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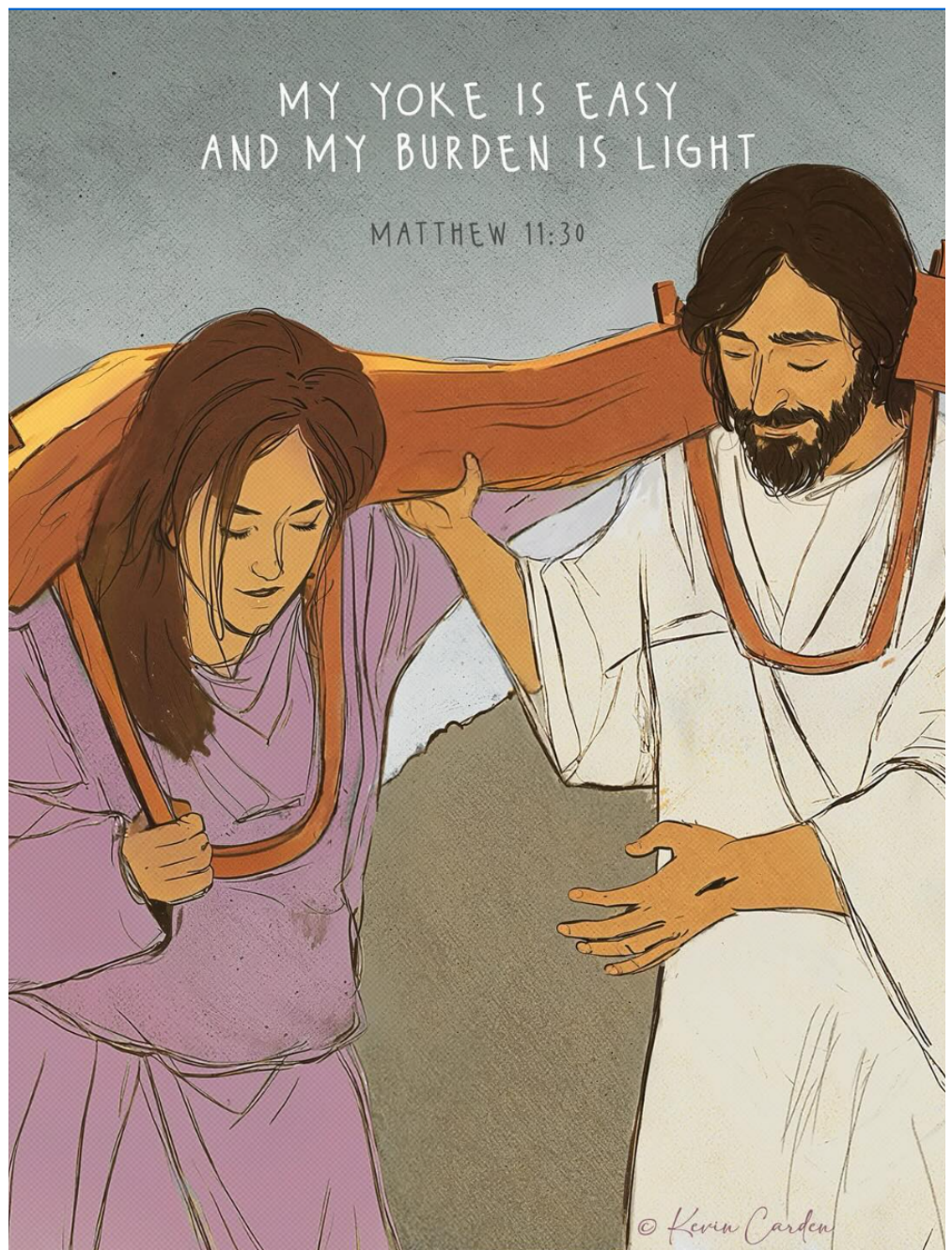
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Office Hours

Monday-Wed., Friday

9:30 am-5:30 pm

Thurs. 11:00 am-2:00 pm



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time-- June 28, 2026

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

On Monday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, two pillars of the Church and two of the greatest saints in Christian history. Yet their feast is not really about Peter and Paul. It is about Jesus.

When we look closely at their lives, we discover two men who learned a lesson every disciple must learn, and one we hear about in today's Gospel: if we attach ourselves to anything other than Christ, sooner or later we will be disappointed.

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me... Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:37-38)

At first, these words can sound severe. Jesus is not asking us to love our families less. He is reminding us that God alone belongs at the center of our lives. Every good thing we possess is a gift from God: Family. Friendships. Health. Success. Reputation. Security. Resilience. Even the Church itself. These are wonderful gifts, but they were never meant to become ends in themselves. Whenever we make our Creator into something created, and something created into our creator, our hearts become disordered.

The problem is not that created things are bad. The problem is that they are too small. No created thing can bear the weight of a human soul; that is something only God can do.

Peter learned this lesson the hard way. When Jesus was arrested, Peter's confidence was shattered. The man who promised to die for Christ denied Him three times before sunrise. Peter discovered that courage alone could not save him. After the Resurrection, Jesus restored him, strengthened him, and transformed him into the rock upon which He would build His Church.

Paul learned the same lesson. As a young Pharisee, he placed his confidence in knowledge, achievement, and religious zeal. He believed he was serving God while persecuting Christians. Yet on the road to Damascus, the risen Christ shattered all of Paul's false certainties. Everything he had built his identity upon suddenly seemed insignificant compared to knowing Jesus. Later, Paul would write, "I regard everything as loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."

Peter and Paul became great saints because they stopped making lesser things ultimate things. They attached themselves completely to Christ. That is why the Church celebrates them together.

Peter represents stability. Paul represents the mission. Peter shepherded the flock. Paul carried the Gospel to the nations. Their personalities, talents, and paths were vastly different, but their secret was the same: Jesus came first. Before success, failure, comfort, reputation, and above life itself.

And because Christ was first, they were free. Many of us spend our lives searching for security in things that cannot last. We place our hope in financial stability, professional success, political movements, relationships, or even our own abilities. None of these things are evil. All of them are gifts... but gifts make poor gods.

May their witness inspire us to place Jesus first in our hearts, not because He wants less for us, but because He alone can give us everything our hearts truly seek.

God bless,



MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 27 - JULY 5

**SATURDAY
JUNE 27** 5 PM SOPHIE & CHESTER BROZOWSKI
FROM BARBARA PRZYBLINSKI

**SUNDAY
JUNE 28** 10:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
12:30 PM. MARIA EUGENIA GONZALEZ
& EMMA LUQUE
FROM ISABEL FALCON

**TUESDAY
JUNE 30** 12:30 PM COLETTE ANH LE
FROM TUAN ANH NGUYEN

**WEDNESDAY
JULY 1** 12:30 PM EDITH HUBAR
FROM CHRIS & EDAL ELORIAGA

**THURSDAY
JULY 2** 12:30 PM. GOOD HEALTH FOR
LUVINA MALICSI
FROM MANUEL TUASON

**FRIDAY
JULY 3** 9:30 AM. INTENTIONS OF
DR. VICK JOSEPH
FROM ANDREA SELVARAJA

**SATURDAY
JULY 4** 5 PM TOM ECKERT
FROM HIS WIFE

**SUNDAY
JULY 5** 10 AM ALMA BUTUAN
FROM TERESA MARCELO
12:30 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday Scripture

June 28

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a

Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Matthew 10:37-42

July 5

Zec 9:9-10

Rom 8:9, 11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

DONATIONS



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JUNE 20 & 21, 500 PEOPLE
ATTENDED MASS WITH
AN AVERAGE DONATION OF \$33.51.**

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GIFTS AND
VISITORS**

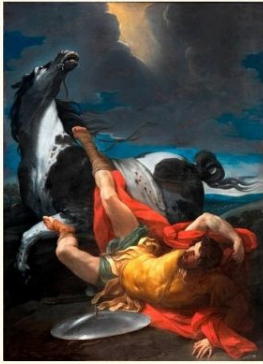


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Sanctuary Candle
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OLC Kids' Bulletin

***Sts. Peter and Paul
Solemnity June 29th***

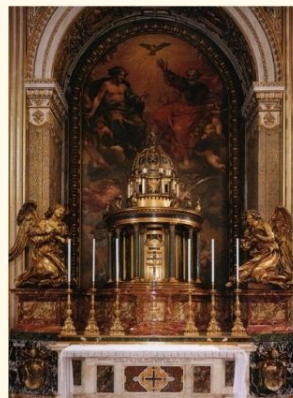


On June 29, the Church honors the two great apostles Peter and Paul. St. Peter was one of the Twelve and the chief of the Apostles, the Rock upon which Christ built His Church, and St. Paul was “called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God” (Romans 1:1) and Apostle to the Gentiles. Together they are honored as founders of the Church of Rome, having been separately martyred there during the reign of Emperor Nero.



Who in your family introduced you to Jesus?

Peter was introduced to Jesus by his brother, St. Andrew. We can read about this account in the Gospel of Matthew:



***A tabernacle in St. Peter's
Basilica, Rome***

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. - Matthew 4:18-20

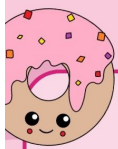
This week, how can you introduce something you know about Jesus to someone in your family, in honor of Saint Peter and Saint Paul?

Why are these two saints celebrated together?

Because in many ways their writings and ministries helped found and continue to support our church! They also argued with each other and had different educations – Peter was an uneducated fisherman, while Paul was a highly educated Pharisee. Their differences illustrate how the Church is a universal Church, and how Christ unified their visions and missions, even if they had contrasts.



St. Paul learned about Jesus after the Resurrection and was not one of the first apostles like St. Peter, so we do not read about him in the gospels. Scriptures on St. Paul can be found throughout the New Testament of the Bible. We first meet Paul in Scripture at the stoning of Stephen, in Acts 7:58. In Acts, St. Luke provides many details of Paul's ministry, indicating that he accompanied him for much of it.



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Father's Day Remembrances

Eugenio P. Arboleda
William L. Bromirski
Chester Brozowski
Charles Czysz & Family Dads
Robert Gernsheimer
Bernardino Guerrero
Henry Heiser & Family Dads
John Hyjek
Jack Palmese

Dennis J. Piatkowski
Joseph Przyblinski
Robert Ross
Ronald Ross
Walter Rzaski, Sr.
Vincent Rzaski
Fred Savage & Family Dads
Edmond Strasz
William Strasz

Father's Day Blessings
The Five Arboleda Brothers