman	✠	Ron Belanger
Sat, Mar. 21	5:00 PM	S	Community of SSPP	✠	Donna Cerullo
Sun, Mar. 22	9:00 AM	✠	Rosemary Jorgensen	✠	Luz Lorenzo
	11:00 AM	S	Precious Quintos	✠	Aileen Jane Siao
	5:00 PM	✠	Rosemary Mlakar	S	Gilpin & Walsh Family

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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 ✠



Laetare Sunday

This weekend we celebrate Laetare Sunday. Laetare is Latin for "rejoice". It is the midpoint of Lent when we are given an opportunity to brighten this penitential season, and focus on

the hope the coming Resurrection of Christ offers us. Though similar to Gaudete Sunday, which is the midpoint of Advent and a time of communal joy and hope in Jesus incarnate, Laetare Sunday is more of a celebration of inner joy and hope in the salvation of Christ's death and resurrection. **Rejoice! Easter is near!**

Second Scrutiny

This weekend, we will be celebrating a marker along the faith journey of our Elect. During the Sunday 9:00 AM Mass, our Elect (unbaptized) will experience the **Second Scrutiny**. Using the readings from Cycle A, we encounter **Jesus the light of the world** as He meets the man born blind.



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.



SS Peter & Paul Parish Foundation Scholarship Program

This is the final week to submit your scholarship application! Visit the parish website: <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 by Thursday, March 19 at 3:30 PM, or mail them with a postmark date of no later than that date. **Late submissions will not be accepted.**

JOB OPENINGS

JOB OPENING:
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.

JOB OPENING:
Faith Formation Coordinator
Grades 7-12 and
Confirmation



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



This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. 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!



No Coffee and Donuts This Sunday

Coffee and Donuts will resume Sunday, March 22nd!



YOUTH & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (Kindergarten—High School)

Upcoming Youth & Family Faith Schedule:

Week of March 15th & 16th: Family Formation Sessions (Sunday 3:30 PM, Sunday 6:15 PM & Monday 3:30 PM) - Please see details below for more information

Week of March 22nd & 23rd: Classes meet as scheduled

Week of March 29th & 30th: No Classes (Holy Week)

Week of April 5th & 6th: No Classes (Easter Week)

MARCH FAMILY FORMATION SESSIONS:

This Sunday (March 15th) and Monday (March 16th) our March Family Formation Sessions will give families a special opportunity to set aside time for prayer and reflection during the Lenten season. We will be walking the outdoor **Stations of the Cross** together.

Important: Parents and their students should attend **one** of the three sessions together. **Do not send your child without an adult.**



Choose one session 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

Fourth Sunday of Lent



"I came into this world so that the blind may see."
John 9:39

This Sunday we hear how Jesus healed a man born blind, bringing light to his life. Lent challenges us to open our hearts to God's light and see with faith. It calls us to grow in trust, courage, and love for Christ.

For Families:

Read the story together this week. Talk about ways your family can notice Jesus' presence and share His light through kindness, prayer, or helping others.



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#/>

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.

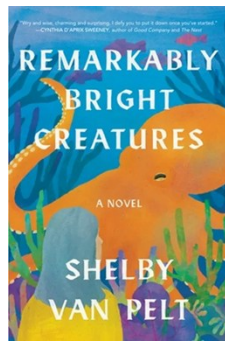
If you're interested in joining the fun and getting trained as an Altar Server, please RSVP to Angela Loder at

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!



Book Club Selection

Our parish book club has selected *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Discover how a widow forms an unlikely friendship with a giant Pacific octopus and together they uncover the truth about her son's disappearance.



This author's debut novel is a gentle reminder that sometimes taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once felt impossible.

Discussion: May 12th at 4:00 PM in the Library Building.

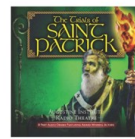


This Week on Formed Week of March 15, 2026



Joseph of Nazareth

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



The Trials of Saint Patrick

The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration.



Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle

Fun-loving Patrick had it easy at his parents' seaside villa. At 16, he thought he had it made for life—that is, until the day riders kidnapped him to nearby Ireland. Now a slave and shepherd, Patrick faced a bleak and uncertain future. To survive, he'd have to conquer cold, hunger, wild beasts, and even worse enemies.

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



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 Continues

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.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

ARE YOU SOMEONE, OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?



We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Katie Maynard at 916-624-5827 ext. 214 or katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org



You are invited to attend the annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Sacramento on Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 PM.

This Mass contains many beautiful rituals of our faith, only encountered on this day. Experience the procession and blessing of the three sacramental oils: Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens, and Sacred Chrism. A portion of each oil is given to each parish to use in the coming year. Also, witness the priests of the diocese gather to renew their promises of Holy Orders. The beauty and symbolism of this Mass will enrich your encounter with Triduum in a meaningful way.

Raffle Basket Donations Needed

The SS Peter & Paul Ladies Guild fashion show - **Cruising into Spring** - is approaching. The Fashion Show Committee is soliciting donations for the raffle basket items.



Parishioners are encouraged to create their own specialty baskets or contribute items suitable for inclusion, such as gift cards, specialty goods (wine, quilts, jewelry, plants, candles, Bath and Body Works products, etc.), or service items (manicures, pedicures, massages, etc.). Monetary donations are also welcome. Donations can be delivered to the Parish Office during business hours. **The deadline for donations is March 23.**

Tickets—\$40 per person—are available for purchase online at <https://www.rocklincatholic.org/fashionshow> **The last day to purchase tickets is April 29.** Hope to see you there!!!

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

RVSP by March 29

[rocklincatholic.org/fashionshow](https://www.rocklincatholic.org/fashionshow)



**Palm/Passion Sunday
March 29**

The Palm Sunday liturgy is a time of adoration, joy, perplexity, despair, and contradiction. The very people who applaud Christ's entrance into Jerusalem, shouting "Hosanna" and words of adoration, at the beginning of Mass, will, by the Gospel reading, be crying "Crucify Him." They will go from acclaiming Him as the new King of Israel to urging His life be traded in favor of a convicted criminal. What a contrast between the green palm branches and the cross, between the flowers and the thorns!

The Liturgical color is red. You are encouraged to wear red to Mass on this weekend. Please join us as we begin our journey towards Triduum and the Easter resurrection.

*Palm Sunday Masses: Saturday 5:00 PM,
Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 5:00 PM*

Note: For the 5:00 pm Sunday Mass the congregation will gather in the southside (Choir) parking lot PRIOR to the start of Mass. Palms will be available as you arrive. Mass begins with a triumphant procession into the church remembering how Christ was welcomed in glory. As the procession moves into the church, we enter more deeply into Christ's betrayal and ultimate sacrifice for us. For the remaining Palm Sunday Masses, the congregation gathers and remains inside the church to commemorate this significant moment in salvation history.

Come join the Ladies Guild for our movie social event! After the meeting on **Monday, March 23 at 9:30 am in the Multipurpose Room**, we will be showing a movie! Pizza, popcorn, salad, and water will be offered, or you can brown bag it.



Fashion show tickets—\$40 per person—are available ONLINE <https://www.rocklincatholic.org/fashionshow> or at the meeting.

Please bring fashion show donations to the meeting, as it is the last meeting before the event.

The fashion show committee would be happy to accept a specialty basket created by a member or items that might go in one of the baskets.

All ladies of the parish are welcome to the meeting and movie event!

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 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 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.

Placer County Lenten Penance Services

~ All services begin at 6:00 PM ~

- St. Clare—Tuesday, March 24
- Divine Savior—Friday, March 27

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading—1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

It is about 1000 B.C., 250 years after Moses brought God's people from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. It took a long time for these people from different tribes to unify as a nation. The turning point came when David became their king. The story of how he was chosen is told in today's reading. Samuel was a venerable old prophet. Jesse was a resident of Bethlehem and had eight sons, the youngest of whom was David.

Second Reading—Ephesians 5:8-14

Ephesus was located on the western coast of what is today Turkey. The Christians there existed in a society dominated by pagan values, which today's reading equates with darkness.

Gospel Reading—John 9:1-41

Today's gospel is about seeing with the heart and about the unlikely leadership of a man who had been born blind. By allowing the works of God to be made visible through him, he becomes able to lead others to faith, even if not all accept his testimony. This same thing can be said of Jesus—he is an unconventional leader in the eyes of other leaders, whose objections and denials end with their refusal to see the works of God being made visible through him.

The man who was blind is open to the simple instructions of Jesus. He allows Jesus to put mud on his eyes, an ancient technique thought to have curative properties, and he obediently goes to the pool of Siloam, washes, and comes back able to see. In the lengthy exchanges that follow, first with his neighbors and then with the Pharisees, the man becomes more and more and more able to see with his heart, understanding more and more clearly who Jesus is, and grows in his ability to lead others to faith.

Jesus, you are the Light of the World. Help us to recognize whatever spiritual blindness still remains in our hearts, to grow in our faith in you, and live as children of the light. Amen.



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.

OFFERTORY GIVING

Offertory Giving 2025-26

	January	
	4 Sundays	Year to Date
Total mass/office offertory	\$ 62,464	\$ 438,397
Total on line offertory	\$ 31,985	\$ 216,385
Total offertory	\$ 94,449	\$ 654,782
Offertory Budget	\$ 90,129	\$ 642,049
Budget variance	\$ 4,320	\$ 12,733

January included some Christmas Offertory
Thank you for your continued support!
Any amount you can give is greatly appreciated.

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