



CHURCH OF ST·PETER
Roman Catholic Community

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's
daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28



The Holy See

POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE

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Catechesis: “To heal the world” - 1. Introduction

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

The pandemic continues to cause deep wounds, exposing our vulnerability. On every continent there are many who have died, many are ill. Many people and many families are living a time of uncertainty because of socio-economic problems which especially affect the poorest.

Thus, we must keep our gaze firmly fixed on Jesus (see Heb 12:2): in the midst of this pandemic, our eyes on Jesus; and with this faith embrace the hope of the Kingdom of God that Jesus Himself brings us (see Mk 1:5; Mt 4:17; CCC 2816). A Kingdom of healing and of salvation that is already present in our midst (see Lk 10:11). A Kingdom of justice and of peace that is manifested through works of charity, which in their turn increase hope and strengthen faith (see 1 Cor 13:13). Within the Christian tradition, faith, hope and charity are much more than feelings or attitudes. They are virtues infused in us through the grace of the Holy Spirit (see CCC, 1812, 1813): gifts that heal us and that make us healers, gifts that open us to new horizons, even while we are navigating the difficult waters of our time.

Renewed contact with the Gospel of faith, of hope and of love invites us to assume a creative and renewed spirit. In this way, we will be able to transform the roots of our physical, spiritual and social infirmities and the destructive practices that separate us from each other, threatening the human family and our planet.

Jesus’s ministry offers many examples of healing: when He heals those affected by fever (see Mk 1:29-34), by leprosy (see Mk 1:40-45), by paralysis (see Mk 2:1-12); when He restores sight (see Mk 8:22-26; Jn 9:1-7), speech or hearing (see Mk 7:31-37). In reality, He heals not only the physical evil – which is true, physical evil – but He heals the entire person. In that way, He restores the person back to the community also, healed; He liberates the person from isolation because He has healed him or her.

Let’s think of the beautiful account of the healing of the paralytic at Capernaum (see Mk 2:1-12) that we heard at the beginning of the audience. While Jesus is preaching at the entrance to the house, four men bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus. Not being able to enter because there was such a great crowd there, they make a hole in the roof and let the stretcher down in front of Him. Jesus who was preaching sees this stretcher coming down in front of Him. “When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, ‘Child, your sins are forgiven’” (v. 5). And then, as a visible sign, He adds: “Rise, pick up your mat, and go home” (v. 11).

What a wonderful example of healing! Christ’s action is a direct response to the faith of those people, to the hope they put in Him, to the love they show that they have for each other. And so, Jesus heals, but He does not simply heal the paralysis. Jesus heals everyone, He forgives sins, He renews the life of the paralyzed man and his friend. He makes him born again, let’s say it that way. It is a physical and spiritual healing, all together, the fruit of personal and social contact. Let’s imagine how this friendship, and the faith of all those present in that house, would have grown thanks to Jesus’s action, that healing encounter with Jesus!

POPE FRANCIS CONTINUED

And so, we can ask ourselves: today, in what way can we help heal our world? As disciples of the Lord Jesus, who is the physician of our souls and bodies, we are called to continue

“His work, work of healing and salvation” (CCC, 1421) in a physical, social and spiritual sense.

Although the Church administers Christ’s healing grace through the Sacraments, and although she provides healthcare services in the remotest corners of the planet, she is not an expert in the prevention or the cure of the pandemic. She helps with the sick, but she is not an expert. Neither does she give specific socio-political pointers (see St Paul VI, Apostolic Letter Octogesima adveniens, 14 May 1971, no. 4). This is the job of political and social leaders. Nevertheless, over the centuries, and by the light of the Gospel, the Church has developed several social principles which are fundamental (see The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 160-208), principles that can help us move forward in preparing the future that we need. I cite the main ones which are closely connected: the principle of the dignity of the person, the principle of the common good, the principle of the preferential option for the poor, the principle of the universal destination of goods, the principle of the solidarity, of subsidiarity, the principle of the care for our common home. These principles help the leaders, those responsible for society, to foster growth and also, as in the case of the pandemic, the healing of the personal and social fabric. All of these principles express in different ways the virtues of faith, hope and love.

In the next few weeks, I invite you to tackle together the pressing questions that the pandemic has brought to the fore, social ills above all. And we will do it in the light of the Gospel, of the theological virtues and of the principles of the Church’s social doctrine. We will explore together how our Catholic social tradition can help the human family heal this world that suffers from serious illnesses. It is my desire that everyone reflect and work together, as followers of Jesus who heals, to construct a better world, full of hope for future generations (see Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii gaudium, 24, November 2013, no. 183). Thank you.

I greet the English-speaking faithful. Upon you and your families I invoke the joy and peace of the Lord. And please remember to pray for me. May God bless you!

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Yesterday in Beirut, near the port, there were massive explosions causing dozens of deaths, wounding thousands and causing serious destruction. Let us pray for the victims, for their families; and let us pray for Lebanon so that, through the dedication of all its social, political and religious elements, it might face this extremely tragic and painful moment and, with the help of the international community, overcome the grave crisis they are experiencing.

Summary of the Holy Father’s words:

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In responding to the grave challenges caused by the present pandemic, we Christians are guided by the wisdom and strength born of the virtues of faith, hope and love. As God’s gifts, these virtues heal us and enable us in turn to bring Christ’s healing presence to our world. They can inspire in us a new and creative spirit to help us face today’s deeply rooted physical, social and spiritual infirmities and change the unjust and destructive behaviors that threaten the future of our human family. Today the Church seeks to continue the Lord’s healing ministry, not only to individuals but also to society as a whole. She does this by proposing a number of principles drawn from the Gospel, which include: the dignity of the human person, the common good, the preferential option for the poor, the universal destination of goods, solidarity, subsidiarity and the care for our common home. In coming weeks, I will reflect on these and other themes of the Church’s social doctrine, confident that they can shed light on today’s acute social problems and contribute to the building of a future of hope for coming generations.

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FAITH FORMATION 2020-2021

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" John 10:10

This is the theme of our Parish, School and Faith Formation catechetical year 2020-2021. We strongly desire to assist children and families to grow abundantly in the catholic faith. Despite the continued uncertainties related to COVID and the upcoming school year, **we are happy to announce that registration for 2020-2021 Faith Formation will be open from Monday, August 17, 2020.**

After thorough consideration of the many varied factors, including class and space sizes as well as the developmental needs of the children, **it has been determined that monthly in-person classes supported by take-home resources and activities will best promote the health safety of our community while still providing high quality education of our faith.**

We are invited to view the necessary modifications to the usual calendar as an opportunity to grow in **Family Faith Formation**, as the focus of our catechists is expanded from just the child to a broader scope that includes parents and caregivers toward God's call to know Him better and go deeper in our relationship with Him.

PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER:

Friday, September 18, 7-9pm for Faith Formation classes grades 6, 7, and 8
Wednesday, September 23, from 6-7:30, for all CGS students: preschool through grade 3
Wednesday, September 30, for Faith Formation classes grades 4 and 5 and Confirmation (grades 8-12)

CLASSES WILL START IN OCTOBER.

We plan to continue this schedule of monthly in-person classes for the duration of the school year.

A full calendar will soon be made available on the website
but here is a quick breakdown of the plan:

1st Wednesdays of every month (October - May)

- CGS preschool & kindergarten class is offered at 4:30 and 6:00pm
- CGS grade 3 class is offered at 4:30 and 6:00pm
- Confirmation at 6pm

3rd Wednesdays of every month (October - May)

- CGS grade 1 and 2 class is offered at 4:00 and 6:00pm
- Faith Formation grades 4 & 5 at 6-7:30pm

Faith formation grades 6, 7, 8:

- Meetings two Fridays every month, 7-9pm
- St JP II Society = TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

High School Youth Group will meet on Thursdays, 6-8pm

RCIC students (children between age 8-18, preparing for the Sacraments of Confession and First Communion) **will meet weekly, day and time to be determined**

FAITH FORMATION 2020-2021 CONTINUED



Great care will be taken to ensure that current public health safety guidelines from the Archdiocese are followed at all times. This includes, but may not be limited to, the sanitization of spaces and items before and after classes, the use of masks while in the building, and avoiding activities that may increase the risk of COVID transmission.

To register your child for a class, **please visit the Education page of our website.**

New this year: registration, payment, and consent forms will all be collected electronically via the form on the webpage. If at any time you need assistance, find something not working, or would prefer to register in person, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer: jgreger@stpetersnsp.org or 651-779-8304.

We are looking forward to the new Faith Formation year and are excited to see all that God has planned for us! Please join us in praying for the children of our parish, their families, for the catechists, and for our Faith Formation program - that all will be open and receptive to how the Holy Spirit guides us during this school year and that we learn to depend on and love God more and more every day.

Fr. Stefano, Faith Formation Coordinator Fr. Ettore, Pastor Barb Waldorf, CGS Coordinator
Jennifer Greger, Faith Formation Assistant

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you would like to receive the Eucharist. Please call the parish office to setup a visit on Thursdays between 9-12. One of the Priests or Deacon Bob will call you that day to let you know what time.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Henry Cecka whose funeral was celebrated this past week.

VICTIM/SURVIVOR ASSISTANCE

PROMISE TO **PROTECT** - PLEDGE TO **HEAL**
A SAFE PLACE TO COME FORWARD
ARCHDIOCESE VICTIM ASSISTANCE: 651-291-4475

RCIA

- Our parish has made plans for RCIA instruction sessions to begin again this Fall. It is important to continue to provide instruction and sacramental preparation for those who want to join the Catholic Church or for Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, or Confirmation.

Please contact the parish office (651-777-8304) to seek more information or to have Nick and Peggy John call you back for an initial meeting.



WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for
Kayla Chuhel and Crawford McDowell
who were married this weekend.

Parish Social Event this Fall



Parish Social Event on **September 20, 2020**. The entire event will be hosted outdoors, under tents.

We will have a food truck, beer and wine, corn hole tournament, raffle tickets, jumbo TV for Vikings game (if there is a season) and the main entrée would be a pulled pork sandwich with corn on the cob and a side dish of Cole slaw.

We will also be looking for volunteers for various activities, including help in set up and clean up as well as preparation and distributing the meals. Please watch for further updates or sign up to help. Please contact Kari Erpenbach at kerpenbach@stpetersnsp.org or Jeff Peterson at jpeterson@stpetersnsp.org.

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER CONTINUES WITH THE REOPENING OF THE ADORATION CHAPEL

-In these times of COVID, it is important for each visitor to be personally responsible for following safe hygiene protocol and archdiocesan guidelines.

-Because of the uncertainty of the future, the chapel is subject to be closed without previous notice as the religious and civil authorities might request.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS FOR AUGUST: TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Weekends CLOSED

- **A maximum of TWO adorers at a time. Remember social distancing.**
- **Please sign up online www.churchofstpetersnsp.org/Adoration or call at 651-777-8304 to make a reservation.**
- **Please come at the hour you have signed up for. Each adorer will remain in the chapel for one hour. You may be able to remain past one hour if the time slot is open. Any questions please call the Liturgy Coordinator Patti Teachout at 651-777-8304 ext. 6142 pteachout@stpetersnsp.org**
- **PLEASE COME BACK AT A DIFFERENT TIME IF THE LIMIT HAS BEEN REACHED.**
- **Do not move the chairs.**
- **Use only the material you bring in to adore.**
- **Any forgotten items or papers will be removed and trashed daily.**
- **Books, Bible, and other items are temporarily removed from the chapel.**
- **Restroom is NOT available at this time.**
- **Please disinfect surfaces that you touch before you leave.**
- **Wearing a face covering in the adoration chapel is an example of collaboration between the Church and public officials.**
- **The maintenance personnel and priests will sanitize the chapel three times a day.**

Dear Adorers you have decided to adore Christ in the adoration chapel out of your own free will. Please be respectful of guidelines and other adorers. The Church of St Peter commits wholeheartedly to adore Jesus Christ, and at the same time respects the safety and health of the adorers.

May God bless you abundantly at this time! Pastor, Fr. Ettore Ferrario, FSCB

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of August 16 - August 23, 2020

Sunday:	8:00 AM	Church of St. Peter
	11:00AM	†Nicole Anderson
	6:00 PM	†Glenn O'Kane
Monday:	8:00 AM	†Nicole Anderson
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	†Eric Nordling
Wednesday:	8:00 AM	†Sam Gibson
Thursday:	8:00 AM	†Mae Jordan
Friday:	8:00 AM	†Peggy Turcott
Saturday:	8:00 AM	†Lindsey Weller
	4:00 PM	†Deacon Bob O'Connor
Sunday:	8:00 AM	†Donald Buehre
	11:00 AM	†Deceased CWA Members
	6:00 PM	Church of St. Peter

Mass Schedule

Monday thru Saturday 8:00 AM

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4:00 PM

Sunday, 8:00 AM, **11:00 AM Live streaming Mass**,
6:00 PM

Confession/Adoration:

Thursday, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Confession Only:

Saturday, 9:00-11:00 AM

Readings for the week of August 16, 2020

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-2

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

As of August 9 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021

Collected for Week: Envelopes & Plate	\$9,250.
Collected for Week: Electronic Giving	\$7,876.
Total Amount Collected for Week	17,126.
Amount Budgeted for Week	\$16,658.
Collected to Date: Stocks & Special Gifts	\$117,424.
Budgeted to Date: Stocks & Special Gifts	\$121,843.
Percentage Above (or Below) Budget	-3.63%
Amount Above (or Below) Budget	(4,419.)

Current Fiscal Year Capital Improvement Fund balance after the HVAC project is

Donations Received as of August 9, 2020:

\$64,489.27

Thank you for Supporting St. Peter Parish!

Please consider donating online to help us continue our ministries. To donate online, click "Donate Now" on our parish website or go to giving.parishsoft.com/stpetersnsp.org or try our new text to give option, text "Give" to 651-240-6260.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The Second Collection will be for the Parish Diakonia Fund. The Diakonia Fund is set up in our parish to help those in need of assistance with food, gas, rent or utilities. We serve those in our parish and in the North St. Paul area. If you would like more information on the Diakonia Fund, please contact Jeff Peterson at jpeterson@stpetersnsp.org. Please give generously.

**Parish Office will be Closed on
Friday, August 21, 2020
For parish staff retreat.**

