



# St. Peter's Church

*Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province*

JANUARY 24, 2021

*A reservation is required to attend Mass. Please call 312-372-5111 to reserve a space at Mass.*

## **Weekend Masses**

**Sundays**

**9:00 am and 11:00 am**

## **Weekday Masses**

**Mondays through Fridays**

**11:40 am and 1:15 pm**

## **Confessions**

*Lower Level of the Church*

*No reservation required.*

**Mondays through Saturdays**

**10:30 am until 3:00 pm**

## **Devotions**

**Tuesdays**

**St. Anthony Devotions**

**After the 11:40 am and 1:15 pm**

**Masses.**

## **Office Hours**

**Mondays through Fridays**

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**Saturdays**

**10:30 am until 4:30 pm**

## **Church Hours**

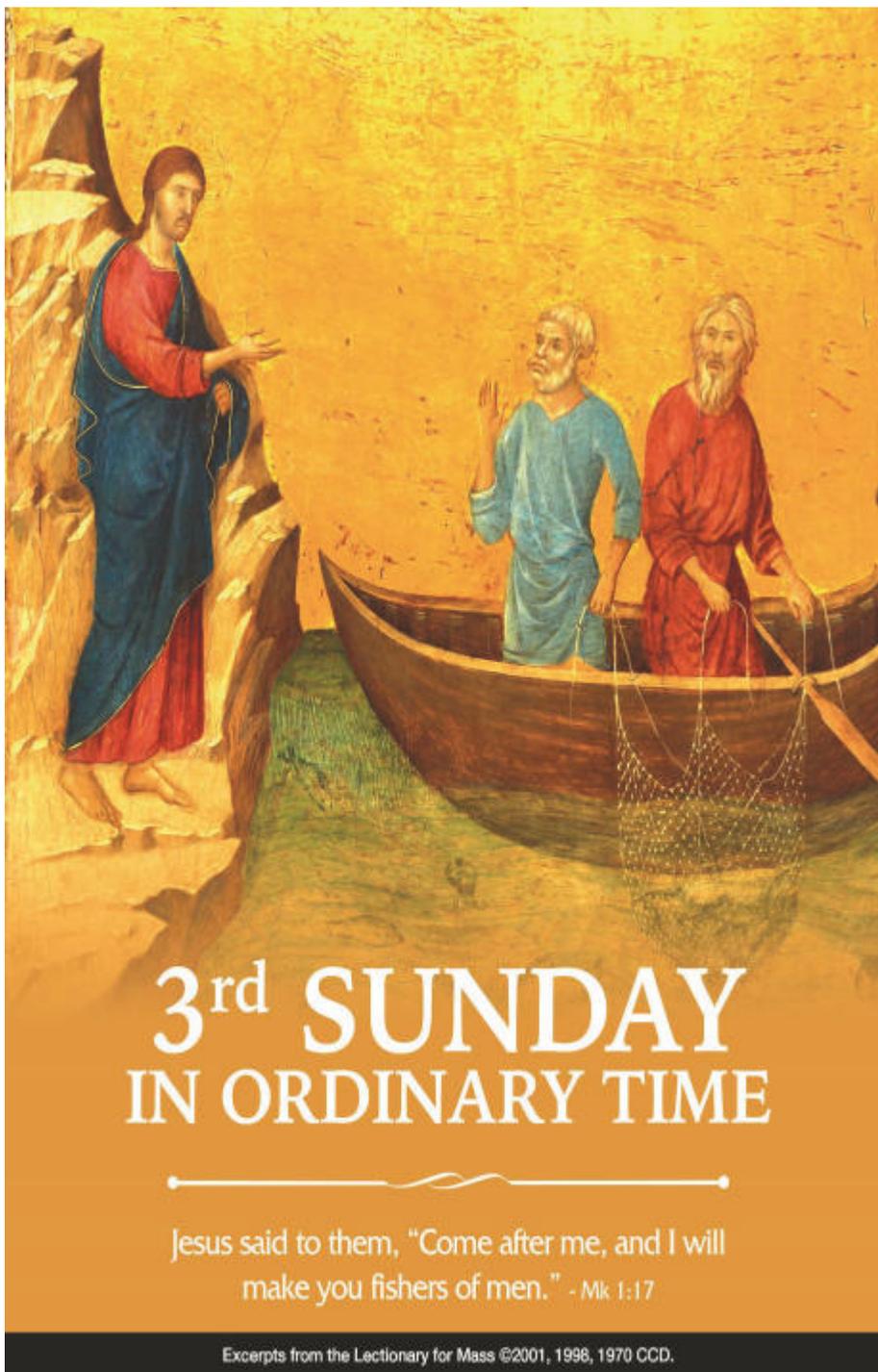
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**Sundays**

**8:30 am until 12:30 pm**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will  
make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:17

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**Catholic Resources**

Please view the following websites for daily Mass, prayers and spiritual support:

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- [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)
- [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- [www.catholicstv.org](http://www.catholicstv.org)
- [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)
- [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com)

**Saints' Days and Observances**

- Sun., January 24:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Mon., January 25:** The Conversion of St. Paul
- Tues., January 26:** Sts. Timothy and Titus
- Wed., January 27:** Ordinary Time
- Thurs., January 28:** St. Thomas Aquinas
- Fri., January 29:** Ordinary Time
- Sat., January 30:** St. Hyacinth Mariscotti

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**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed to St. Peter's collection this past week. Your gifts are essential to our ministry, and we are grateful.

<b>Weekly Goal</b> .....	\$ 12,000
<b>January 10-16</b> <b>Total</b> .....	\$ 1,680
	<b>Difference</b> .....\$ -10,320

## THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)

Next weekend, throughout the Archdiocese, will be the beginning of the **Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)**. This year's theme is **"Come, follow me...and bring hope to the world."** Many Catholics, throughout the Archdiocese, will be receiving the **Annual Catholic Appeal** mailing from Cardinal Cupich soon. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, your generous donations help to support those ministries.



The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to "Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world." This is

especially important during these trying and challenging times. Many in our parishes are affected financially by the pandemic, and we encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative. In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Annual Catholic Appeal funds services in our own area.

When we financially support the work of St. Peter's Church, the archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.

Due to COVID protocols and the continuing need to provide safe guidelines at Masses the usual ACA collection in-pew procedures will not be used this year. As a directive I received recently stated, *"This year's appeal is slightly different from other years because we are not collecting in-pew pledge forms. Rather, you will have the option to pick up a mail-in giving envelope located in the back of the church where the envelopes will be available next weekend and you will be able to take one on your way out of Masses next weekend."*

Another alternate will be to make your gift to the ACA online. As the note I received from the Archdiocese indicated, *"We highly encourage you to consider making your gift online this year. It only takes a few simple steps and is secure. You can visit the website [annualcatholicappeal.com](http://annualcatholicappeal.com) to make your pledge online."* More information will be available at Masses and in next weekend's bulletin.

### LENTEN SEASON



The past week was filled with a number of e-mails, notices and directives from the Archdiocese. One of the e-mails I received was from Bishop Robert Casey, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese. I have copied the letter he sent regarding

the up coming Lenten Season. Along with the letter was enclosed [Guidelines for the Celebration of Lent and Holy Week in 2021](#). As Bishop Casey indicates many of our usual prayers and services for Lent this year will have to be modified given the continuing need to safeguard everyone from the COVID virus.

The Liturgy Committee of St. Peter's has met and will continue to develop how we might be able to celebrate Lent this year here at St. Peter's in light of the pandemic. One concern we have is how we will celebrate Ash Wednesday and other Lenten services. We will be sharing what Lent will look like here at St. Peter's in 2021 soon through the weekend bulletin and on-line through St. Peter's web site.

### LETTER OF BISHOP CASEY REGARDING LENT 2021

*Dear Clergy of the Archdiocese,*

*Though we are hopeful the vaccines, now in the early stages of distribution, will quicken our ability to overcome the pandemic, we must remain committed to our protocols and safety guidelines for the foreseeable future. And while our Lenten and Holy Week observances will be different, by the grace of God, we will have ample opportunity for in-person worship and devotion this year.*

*As we reflect on the past 10 months – the lives lost because of the virus, the pain and suffering of racial injustice in our communities, the economic hardships of the unemployed or underemployed, the loneliness and despair felt by so many during times of isolation – we can feel as though we've been in Lent for nearly a year already. Thankfully, the wonder and awe we just experienced at Christmas gives us the strength to bring all of this to the only One who can transform our suffering into new life through the Cross.*

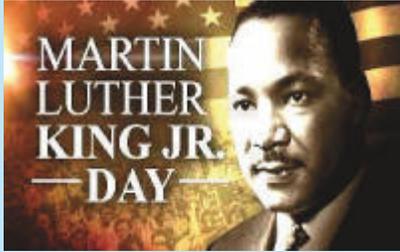
*In a special way, I pray during this upcoming Lenten season we will all unite ourselves more closely to Jesus' own Passion and Way of the Cross. With complete and*



childlike trust in Him, we will be led to the joy of Easter Sunday.

Peace,  
Bishop Robert Casey  
Vicar General

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY**  
**January 18, 2021**



Last Monday we celebrated the National Holiday for Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Archbishop José Gomez (Archbishop of Los Angeles) and President of the US Conference of

Catholic Bishops issued a statement commemorating that day. In his statement Archbishop Gomez gave all of us many things to reflect upon in this time of unrest in our country. Archbishop Gomez wrote,

*In 1958, Rev. King wrote: "Along the way of life, someone must have the sense enough and the morality enough to cut off the chain of hate. This can only be done by projecting the ethics of love to the center of our lives." This is the challenge for every one of us who believes in the promise of America and seeks to renew the soul of this great nation.*

*In the spirit of Rev. King, we must meet the forces of hate and ignorance with the power of love. We must learn again the wisdom of the Gospel and love our enemies and bless those who oppose us. In this moment, Rev. King would counsel everyone in public life to seek reconciliation and reject the easy temptation to reprisals and recrimination.*

*We do not love those who oppose us because they are loveable, or even likable, Rev. King once said. We love them because God loves them. And by our love, we seek their conversion and friendship, not their humiliation. This is our Christian duty in this moment — to be healers and peacemakers, to overcome evil and lies, not by more of the same, but with words of truth and works of love.*

*We ask our Blessed Mother Mary, the Queen of Peace, to guide us in this moment of transition and uncertainty in our country. May she help us to keep believing in the power of love.*

Let each one of us continue to pray for our country and our government leaders. Let us remember to follow all safety protocols against the COVID virus. Keep in your prayers those suffering because of the virus and all those who are caring for those who are sick.

**Fr. Michael**



**St. Peter's Church**  
**Mass Schedule**

**Mondays through Fridays**

**Mass Times:**  
**11:40 am & 1:15 pm**

**Sundays**

**Mass Times: 9 am and 11 am**

**Church Open for Mass 8:30 am until 12:30 pm**

**A reservation is required to attend Mass. Please call the Church Office at 312-372-5111 Monday-Friday between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm or on Saturday between 10:30 am and 4:30 pm.**

**Confession**

**Mondays through Saturdays**  
**10:30 am until 3 pm**

**Room B in the Lower Level Auditorium**

**For further information please view the website [stpetersloop.org](http://stpetersloop.org) or call 312-372-5111.**

**Please Note:**

**Everyone entering the building must wear a face covering at all times and practice social distancing.**

**A Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;**

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love;**

**Where there is injury, pardon;**

**Where there is doubt, faith;**

**Where there is despair, hope;**

**Where there is darkness, light;**

**And where there is sadness, joy.**



**O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;**

**To be understood, as to understand;**

**To be loved as to love;**

**For it is in giving that we receive;**

**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;**

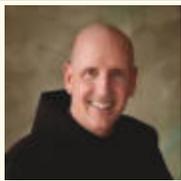
**And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**



### Reconciliation at St. Peter's Church

Monday through Saturday  
10:30 am until 3 pm

Lower Level—No Reservation Required



### ZOOM Mass Schedule Sundays at 5 pm

As we continue to face the coronavirus pandemic, we will also continue to celebrate a weekly Mass on ZOOM here at St. Peter's. **Fr. Ed Shea OFM** will celebrate the Mass every Sunday at 5:00 pm until further notice. **To access the ZOOM Mass, use the following Code and Password:**

<https://zoom.us/j/7738924134>

**Password: EdSheaOFM**

### Volunteers Needed Can You Help?

An important part of insuring the safety of everyone who comes to St. Peter's are our dedicated volunteers who help our security team with welcoming folks to the church, taking touchless temperatures and making sure everyone who comes has a mask. Our greeters for the Masses help direct people to our pews, guide them for receiving communion and welcome all who come to Mass in church.

As the restrictive guidelines continue we have become aware that we need a few more volunteers to help with welcoming people to the church, help with directing people who have come for confession to their place and volunteers to help as ushers for the Masses. **If you are able and willing to help as a volunteer please contact James Kapellas at 312-853-2418.** Your assistance will help us to continue to offer people an opportunity for confession and an opportunity to come to Mass on weekdays and weekends.

Fr. Michael

## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Mk. 1:14-20*

It was a small town, the kind you can miss if you're not paying attention. Tina had been born and raised there and now, recently graduated from college, she was ready to spread her wings. But some people in town envisioned another future for her.



Tina was a talented young woman with a degree in political science. They wanted her to stay and run for public office here at home but, like Jonah, Tina was ready to take the next big fish out of town.

"This is the time of fulfillment." These are the first words that Jesus speaks in the Gospel of Mark. The Jews had been waiting for generations for the Messiah – the 'time of fulfillment'. They were looking for a strong political figure. But Jesus had something else in mind. He invited Simon, Andrew, James and John to "[C]ome after..." Him and, even though this was not how they had imagined it would be, they "abandoned their nets and followed Him", trusting Him to show them what they should do next.

"The kingdom of God is at hand." Some of the people in Tina's home town wanted her to run for public office, but others shouted insults and even threatened her safety if she did. What should she do? How would we respond if someone came along and asked us to drop everything and start over, even if we had no idea what that would entail? Would we go? Or would our response be, "Sorry, friend, but we've always done it this way". Unfortunately, Tina couldn't do that. In a time of pandemic and political upheaval there was no more "way" in which things had always been done. And the people were waiting for her answer.

How would we respond if Jesus showed up at our workplace and invited us to "...[C]ome after..." Him. The answer is important. Would we ignore the invitation? Or, like those first disciples, would we believe that God can and does call us to build the kingdom, even if we never leave our own home town?

*By Vinal Van Benthem ofs*



### Psychology At Lunch

**Mondays**

12:15-12:45 pm CT

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- Feb. 22: **Obstacle #5** Maintaining Your Promises to Yourself



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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

### BLACK LIVES MATTER

A Conversation from a Catholic Perspective

St. Peter's Church

February 2021

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Blacks Who Participated in the Slave Trade

*Fr. Elric Sampson, O.F.M.*



How the Black Lives Matter Movement Compares to Previous Black Liberation Struggles

*Mr. Gardis Watts, Jr.*



Franciscan Spirituality and Black Lives Empowerment

*Fr. Abraham Joseph, O.F.M.*



What Are Black Bishops and Catholic Theologians Saying about Racial Justice?

*Bishop Joseph N. Perry, J.C.L.*



### Little Rock Scripture Study

Next Session

Spring 2021

Registration begins January 25th

Program will take place via ZOOM.

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Before tuning into the Little Rock ZOOM live sessions, registered participants are asked to prepare by reading the assigned lessons in advance from the textbook.

**Meeting Time and Dates:**

Fridays, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Feb. 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2021

\$12 Program Fee payable by cash or check includes book. To register, please contact Jo Ann Bednar at 312-853-2376; or email [joannstpeters@gmail.com](mailto:joannstpeters@gmail.com).



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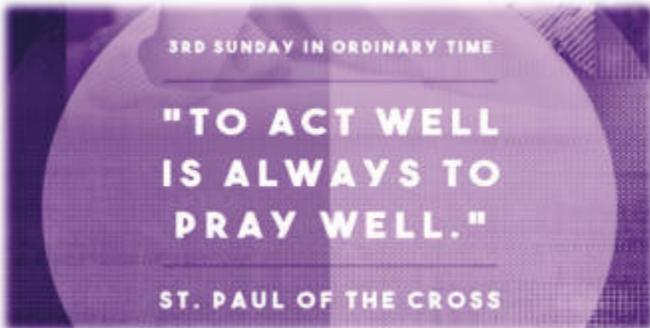
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**Spiritual Direction** is a way of listening for God's wisdom and understanding in our daily life by talking about our relationship with God and others.

**Sr. Fran Sulzer FSPA, D. Min.** and **Br. Guillermo Morales OFM** will work with persons who contact them for an appointment. Sr. Fran is also a counselor for people who choose or need a more clinical approach. Appointments can be made for times between **10:30 am and 3 pm.**

To contact Sr. Fran email: [fmsulzer@gmail.com](mailto:fmsulzer@gmail.com)

To contact Br. Guillermo email: [gamorales05@gmail.com](mailto:gamorales05@gmail.com)



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