

*August 23, 2026
The Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

SS. Peter & Paul Church

4450 Granite Drive - Rocklin, CA 95677
916-624-5827 - www.rocklincatholic.org



**I will give you
the keys to
the kingdom
of heaven.**

Matthew 16:19

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

Christian Initiation

For adult individuals interested in becoming Catholic or for those over six years old who have not received Baptism, call Ext. 214.

Sacrament of Matrimony

We welcome inquiries from engaged couples!
Please call Ext. 201 for information

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.

✠MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK✠

Sat, Aug 22	5:00 PM	✠	Cezar Dan G. Malig, Forest Bergman	✠	Eve Ross
Sun, Aug 23	9:00 AM	✠	Sharon Rodda	✠	Maria Monreal
	11:00 AM	✠	Mary Jumbert	S	Community of SSPP
	5:00 PM	✠	Raymond Chance Wilkins	S	Perry & Gilpin Families
Mon, Aug 24	8:30 AM	✠	Jeanette Campbell	✠	Romero Mannel
Tue, Aug 25	8:30 AM	S	Peri & Stephen Holladay	S	Chris Terry
Wed, Aug 26	8:30 AM	S	Kathy Crew	✠	Manuel Pinga
Fri, Aug 28	8:30 AM	✠	Cezar Dan Malig	✠	Manuel Barcelone
Sat, Aug 29	5:00 PM	S	Rosalina Bobiles	S	Carley, Sierra, & Austin Niski
Sun, Aug 30	9:00 AM	✠	Sharon Rodda	✠	Amelia Navarro
	11:00 AM	✠	Gary Nail	S	Elvira Kellison Family
	5:00 PM	✠	Annmarie Jessil	S	Community of SSPP

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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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✠ Did You Know? ✠



The Books

Did you know...
there are three (3) books we use
regularly during a Sunday Mass?

- Roman Missal – Used by the priest celebrant during the Mass. This book is typically laid on the small table between the priest's chair and an altar server. This book contains the official prayers, chants, Eucharistic prayers, and instructions for a priest to celebrate Mass. It also includes the rubrics (printed instructions) that guide the celebrant on actions, gestures, and movement during the liturgy.
- Lectionary – Used by a lector (a person who reads the scripture readings and proclaims the Word during Mass) and/or cantor. This book contains the first & second readings, the Responsorial Psalm, and the Gospel reading. The cantor typically sings the Responsorial Psalm from a separate book with music notes. Here at SS. Peter & Paul, the Sunday Gospel reading is read from a separate book.
- Book of the Gospels – Used by the priest celebrant or deacon during the Mass. This book only has the Gospel readings for Sunday Masses. This book is always enthroned in a place of honor during the Mass, whether on the Altar of Eucharistic sacrifice, or on the front of the ambo.



Special Collection THIS Weekend August 22/23 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:

- Additional lighting for the Church
- New Flooring for the Church
- 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!

Job Opening: Coordinator of Christian Initiation

We are looking for a part-time
Coordinator of Christian Initiation.
This position is 20 hours per week and
will include some evenings, weekends,
and holidays.



The Coordinator of Christian Initiation oversees the entire OCIA process for adults, teens, and children.

Full job description and application can be found online at
www.rocklincatholic.org/employment-opportunity or contact
the Parish Office at parishoffice@rocklincatholic.org



Seeking New Board Members

The SS. Peter & Paul Parish
Foundation is seeking two to three
new board members! Appointed by
Father Renier, board members
serve a three-year term overseeing

the parish scholarship program and advising Father on the
Michael J. Dillon Endowment.

To learn more about the Foundation, please visit the
parish website at rocklincatholic.org/scholarships.

If you are interested in serving or have questions, please
email scholarshipssp@gmail.com to receive a detailed
list of board responsibilities. The application deadline is
August 31.

Prayer for Vocations

Almighty God, please open our minds and
hearts to your light and truth as we
discern and fulfill our vocations according
to your will. May the intercession of our
Blessed Mother guide us in our vocations to the
priesthood, religious life, marriage, and family life.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Coffee and Donuts Hiatus

The Coffee and Donuts ministry is
taking a break for summer! Check the
bulletin for their return in the Fall.



GENERATIONS OF FAITH



YOUTH & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 1st–6th Grade & 7th Grade–High School

Have you registered your children for Faith Formation/Sacrament Preparation?

It's not too late to register for our 2026 – 2027
Youth & Family Faith program!
Grades 1st – 12th and Sacrament Preparation

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 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM or by appointment.



NOTE: Classes are first come, first served. Spaces are filling quickly! Classes will 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 Melissa Terry (melissa.terry@rocklincatholic.org) or Alison Bean (alison.bean@rocklincatholic.org) for specific sacrament preparation questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 1ST – 8TH GRADE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY:

Are you looking for a way to get involved in our parish community? Are you willing to share your time and faith with the children and youth of our parish? If so, our Faith Formation Team would love to talk with you about how you can become involved and support the Youth & Family Faith program. We have a well-established program, but it cannot be successful without the support of volunteers! Training, materials, and support are provided. If you are interested or would just like to learn more, please contact Melissa Terry or Alison Bean in the Faith Formation Office or visit the website www.rocklincatholic.org/volunteers



On Fire! September 12th:

Calling all high school students! Join us for **On Fire** on **September 12th**! An exciting day with teens from across the Diocese featuring faith, fellowship, and fun at **Six Flags Discovery Kingdom**. This is a great opportunity to grow in your faith, meet other Catholic teens, and enjoy an unforgettable experience together.

To participate, **students must be registered in the High School Youth Group**. If you haven't registered yet, be sure to complete your registration so you can be part of this awesome event. We hope you'll join us for this incredible day!



This Week on Formed Week of August 23, 2026



The Confessions of St. Augustine | Littlest Saints

A child, a sinner, a saint. Join us as we share the story of St. Augustine, tailored to our children, as he wrestles with God and comes to the faith.



Feast of Saint Monica | Catholic Saints

Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss this great Saint.



Restless Heart

This film on the life of St. Augustine offers a message of conversion and redemption. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.

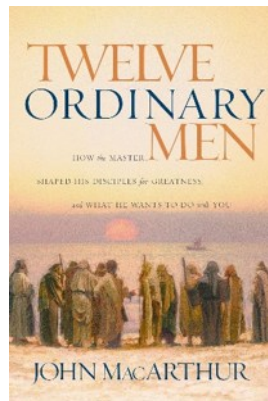
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Book Club Choice

Our next book club selection is **Twelve Ordinary Men** by John MacArthur. The author takes you into the inner circle of the disciples --their selection, their training, their personalities, and their incredible impact.

In *Twelve Ordinary Men*, you'll learn that disciples are living proof that God's strength is made perfect in weakness. As you get to know the men who walked with Jesus, you'll see that if he can accomplish his purposes through them, he can do the same through you.

Join us for the discussion on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 4:00 PM in the Library building.



Thursday Night Bible Study

Interested in an evening Bible Study?

You are invited to consider joining the Thursday Evening bible study which is open to men and women. This year, they have chosen to do a Lectio Divina style study.

Each week, a book from scripture will be chosen and they will uncover what it means to us today. No preparation will be required prior to attending each week.

This group runs from September to May and will begin on Thursday, September 24th at 6:30 PM in Room 10.

For questions, contact:
Erin Gracia at graciaerin@gmail.com or
Larry Levin at (925) 548-2645.

Women's Bible Study begins in September

This year, our Women's Bible Study group will be mainly focused on the Acts of the Apostles. This group utilizes an inductive study method which is a hands-on way to read and understand Scripture by looking at specific details before making general conclusions. It relies on three core steps: observation, interpretation, and application.

The group will begin on **September 16th** and will meet on **Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 AM**. You will be taught by a team of supportive facilitators. All are welcomed- even if you've never participated in a bible study!

Contact Denise Freiheit (denise@libertyholding.com) if you have any questions. To register for the class, visit www.rocklincatholic.org/womens-bible-study or contact Darcy in the parish office. There is a \$10 materials fee.



Parishioner Connie Arkus will lead a discussion introducing us to a few women of Scripture. No previous bible study experience required!

Thursday, August 27th
9:00 AM or 6:00 PM (Your Choice!)
Multipurpose Room

Kindly RSVP by August 25th

rocklincatholic.org/women-in-scripture or
call Darcy at (916) 624-5827 ext. 211



Mom's Bible Study

Are you a busy mom who is looking to grow your faith? Mom's Bible Study will be studying the Gospel of Matthew using the *Lifeguide* book format starting this fall - preparation is minimal but the discussions are always fruitful! Our first gathering will be **September 17th** and we will meet weekly **9:30 - 11:00 AM** in Classroom 1 throughout the school year. This group is facilitated by Jen Payan, an experienced facilitator.

Visit <https://www.rocklincatholic.org/moms-bible-study> to register and receive more information.

Cuddle, Play, Serve!

Interested in a fun volunteer opportunity that includes holding babies and playing with littles?

Mom's Bible Study is looking for two volunteers to provide childcare on Thursday mornings from 9:15 AM – 11:15 AM for our littlest parishioners. Help is needed September through May, with holiday weeks off.

Please contact Darcy Wharton at darcy.wharton@rocklincatholic.org if you are interested.



Childcare Needed



What is AI, Artificial Intelligence?
How is it affecting our world?
Why should we care?

In September, October and November, SS Peter and Paul Care for Creation Ministry will be taking a deeper look at **AI**.



Mark your calendars now!

Thursday, September 3, 6:30 PM, Room 1

Join us as we begin a discussion on what AI is, the good and the bad. We will look at ways that we are already using AI. We will also begin exploring what Pope Leo has to say regarding Protecting Humanity.

Thursday, October 15, 6:30 PM, Multipurpose Room

We will have a speaker discussing large data centers and the impact they might have on our environment and our energy supply.

Catholics Returning Home



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Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Have you been away from the church for a while?

All are welcome to attend our 4-session Catholics Returning Home program which will be held Sept. 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 6:00 PM. All questions are welcome and you will walk away feeling more comfortable at Mass and in our parish community.

To register, contact Darcy via email at darcy.wharton@rocklincatholic.org or stop by the parish office.



Caregivers Ministry

The Caregivers Ministry meets Wednesday, September 2nd from 12:00-1:30 PM in Room #1 of the classroom buildings.

If you provide 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. All denominations are welcome!

For questions or information contact:
Jo Kellogg at jo.kellogg@gmail.com or
Claire Stroope at claire@stroope.net



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SS Peter & Paul CHILDREN'S CHOIR!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

PSALM 100:1

DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

The SS Peter & Paul Children's Choir is a fun, faith-filled ministry where children learn beautiful music, make new friends, and praise God through song!

YOUR CHILD WILL:

- Learn and improve music skills
- Build confidence and friendships
- Grow in faith through music
- Sing at Mass and special masses
- Use their gifts to praise God!

WHO
Ages 9 and up

WHEN
Rehearsals are every other Wednesday from 5:00pm to 5:45pm

WHERE
In the church

WE SING
The choir will sing at one Mass once a month and some special masses.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:
Janine D'Angelo
916-599-4087
yote3562@sbcglobal.net

We'd love to have you join us!

HELP YOUR CHILD DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

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First Reading—Isaiah 22:19-23

In eighth century Jerusalem, God speaks through the Prophet Isaiah who is told to address a problem. The “master of the palace” – the equivalent of a secretary of state – was a man named Shebna. God says that he is to be demoted because he used this office for his own advantage. Today we will hear a description of what the investiture of Shebna’s successor, Eliakim, will look like.

Second Reading—Romans 11:33-36

Today’s reading concludes the part of Paul’s letter to the Romans in which he agonizes over the fate of Jewish people who have not accepted Christ. In the end, Paul simply leaves the matter in God’s hands, and concludes with a hymn that talks of the mysterious ways of Divine Providence. You will notice that the ending of this hymn is similar to the way we end every Eucharistic prayer.

Gospel Reading—Matthew 16:13-20

The question Jesus poses in today’s gospel is not a pop quiz for the disciples. The scene may reflect Jesus’ own development in understanding his identity and mission. First he asks his disciples about how others perceive him. Then he presses the disciples for their own response. Peter, the spokesperson for the group, rightly declares, “You are the Christ” (*christos* in Matthew’s Greek, which means “Messiah” or “anointed”).

This is a term used in the Old Testament for one who is set apart by God for particular service, such as kings, priests, and prophets. That Jesus is *christos* is not a new revelation in Matthew’s Gospel. But in the verses that follow (16:21-27, which we will hear in next Sunday’s gospel), we hear that Jesus’ messiahship entails suffering and death.

As Jesus’ identity emerges and solidifies, so too does that of Peter. Verses 17 to 19 are unique to Matthew, with a wordplay on the name *Petros*, “rock,” in Greek. Jesus exalts the emerging rocklike faith of Peter and of the whole community of disciples whose identity is tied up in that of Jesus. Just as the disciples’ naming of Jesus as “Messiah” and partnering with him in his messianic mission enables him to embrace all that being the “anointed” one entailed, so too Jesus’ identification of the believing community as “rock solid” brought forth that quality in them. Likewise, we are invited to let Jesus and our faith community call forth our deepest identity as followers of the anointed, whose solidity is sure.

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DATE

Friday, August 28, 2026



TIME

8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.



LOCATION

St. Mary Cemetery and Funeral Center
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Sacramento, CA 95820

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- Embalmer
 - o Full Time
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 - o \$19.00 - \$25.00 per hour
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 - o Full Time
 - o Calvary, Citrus Heights & St. Mary, Sacramento
 - o \$17.00 - \$24.00 per hour
- Funeral Service Director
 - o Full Time
 - o St. Mary, Sacramento
 - o \$17.00 - \$21.00 per hour
- Grounds Crew
 - o Full Time
 - o St. Mary, Sacramento
 - o \$22.32 - \$24.80 per hour
- Liturgy Coordinator
 - o Full Time
 - o St. Mary, Sacramento
 - o \$22.00 - \$26.00 per hour
- Parish & Community Outreach Coordinator
 - o Full Time
 - o St. Mary, Sacramento
 - o \$25.00 per hour

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Beware of Fraudulent Emails!

We have received information that some parishioners have received an email supposedly from Fr. Renier asking if you have time to communicate. **These are fraudulent emails.** Please ignore and delete them!

A staff member will NEVER send an email with a statement such as "are you available to chat?" The sender is trying to lure you into purchasing gift cards which they will then keep.

If you have any questions, please contact us in the parish office.



ANNUAL DINNER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

TICKETS ON SALE

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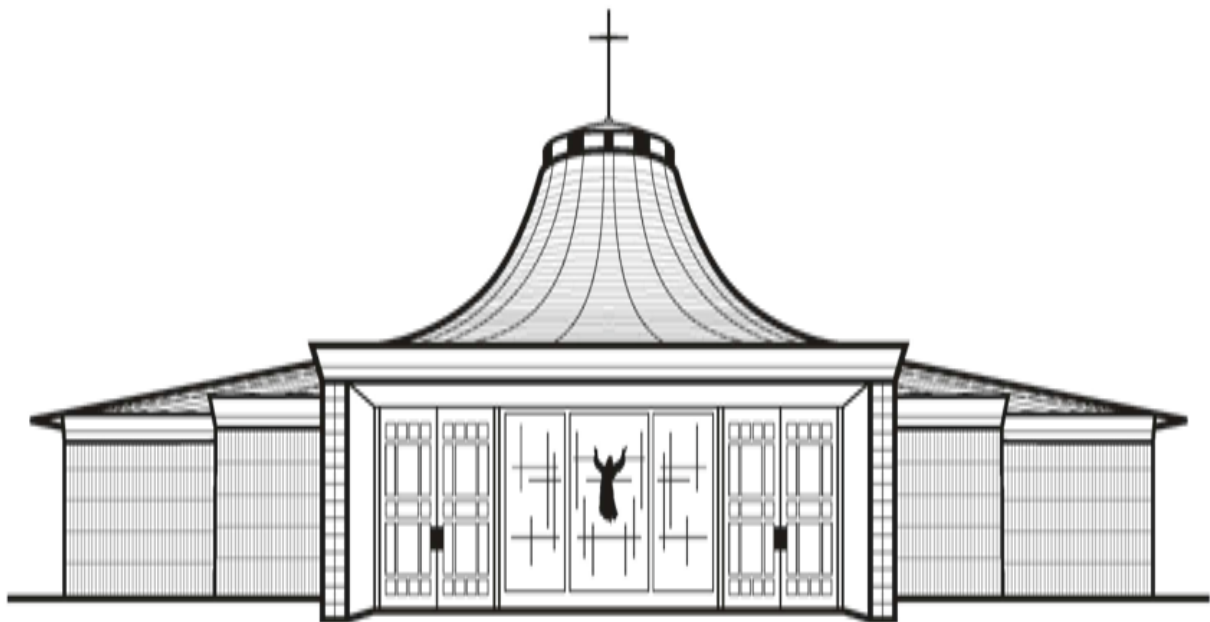


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