



St. Peter's Church

Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province

OCTOBER 3, 2021

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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.

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays through Fridays

9:00 am until 6:00 pm

Saturdays

10:30 am until 4:30 pm

CHURCH BUILDING OPEN

Mondays through Fridays

10:30 am until 3:00 pm

Saturdays

12 noon until 6:00 pm

Sundays

8:30 am until 12:30 pm



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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

Saints' Days and Observances

- Sun., October 3:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Mon., October 4:** Our Holy Father Francis of Assisi
- Tues., October 5:** Ordinary Time
- Wed., October 6:** Ordinary Time
- Thurs., October 7:** Our Lady of the Rosary
- Fri., October 8:** Ordinary Time
- Sat., October 9:** 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
Sept. 19-25 Total.....	\$ 4,344
Difference.....	\$ - 7,656

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



During the month of October, throughout the Church in the USA, we focus attention on our call to promote Respect for all of Life.

Monday, October 4 we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Francis showed care and concern for all, especially the poor. He revered God's hand in all creation. He lived his life so faithful to that of Christ that he is called *alter Christus*, another Christ. As we honor this saint known throughout the world, I urge all parishioners to pray and work hard for a deeper respect for all of God's creation, all of life. Francis began life in a small Italian town that saw war and destruction constantly. He lived in a time of scandal in the Church and in society. Francis' approach to the many problems and issues of medieval Italy can also teach us much about being faithful to the Gospel in our own turbulent times.



Francis heard God's call in the small church of San Damiano on the outskirts of Assisi. Gazing upon the large cross in the church he heard God, *Francis, go and repair my house which, as you see, is falling completely into ruin.* Initially Francis thought God wanted him to repair the physical church where he was praying. However, under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, Francis realized his real task was to bring healing and repair to a broken Church. Under God's inspiration he brought peace and respect between all classes of people. God continues to call us to do no less.....respecting all of life in the world, in our country and right here in Chicago.

Franciscans throughout the world remember the passing of St. Francis of Assisi to eternal life today, October 3rd. The Franciscans here at St. Peter's invite you to join us for this prayer service to commemorate the death of St. Francis. It will be held in the church this afternoon Sunday, October 3 at 1:30 pm. Tomorrow, Monday, October 4 we celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi at the 11:40 am and 1:15 pm Masses. Yesterday, Saturday, October 2, we had our annual blessing of animals at the front of the church.

As we gather this weekend to celebrate the Eucharist, I encourage each of us to contemplate these words of Pope Francis who challenges each of us to promote respect for life. The Holy Father said, *All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable..... The sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his*

own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.



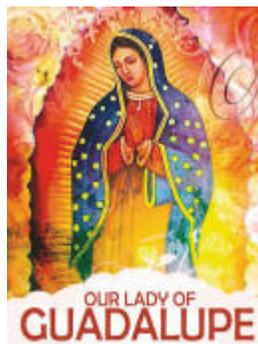
Throughout the Gospels we hear Jesus call everyone who wishes to be his followers, to promote life. As the Pope continues to remind us...the role of the Church is to be missionary. In other words we are not to rest on our past glories or on our present actions. As the Pope reminds us we are to bring the Gospel stories and the message of Jesus to our world today. In his

Apostolic Exhortation (**The Joy of the Gospel**, 2013) the Pope wrote:

Today, as the Church seeks to experience a profound missionary renewal, there is a kind of preaching which falls to each of us as a daily responsibility. It has to do with bringing the Gospel to the people we meet, whether they be our neighbors or complete strangers. This is the informal preaching which takes place in the middle of a conversation, something along the lines of what a missionary does when visiting a home.

Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey. In this preaching, which is always respectful and gentle, the first step is personal dialogue when the other person speaks and shares his or her joys, hopes and concerns for loved ones, or so many other heartfelt needs. Only afterwards is it possible to bring up God's word.

The message of God's love has to be shared humbly as a testimony on the part of one who is always willing to learn, in the awareness that the message is so rich and so deep that it always exceeds our grasp. In this way they will have an experience of being listened to and understood; they will know that their particular situation has been placed before God, and that God's word really speaks to their lives. (#127)



I encourage you to pray the following prayer during this October. It was published by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops to Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of Respect Life:

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion.



Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life.

Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son.

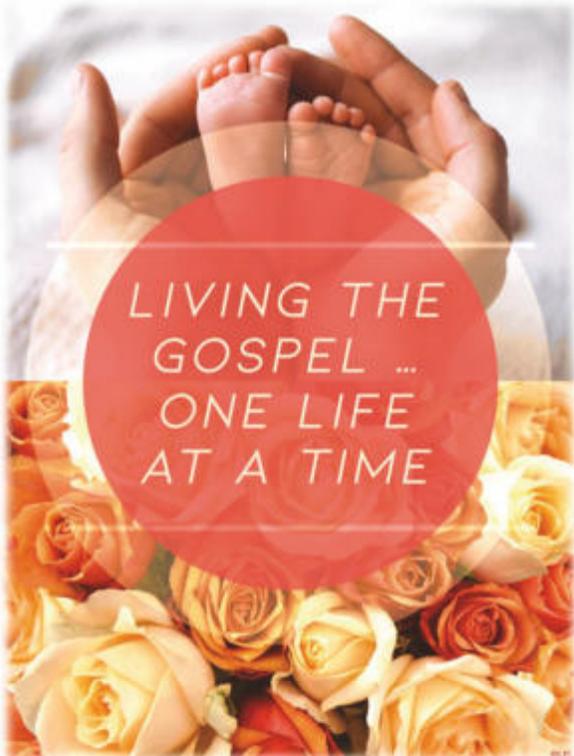
Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens.

Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

In light of the deadly increase in shootings and killings, especially here in Chicago, I urge each one of us to do whatever we can to try and end this senseless violence. The shootings, especially of children and young adults, innocent men and women in their homes or driving on our highways calls out to each of us that we must try and do something to end this slaughter of our young people and innocent adults. Whether it is showing respect to others in all you do, or contacting our city, state or federal representatives we must not sit idly by as more and more people are injured or killed. As Pope Francis and Popes before him remind us, Respect for life begins from our conception until our natural death. Let us together promote respect for all of life and all of God's creation!

Fr. Michael



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**ST. PETER'S CHURCH
MASS SCHEDULE**

Mondays through Fridays

Mass Times:

11:40 am & 1:15 pm

Saturdays

Mass Time: 5:00 pm

Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sundays

Mass Times: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

CONFESSION

Mondays through Fridays

10:30 am until 3 pm

Saturdays

12 noon until 4:30 pm

Lower Level Auditorium

For further information please view the website stpetersloop.org or call 312-372-5111.

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.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

Mark 10: 2-16

There's been a great deal of conversation lately about marriage. "Marriage is sacred." "Marriage is old fashioned." "Marriages are made in heaven." "Marriages are made on TV reality shows." In their crusade for political correctness politicians insist that marriage should be protected at all costs. But sometimes, it seems, the cost is too great...

Ellen was a lawyer and a wife. Her husband was a doctor. They both worked long hours but they were firm in their commitment to one another and to their marriage. The managing partner of Ellen's firm believed in marriage, too. In fact, as a candidate for public office he was often photographed with his wife. He supported marriage – as long as it didn't interfere with business. When Ellen asked for time off because she was expecting a baby her boss became angry. This was a law office, not a nursery. Ellen was just going to have to decide where her priorities lay.

Our readings this Sunday talk about marriage. They remind me of a couple I saw one morning in downtown Chicago – seemingly out of place, curiously removed from the commuters around them but present to one another in the comfortable way of those long married:

Hot Rain

Hot rain – early in the morning.

They walk –

her dress, a farmer's garden of dooryard flowers;
he, tall, outdoor lines trace life across his face.

Each shelter for the other.

No need to speak; long years of words let silence be
enough.

His heavy feet find dry place on the earth.

She walks behind, content to take the path he claims
for both.

From: On the Way to Work

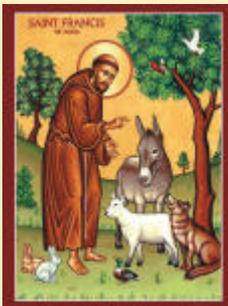
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Public statements supporting the sanctity of marriage make good press but what about the people who make those statements? Are their words supported by actions? Unfortunately for Ellen and many others like her the answer is too often 'no'. Too often our society seems unwilling to take the necessary steps to actually support marriage, especially in the workplace. Where do *our* priorities lie? How serious are *we* about protecting what God has joined together?

By Vinal Van Benthem of



Feast of St. Francis *Schedule of Events*



Blessing of the Animals
Saturday, October 2
12:00 pm
In front of the church.
Bring your pet(s) or
photo(s) of them to
take part in this
Franciscan tradition.



Transitus
Sunday, October 3,
1:30 pm, Church
This service recounts
the passing of Francis
from this life to eternal
life.



Feast of St. Francis
Festive Masses
Monday, October 4,
11:40 am & 1:15 pm
Church

All are welcome to attend these events!



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

12:10-12:55 pm CDT

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Mind, Body and Soul Skills for the Journey

Moving Forward in Our Transitions

- Oct. 11: Nourish Your Soul
(ala Francis of Assisi)**
- Oct. 18: Terrible 3's—Anxiety, Guilt, Shame**
- Nov. 8: The Distressed Personality
(Type D): Negative Feelings + Lack
of Self-Confidence In Social
Situations**
- Nov. 15: Sanity in Difficult Family
Relationships**
- Dec. 6: Pace, Not Race: A Healthy
Relationship With Time—Part Two**



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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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—Oct. 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11

ZOOM Session

Fridays, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm—Oct. 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12

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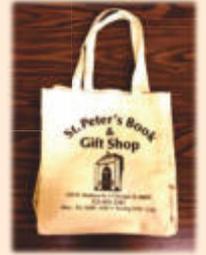
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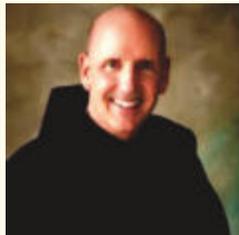
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Memorial Votive Candles



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. Please call 312-372-5111 for further information.



St. Peter's Church Safety Guidelines

The Archdiocese of Chicago requires wearing a face mask or face covering when inside St. Peter's Church. Visitors should sanitize their hands upon entering the building. Please maintain social distancing. Thank you.



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Saturdays

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