

April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter



**Saints Peter and Paul
Catholic Church**

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Pastor

Rev. Ricky V. Ordóñez

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Ukeyima Adams, V.C.

Deacons

John Keating Ackerley

Tom Campbell

Paul Duckro

Daniel F. Flanagan Jr.

MASSES:

Saturday-5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday-7, 9, 11a.m., 1 & 6 p.m.

DAILY MASSES:

Mon-Fri-7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Church
Saturday-7:00 a.m., Church

CONFESSIONS: (Sacrament of Reconciliation)
Saturdays: 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Church

ADORATION/BENEDICTION:

Mondays-7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.
Fridays-6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS

Last Sunday of each month.
Parents: contact Parish Office to begin the
preparations.

MARRIAGES

Please call the Parish Office six months in advance.
We want to help you prepare for your marriage.

School Principal—Nora Jaramillo 520-325-2431
1436 N Campbell Ave.

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Deacon Daniel F. Flanagan Jr. 520-327-6015
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Eileen "Tweety" Gerrish 520-429-2078
Respect Life Ministry—Jody Gregston 928-210-4394
St. Vincent de Paul—Santiago Rangel 520-327-6015

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 04/21

MASSES-7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Church

1st Grade Class Mass-9:00 a.m., Church

Monday 04/22

MASSES-7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Church

ADORATION & BENEDICTION-7:30-8:30 a.m., Church

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL-6:30 p.m., Madonna

Tuesday 04/23

MASS-7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Church

MILLIONS OF MONICA'S-1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., Church

Wednesday 04/24

MASS-7:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m., Church

Thursday 04/25

MASS-7:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m., Church

Friday 04/26

MASS-7:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m., Church

ADORATION & BENEDICTION-6:00-7:00 p.m., Church

Saturday 04/27

MASS-7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Church

CONFESSIONS-10:30-11:30 a.m., and 3:30-5:00 p.m., Church

Sunday 04/28

MASSES-7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., Church

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Saints George & Adalbert
Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen
Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Saint Mark
1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER World Day of Prayer for Vocations

- 04/20 SAT. **5:30 p.m.** Special Intention
 †Carolyn Murray
- 04/21 SUN. **7:00 a.m.** SSPP Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. †Carol Deiters
 11:00 a.m. Marcy Lemas
 1:00 p.m. Special Intention
 6:00 p.m. †Judith Macheon
- 04/22 MON. **7:00 a.m.** Aurelio Torrech
 12:00 p.m. Special Intention
- 04/23 TUE. **7:00 a.m.** †Ben Callaway
 12:00 p.m. Special Intention
- 04/24 WED. **7:00 a.m.** †Bill Breault, Sr.
 12:00 p.m. †Susan Rittenhouse
- 04/25 THU. **7:00 a.m.** Mario Luis Acosta
 12:00 p.m. †Dottie Stolp
- 04/26 FRI. **7:00 a.m.** †Frank Wang
 12:00 p.m. †Maureen DeDecker
- 04/27 SAT. **7:00 a.m.** †Ronnie DeDecker



LIVE THE MISSION WITH A GENEROUS HEART

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. Saints Peter & Paul is at \$55,937 which is 70% towards our parish goal of \$79,500. To date 99 parish families are participating in the Annual Catholic Appeal. We have a participation goal of 234 families and hope everyone will help us achieve this goal.

If you have not yet responded to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, please do so now using the white ACA envelopes available in the church pews, text ACA to 41444, or visit www.cathfnd.org/donate

TIMES OF REFRESHING Fr. Ricky V. Ordóñez

WE ARE ALL SHEPHERDS TO OUR FLOCK. BUT, ARE WE “GOOD”? Today we celebrate GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – a moment for us to reflect on how we care for our flock. In order to begin our reflection, let's figure out what our flock is to us. Answer? Everything! It consists of members of our families – individually and collectively. Beyond them, we find ourselves being part of a greater “family” of co-workers, friends for whom we also show concern and care. Yes, we should consider them part of our flock!

Now that we have figured out the scope of our FLOCK, let's see how we can be “good” to them by first finding out our motivation for them to succeed – LOVE! Therefore, let's ask ourselves, “What should I do to ensure their good health (physical, mental, emotional, SPIRITUAL, etc.)?” Right? How? Let's go!

In our day and age, many tend to think that being “good” means that we accede to every wish and demand that people make of us. Inwardly we may want to see that everyone get what they want; however, what if we figure out that what they want may not be good for them? Often I struggle with this thought and sometimes I have to go through the more difficult path – to say “NO” when I have to. Yet if we truly love our “flock”, then we need to do what is in their best interest. In essence, this is how to be “GOOD”. Some kind of “tough love” – if it is necessary!

Annual Catholic Appeal Update: As of this writing, we have reached 70+% of our goal. Let's continue to pray about our participation in what our Diocese needs to fund.

THE HEART AND ART OF GIVING FEEDBACK! I love feeding birds! I finally figured this out when I review pictures I have taken after a trip and I always believed that I was doing the birds a favor when I fed them. When I was pastor in Payson, AZ, I would go to the little lake in town and would bring some stale bread to feed the migratory birds and ducks. One time, as I was feeding them, an older gentleman approached me and said that I shouldn't be doing that as it wasn't natural and it would deter them to find sustenance from nature. Immediately, I saw the logic and stopped. And then the clincher came as he continued, “You people....!”, followed with very condescending and hurtful words. He didn't have to say all of that as I had shown understanding to what he was saying. For me, while it was a lesson learned did it have to come with an unnecessary “bitter pill to swallow”?

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We receive letters of complaint from parishioners and it can be about anything – our homilies are long, our English isn't good enough, the music is bad, the sound system is bad, some lights are busted, our accents cannot be understood, **we are not as good as our predecessors**, they didn't agree with what we said (mostly they didn't understand what was meant), etc. and **WE** are the cause why there are less people coming to church. Furthermore, we are constantly told that Ss. Peter and Paul Parish is not what it used to be. The letters are mostly unsigned and come from people who claim to have been parishioners for 40 years or so and mostly with threats of leaving the parish. Do they honestly believe that all these comments would inspire and encourage us to do better? We are also human beings – who get hurt, who at times question our own abilities, who struggle and try to adapt to the culture of a country very much different from ours and more. Yet, we willingly left our families, friends, culture and all the comforts of our homes to come to the United States and serve the Church – YOU! And, yes, we are not perfect! And, yes, we have a lot more to learn, **but we stay – year in and year out** – hoping that, someday, we can do better and are “**good enough**” for the people we serve in our parish.

Giving FEEDBACK is very important, but shouldn't it be done in a spirit of LOVE and COMPASSION leading to inspiration and encouragement? My late grandmother would always admonish us, “*It is not what you say, but how you say it.*” Do we want positive results? Then, let us choose our words wisely.

***Peace be with you! No matter what,
we still love you!***

Finance Corner



Fiscal Year July 1, 2023- Present

Budget YTD:	\$ 394,585
Income YTD:	\$ 387,143
YTD Deficit:	\$ (7,442)
Sunday Collection 04/14/24:	\$ 9,626
Online Donations 04/14/24:	\$ 1,391
Total Collection 04/14/24:	\$ 11,017
Adopt-A-Student:	\$ 1,486

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Saints Peter and Paul.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.



Prayer for Vocations

God, our Creator,
Life is Your gift to me.

Through Baptism, You invite me to
share the gift of my life in service
to others.

I ask LORD, "Who will be Your Priest,
Deacon, Brother, Sister, Missionary,
Lay Minister? Is it I?"

Give me the courage and generosity to respond
to Your love, to Your call.

Give those you have called to the married and the
single state the graces their lives require. I
pray especially for those who serve You as
Religious. Keep them close to You.

This we pray through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Our Walking With Moms ministry is gearing up for another Baby Drive in May. This time collections will benefit the Christ Child Society of Tucson, who donate layette boxes to moms with newborns. We're asking parishioners to donate only size 0-3 onesies and sleepers as well as hooded bath towels and washcloths. A baby crib will be set up near St Joseph for donations the first 2 weeks in May.

Are you, or is anyone you know, feeling regret, grief, or sadness following abortion? Come and receive God's love and mercy, and emotional and spiritual healing on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat the weekend of May 10-12 here in Tucson. Call Theresa Small at 520-743-6777 to register.



CONTINUE THE TRADITION

Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School is a community dedicated to nurturing spiritual growth, strengthening moral values, and developing academic excellence.

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School is now accepting enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year. We have openings in all grades and Scholarships are available to apply. For an in person tour please call Mrs. Kimberly Triphan, Admissions Coordinator, at 325-2431 ext. 102. Come see our beautiful campus and all that we have to offer.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our SSPP
8th grade and Religious
Education students who received
the Sacrament of Confirmation on
April 17th. Please continue to keep the students and
their sponsors in your prayers.

Mandatory Reporting Information Safe Environment

In accordance with the Mandatory Reporting law of the State of Arizona, all employees and volunteers are responsible to immediately report reasonable suspicion of the abuse of any vulnerable person/minor, regardless of the source of the abuse. For Diocesan information please visit <https://diocesetucson.org/our-call-to-protect-1>.

Law Enforcement: 9-1-1 or the local Law Enforcement Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS): (888) 767-2445 Arizona Adult Protection Service: (877) 767-2385 Diocese of Tucson OCAAP: (520) 838-2513 or (520) 838-2500

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