



# St. Mary's Catholic Church



• STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES •

**I WILL GIVE  
YOU THE KEYS TO  
THE KINGDOM.**

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions

**6-29: Malta - 10:30 A.M:** For all Parishioners

**Saco— 12:30 P.M. :** Repose of Fred Allery /b Darlene & Bruce Cummings

**Dodson— 8:30 A.M. :** Repose of Fr. Dan O'Rourke r/b All Parishes

**6-30: Malta— 8:30 A. M. :** Jack Miller r/b Deb Sjosstrom

**7-1: Malta - 8:30 A.M. :** My Family r/b Lana Fortin

**7-2: Malta— 8:30 A.M. :** Repose of David Williamson /b Brenda & Dave Rummel

**7-3: Malta - 8:30 A.M.:** Repose of Clarence & Lee Stevens r/b Darlene & Bruce Cummings

**7-4: Malta: - 8:30 A.M.:** God Bless America

**7-5: Malta -5:00 P.M.:** Repose of Ludwig Murr r/b Brenda & Dave Rummel

## Confession Schedule

Fr. Felix will be in the Confessional at St. Mary's Church **Friday's 9:00-10:00, Saturday from 11:00 A.M.—Noon;** and by appointment.

## Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

**Every Friday from 9 to 10 AM** after Daily Mass.



**Contact Fr. Felix for Home Visits, Distribution of the Sacraments, Home Blessings and Counseling of any type.**

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Women

Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

## Daily Scripture Readings

**6-29: Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles;** Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Psalms 19:2-5; Galatians 1:11-20; John 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11; Psalms 34:2-9; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-1

**6-30: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church;** Genesis 18:16-33; Psalms 103:1-4, 8-11; Matthew 8:18-2

**7-1: St. Junípero Serra, Priest;** Genesis 19:15-29; Psalms 26:2-3, 9-12; Matthew 8:23-27

**7-2: Wednesday in the 13th week of Ordinary Time;** Genesis 21:5, 8-20; Psalms 34:7-8, 10-13; Matthew 8:28-3

**7-3: St. Thomas, Apostle;** Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalms 117:1-2; John 20:24-29

**7-4: Independence Day;** Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Psalms 106:1-5; Matthew 9:9-13

**7-5: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal;** Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Psalms 135:1-6; Matthew 9:14-17

**7-6: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time;** : Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalms 66:1-7, 16, 20; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

**Saturday Evening - 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday—Dodson—8:30 a.m.**

**Malta - 10:30 a.m.**

**Saco— 12:30 p.m.**



## New to the Parish?

Welcome! We're glad you will be joining us. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. You may bring it by the parish office or send it to us.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

You may also use this form for a change of address. Thanks!

## Sacraments

**Confessions:** See page 2 of this week's bulletin for schedule or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Normally celebrated at weekend Masses. Parental sessions are required.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please contact Fr. Felix as soon as possible for anointing.

**Marriages:** Six month couple preparation period required. Please meet with Fr. Felix before scheduling marriage date.

## Please Pray For

Emily Robinson, Ramona Kienenberger, Brian Shevlin, Dianne Salsbery, Ann Enya, Darlene Kolczak, Bob Kaluza, Cindy Davis, Jack Stenswick, Tammy Peterson, those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Jim Robinson, David Williamson, Lee Stevens, Marie Phillips, Anita Green, Helen Mears, Lynn LaBrie, Leo Woods, Myrtle Hould, Digger Hanson, the poor souls in purgatory and for the comfort and peace for their families.

Anyone who needs to have prayers said for someone can call Dianne Salsbery 654-4675. Names will be listed in the bulletin for one month unless specified.

# Gospel Meditation

## Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles

### Matthew 16:13-19

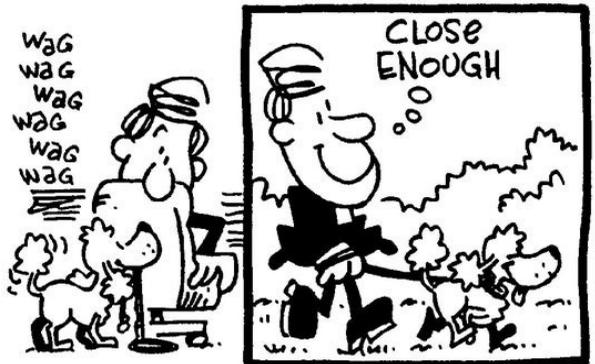
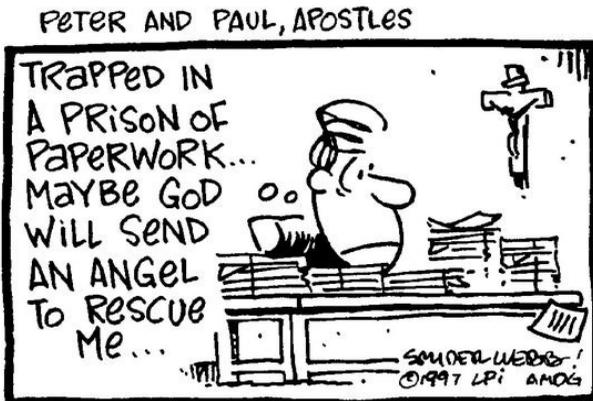
What do you call brothers who are born on the same day? Twins, of course. That is what we celebrate today in the inestimable saints, Peter and Paul. Wait: twins? Yes. The early Church believed that Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome on the same day. Since the day of martyrdom is celebrated as a saints' birth into eternal life, the result is striking: Peter and Paul are twins in God's family, the Church.

Who should care about this? Well, anyone who longs to live in a world marked by love and peace. Remember, the Romans believed that twins, Romulus and Remus, founded their city through an act of fratricide, the former murdering the latter. Sadly, the structures of this fallen world emerge through violence between those who should love each other. But in the Church, a new city has been founded upon this new set of twins, embodying the non-violent power of Jesus' cross and resur-

rection.

That's why traditional icons represent Peter and Paul in a fraternal and warm embrace. Contrasted with the violence of Rome's founders, it challenges us with a bold claim: do we believe that structures of merciful love are more powerful and lasting than those based on power, violence, and domination? Am I willing to see others in my life as my "twin," with whom I am called to give my life for Christ, or as my rival? Am I committed to living what is embodied in Romulus and Remus, or in Peter and Paul?

— Father John Muir



## Fr. Felix

The solemnity of Peter and Paul (C): Act 12:1-11; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the feast of saints Peter and Paul, whom the Church fittingly Honors together as the twin pillars of our faith. Peter, the humble fisherman from Galilee, and Paul, the fiery Pharisee turned apostle, they were united in one Lord, one mission, and ultimately, one martyrdom for the Gospel.

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus ask His disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" And it is Peter who steps forward with that bold confession: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus responds with those immortal words: "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." Peter was not made the rock because of his perfection. In fact, we know Peter's weaknesses, his spontaneity, his fear, even his denial of Christ on the night of the Passion. But what makes Peter a rock is not his strength but his repentance and fidelity. Jesus sees in Peter the one who, having been forgiven much, will love much.

The first reading from Acts shows Peter imprisoned, bound in chains, and yet miraculously delivered by an angel. This

physical liberation is a symbol of the deeper spiritual freedom Peter found in Christ. Despite the threats of kings and prisons, Peter became the steadfast leader of the early Church, a shepherd who laid down his life for the flock.

In the second reading, we hear Paul writing from prison in Rome, near the end of his life: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Unlike Peter, Paul did not walk with Jesus during His earthly ministry. His encounter came later, a blinding encounter with the risen Christ on the road to Damascus. That one moment changed everything. The man who once hunted Christians now became the greatest missionary the Church has ever known.

In his sufferings, Paul reveals to us that apostolic authority is not about power or prestige, it is about being poured out as a libation, spending oneself entirely for the sake of the Gospel. He brought the good news to the Gentiles, founded churches across the Roman world, and wrote letters that continue to nourish the Church's theology and spirituality today.

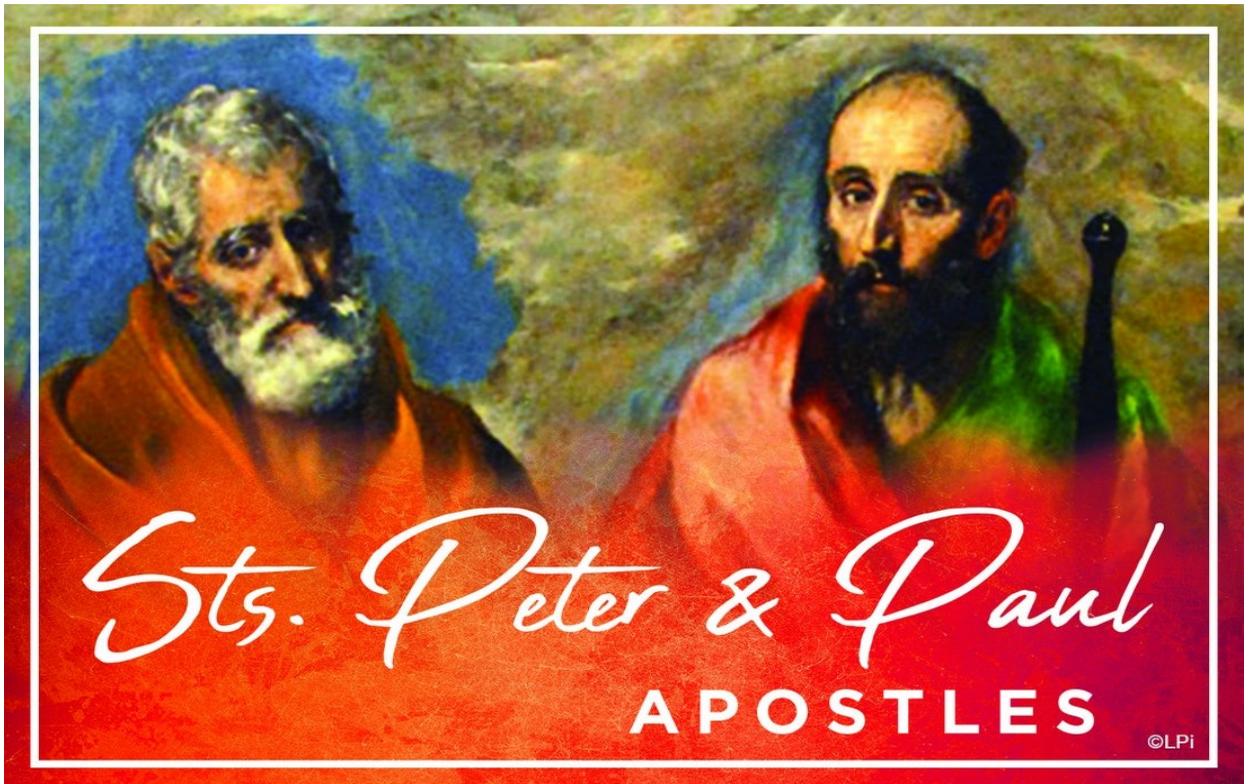
What unites Peter and Paul, besides their

martyrdom in Rome is their deep love for Christ and their total commitment to His mission. Peter represents the structure of the Church, the shepherd who guards the flock; Paul represents the missionary drive, the voice crying out to the nations. And yet both men knew their strength came not from themselves, but from the Lord. Paul writes: "The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed."

Brothers and sisters, the lives of Peter and Paul are testimonies of divine grace of what God can do when a heart says "yes."

This feast is not just about honouring saints of the past. It is a call to live the same faith today. Like Peter, we may fall but we must rise again in the mercy of Christ. Like Paul, we may face opposition, but we must keep running the race.

Today, as we celebrate the lives of these two giants of faith, let us renew our own commitment to the Gospel. Let us ask their intercession that we, too, may be built into living stones in the Church of Christ, and be poured out in love for the sake of His name, Amen.



## Announcements for June 29 , 2025

- **July 6th is Patron Saints Day at the Sacred Heart Church in Dodson. Mass will be at 12:30 p.m. and Saco's Mass will be at 8:30 a.m.**
- **Vacation Bible School will be July 14-17. Check the bulletin for more information. Application forms are in the back of the church. There are only 30 slots available. Please have applications in by the end of the week. All campers will need to bring a sack lunch.**
- **The new Lay Ministry Schedules are in the back of the Church.**
- **Everyone have a Happy and Safe 4th of July. God Bless America!**



### UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS – St. Mary's

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Event/Details</b>	<b>Contact</b>
July 14-17	Vacation Bible School	Brenda Rummel

## Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of having Masses celebrated for those we offer up in prayer. The Mass is the ultimate form of prayer, and each Mass is celebrated for an intention. We ask \$10.00 per mass intention.

Please consider having Masses celebrated

for family and friends on special occasions and anniversaries, as well as those who are in need of prayers. Masses are also encouraged in memory of those loved ones who have died, especially on the anniversaries of their deaths. Please contact Fr. Felix for more information.

# Offering

## Sacrificial Giving for 6-22-2025

### 6-22-2025

Malta:	\$2,803.50
Dodson:	\$247.00
Saco:	\$N/A

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# (Practicing) Catholic

## BENEATH THE SURFACE

**Mini Reflection:** People have a lot of opinions about God. But when the world asks, “Who do you say that Jesus is?” We know the answer. Will we speak up?

### *Some Say*

At first, the Apostles try to dodge the question.

When Jesus confronts them — and make no mistake, it is a confrontation — with the question “Who do you say that I am?” they act like a man whose wife has just asked him if she looks fat in these jeans.

The evasiveness of their answer puts politicians to shame: “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

### *Some say.*

But Jesus doesn’t let them off easy. He repeats himself. He wants an answer. “Who do you say that I am?”

They all know the answer. They all believe the answer. And they all know the answer could get them thrown in prison or killed. Only Peter is brave enough to say it: “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”

People have a lot of opinions about God. They always have. They have a lot of opinions about Jesus and the Bible, about the Catholic Church and the Pope. Some of these opinions are well-founded, well-researched. Some of them are based in ignorance. Many are born of painful misunderstandings. But they are all just that: opinions.

### *Some say.*

We know who Jesus is. We know who the Eucharist is. We know what the truth is. Amid the chaos and the violence and the excruciating loudness of this fallen world and all the words it shouts into the void about God and Jesus and right and wrong, *we know*.

But will we answer?

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# Catholic Q&A

## St. Paul Conversion

### Question:

January 25 is the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul and the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. What does one have to do with the other?

### Answer:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity consists of eight days beginning January 18 (at that time the feast of the Chair of Peter), and ending on January 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, founded in the early twentieth century in Graymoor, NY, sought to promote unity among Anglicans and Roman Catholics. Paul James Wattson, a former Episcopalian priest, founded the community, which was formally accepted into the Catholic communion.

The idea for Christian unity soon began to catch on, and by the 1930s, more and more

Christians welcomed such a focus. Suggestions for prayer and education are distributed each year, emphasizing a jointly chosen theme. The 1964 Vatican II document on ecumenism, *Unitatis Redintegratio*, gave a great boost to the octave, so that today many Christians worldwide promote and participate in the octave time of prayer.

The emphasis on both Peter and Paul aptly fits into the rationale of the octave. Peter is seen as the source of unity within the Christian tradition. Paul is highlighted due to his vision of bringing all to Christ. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ideal opportunity to pray for and promote respect, understanding, and, hopefully, eventual unity among Christians. To learn more, visit [geii.org](http://geii.org).



4TH OF JULY

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