



St. Peter's Church

Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province

OCTOBER 31, 2021

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when entering the church building.*

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



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34ab

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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 31:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Mon., November 1:** All Saints
- Tues., November 2:** Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
- Wed., November 3:** Ordinary Time
- Thurs., November 4:** St. Charles Borromeo
- Fri., November 5:** Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed of the Franciscan Order
- Sat., November 6:** Ordinary Time

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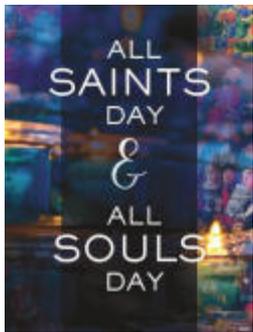
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| Weekly Goal..... | \$ 12,000 |
| Oct. 17-23 Total..... | \$ 4,093 |
| Difference..... | \$ - 7,907 |

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



ask any child/adult what is today (October 31) and many will reply..... It's Halloween and "Trick or Treat." It's time for candy, hot dogs, and parties for both kids & adults. It's time for scary tales and movies, of carved pumpkins and varieties of costumes both funny and frightening.

Over the years, the day of All Hallows Eve [Halloween] has become known for it's parties and costumes rather than the day to prepare to remember the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1. Perhaps even as Christians we need to be reminded that in our daily life we are to be about becoming saints. Please note that this year because the holyday of All Saints is on a Monday it is not a day of obligation. We will still celebrate this great remembrance of All Saints of the Church and if possible, I encourage you to join us for the 11:40 am or 1:15 pm Masses on Monday, November 1 as we honor All Saints.



This feast of All Saints calls us not so much to remember the Blessed Virgin Mary or St. Joseph, St. Francis or St. Clare, St. Mother Theresa or St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Anthony or St. Patrick but to remember those saints who are not listed on the Church calendar. To recall to memory those who may not have statues in their honor but

have been or can be powerful influences in our lives. People who have been examples of faithful followers of Jesus who now call us to greater faith because of how they lived Christ's message in their lives.

When I think of All Saints I recall the men and women, priests, religious and laity of Central America who were murdered in the 1980's because of their faith in Jesus. I think of the many people of the Mideast today, especially those Christians in Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan who are trying to practice their Catholic faith and are suffering persecution, are forced to leave their homelands or even murdered all because of their belief in Jesus. Of those suffering in various Asian countries because of their faithfulness to the Gospel.

I think of parents who sacrifice (large & small) for their children. Husbands & wives who care for one another... in good times & in bad... in sickness & health.... The spouse who cares for their husband/wife who is chronically ill. The grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

On the feast of All Saints we are called by God to

remember the saints who touch our lives. We recall our tradition of prayer for the faithful departed, especially tomorrow (November 2 on the feast of All Souls). As Christians, All Saints reminds us that "trick or treat" should be seen as symbol of Christian hospitality (not how much candy we get or partying that we do). The practice of "Trick or Treat" should remind us of the willingness to receive and give without requiring something in return.

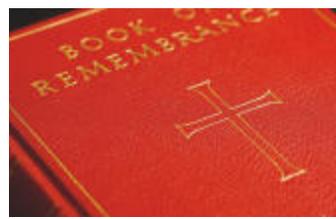


On All Hallows Day (Halloween) we need to recall that the tradition of Jack O'Lanterns (lighted pumpkins) began not as symbols of fear but as welcoming lamps to

guide us home, to realize that we who walk the earth are called to be lamps lighting the way for others. This tradition began hundreds of years ago in Ireland and was brought by Irish immigrants to the USA.

We celebrate All Saints to remind you/me that we are called to be saints. Who me?!? YES you!!! Because isn't that what our lives are all about.... to grow in holiness & w/compassion for one another? The Trappist monk, Thomas Merton, said, "*A saint is not so much [someone] who realizes that they possess virtue and sanctity as one who is overwhelmed by the sanctity of God.*"

This year on All Saints, I encourage you to remember that in humility we realize we become saints not by our great works, our selfless deeds, our many prayers, our being Catholic, but rather through the boundless love of God who calls each of us to be saint.



As we begin the month of November, I encourage you to remember your loved ones who have died. Feel free to write in our **Book of the Dead**, those you wish to remember. You will find the

book near the Baptismal Fount in the back of church. On Monday, November 1 we remember **All Saints** at the 11:40 am and 1:15 pm Masses. On Tuesday, November 2, **All Souls**, we remember all of our deceased relatives and friends at the 11:40 am and 1:15 pm Masses.

SYNOD 2021-2023

On Oct. 10, 2021, Pope Francis formally opened a two-year process called "*A Synod on Synodality*," officially known as "Synod 2021-2023: For a Synodal Church." Though there has not been much publicity about this Synod here in the USA, you will be hearing more and

more about it in the coming months. And hopefully there will be clearer information about what might be its implication for the Church in the coming years. In brief, the process involves an expansion of an established institution, called the "Synod of Bishops." This means that bishops around the world will consult with everyone from parishioners to monks, nuns and Catholic universities before coming together for a discussion in 2023. The topic? How the church can learn to rely more fully on this kind of consultation-and-discussion process – how it can become more "synodal" in its governance. Throughout the centuries, the Roman Catholic Church has held many gatherings called "synods" – but seldom one this sweeping in its potential consequences.



Many people – even many practicing Catholics – may find the name "Synod on Synodality" and its purpose puzzling. What is a synod in the first place? The word derives

from an ancient Greek term that means "coming together" or "traveling together." Ancient Christians developed a custom of local leaders coming together to pray and make decisions about matters affecting all the Christian communities in a region. They gathered in the faith that their prayers and discussions would reveal God's will and the way to achieve it.

The above information about the Synod is from an article in **The Conversation** and was written by Fr. William Clark, SJ who is Professor of Religious Studies at the College of the Holy Cross. More details about this Synod will be available in the coming months.

I also ask that everyone please continue to observe all health safety protocols so that together we all might continue to do everything we can to help eliminate the danger of COVID to others and hopefully soon return to some semblance of normality. Don't forget to get your COVID vaccine and also a FLU shot. Let's all do everything we can to keep one another healthy in the coming Chicago winter season!

Fr. Michael



Mass to Honor Veterans Thursday, November 11

1:15 pm

Hosted by

The Notre Dame Club of Chicago
Veterans Initiative Committee



St. Peter's Church Veteran's Program "Moral Injury"

Exploring the stresses that military deployment and war has on men and women's lives, especially those suffering from PTSD.

Wednesday, November 10, 12-1:30 pm

St. Clare Auditorium Lower Level

Presented by



Fr. Ed McKenzie, O.F.M.

Fr. Ed McKenzie is on staff at St. Peter's and is also a Vietnam Veteran. He will share his insights into the condition known as Post Traumatic Stress... a condition he suffers from his time spent in the warzone in 1969-1970. He also has some appropriate music that he will perform with his guitar that musically illustrates the problem.

Retired Major General James H. Mukoyama, Jr.

Major General James H. Mukoyama, Jr. retired from the Army in May 1995, after over thirty years of total active and reserve component service, and two combat tours.



THE OTHER CATHOLICS:



AN INTRODUCTION TO THE EASTERN RITES OF THE CHURCH

“SYROMALABAR CATHOLICISM”

Tuesday, November 9

12:15-1 pm

Lower Level Auditorium

Presented by

Fr. George Danavelil

St. Thomas SyroMalabar Diocese of Chicago



The Roman Catholic Church consists of seven major rites with many liturgical and cultural expressions, with the Latin Rite being the largest among them. Many western Catholics are unaware of the history and spirituality of the Catholic churches of the east. This lecture series will explore three of these traditions beginning with an overview session by Father Derran. The subsequent lectures will explore the eastern traditions of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, the Syro Malabar Catholic Church, and the Coptic Catholic Church.

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THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

Rev. 7:2-4, 9-14; Mt. 5:1-12a

“They’re closing the distribution center where I work.” The speaker was a woman attending a workshop I gave recently. We were talking about the current economic situation and, in



particular, how it was affecting people in the area. She, along with dozens of others, finds herself in a “...time of great distress.” The focus of my presentation was the Real Presence as Catholic Christians understand and celebrate it. As an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, prior to Covid she often shared “...the blood of the Lamb.” But in these difficult times she is experiencing in a new way what we mean when we speak of Christ’s blood outpoured.

“We’ve had to let most of our servers go.” This time the speaker was the owner of a small restaurant in the area. Last week she had to tell her employees that fear of Covid has resulted in fewer diners and reduction in hours. She told them that she would be available to help them with resume preparation and assured them that she would be happy to provide references and recommendations if that would be helpful. “How did they take it?” I asked. “Pretty well,” she said. “In fact, most of them even participated in a previously-planned staff party and boat trip on a local lake, even though they aren’t working for me any longer.”

“Blessed are the poor in spirit...” “Blessed are they who mourn...” “Blessed are the merciful...” “Blessed are the peacemakers...” Every day, businesses close their doors; every day, people face a new Covid variant. People are hurting. It is a “... time of great distress.” Even as the stock market struggles to find its footing dishonest and greedy people continue to benefit from past corruption.

But there are other people. The managers of the distribution center, local business owners, and many more like them, endeavor to help their employees. “Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness...” “Blessed are the merciful...” Tomorrow we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints. Look around. That person in front of you in line at the grocery store just might be a saint traveling incognito...

By Vinal Van Benthem ofs

Eating Your Way Through Luke’s Gospel



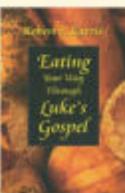
Presented by

Fr. Robert Karris, O.F.M., Th.D.

Wednesday, November 17

12:15-1 pm

Lower Level Room A



Fr. Bob Karris describes the food and drink popular in Jesus’ day. He also documents the social, political, and general contexts in which the food was prepared and eaten. He outlines the social roles Jesus assumes in Luke’s Gospel in relation to food and meals, as well as the relationship between women and food. Karris also examines the Eucharistic implications of the way food and drink are portrayed.

Book available at St. Peter’s Book & Gift Shop.

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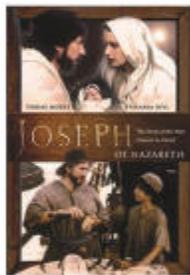


CATHOLIC FILM SERIES

JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

TWO PART VIDEO

MONDAYS
NOV. 8 & NOV. 15
12:15-1 pm
Lower Level

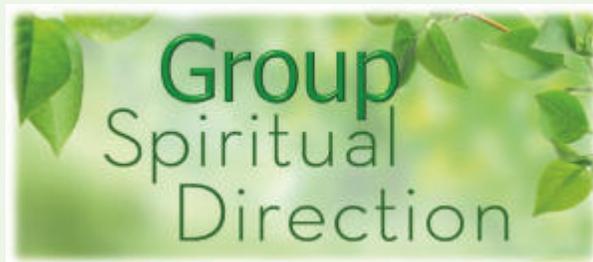


The first feature film ever on the story of St. Joseph - carpenter, husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus Christ. Scripture tells us that St. Joseph was a "just man", and that God gave him the most daunting task ever asked of a man - to be the husband of the woman who would give birth to the Messiah, and the father and protector of this Holy Family, the man closest to Christ.

Series discussion questions after viewing.
All are invited to attend. Free will offering.



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Presented by
Br. Guillermo Morales O.F.M.
and **Sr. Fran Sulzer FSPA**
Meets in Lower Level—Room A
Tuesdays
Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30; Dec. 7, 14

GDS is not a study, discussion or prayer group, but it is conducted in a prayerful context.

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Healing Hearts ~ Mending Lives

Why Forgive?

Tues., Nov. 16, 12:15-1 pm
Lower Level Auditorium

Presented by

Fr. Derran Combs, O.F.M., Ph.D.



For decades, St. Peter's Church has been known as the place to go in the Loop for a prayerful celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Spiritual healing and the mending of relationships with God and others occurs when the sacrament is celebrated well. However, the challenge is to continuously strive to maintain good relationships with people on a daily basis. The reality is that in our daily interaction with people—whether at the workplace, at school, at home, or in the public arena—people experience breeched trust among colleagues or schoolmates, shattered friendships, and painful disassociation with family members.

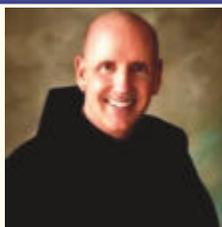
Our monthly *Healing Hearts* presentations attempts to help individuals restore such broken relationships with family, friends, co-workers, and associates with the hope of reestablishing heartfelt trust and affection.

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Book of Remembrance

Please remember deceased relatives and friends by adding their names to the Book of Remembrance in the rear of the church. It will remain there for the month of November.



St. Peter's Church
ZOOM Mass
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Fr. Ed Shea OFM celebrates Mass once a month on Sunday at 5:00 pm via ZOOM.

November 7 & December 5

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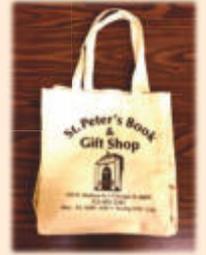
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- Dec. 6: Pace, Not Race: A Healthy Relationship With Time—Part Two**



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

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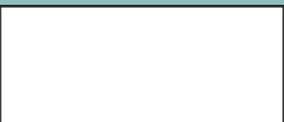
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