



St. Peter's Church

Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province

FEBRUARY 14, 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

9:00 am until 6:00 pm

Saturdays

10:30 am until 4:30 pm

Church Hours

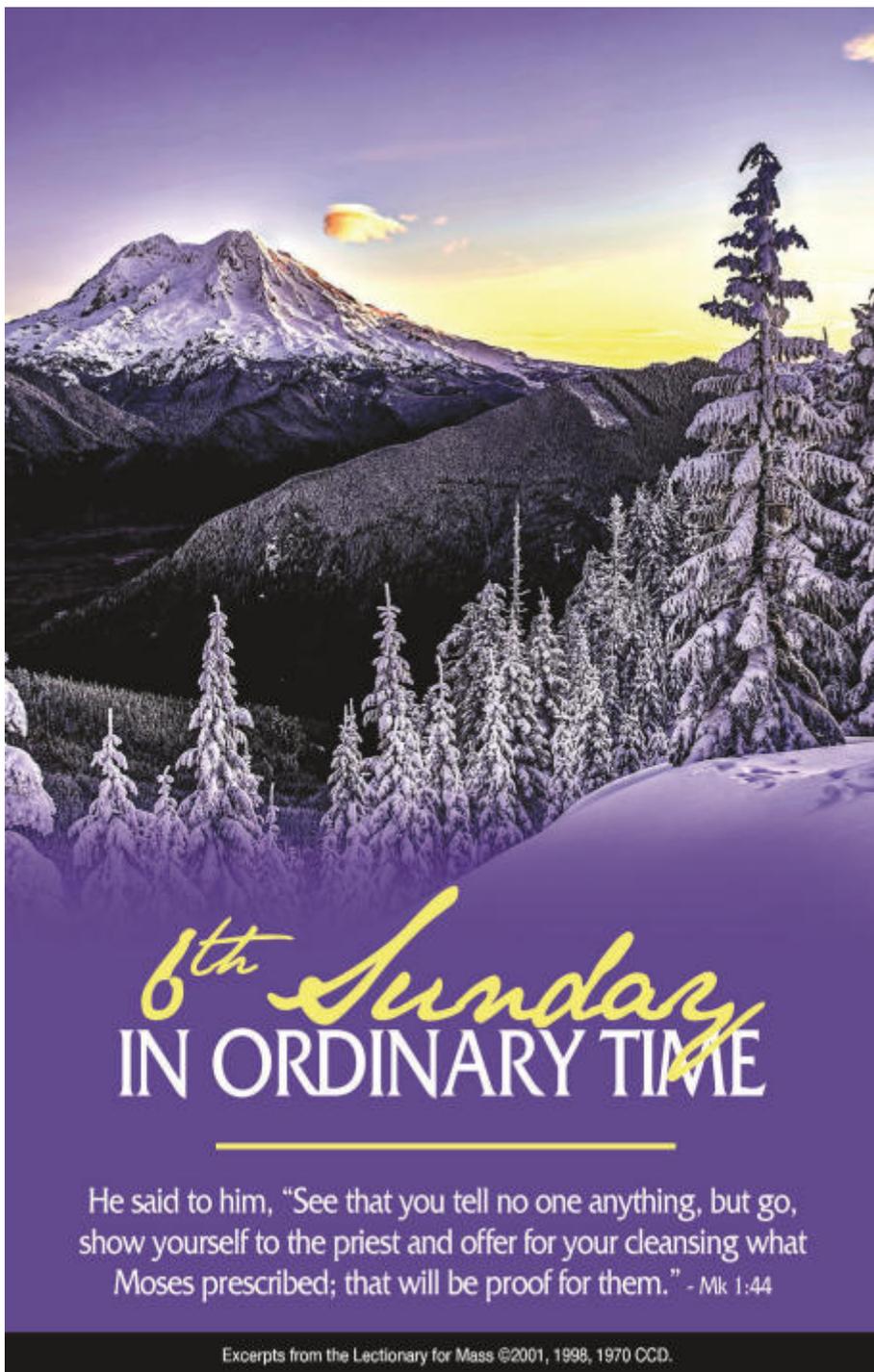
Mondays through Saturdays

10:30 am until 3:00 pm

Sundays

8:30 am until 12:30 pm

Please wear a face covering and practice social distancing.



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Catholic Resources

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

- www.archchicago.org
- www.vatican.va
- www.usccb.org
- www.catholicstv.org
- www.ewtn.com
- www.relevantradio.com

Saints' Days and Observances

- Sun., February 14:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Mon., February 15:** Ordinary Time
- Tues., February 16:** Ordinary Time
- Wed., February 17:** Ash Wednesday
- Thurs., February 18:** Thursday after Ash Wednesday
- Fri., February 19:** Friday after Ash Wednesday
- Sat., February 20:** Saturday after Ash Wednesday

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FRANCISCAN PROVINCE OF THE SACRED HEART

ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR

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.

Weekly Goal	\$ 12,000
Jan. 31- Feb. 6 Total	\$ 1,654
	Difference\$ -10,346

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



February 14 was for many years known as the feast of St. Valentine. Studies and scholarship of the last few decades have raised enough conflicting stories and uncertainties about the legend of St. Valentine that the Church removed the feast from the Calendar of Saints. However, the tradition of sending greeting cards of warm wishes, flowers to those whom we love and other expressions of care and devotion continue to be a noble and caring gesture towards others. So tell those whom you love of your care and concern for them today, February 14, in the spirit of Valentine's day original meaning of caring for those whom we love. The Second Sunday of February is also World Marriage Day. To everyone who is married and those preparing for Marriage we ask God's special blessings upon you on this special day. We pray that you will always witness to love and God's presence in all that you do.

This weekend, is Presidents Day Weekend and a holiday for many people. As we remember our Presidents, let us especially reflect upon those presidents whose birthday we remember *i.e.* George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. In the midst of recent and still on-going tensions about our National leadership it would be good to recall the ideals upon which our country was founded. If you haven't read the Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution and the Bills of Rights lately, then this weekend would be a perfect time to read again these most important documents for everyone who lives in our country. You can find copies in any public library, in local bookstores, on the internet and in many other places. As Catholics we are called to not only follow and live out the Gospel but also to be good citizens of the country. Now more than ever it is important that everyone who lives in this country participate in our democracy and not take our freedoms for granted.

LENTEN SEASON



It is hard to believe but Wednesday (Feb. 17) is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Season of Lent. As I have mentioned in the past couple of bulletins, this year our celebration of Ash Wednesday and Lent will be different due to COVID protocols for the safety of everyone. Yet no matter how we celebrate Ash Wednesday, Lent and Holy Week this year of 2021 all of our prayers, rituals and services are all meant to remind us of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord.

Below you will find information of how we will celebrate Ash Wednesday here at St. Peter's following the directives of the Archdiocese and health protocols.

- 1) **There is a very important change for Ash Wednesday this year—Ashes will only be given at one of the Prayer Services or Masses on Ash Wednesday. The ashes will be distributed in the following manner as directed by the Sacred Congregation in Rome and Archdiocese Guidelines:**

After blessing the ashes and sprinkling them with holy water in silence, the priest address those present, reciting once the formula found in the Roman Missal: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The priest then puts on a face mask and a shield, sanitizes his hands and distributes ashes to those who come forward. The ashes are sprinkled on each person's head without saying anything.

- 2) Due to the danger of the coronavirus we must follow the safety protocols we have been using for Masses the past few months. We will offer a number of prayer services with the distribution of Ashes and three Masses on Ash Wednesday.

REMEMBER THAT YOU NEED TO REGISTER TO ATTEND AN ASH WEDNESDAY SCRIPTURE SERVICE OR A MASS THIS YEAR.

As we do for all Masses & Prayer Services you MUST call and register to attend one of the Ash Wednesday services or Mass. As there is a capacity limit on how many people can attend these services you must reserve a space this year. Please call 312-372-5111 to reserve a space at one of the Masses or Scripture Services on Ash Wednesday.

The Ash Wednesday times for Services and Masses will be found elsewhere in today's bulletin as well as on the bulletin insert, on the Madison Street sidewalk kiosk outside the front of church, on the church web site and Facebook page.

- 3) Confessions on Ash Wednesday are scheduled from 10:30 am until 3:00 pm. There will be two priests on duty for confessions on Ash Wednesday. The schedule for confessions during Lent is Monday - Saturday from 10:30 am - 3:00 pm. **Reservations are not required for confession.**
- 4) Weekday Masses during Lent are Monday-Friday at 11:40 am and 1:15 pm.
- 5) We will pray a special **Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent at 2:00 pm.** As with all services in the church you must reserve a place by calling



312-372-5111 to reserve a space for the Stations. The first Stations will be prayed on Friday, February 19 at 2 pm.

- 6) Though we cannot offer in person programs you may participate in St. Peter's Lenten Programs as they are available on either *Zoom* or YouTube. Details on programs will be found elsewhere in today's bulletin or on St. Peter's web site at: www.stpetersloop.org
- 7) Our St. Peter's Gift & Bookstore has a number of books and pamphlets for the Season of Lent. They also stock a large number of spiritual books and DVD's on many of the saints, especially more recent saints. The staff of the bookstore are very knowledgeable about various aspect of our faith and can help you choose something for reflection during Lent if you are unsure what to purchase. Stop in and browse through the large selection of titles. The store is open Monday - Saturday from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm. And on Sundays it is open from 8:30 am - 12:15 pm. Ash Wednesday the store has special hours and will be open from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

VETERANS SUPPORT GROUP

Fr. Ed McKenzie, OFM a member of the staff of St. Peter's and a Vietnam Veteran is in the process of developing a non-denominational group of men and women Veterans, *"who come together (at this time due to the COVID virus via e-mail, Zoom, etc.) to raise each other up and support one another, helping each other to move through the obstacles that life throws at folks like us."* If you would like further information you may contact Fr. Ed at: friared@hotmail.com



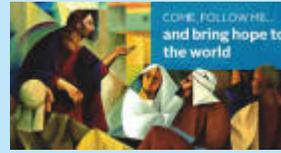
We know that some of the ways we will have to journey through Lent and Holy Week this year will be different and perhaps difficult. But with faith in God let each of us resolve, in this season of contemplation on our

Christian life, to do all we can to trust in God and be people of hope in the midst of the turmoil of our world and in the face of the COVID virus.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)

Last weekend, throughout the Archdiocese, was the **Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) Commitment Weekend**. This year's theme is *"Come, follow me...and bring hope to the world."* 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 were not used this year. If you were not able to pick up a mail-in giving envelope at Masses last weekend, today you will find envelopes and a pamphlet in the back of the church or in the lobby.



Another alternate way to make your gift to the ACA is online. As letter 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 to make your pledge online. The ACA pamphlet, *"Come, Follow Me... and bring hope to the world,"* further explains how funds raised through the Annual Catholic Appeal helps support the ministry of the Church here in the Archdiocese.

I thank all of you for your generosity in helping fund the Annual Catholic Appeal and for all of you who are so faithfully supporting St. Peter's Church through your generous donations and prayers. I especially say THANK YOU to our dedicated volunteers, readers and ushers who give so much of your time and talents to keep St. Peter's going. May God bless each and every one of you!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Please remember in your prayers, **Teresa Ortiz** who worked on Sundays in our gift shop. Teresa died suddenly and her funeral was celebrated Monday, February 8. Last Thursday **Mr. Robert Mosby** (brother of Linda McCaskill who is on the church staff) died after a long illness. His funeral was Saturday, February 13. **Julio Perez**, an uncle of Frank Roman (on the church security team) died last Friday. Please remember these people and all those who have died recently, especially those who have died due to the COVID virus. May God welcome them to the peace of heaven and offer hope in the resurrection to all who mourn.

Enjoy Mardi Gras (Tuesday) and may you have a prayerful Lenten Season.

Fr. Michael





Wednesday, February 17
*Ashes Distribution at Conclusion of
 Masses and Scripture Services*

8:00 am	Scripture Service
9:00 am	Scripture Service
10:00 am	Scripture Service
11:00 am	Mass
12 noon	Mass
1:00 pm	Mass
2:00 pm	Scripture Service
3:00 pm	Scripture Service

**Please call 312-372-5111 to reserve
 a space at Mass or the Scripture Service.**

Confessions on Ash Wednesday
10:30 am until 3:00 pm—Lower Level
No reservation required.



St. Peter's Church
Lenten Retreat
On ZOOM
Sponsored by SPYA

"Why Lent?"

Saturday, February 20, 2021
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Everyone is invited to attend!

To access this ZOOM event,
 use the following Code and Password:

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

Password: **EdSheaOFM**

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

Mk 1:40-45

"A leopard never changes its spots." Marcus was applying for a job. His background check showed that he had been in a gang and spent time in jail when he was in high



school and his prospective employer was understandably hesitant about hiring him. True, that's where Marcus had received the technical training that had prepared him for this particular job, but why had he ever decided to join a gang in the first place?

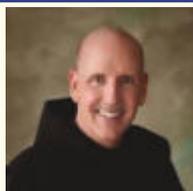
Perhaps a deeper look into Marcus's history would have helped. The son of a single working mom and an absent dad, Marcus had spent a great deal of time alone as a kid. There wasn't anybody there to make his breakfast in the morning so he generally went to school (when he actually *did* go to school; after all, it's not like there was anyone there to check up on him) hungry. And everyone knows that it's no fun coming home to an empty house, especially when there are other places to go.

Actually, if possible, things began to get *better* for Marcus while he was in jail. Marcus really did want to learn but he'd never had anyone who believed he could. John taught shop classes for the inmates. He saw potential in Marcus and encouraged him to go on to graduate from the local technical college after he was released. Marcus had changed.

But our society isn't any quicker than the people of Jesus' time to believe someone like Marcus when he tells us that he's been healed. In fact, maybe it was precisely to save the leper from becoming discouraged by the responses of his community that Jesus told him to "...tell no one anything but go, show [him]self to the priest and offer for [his] cleansing what Moses prescribed...", because Jesus knew that's what it would take for the people to welcome the leper back.

A negative background check can make it difficult for someone to convince people that he or she has been 'healed'. Unfortunately for Marcus, however, it may take more than offering what Moses prescribed for his cleansing to get him that job...

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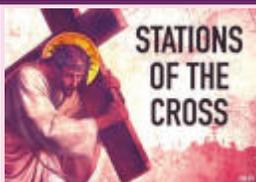


ZOOM Mass Sundays at 5 pm

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



Stations of the Cross Fridays During Lent

2:00 pm in the Church

Reservation required.

Call 312-372-5111 to reserve at space.

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



Psychology At Lunch

Mondays

12:15-12:45 pm CT

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Feb. 15: Obstacle #4: Self-Sabotage in Keeping Promises

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



Psychologist Dr. Jerry Hiller and Marilyn Rochon MA, LCPC guide participants in the pursuit of stress relief, self-acceptance, self-efficacy, and developing a sense of purpose. Participants learn to increase self-confidence, navigate through loss and depression, and improve relationships with themselves, others and God. The sessions combine practical psychology with the life-giving ways of St. Francis of Assisi.

To make a donation in support of St. Peter's Church Programs, please go to stpetersloop.org and click the online donation tab. Donate to "Programs" and type in the comments section "Repair My House". Thank you!



BLACK LIVES MATTER

A Conversation from a
Catholic Perspective

St. Peter's Church

February 2021

View Videos on YouTube at stpetersloop.org



February 1

Franciscan Spirituality and
Black Lives Empowerment

Fr. Abraham Joseph, O.F.M.



February 8

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

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



February 15

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

Mr. Gardis Watts, Jr.



Little Rock Scripture Study

Next Session

Spring 2021

Beginning Feb. 19—Register Now!

Program will take place via ZOOM.

The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus

The gospel stories of the passion and resurrection of Jesus are at the core of Christian faith, revealing the nature of God, the person Jesus, and the path of every disciple. Explore these essential stories in the unique accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayer, and access to recorded lectures are included in the 6 lessons. Fr. Derran Combs, O.F.M., Ph.D. will facilitate the ZOOM sessions.

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-1:00 pm or 5:00 pm-6:00 pm

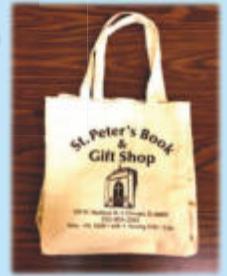
Feb. 19, 26; March 5, 19, 26; April 9

\$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.



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To contact Sr. Fran email:
fmsulzer@gmail.com

To contact Br. Guillermo email:
gamorales05@gmail.com

FRIAR ADDRESSES

If you wish to send a note to these friars who have recently moved from St. Peter's you may send your note to the following addresses. Due to COVID safety restrictions visitation is not possible at this time to any of these residences.

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St. Joseph Village of Chicago
4021 W. Belmont Ave.
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Fr. Elric Sampson, OFM
St. Joseph Village of Chicago
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Fr. George Musial, OFM
Bl. Giles Friary
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