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Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province

MARCH 21, 2021

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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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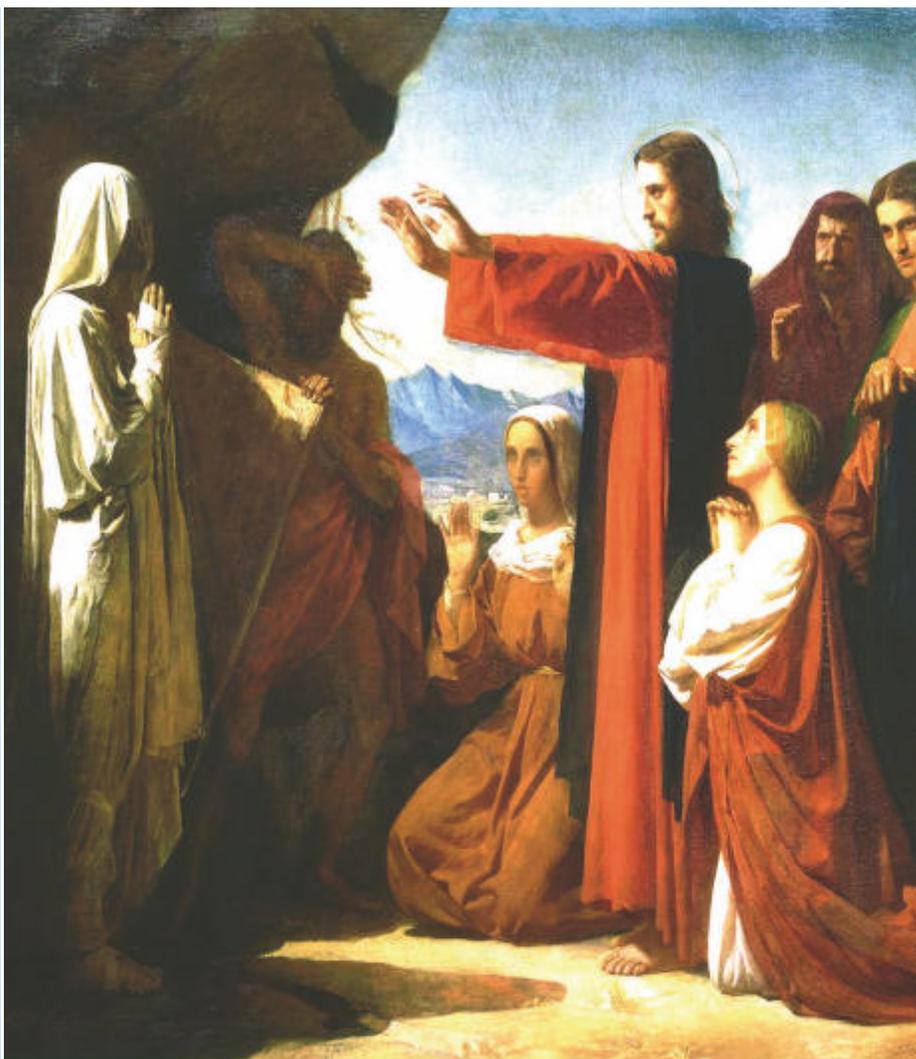
Saturdays
10:30 am until 4:30 pm

Church Hours

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.*



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

- Jn 11:25

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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., March 21:** 5th Sunday of Lent
- Mon., March 22:** Lenten Weekday
- Tues., March 23:** Lenten Weekday
- Wed., March 24:** Lenten Weekday
- Thurs., March 25:** Annunciation of the Lord
- Fri., March 26:** Lenten Weekday
- Sat., March 27:** 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
March 7-13	Total\$ 1,902
	Difference \$ -10,098

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



A year ago most churches throughout the world had closed their doors to public worship in an unprecedented move to help stop the spread of the COVID virus. Little did we know at that time how deadly and costly this dangerous virus would be. Government leaders in some countries were slow to react to the danger this new virus posed. Unfortunately, bad planning helped contribute to the deaths of many people. We in this country and some other countries did not have appropriate equipment stored and as the disease began infecting countless people we were not prepared to deal with such a pandemic.

The scientific and medical community began trying to find ways to combat this disease. Supported by some and ignored by others, scientists and doctors quickly went to work to try and understand this new disease in order to find ways to combat its dangerous effects.

Unfortunately, too many people placed their trust in rumors, false advice and plain ignorance thus defeating attempts to combat COVID with proven methods of helping stop the spread of disease. However, to their credit, the scientific and medical community worked long and hard to try and find a way to battle COVID. That we are now able to have not only one but three vaccines that have proven to help stop the spread of COVID is truly unprecedented and nothing short of a miracle.

Though the increasing distribution of preventative vaccines is helping combat this deadly virus there are still far too many people who refuse to take steps to help prevent the spread of this disease. Though medical personnel say wearing a mask is crucial to help stop the spread of COVID, there are those who continue to think this life saving behavior will *"interfere with my personal right."* Though the scientific evidence is overwhelming, too many people still, *"insist that large gatherings of people, with no social distance will not be deadly."*

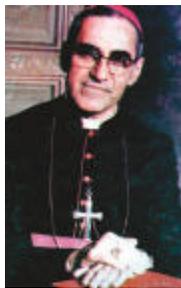
In last weekend's bulletin I shared a quote from the Vatican's doctrinal office, the **Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith** (CDF). In their December 2020 statement they stated that it is "morally acceptable" for Catholics to take vaccines against COVID-19. That statement was approved by the Pope for the entire Church. The following comes from that statement:

"All vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from

which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive" ... "the morality of vaccination depends not only on the duty to protect one's own health, but also on the duty to pursue the common good."

"In the absence of other means to stop or even prevent the epidemic, the common good may recommend vaccination, especially to protect the weakest and most exposed."

As members of the Church we profess our belief in the sanctity of ALL life. In this Lenten Season we recall the teachings of Jesus. We hear stories of his healing the sick, welcoming the stranger and outcasts. We are challenged by his words and life to think not only of ourselves but of others. I encourage you obtain one of the vaccines when it becomes available for you. Let us all do our part as *"people who respect all of life"* to protect the life of one another and all people of our world.



Forty-one years ago this Wednesday, on March 24, 1980, Bishop Oscar Romero, the Archbishop of El Salvador, was killed by an assassin's bullet while celebrating Mass in a hospital chapel in San Salvador. Bishop Romero had been appointed Archbishop because he was considered *"safe"*. He was opposed to activist priests, nuns and lay people. He was well respected by the wealthy and ruling families of El Salvador.

But when his good friend, Fr. Rutilio Grande, SJ, an elderly laymen and a young boy were murdered by soldiers as they tried to visit the sick in Fr. Rutilio's parish, the Archbishop was deeply shaken. When he asked for information about the deaths he was told to forget about such people and not associate with *"such communists."*

As El Salvador experienced more and more killings, especially of Catholics and church workers, the Archbishop began to speak out loudly and forcefully against the violence and poverty. The repression of the ruling government, backed by funds from the USA, continued to grow stronger and more oppressive. Archbishop Romero began to receive threats and more priests, nuns and lay people were murdered by the ruling government.

A year before his death the Archbishop said, *"When we speak of the church of the poor, we are simply telling the rich also: turn your eyes to this church and concern yourselves for the poor as for yourselves. At Puebla (a Latin American Bishops Conference Meeting) we said the poor are a concern of Christ, who will say*



at the end of life: "Whatever you did to one of these poor ones, you did to me."

On October 14, 2018, Pope Francis celebrated the canonization of Archbishop Romero as saint. I encourage you to read more about this holy Bishop. If you get a chance watch the movie, *Romero*, a powerful portrayal of Bishop Romero. You can find information on Bishop Romero in our bookstore.

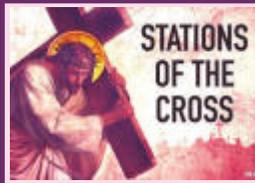
On February 21, 2020 Pope Francis approved for beatification, Fr. Rutilio, and his two companions (Manuel Solorzano and Nelson Lewis) who were martyred alongside him in 1977.



As we continue our journey in this Lenten Season, I encourage you to come to daily Mass, join us for Stations of the Cross or celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation 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 2pm. 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.

Fr. Michael



**Stations of the Cross
Fridays During Lent**

**March 26 - 2 pm
April 2 - 5 pm**

**Reservation required.
Call 312-372-5111 to reserve a space.**



**St. Peter's Church
Holy Week Schedule 2021**

**Please call 312-372-5111 to
reserve a space at all Masses
and Stations of the Cross.**

March 28 - Palm Sunday

**Church Open: 8:30 am until 12:15 pm
Church Office: Closed**

**Mass & Blessing of the Palms: 9:00 am &
11:00 am**

March 29-31 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Church Open: 10:30 am until 3 pm

Masses: 11:40 am & 1:15 pm

Confessions: 10:30 am until 3:00 pm

April 1 - Holy Thursday

Church Open: 10:30 am until 6:00 pm

Confessions: 10:30 am until 12:00 pm

**12:15 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration after Mass until 3 pm**

5:15 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

No Adoration after Mass

Church closes after Mass

April 2 - Good Friday

Church Open: 11:30 am until 5:30 pm

12:15 pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

3:15 pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

5:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

April 3 - Holy Saturday

Church Open: 6:15 pm, Closes after 7 pm Mass

Church Office: Closed

**7:00 pm: Solemn Vigil of the
Lord's Resurrection**

April 4 - Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

Church Open: 8:30 am until 12:15 pm

Church Office: Closed

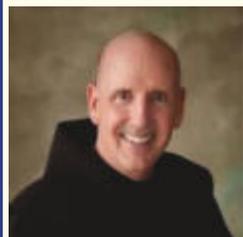
Easter Masses: 9:00 am & 11:00 am



Fr. George Musial, O.F.M.

Please remember in your prayers Fr. George Musial, OFM. Fr. George passed away on Wednesday, March 10 in Manitowoc, WI at the friar’s retirement home. A memorial service was held at St. Peter’s Church on Thursday, March 18. Fr. George’s interment is in the Friars’ Plot, Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside IL.

My God grant Fr. George the blessings of heaven after his faithful service to God’s people.



**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

Thank You from Br. Leo Geurts, O.F.M.



Thank you to everyone for all the cards, good wishes and prayers I have received as I continue my recovery. I greatly appreciate your heartfelt support. May God Bless you all!

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.

**THIS WEEK’S
SCRIPTURE STUDY**

John 12: 20-23



They were a large manufacturing plant but, when the pandemic hit, their business, like so many others, was severely impacted. Profits plummeted. They needed to tighten their belt; so many low-level positions would have to be cut. Even employees who had been with the company for years were in danger of losing their jobs. Their only hope was to apply for more secure mid-level positions but for that they would need to pass a basic math test and, unfortunately, many of them were poorly educated.

Paula had been hired to help the company downsize. Management had assumed that she would work with graphs and charts to eliminate employees. Instead, Paula worked with employees to eliminate graphs and charts. Paula believed that, given the opportunity, employees would do whatever was necessary to keep their jobs, including working to bring their math scores up. So she brought in a math teacher to work with them. And soon the same people who had previously been in danger of losing their jobs were, instead, applying for better ones.

Management had not been happy when Paula introduced her training program. They knew she had a reputation for innovative thinking. In fact, that was one of the reasons they had hired her. But they had assumed that she would introduce innovative ways to maintain company profits and decrease employees. Instead, she was introducing innovative ways to maintain employees while actually increasing company profits.

“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” Paula took a chance. It would have been safer to do what management wanted her to do but Paula had to be true to who she was, a woman of compassion and integrity who believed in the dignity of each person with whom she worked. Paula put her job and her security on the line. It could have gone either way. That’s how it is when you follow Jesus. It sounds easy in church but it’s harder to do when He’s a line-worker in a large manufacturing plant.

By Vinal Van Benthem ofS



St. Peter's Church
Lenten Reflections

View on YouTube
www.stpetersloop.org

March 15



Why Did God Become Human?
Primacy and Pre-destination of Christ
Fr. Mario DiCicco, O.F.M.

March 22



The Passion and Death of Jesus
through the Story of the Shroud of Turin
Fr. Johnpaul Cafiero, O.F.M.



Next Session Begins April 16
Registration Has Begun
Presented 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 of **\$12** is 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



Psychology At Lunch
Mondays
12:15-12:45 pm CT
Presented on ZOOM

To Participate
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ANXIETY: THE CHALLENGE

March 22: Anxiety and Sloppy/Irrational Thinking
March 29: Anxiety and Filling Your God "Hole"



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.

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HOLY WEEK HOURS

Palm Sunday, March 28: 8:30 am-12:15 pm

Mon.-Wed., March 29-31: 10:30 am-2:30 pm

Holy Thursday, April 1: 10:30 am-3:00 pm

Good Friday, April 2: 11:30 am-3:00 pm

Closed Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday

REGULAR HOURS

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Sundays

8:30 am until 12:15 pm

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Session Three - Wed., March 24, 2 pm CST
Politics: Popular Will and the Consumer Good



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



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.



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.



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