



St. Peter's Church

Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province

AUGUST 1, 2021

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

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

Mondays through Fridays

10:30 am until 3:00 pm

Saturdays

12 noon until 4:30 pm

DEVOTIONS

St. Anthony Devotions on Tuesdays

After the 11:40 am and

1:15 pm Masses.

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9:00 am until 6:00 pm

Saturdays

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

Saints' Days and Observances

- Sun., August 1:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Mon., August 2:** Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula
- Tues., August 3:** Ordinary Time
- Wed., August 4:** St. John Vianney
- Thurs., August 5:** Ordinary Time
- Fri., August 6:** The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Sat., August 7:** Ordinary Time

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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
July 18-24 Total.....	\$ 4,576
Difference.....	\$ - 7,424

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



175th Anniversary

Today, Sunday, August 1, 2021 we begin our year-long celebration of the 175th anniversary of St. Peter's Church. We welcome Fr. Thomas Nairn, OFM, the Provincial of the Franciscan

Province of the Sacred Heart who is presiding and preaching at this Mass. Throughout the coming year we plan to have a number of special events to commemorate our 175 years here in the Loop. As we honor our history we also will explore ways in how we can best ministry to folks in the Loop in light of the impact of the COVID pandemic of the past two years. Our anniversary committee is planning various events for the coming year. Check our weekend bulletins, Facebook, posters in church and on the kiosk in front of the church and our web site for upcoming events and service. We will conclude our year-long celebration with a festive Mass next August 2022.



St. Peter's Church was established in 1846 to minister to the increasing German immigrant population in Chicago. The site

chosen to build the first church was on the south side of Washington Street between Wells and Franklin Streets. The church building was completed that summer and dedicated on August 2, 1846. It was a frame building, forty feet wide and sixty feet long, with a seating capacity of 700. A Catholic school was located behind the church and the rectory was west of the church building. A diocesan priest, Fr. John Jung was appointed pastor. Fr. Mario DiCicco, OFM has been working on video presentations on the history of St. Peter's that will be available in the coming months on our YouTube Channel.

HEALTH

As we are aware the COVID pandemic has greatly impacted our church, city and the entire world. As more people were vaccinated it appeared that the danger of this virus would continue to lessen here in the USA. In fact, mask mandates, registering for Masses, and many other restrictions were lessened as the readily available vaccines were helping stop the spread of this terrible disease.

While some people have been unable to receive the vaccine due to various health concerns for themselves many people are able to be vaccinated. Unfortunately, a rapidly growing variant of COVID is now causing

another increase in those affected with this new variant of the disease. Hospitals throughout the country are noticing an alarming increase in those who have this new variant. As medical, scientific and health workers are reporting, most of those now getting COVID are those who have not received any vaccine against this disease.

While I cannot force anyone to receive any of the available vaccines against this disease, I ask those of you who have so far refused to receive the vaccine to reconsider your decision. Overwhelming scientific evidence is that because so many are not being vaccinated this variant is growing rapidly putting at risk many people and filling up our hospitals again with those suffering from COVID.

All of the friars here at St. Peter's have been vaccinated for many months now. As soon as we were able, we received this vaccine so that we would not put our elderly friars at risk in the friary as well as to be sure we would not put any of you who come to St. Peter's at risk. Pope Francis has spoken often that to receive the vaccine to help stop the spread of COVID is truly a Christian act of being concerned for one another.

I am at a loss as to why so many have politicized this life-saving vaccine in our country. As the danger of this variant of COVID increases I am concerned that we may have to return to mandated wearing of masks, limiting gatherings of people and other restrictions to help stop the spread of a disease that the medical community tells us could be arrested if the majority of people were vaccinated. As we move forward through the summer I encourage you to do all you can to help everyone around us to stay healthy. May God's Spirit help us all in these difficult times.

THE PARDON OF ASSISI



Tomorrow, Monday, August 2 is a feast especially important to Franciscans. *The Feast of Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula* honors Mary and commemorates a small chapel in the valley below Assisi where St. Francis gathered the early friars and reached out in service to others. St. Francis had great devotion

to Mary, Queen of the world and when he saw that the church was deserted, he began to live there constantly and repair it. He heard that the angels often visited it, so that it was called St. Mary of the Angels. It was at the Portiuncula that Francis founded the Order, received St. Clare as his spiritual daughter, and where he died commending this spot above all others to the friars.



On a night in July, 1216, Francis was praying in the little church of the Portiuncula devoured by love for God and a thirst to save souls. He prayed for the forgiveness of sins of everyone. Suddenly a brilliant light shone all around. In great splendor Jesus and Mary appeared in the midst of a dazzling cloud surrounded by a multitude of radiant angels. Then Jesus said to him: "Francis you are very zealous for the good of souls. Ask me what you want for their salvation." St. Francis was speechless. When he regained his courage, he said: "Lord, I beg You to concede an indulgence to all those who enter this church, who are truly contrite and have confessed their sins.

Jesus answered: "It is a very great thing that which you ask Me; but you are worthy of even greater things, Friar Francis, and greater things you will have. So I accept your request, but I want you to go to my Vicar (The Pope), to whom I have given the power to bind and loose in Heaven and on earth, to ask him on my behalf for this indulgence."

With one of his companions, Francis hastened to Pope Honorius III and implored him to proclaim that everyone visiting the church and confessing their sins with a contrite heart would be as pure from all sin and punishments as he was immediately after baptism. The Pope granted this petition. (Sections of the story above were adapted from St. Francis of Assisi and the Great Pardon known as the Portiuncula Indulgence by Susan Tassone)

The Pardon of Assisi, Plenary Indulgence has been extended to all parish churches throughout the world. According to the directives for Indulgences the following are guidelines for the Indulgence: Celebrate Confession, attend Mass, receive Holy Communion and pray an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory Be* for the intentions of the Pope, eight days before or after August 2.

MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN



Next weekend, August 7-8, 2021, throughout the Archdiocese, we will observe the Missionary Cooperation Plan, the annual collection that connects our archdiocese with missionary causes around the world. Unfortunately, for a second summer

the missionaries could not send speakers to visit us in person due to the global pandemic. Religious congregations of sisters, brothers and priests, along with missionary dioceses and organizations such as schools, orphanages and medical clinics benefit from our prayers and donations. We will have a second collection for the missions next weekend, Aug. 7-8. Envelopes to use for this collection are available in church this week.

TRANSITIONS



After 33 years of faithful service to St. Peter's Church, the director of our St. Peter's Church Security Team has retired. Gilbert Matthews was instrumental in helping establish our security team and has served as director from the beginning. Providing directions, helping those who might have fallen ill or injured at the church or helping direct troubled people from the church, Gilbert has helped assure all of us a place to worship in safety and security over these past 33 years. We will miss his presence here at St. Peter's but trust he will be enjoying his retirement and having more time to relax and be with his family.

May God Bless you Gilbert and Thank You for your Faithful Service to St. Peter's Church!

Fr. Michael

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.



Memorial Votive Candles



St. Peter's is currently accepting reservations for the memorial votive candles within the Church. Once lit, the candles burn 24 hours a day for one year. A plaque in front of your candle notes who it is lit in honor of. Applications are available at the front office of St. Peter's. The cost is \$150.

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays through Fridays

Mass Times:

11:40 am & 1:15 pm

Saturdays

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Sundays

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THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

We were having lunch at a local fast food restaurant. Pat was speaking. "When I looked at my 401K and realized how much money I'd lost I was angry." When he retired from his previous job



several years ago Pat was making more than enough money but he wanted to work in an area that focused more on benefiting society than on increasing the company's bottom line. Now he works with the elderly, creating programs to help senior citizens find appropriate medical care, housing, and other necessary assistance. Pat's wife teaches school. When he changed careers Pat knew he would be taking a drastic cut in pay but he had made some good investments along the way and he and his wife were counting on that to carry them through their retirement years. Unfortunately, the recent economic downturn had taken a huge chunk out of his savings and, like so many others, Pat and his wife had lost several thousand dollars.

"What is *enough*?" According to one old saying, "*Enough* is just a little bit more than I have." The quote is attributed to the Dutch – but it could just as well have been said by Israelites. In Exodus 6:19-20 (which we do not have in today's reading) Moses tells the people that they are not to keep any of the manna over for another day (they have been instructed by God to gather the manna each morning and they will have *enough*). "But they would not listen to him. When some kept a part of it over...it became wormy and rotten." In other words, having a "*little bit more*" spoiled the lot.

Pat continued his story but after ranting and raving for a while he gradually found himself calming down and becoming less angry. True, his 401K had taken a beating, but he and his wife still have a roof over their heads and plenty to eat. In other words, they have *enough*.

It is said that anything we have that is more than we need is stolen from the poor. What do we really need? In these uncertain days, what is *enough*?

By Vinal Van Benthem ofs



Next Session Begins September 3

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Program will take place in person on Thursdays and via ZOOM on Fridays.

EUCCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE

The Eucharist in Scripture explores the biblical theme of meals shared in faithful fellowship and in covenant relationship with God. Old Testament meals and promises provide a foundation for gospel meals with Jesus, culminating in the Last Supper as it is understood throughout the New Testament. Jesus' bread of life discourse and the early church's practice of "breaking bread" are also explored. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayer, and access to online lectures are included.

Fr. Derran Combs, O.F.M., Ph.D. will facilitate the ZOOM sessions and some of the in person sessions.

Registered participants are asked to prepare by reading the assigned lessons in advance from the textbook.

Meeting Time and Dates:

In Person Lower Level of Church

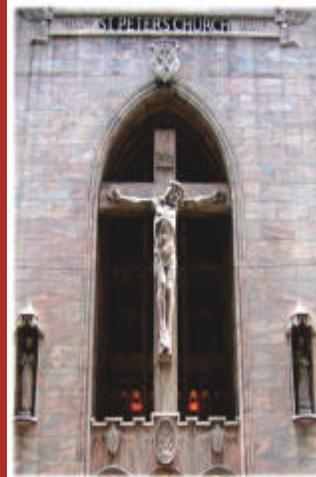
Thursdays, 12:15-1 pm—Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct. 14

ZOOM Session

Fridays, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm—Sept. 3, 10, 24; Oct. 1, 15

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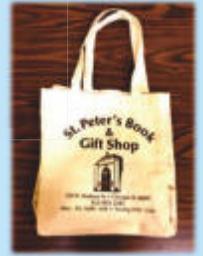
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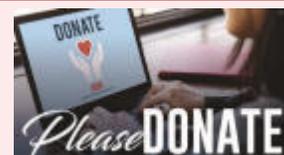
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