

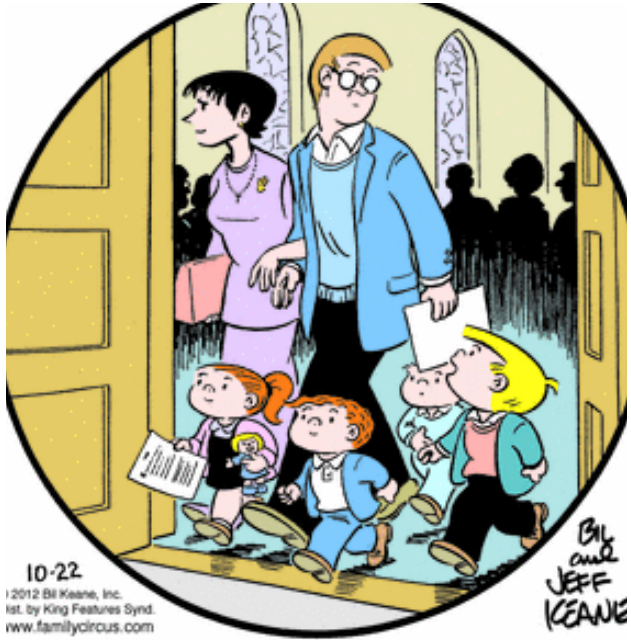


LEAVE A LEGACY

By remembering Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in your Will; by this you leave a legacy in a place you love. Consider a bequest to the Parish Building Fund. This will enhance the Church’s mandate to sanctify & teach as we enter into our 2nd 100 years of service. May our Lord reward you in this life and in the next.

Peace of mind isn’t only attainable; it’s in your hands.
‘Amen’ is the free Catholic app that brings you beautiful prayers, faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture to draw your mind, body and soul to rest in God.

Project Advance & Parish Tax Receipts are now available for pick up at the vestibule.



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“When we sing the hymns,
I think it’s best for me
to just be a listener.”



Building Fund
We are moving forward with having our own Parish Centre, this massive project will take the efforts of many people to support. If you can please consider giving to the Building Fund, every cent of the Building Fund will go towards this Parish Goal.
A big Thank-You to all parishioners for their support in this effort!
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:
An update on our New Parish Centre Project to be built on the west side of the Church: (1450 W 38th and 1449 W 39th and the lane in between these): Virtually, the city has given necessary approval to move ahead. Our challenge now is to finance this. The total construction cost is estimated at 14.5 Million. We have an offer to purchase Cartier Hall for 8.5 Million. This means that we still need to raise 6.5 Million to pay for this project. Our present parish cash flow only covers operating expenses. Extra donations are required; including by contributions to the Parish Building Fund & Project Advance. An overview of the entire New Centre Building (one long one going from 38th to 39th): the 38th side (2 stories) would be the Great Parish Hall (named after Sts. Peter & Paul) with a connecting kitchen (named after St. Andrew the hospitality apostle). Nearby (on the Church side) would be the Conference Hall (named after St. James the Great) towards 39th would be the Adoration Chapel (named after St. John the Beloved). West of these (towards the neighbour: 1459 W 39th) would be the Office Wing (named after St. Matthew the tax collector). Upstairs on the 39th side would be more meeting rooms (named after all the other Apostles). Below all this would be underground parking and elevators throughout. These 12 rooms would be dedicated by the donor as they so pleased. If you might be interested in doing this, please let me know. I can't help but to remember that this Centre was Fr. John Horgan's dream; thus the Chapel of Adoration will be named after his patron. In the meantime, also, our Project Advance campaign for 2023 continues to assist this project, pledge forms for this are next to the bulletin. Our gratitude for your kind consideration in these matters that can bring about the needed growth to our parish life.

Blessings to you and yours!
Fr. Ron Thompson, Pastor



2024 Sunday Offering Made Easy by Direct Deposit or Credit Card
Thank you for your interest in Sts. Peter & Paul Parish’s Sunday Offering Plan. This plan allows you to give your Sunday Offering on a monthly basis by direct deposit or credit card.
It is the most convenient way to make your Sunday Offering. Your commitment to give this way also ensures that your Sunday Offering reach us even if you are away or not able to come to our Parish in person. Instead of giving weekly, your Sunday Offerings would be simplified to one monthly donation. For more information, take this brochure .



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SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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MAR.3rd - MAR. 9th, 2024 | YEAR B | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Holy Mass :Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am
(Vespers and Benediction: 3:30pm), 4:00pm
Weekdays: Monday 8:00am; **Tuesday** 4:00pm; **Wednesday- Friday** 8:00am
First Fridays: Adoration 12:00noon-6:45pm; Benediction 6:45pm; Second Mass 7:00pm
Saturdays and Civic Holidays: 9:00am
Confessions: Wednesday- Friday, 8:30am **Saturday:** 9:30am and 4:00-4:30pm
By Appointment; **Marriage:** Notify 8 Months in Advance
Office Schedule: Tuesday- Friday: 9:00am-3:00pm

Readings: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Every year the first two Sundays of Lent present the whole gamut of human existence, the whole range of the history of salvation. On the first Sunday of Lent the temptation of Jesus recalls the temptation of every human being since the beginning. On this second Sunday of Lent the transfiguration of Jesus holds out the transformation in glory which is the goal of every human hope. The hope remains as yet unfilled. It is too soon to set up tents. Jesus continues to remind his disciples that first Son of Man must suffer & be put to death. Only then they begin to understand what “to rise from the dead” means. We celebrate Lent caught in the tension between the images of the first & second Sundays, between temptation & transfiguration. Like Abraham, we must walk in faith through the trial, confident that the “sufferings of the present are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed in us” (Rom 8:18). For “what we shall later be has not yet come to light, but we know that when it comes to light we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2).

Five Essential Insights of St. John Paul II

4. He fearlessly defended the dignity of the human person.
The family is the place where the human person is meant to be received in love, no matter what his abilities or disabilities, his age or “productivity.” Thus John Paul II, the pope of the family, was also a prophetic voice proclaiming the inviolable dignity of every human life: born or unborn, rich or poor, healthy or sick, oppressed or free. He wrote in his encyclical Evangelium Vitae, “The Gospel of God’s love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel” (2). This Gospel impelled John Paul II to speak out especially on behalf of the most vulnerable: the unborn and the elderly. But it also led him to challenge unjust economic practices, remind workers of their dignity, rebuke dictators and cry out for peace, convinced that “the answer to the fear which darkens human existence at the end of the 20th century is the common effort to build the civilization of love” (Address to the United Nations, 1995).

5th Forthcoming.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, March 3rd / (3rd Sunday of Lent)

9:00am / 11:00am / 4:00pm- Parishioners

MONDAY, March 4th / Lenten Ferial

8:00am - Genoveffa Chies+

TUESDAY, March 5th / Lenten Ferial

4:00pm - Dak Sze+

WEDNESDAY, March 6th / Lenten Ferial

8:00am - Michael Wong

THURSDAY, March 7th / Lenten Ferial

8:00am - Rene Angelil+

FRIDAY, March 8th / Lenten Ferial

8:00am - Simon Scully

SATURDAY, March 9th / Lenten Ferial

9:00am - Fr. William Harris

5:00pm - Mark Luca Erceg

(4th Sunday of Lent)

THIS WEEK

2024 Penitential Services

To celebrate Jesus’s Death and Resurrection we need to open our hearts to His merciful goodness.

The Church encourages us to participate in this Lenten Season by going to Confession and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

2024 Penitential Services

DATE OF SERVICE

NAME OF PARISH

March 6, Wednesday,

7:00pm Our Lady of Perpetual

March 12, Tuesday, 7:00pm St. Augustine

March 13, Wednesday, 7:00pm Immaculate Conception

****March 13, Wednesday, 7:00pm Saints Peter & Paul**

March 15, Friday, 7:00pm St. John the Apostle

March 17, Sunday, 2:30pm – 4:00pm St. Mark

March 21, Thursday, 7:00pm Holy Name of Jesus

March 24, Sunday, 6:30pm St. Anthony of Padua

STS. PETER & PAUL MEN’S GROUP

Next meeting 1st Wednesday of the month

will be next Wednesday, Mar. 6th 7 pm, in the Church.

See you there!



Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion in your community Feb.14 - Mar. 24.



FORTHCOMING WEEK

2024 Penitential Service

****March 13, Wednesday, 7:00pm Saints Peter & Paul**

Extra Confession Times

Mar. 19 -22, Tues. - Fri. 10:00am

Mar. 28, Holy Thursday 8-9:00pm

Mar. 29, Good Friday 10-10:30am

Mar. 30 Holy Saturday No Confessions

2024 DATES

- **Sun., Mar. 10th : 2:00am:** Daylight Savings Begins
- **Wed. Mar. 13th : 7:00pm** Sts. Peter & Paul Lenten Penitential Service

- **Tues.- Fri., March 19th- 22nd: 9am-10am** Lenten Talks by Fr. Emmerich Vogt, OP
- **Palm Sunday (Sat.) Mar., 23rd 5:00pm**
- **(Sun) Mar., 24th 9am; 11am; 4pm**
- **Thurs. Mar., 28th Holy Thursday: 7pm** (Adoration until 11pm)
- **Fri., March 29th - Good Friday: 12noon & 3pm**
- **Sat., Mar. 30th- Easter Vigil: 8pm**
- **Sun., Mar. 31st- Easter Sunday: 9am; 11am & 1pm**

Retreat-Fri. Apr. 26th 7:30pm until Sun. Apr. 28th by Fr. David Bellusci, OP @Westminster Abbey:

“St Thomas Aquinas:
Truth as the way to Love”
More info to follow

PARISH ONGOING

Lenten Stations of the Cross Wednesdays 6:30pm

Solemn Vespers & Benediction: 3:30pm Sundays

FOR QUIET CONTEMPLATION TIME

Church is open for prayers Wed.,—Fri., 12 noon 3pm

FATHER EMMERICH RETURNS TO SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

The Role of Mary in Salvation History
Reflections in View of the Message of Fatima

Tuesday through Friday
19 - 22 March 2024

Daily Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Following Mass: Coffee and Crumpets
Conference Follows



Fr. Emmerich is a priest of the Holy Name Province of the Dominican Order and is currently assigned to Saint Dominic Priory, San Francisco..

For the past forty-two years he has been involved in giving retreats and seminars to Mother Teresa’s Priests and Sisters in Mexico, Poland, Russian, Lithuania, Guatemala, Uruguay, India, Madagascar, Russia,, and Portugal.

He is assigned to Western Dominican Preaching, giving retreats and parish missions.

Father Emmerich returns to Saints Peter and Paul to reflect on the Role of Mary in Salvation History. In that context he will explore what the message of our Lady of Fatima means for us Catholics today.

He will consider what it means for the individual Catholic to belong to a Church which on earth is called “The Church Militant.” Practically speaking how does a Catholic fight against demonic evil?

The weapon against evil stressed at every apparition of our Lady to the children of Fatima is the Rosary. How is it that the Rosary is such a powerful force against the demonic evil we see daily in the News, evil that seems to be overtaking our formerly Christian cultures?

The Church, like a nation, must defend herself and her faith. She must fight for the truth and for the salvation of souls. But each member of the Church must possess a fighting spirit that is never severed from the greatest commandment: Love. For God Himself is love, and love never wishes evil upon its enemies.

Sunday Offerings:

Our gratitude for parishioners’ contributions for the upkeep & advancement of the parish.

Some give online (by Debit or Credit) regularly: see blue/white folder next to the bulletin.

Otherwise, the collection is taken up at each Mass. From this we received:

Sat/Sun Feb. 17/18 from envelopes:

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Sat. 5pm: \$715 from 31 = \$23.06 average

Sun. 9am: \$1037.25 from 38 = \$27.30

11am: \$710 from 27 = \$26.60

4pm: \$220 from 12 = \$18.33

Grand total: \$3022.25 from envelopes and loose \$455

= \$3267.25

Sat/Sun Feb. 23/24 from envelopes:

Sat. 5pm: \$402 from 13= \$30.92 average

Sun. 9am: \$1280 from 27 = \$47.41

11am: \$600 from 27 = \$22.22

4pm: \$495 from 30 = \$16.50

Grand total: \$2777 from envelopes and loose \$329.40

= \$3106.40

If you would like envelopes, please sign the blue folder by the font and they will be put out next week.

This Beautiful Hymn is Sung at Every Mass

Celebrating the Holy Mass is like witnessing the kiss of heaven and earth. Our Lord Jesus Christ comes down to meet us on earth. For one hour, we are transported out of time and space, and brought to the foot of the Cross on Calvary, where He is re-presented as the One Perfect Sacrifice for all. He physically enters the room to dwell with us.

There is one particular hymn that is sung (or said) to commemorate Our Lord walking into the room: The Sanctus (“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts”).

Prior to His Passion and Death, Jesus enters the City of Jerusalem, riding on a colt. The people greet Him by waving palm branches, laying their cloaks on the ground before Him, singing, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” (Mt. 21:9) Even today, we remember this occasion on Palm Sunday.

We also commemorate the entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem at every Mass, as He enters the New Jerusalem. We sing, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.” Just as the people in Jerusalem sang this hymn and prostrated themselves before the Lord, so now we also sing the same hymn, and immediately kneel in anticipation for His coming in the Holy Eucharist. The Church stipulates that it is important for the assembly to kneel, as Our Lord is literally entering into room under the appearance of bread and wine. Our posture thus commemorates this physical Presence. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states,

“In the dioceses of the United States of America, [the faithful] should kneel beginning after the singing or recitation of the Sanctus until after the Amen of the Eucharistic Prayer.” (GIRM 43)

In this charism, we indeed honor the name of Our Lord: “At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend!” (Philippians 2:10-11) In this glorious moment of the Sanctus, the Church Militant on earth unites with the Church Triumphant in heaven, as we sing with the angels, “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.” (Is. 6:3)

The Sanctus is one of the most ancient hymns, as Catholics have been singing it since the year 60-90 AD. Saints have spoken of this hymn throughout the very beginnings of the Church: St. Clement of Rome (d.104), St. Athanasius (d. 373), St. Cyril (d. 373), St. John Chrysostom (d. 407), Tertullian (d. about 220), and many others have alluded to the splendor of the Sanctus. In fact, Charlemagne gave a decree that the Sanctus should be sung by both clerics and faithful in his Admonitio generalis, written in 789.

“Hosanna” is a Hebrew word that means, “God saves.” Indeed, may God save us, and may we bless Him as we forever proclaim:

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.”