Sts. Peter and Paul Apostles

PETER AND PAUL

Today is something of a rarity: the celebration of a saint's day that replaces the Sunday liturgy. Only a handful of these days, given the official rank of "solemnity," are considered so foundational and primal to the mission of the Church that they can interrupt the Sunday sequence. And so it is with Peter and Paul today.

In a way, they each have personality traits with which we can identify. They are both impetuous, sometimes acting or speaking thoughtlessly, contradicting the spiritual gifts given to them by God. At such times, they might receive a nudge from God, much the same as many of us experience. On the positive side, these men were deeply rooted in their faith in Christ, tireless and fearless in living out their call to spread the Good News of his death and resurrection. Perhaps we might identify more with one or the other, but the essential truth we celebrate today is this: Through the Spirit, Christ built and continues to build the Church and make the kingdom known through fragile, remarkable human beings, each graced in a particular way for the work of the reign of God.

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REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

In Christian iconography, Saints Peter and Paul are almost always depicted together, rather like twins. That may seem odd because they probably looked nothing alike and they had very different personalities and temperaments. Peter worked largely with Jewish Christians and Paul with Gentile Christians. Peter has been connected to preserving the tradition and Paul is remembered for welcoming the freedom of the Spirit. However, both were committed to keeping all the members of Christ's Body united in faith and love. Their faith in Christ, love for the church, and zeal for fostering the unity of the Christian community bind Peter and Paul together as no superficial resemblance could.

There is a lesson here for today's Church. We don't all agree about how much to stick to tradition and how much to allow the Spirit to guide the Church onto new paths. Yet both are necessary for continuing Jesus Christ's mission on earth. And Peter and Paul show us that remaining united in love as the one Body of Christ is more important than allowing differences of interpretation to divide us from one another.

—Virginia Stillwell

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today is an exceptional event on our calendar: the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time is eclipsed by a solemnity honoring two saints who didn't spend much time together in their earthly ministry, and who have distinct feasts so they probably don't mind sharing this one. Yet each suffered a similar fate in the same city, Rome, during the persecution of the Emperor Nero. Nero probably ordered the destruction of many of the residential neighborhoods in service to his building projects, and when the homeless began to look for someone to blame for the fires, Nero targeted the Christians. Soon, Peter was crucified, upside down, on the Vatican hill. Excavations (called scavi) under the Vatican basilica have proven the authenticity of his burial place near the place of his death. Paul, a Roman citizen, was later granted a swifter execution by sword, and is remembered at a vast basilica on the city's outskirts.

Peter and Paul were just about polar opposites. Peter rough and ready, Paul poetic and polished. Peter carried a burden of regret for his denials, Paul had his own issues with which he struggled. Peter leapt over barriers to go to the Gentiles, Paul strove with and surrendered to the same call. True, they spent very little time together in this life, but the same Spirit filled their hearts and by their witness changed the face of the earth.

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Celebrate the Baby by Helping Babies!

The parish will be collecting baby items during the month of June to donate to the Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center.

►**BABY DONATIONS to include**:

Diapers – Sizes 4-6, Wipes,
New or gently used Baby Clothes, preferably 12 months and up,
Baby Lotions, and Baby Shampoo.

You can bring your donations to any of the Masses.

¡Celebra al Bebé ayudando a los bebés!

La parroquia estará recolectando artículos para bebés durante el mes de junio para donarlos al Centro de Crisis de Embarazo de Mujeres.

►**DONACIONES PARA BEBÉS para incluir:**

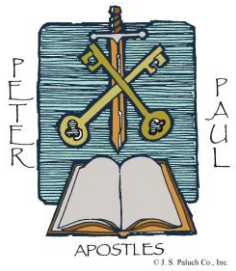
Pañales - Tallas 4-6, Toallitas húmedas,
Ropa de bebé nueva o poco usada, preferiblemente de 12 meses en adelante,
Lociones para bebés y Champú para bebés.

Puedes llevar tus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas.

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

July 5 - Youth Group July 12 – Parish Council

Saturday, June 28th -



5:00PM-IHM – +Jovita & Benjie Olguin,
Jennifer & Roger Gomez; +Daniel Grimaldo;
In thanksgiving for Fabiola Acevedo's birthday

Sunday, June 29th - IHM
8:00AM – Por Grupo Misionero; +Sara Gomez, Eulalio y Sarita Olvera, Ysidro y Elvira Navarette
11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

Tuesday, July 1st 9:00AM - HF
+Martha

Wednesday, July 2nd 6:00PM–IHM
+Patricia and Mira Tovar

Thursday, July 3rd 9:00AM - HF
In Thanksgiving for Mikinly Ashley's Birthday

Friday, July 4th 9:00AM - HF
For our Nation that we may all follow Christ

Saturday, July 5th -
5:00PM-IHM – Guadalupanas living and deceased; +Manuel & Cuquita Heredia
7:00PM – St. Albert – Por la gente de Nolan County

Sunday, July 6th - IHM
8:00AM – +Cirilo, Victoria y Lucia Chavira; +Sara Gomez, Eulalio y Sarita Olvera, Ysidro y Elvira Navarette
11:00AM – +Martina Herrera; +Aurelia Garza; +Rufus Palacios, Jr.

June 21/22, 2025 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS……$4783.00
LOOSE PLATE……1425.44
TOTALCOLLECTION……..$6208.44

Thank you for your generosity

DESPEDIDA – ***Farewell*** this Sunday, June 29th, for our Seminarian, Humberto Diaz, after the 11 o'clock Mass, in the parish hall. We feel honored to have had you with us, even if it was just for a short time! *Thank you Humberto*! Our prayers and blessings as you continue your vocation. *¡Vaya con Dios!*

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 7:30pm at IHM. Confession will also be available during Adoration.

WHY AM I CATHOLIC?-Deacon Bill's sharing session is every Tuesday at his home, @6pm. All are invited!

ULTREYA– meets Monday, June 30th, 7:00pm at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html

GRUPO MISIONERO – Meets on Thursdays, at 7:00pm at IHM Hall.

¡ATENCIÓN! ¿Quiere aprender más sobre la fe? Entonces, está invitado a participar en las clases de catecismo para adultos en español. El curso comenzo en abril y se prolongará durante todo el verano hasta que se hayan impartido todas las clases. Las clases son los miercoles, a las 7:00p.m. en el Salón de Inmaculado Corazón en 507 W. Alabama Ave. El catequista es Victor Rubio Jr. (Mas informacion, llame a la oficina.)

YOUTH GROUP meets Wednesday, July 2nd, from 6-7:30pm at Holy Family Hall. They will be making crafts to take to Sterling Hills Nursing Home next week.

PARISH MOVIE GROUP – will meet this Sunday, June 29th at 4:00pm Holy Family parish hall.

BAPTISM – To schedule, please call the office

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103: 8a; Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:3a; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7a; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday:	Eph 2:19-22; Ps Mk 16:15; Jn 20:24-29
Friday:	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b; Mt 9:9-13or, for Independence Day, suggested: Numbers 6:22-27 (882-4); Ps 85:9b (884-3); Mt 5:1-12a (886-1) or any readings from Masses "For the Nation," or "For Peace and Justice," Lect. 882-886, 887-891
Saturday:	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:3a; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday:	Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18, Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

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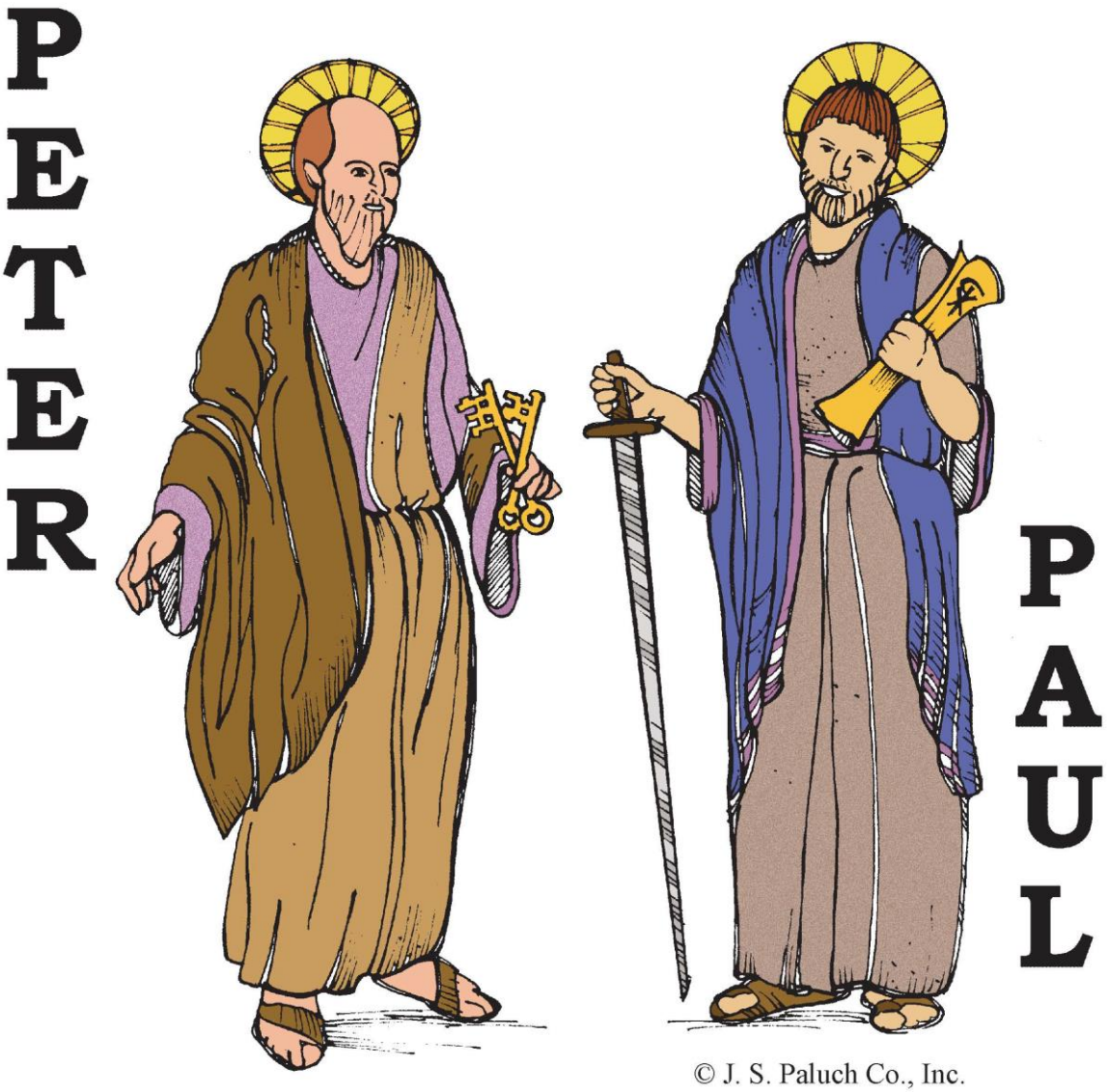
Get your RAFFLE TICKETS after Mass!

Parish office is CLOSED, Friday, July 4th, in observance of INDEPENDENCE DAY.



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PRAYER God, You give us a holy joy as we celebrate the solemnity of the Apostles Sts. Peter and Paul. Grant that Your Church may follow their teaching and example in all things, for it is through them that Christianity began its development. Amen