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Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province

MARCH 7, 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.

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9:00 am until 6:00 pm

Saturdays

10:30 am until 4:30 pm

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Mondays through Saturdays

10:30 am until 3:00 pm

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8:30 am until 12:30 pm

Please wear a face covering and practice social distancing.



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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

Saints' Days and Observances

- Sun., March 7:** 3rd Sunday of Lent
- Mon., March 8:** Lenten Weekday
- Tues., March 9:** Lenten Weekday
- Wed., March 10:** Lenten Weekday
- Thurs., March 11:** Lenten Weekday
- Fri., March 12:** Lenten Weekday
- Sat., March 13:** Lenten Weekday

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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.

Weekly Goal	\$ 12,000
Feb. 21- 27	Total\$ 1,861
	Difference\$ -10,139

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.



Pope Francis stated he was issuing his Apostolic Letter on December 8, 2020 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX's (December 8, 1870) declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. On the occasion of this anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "*Year of St Joseph*," that began on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8, 2020) and goes to the same feast in 2021.

Though there are only a few accounts of St. Joseph in the scriptures, the passages that are in the bible tell us of a humble, honest and faithful man, who protected Mary and Jesus through some harrowing experiences. Though he was engaged to Mary he found out she was pregnant before they lived together. He had the right to walk away from that engagement but he trusted in God, who sent an angel in a dream to Joseph. Matthew's Gospel records it this way:

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly.

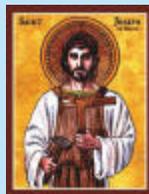
Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus. (NAB, Mt. 1:18-25)

On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter titled, **Patris Corde** ("*With a Father's Heart*"). In this Letter the Pope describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father,

Joseph quickly takes Mary and the infant Jesus to Egypt to escape the murderous rage of King Herod. They become refugees in a foreign land enduring dangers and unsettling conditions in order to keep the child safe. Matthew's Gospel only briefly describes what must have been a dangerous journey in the middle of the night towards safety. (See Matthew 2:13-15)

Joseph and Mary are faithful to the Jewish laws and take Jesus to the Temple, "*.....to present him to the Lord as it is written in the Law of the Lord.*" (Luke 2:22-24) Joseph and Mary continued to take Jesus to the Temple and once they feared Jesus had been lost as they returned from one of those visits and neither Joseph or Mary could find Jesus. Like any teenager, Jesus was growing in independence and did not think of the consequences of not notifying Joseph & Mary that he had remained in the Temple instead of returning with them to Nazareth. "*Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.*" And Jesus respond to them, "*Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?*" The family returned to Nazareth together and "*Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and people.*" (see Matthew 2:41-52)



At the conclusion of Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, **Patris Corde** ("*With a Father's Heart*") he explains why he wrote this letter about St Joseph and the place Joseph has in being Patron of the Universal Church.

The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal.

Indeed, the proper mission of the saints is not only to obtain miracles and graces, but to intercede for us before God, like Abraham and Moses, and like Jesus, the "one mediator" (1 Tim 2:5), who is our "advocate" with the Father (1 Jn 2:1) and who "always lives to make intercession for [us]" (Heb 7:25; cf. Rom 8:34).

The saints help all the faithful "to strive for the holiness and the perfection of their particular state of life". Their lives are concrete proof that it is possible to put the Gospel into practice.

Jesus told us: "Learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart" (Mt 11:29). The lives of the saints too are examples to be imitated. Saint Paul explicitly says this: "Be imitators of me!" (1 Cor 4:16). By his eloquent silence, Saint Joseph says the same. Before the example of so many holy men and women, Saint Augustine asked himself: "What they could do, can you not also do?" And so he drew closer to his



definitive conversion, when he could exclaim: "Late have I loved you, Beauty ever ancient, ever new!" We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace of graces: our conversion.

Pope Francis concluded his Letter about St. Joseph with the following prayer. I encourage you to pray this prayer, especially during this Lenten Season.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



You are invited to join us on Friday, March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, at the 11:40 am or 1:15 pm Mass here at St. Peter's as we honor the memory of this holy man and pray that all of us might be as faithful to God as St. Joseph was in his life.

If you have been coming to the Sunday Masses at St. Peter's you will have noticed that we have returned to having some music at those Masses. Though the congregation still may not sing, with the return of a cantor at weekend Masses it is feeling more prayerful and familiar when we gather for Mass. As we journey in this Lenten time I encourage you to come to daily Mass here at St. Peter's. We have Masses Monday-Friday at 11:40 am and 1:15 pm.



We pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 2:00 pm. If you come to the 1:15 pm Mass on Fridays you are invited to remain in your place after Mass for quiet prayer and then stay for Stations of the Cross at 2 pm. You are asked to reserve a place at Mass or stations by calling the church office at 312-372-5111.

We offer the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Monday - Saturday from 10:30 am - 3:00 pm. Reservations are not required for confession.

Next Saturday, March 13 the office for St. Peter's will be CLOSED in the morning as the Franciscans of the friary have a morning recollection. The office will open at 12 noon. If you call in the morning of March 13 you may leave a voice mail or call after the office opens at 12 noon.

May you have a Blessed Lenten Week.

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

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

No reservation is required.

For further information please view the website 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.





Solemnity of St. Joseph Friday, March 19

Masses

11:40 am & 1:15 pm
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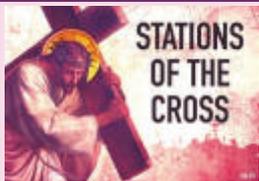
**PRAY FOR OUR
COMMUNITY**

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your
prayers Mrs. Barbara
Tverdek, the mother of Fr.

Ed Tverdek, OFM. Mrs. Tverdek whose funeral
was February 27. May she rest now in God's
presence.

Please keep in your prayers Fr. George Musial,
OFM, Fr. Jim Hoffman, OFM and Fr. Elric
Sampson, OFM. All three of these friars who
worked many years at St. Peter's are now in
hospice care. May God give them peace at this
time. Please also remember Br. Leo Geurts, OFM
who is doing fine and continues his rehab from his
surgery. Please remember all who are suffering
due to COVID in your prayers.



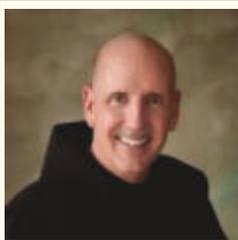
Stations of the Cross Fridays During Lent

2:00 pm in the Church

Reservation required.

Call 312-372-5111 to reserve a space.

March 12, 19, 26



St. Peter's Church ZOOM Mass Sundays at 5 pm

Fr. Ed Shea OFM will celebrate
Mass every Sunday at 5:00 pm via
ZOOM until further notice.

To access the ZOOM Mass, use the following Code
and Password:

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

Password: EdSheaOFM

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

Ex. 20: 1-17; Jn. 2:13-25

During this pandemic many small restaurants that once depended on indoor dining have had to close. But every so often we hear about a restaurant owner who remains open, often taking the money out of their own pocket to prepare dinners for healthcare workers or for the families of kids who are missing meals because the schools are closed. The work that once owned them has become a gift that they are able to share with those who have no work.



“You shall not have other gods besides me.” The story is told of a wealthy tourist who came upon a fisherman sitting in the sun, leaning lazily on his boat. “Why don’t you go out and fish?”, the tourist inquired. “I have all the fish I need”, responded the fisherman. “But if you catch more fish you can make more money.” “Why would I do that?”, the fisherman asked. “So that you can buy more boats and hire men to work for you.” “Why?” “So that you can make more money and buy more boats and hire more workers.” “Why?” “So that you can take it easy and do whatever you want?” “But I am doing that now,” the fisherman replied, wondering how the tourist could possibly be so stupid.

The fisherman’s boat did not own him. He used the boat to meet his needs. The fisherman owned the boat, not the other way around. The tourist, on the other hand, was obsessed with the idea of making money. Money, and whatever it took to make more of it, owned him.

It’s easy to forget why we do the work that we do. It’s easy to lose our perspective when we allow our work to become our god. In John’s Gospel we are given a rare glimpse of Jesus’ anger. The money changers were supposed to be assisting the people. Instead, they were using the people to make a profit. Money had become their god.

“You shall not have other gods besides me.” Why do I do the work that I do? Do I own my job, or does my job own me?

By Vinal Van Benthem ofs



Next Session Begins April 16

Registration Has Begun

Program will take place via ZOOM.

ANGELS IN THE BIBLE

The Bible is full of passages in which angelic beings are sent to accomplish God's will. Angels speak for God, direct the course of nations, and protect God's people. They worship God and deliver God's judgement. In *Angels in the Bible*, George Sigma examines some of the Bible's most fascinating passages about angels, exploring their ministry on God's behalf and drawing insights for our spiritual lives. Because angels are mediators of God's presence and action, studying angels is studying God.

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**
April 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14 and 21

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.



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

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



POLITICS AND POPE FRANCIS

A Franciscan Webinar Series
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www.stpetersloop.org

Session Two - Wed., March 10, 2 pm CST
Democracy: Citizens or Consumers?
Session Three - Wed., March 24, 2 pm CST
Politics: Popular Will and the Consumer Good



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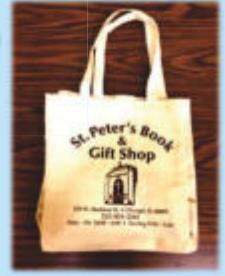
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If you would like further information you may contact Fr. Ed at:

friared@hotmail.com



Reconciliation
at St. Peter's Church
Mondays through Saturdays
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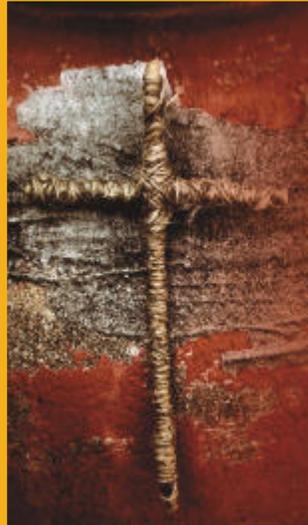


St. Peter's Church Safety Guidelines

Please wear a mask or face covering when entering St. Peter's Church. All visitors must have their temperature taken and hands sanitized prior to entering the church. Please maintain social distancing. Thank you.



If you would like to contribute to St. Peter's Church in this time of need, please go to the website stpetersloop.org and click on the **Online Giving** link.



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



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