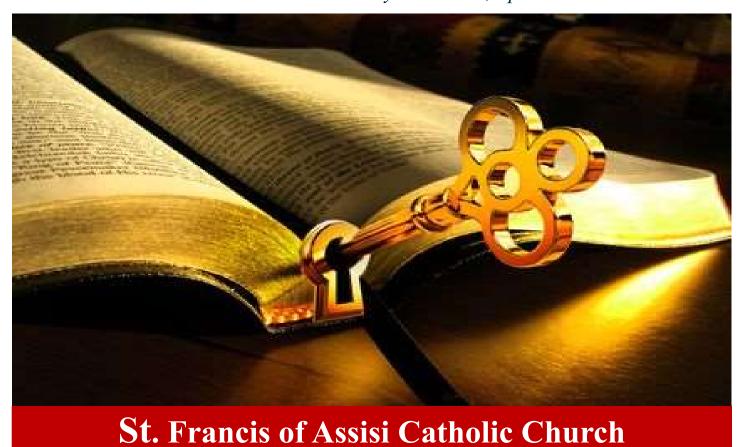
# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Solemnidad de san Pedro y san Pablo, Apóstoles



# **CLERGY**

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# **CHURCH OFFICE**

Monday: Closed

TUESDAY - FRIDAY: 8AM TO 4PM

SATURDAY: 9AM TO 5PM

SUNDAY: CLOSED

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY: 4PM

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday - Friday

Daily Noon Masses

TUESDAY: 12:30PM-7PM
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY: 6:30PM

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN

SATURDAY: 4PM OR BY APPOINTMENT:

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: MASS 5PM (ENGLISH)

SUNDAY: MASS

9AM (ENGLISH), 11:30AM (BILINGUAL),
5PM (ESPAÑOL)



### Saturday, June 28

♦ 5pm: Lena Pantaleoni †, Kenneth Berg † and Mike Jackson †

### Sunday, June 29

- 9am: Dean Perry †
- ♦ 11:30am: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ 5pm: Por los parroquianos vivos y difuntos de San Francisco de Asís

#### Tuesday, July 1 - Friday July 4, at Noon

- ◆ Tues: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ Wed: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ◆ Thurs: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ◆ Fri: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm

### Saturday, July 5

◆ 5pm: Joe and Alicia Guzman (50th Wedd. Anniv.), Jeff Sperbeck †

### Sunday, July 6

- 9am: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ 11:30am: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ 5pm: Por los parroquianos vivos y difuntos de San Francisco de Asís

# THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

June 22, 2025

Mass Offerings	\$ 5,495
Online Giving Offerings	\$ 3,097
TOTAL	\$ 8,592

# **Catholic Services Appeal**

Please join us in reaching our goal to support our greater catholic community!



Cash and checks are welcomed in the Front Office.
Thank you for supporting CSA.

# CLASE DE BAUTISMO

Miércoles 9 de Julio, 6 - 8PM

Por favor NO NIÑOS y PUNTUALES!

ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be on the weekend of (July 5-6) after each Mass

LA UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS será para el fin de semana de (Julio 5-6) después de cada Misa



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June 2025, Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our participation in the Peter's Pence Collection is an important way in which we support the Body of Christ universal. This collection benefits the operational and charitable work of Pope Leo XIV and the Holy See. These charitable works are particularly important as he reaches out to our brothers and sisters who are marginalized or suffering throughout the world. By supporting this collection, you assist our Holy Father in his apostolic ministry and in bringing the mercy of God the Father to the world.

Pope Leo XIV calls all of the faithful to be part of the Church's effort to provide for the needs of the poor, continuing the tradition of the early Christians. Your support strengthens the charitable power of the Church to help victims of war, natural disasters, and mission efforts in impoverished dioceses and places. Your contributions and sacrifices act as examples of Christ's mercy through the Pope as pastor of the whole Church, attentive to the needs of the world.

Please prayerfully consider how you can best support the Peter's Pence collection this year. Your donation is an indispensable work of evangelization, humanitarian assistance, and social promotion, continuing St. Peter's ministry for God's people. For more information about the collection, please visit <a href="https://www.usccb.org/peters-pence">www.usccb.org/peters-pence</a>.

With every best wish and an assurance of prayers, I remain,

+ Clariel Wheregunberg

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg

Bishop of Reno

We are excited to announce that our beloved tradition of **Wine and Nibbles** will kick-off **Saturday, June 14**, following the **5pm mass**. This time of fellowship will continue every Saturday evening through the conclusion of the **last Saturday mass in September**.

Your help is greatly needed this year! If you or someone you know is interested in hosting one of these Saturday evening gatherings, please reach out to **Nini Buhler at <u>kbuhler1@verizon.net</u>** 

We also warmly welcome other ministry teams to join as hosts. This short-term commitment is a fantastic opportunity to meet new parishioners, reconnect with old friends, and strengthen our community in a joyful setting. Thank you for considering this meaningful way to contribute to our parish life!



# Breakfast at the Beach!

All women are invited to join us for a casual breakfast to enjoy God's beautiful creation, contemplate God's Word and share in fellowship at Burnt Cedar Beach.

#### Dates are:

Thursday, July 10th 8am Thursday, August 7th 8am

Bring your own morning beverage, a lite breakfast will be provided.

# RSVP to Jill Mulcahy

so we can get an approximate count for food. If you do not have a IVGID card please let us know and we will provide punch card access.

The Blanket Ministry was a success as they had their first open knitting class for parishioners, all who were able to join had a wonderful time. Thanks for your participation and look forward to the next session! Next meeting is scheduled on July 15 at 3:30pm.

For more info please contact
Julie Cromwell at
jrcromwell114@gmail.com

In preparation for the upcoming parish Synod on Saturday, September 27, many of you assisted the pastoral council by providing your feedback on the emergent needs and opportunities here at St Francis. The pastoral council has incorporated your feedback into prayerful discernment, reflection, and dialogue over the past two months.

We're happy to announce that our parish Synod will center on the topics of unity and formation, which people seemed most

interested in. The pastoral council expects that the precise theme for the Synod will crystallize over the next month, with an announcement to follow.



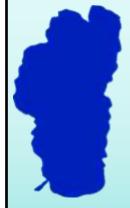
# Save the Date!!!

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community Presented by the Knights of Columbus

14th Annual Golf & Giggle Fun-Raiser Tournament Monday September 15th, 2025







Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), with the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation (TTCF) and several community-based organizations have launched a regional housing survey as part of an updated assessment of housing needs.

We encourage your participation. The survey is in English and Spanish for anyone who lives and/or works in the region. Please stop by the table in the gathering area to complete a survey.

La Agencia de Planificación Regional de Tahoe (TRPA), junto con la Fundación Comunitaria de Tahoe Truckee (TTCF) y varias organizaciones comunitarias, han lanzado una encuesta regional sobre vivienda como parte de una evaluación actualizada de las necesidades de vivienda.

Le animamos a participar. La encuesta está disponible en inglés y español para quienes viven o trabajan en la región. Por favor, acérquese a la mesa en el área de reunión para completarla.



# **Religious Education and Confirmation Information Nights for Parents**

Please join us for ONE of these meetings if you want to learn more about Religious Education and Confirmation programs, which will start in September 7. Sessions will break out into an English and a Spanish group.

You only need to attend one of the meetings which begin at 7:00 pm: Wednesday, July 9th, Wednesday, July 23rd, or Tuesday, August 5th Please bring your child's baptismal certificate and \$90! NO CHILDREN PLEASE.

**EVERYONE HAS TO RE-REGISTER!!!** 



### Noches de Educación Religiosa y Confirmación Informativas para Padres

Acompáñenos a UNA de estas reuniones si desea obtener más información sobre los programas de Educación Religiosa y Confirmación, que comienzan el 7 de Septiembre. Las sesiones se dividirán en dos grupos: uno en inglés y otro en español.

Solo necesita asistir a una de las reuniones que comienzan a las 7:00 pm:
Miércoles 9 de Julio, Miércoles 23 de Julio o Martes 5 de Agosto.
¡Por favor, traiga el certificado de bautismo de su hijo/a y \$90! NO NIÑOS PORFAVOR.

**TODOS TIENE QUE VOLVER A REGISTRARSE DE NUEVO!!!** 

# Help Make a Difference

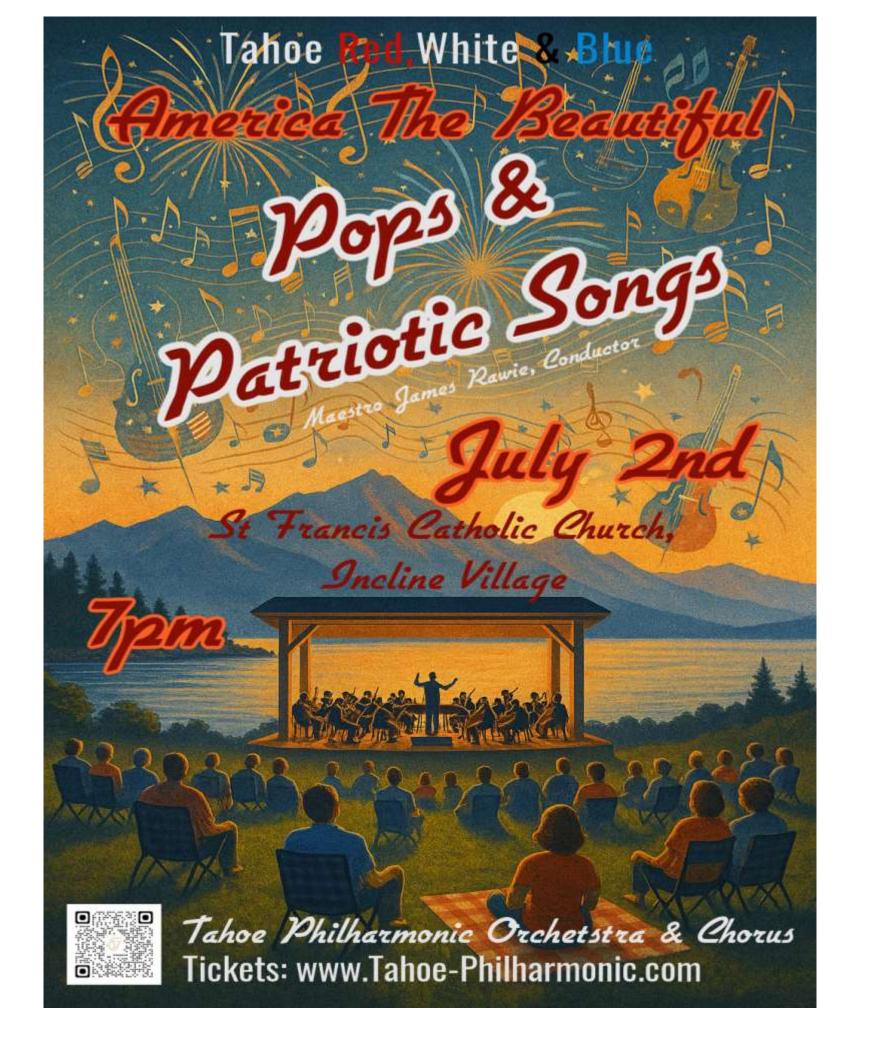
St Francis of Assisi Women's Ministry has a wonderful opportunity to assist those less fortunate in the Reno area. We ask every woman in our parish to please consider this opportunity to help those less fortunate.

We are partnering with Catholic Charities to distribute food at their Farmer's Market, every 3rd Friday of the month from June - September, from 12 -3 pm.

If interested in participating, please sign up for a date(s) as follows:

June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19

To sign up or get more information, please contact Renee Lagorio-French or text Renee at 1-925-381-9537





# Bishop Mueggenborg's Gospel Reflection Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles June 29, 2025

Our scripture passage comes from the Gospel of John 21:15–19. In this passage, we first read about the Risen Lord directing the work of the disciples as they fish. Then we read the challenging dialogue between Jesus and Peter in which our Lord commissions him to be the chief shepherd of Christ's flock. The image of fishing was traditionally used in scripture to describe the missionary activity of the Church while the image of shepherding was equally used to describe the pastoral activity of the Church. This passage is rich in meaning, therefore, and offers some important details for our consideration as disciples who are responsible for both the missionary and pastoral ministries of the Church today.

One of the important clues in understanding this passage is found in the symbol of the charcoal fire which is at the heart of this reading (see Jn 21:9). This is an important detail because the last time the disciples were around a charcoal fire was in John 18:18 when Peter denied Jesus three times. Now, Peter would have a chance to affirm his love for Jesus three times around a similar charcoal fire. Jesus did not want Peter to be defined by his failure or to allow his denial to be the only thing Peter thought of every time he saw such a fire. Rather, the Lord wanted to give Peter another opportunity to be a faithful friend and disciple. In providing this new opportunity, Jesus allowed Peter to redeem his failure by once again renewing his love and commitment to the Lord.

This symbol of the charcoal fire helps us to interpret what takes place throughout this chapter of John's Gospel and to understand both the actions of fishing and shepherding as expressions of God's redeeming work in us and through us to the world. Certainly, Peter was grateful for the opportunity to be redeemed by Christ's love and in his obedient and grateful love he could be both a great missionary and a great pastor. When we fail the Lord, and others, we are oftentimes given opportunities to redeem our failure and demonstrate our love and fidelity just as Peter did.

In God's great mercy, the Lord not only leaves the door open for our conversion but even sets us up with opportunities and invitations to pursue it. When we understand that ministry opportunities are really invitations to live out our redemption in Christ, then we will eagerly and generously demonstrate our obedient friendship with Jesus as well and become His co-workers for the salvation of the world.

- In what ways have you been given opportunities to redeem situations of weakness or failure in your own life?
- How did you respond to those invitations?
- What do you think was Peter's first thought when he saw Jesus standing around a charcoal fire?
- What situation or person are you avoiding because of a previous failure and how does this
  passage give you encouragement to actively seek redemption?



## Who were Saints Peter and Paul, and what do they have to do with us now?

This is a special day where we pay homage to two of the L Church's early leaders. Peter is often depicted holding the keys to our Church, while Paul holds a sword. Who were these men of God, and what does their mission have to do with us today?

### Pillars of Our Faith

Christian devotion to Saints Peter and Paul has a most ancient origin. The special Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul has always been celebrated in Rome, at least since the reign of the emperor Constantine. Some Roman catacombs from this time period possess graffiti requesting the intercession of these great saints. One scribbled inscription reads, "Paul and Peter, make intercession for Victor," Every June 29, Catholics around the world also ask for the intercession of these saints before our Lord's throne.

As many great saints do, these apostles have nicknames. St. Peter is often called the "Prince of the Apostles," whereas St. Paul is typically known as the "Apostle to the Gentiles." Even though we celebrate the lives and contributions of both men on the same day, they played different roles in the life of the early Church.

### Prince of the Apostles

Simon Peter was "the rock" upon whom Christ founded his Church. While he preached the Gospel to many different peoples, as St. Paul did, his main role in the life of the Church was an ecclesial one. As the first pope, it is fitting that St. Peter is called the "Prince of the Apostles." He is not a prince like a prince is in England. The word "prince" comes from the Latin princeps, meaning "supreme head" or "ruler." As Christ's Vicar on earth, St. Peter and his successors have been given temporal authority and the power to "bind and loose," as our Lord said (Matthew 16:19). We see this with St. Peter presiding over the Council of Jerusalem in the Acts of the Apostles.

### Apostle to the Gentiles

St. Paul traveled a bit more than St. Peter. Look inside almost any Bible from the middle of the twentieth century, and you'll often find a map detailing St. Paul's travels from Corinth to Galatia. Because he made so many contacts, it's fitting that we commemorate him as the "Apostle to the Gentiles." Keep in mind that it was also St. Paul who rebuked St. Peter during the controversy stemming from whether Gentiles needed to be circumcised. Whenever one reads any letter by St. Paul, it is clear he is driving home the point that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, not through the works of the Torah.

### The Magisterium and the Mission

The beauty of this special solemnity is that we focus on two specific roles of the Church. One is to govern. That is why we have the Magisterium: It ensures us that we are living in God's truth. When all the bishops are united with the pope, we can be assured that a certain teaching is true. We were promised this certitude by Jesus himself before he ascended into heaven. This is embodied in St. Peter, and it is comforting to know that no matter what, the gates of hell will never prevail against this Church that Jesus founded. It is continually the pillar and bulwark of truth.

The Church also is meant to go out to others. Since we are the Church, members of one Body with Christ as our Head, we have a duty to go out and spread the gospel message. We may not all have as much success as St. Paul did, but that doesn't mean we have to stop trying. Don't we live in a world that has become largely "gentile"—that is, a world that really doesn't know God much at all?

Our world is much like the one that Saints Peter and Paul lived in. There is a lot of work to do here in the twenty-first century in building the Kingdom of God. But it is not impossible. If these two great apostles could do so much on their own, just think what 200 or even 2,000 Catholics with a similar mindset could do!

Like St. Paul, we need to be apostles to the "gentiles" of our age; like St. Peter, we need to stand firmly on the "rock" of our salvation. We should learn from this week's solemnity that it is our job as Catholics to do what St. Peter and St. Paul were called to do. If we haven't really answered that call yet, now is a perfect time to resolve to do so.

### Ponder and Pray

- · How am I called to be a rock in my life and family?
- In my life, who am I called to share the Gospel with?

#### Make It Your Own

Pick a chapter in Scripture from one of St. Paul's or St. Peter's epistles, and read through it prayerfully. Then write about what God is saying to you today through their words, which were written so long ago.

### Dive Deeper

To read the full article on Saints Peter and Paul, scan the code

Or visit the URL: <u>The Missions of Sts.</u>

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Nichalas LaBanco, a twenty-something crasile Catholic, wears many hote fluxbond, father, tradesment, religious education catechist, liberal arts college graduate; writer for a parish) and hopes to affer a perspective on life in the Church as a millernial.

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