



St. Peter's Church

Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province

NOVEMBER 7, 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
Across from Book & Gift Shop*

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

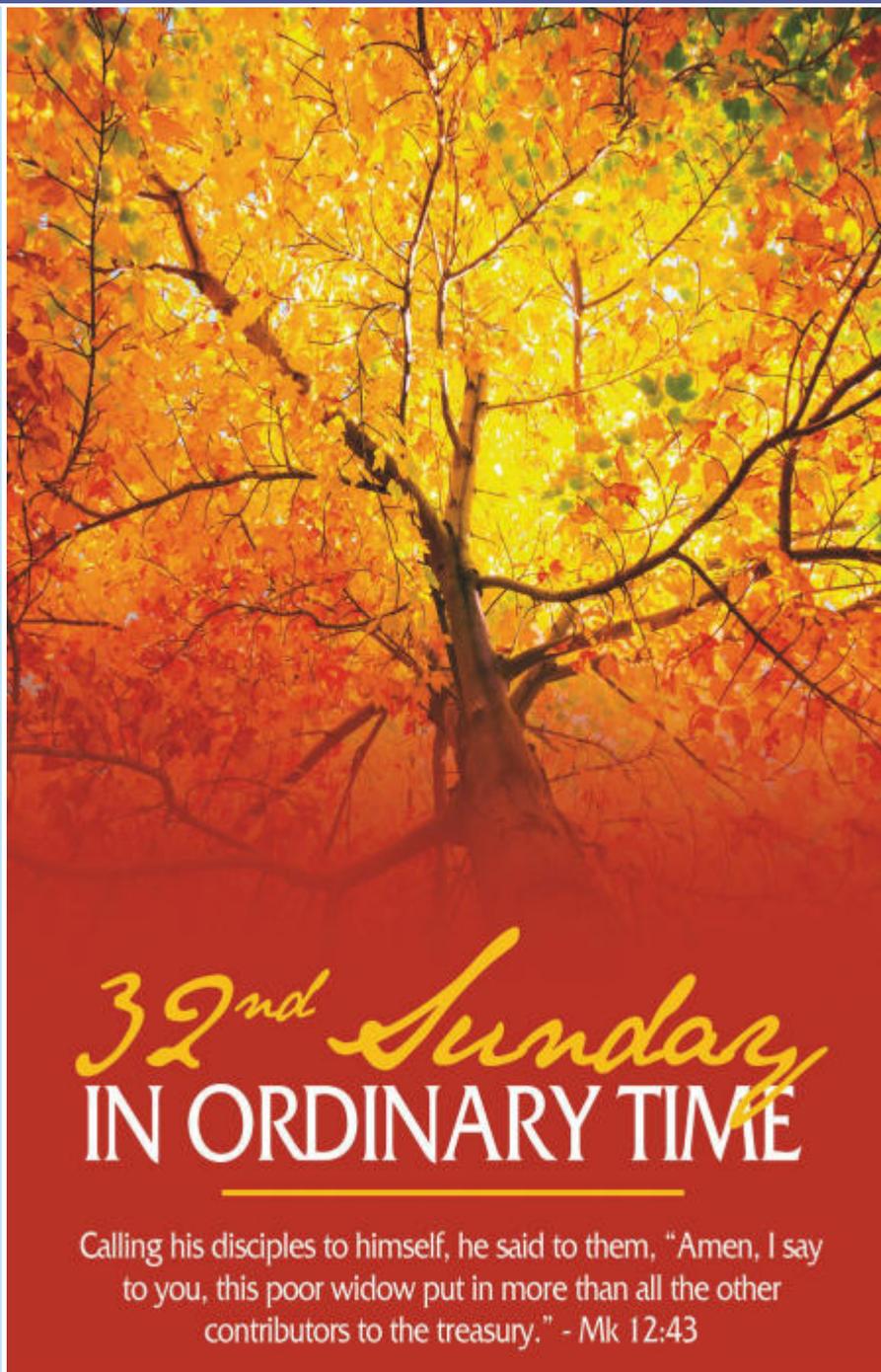
10:30 am until 3:00 pm

Saturdays

12 noon until 6:00 pm

Sundays

8:30 am until 12:30 pm



32nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:43

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Catholic Resources

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., November 7:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Mon., November 8:** Bl. John Duns Scotus
- Tues., November 9:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Wed., November 10:** St. Leo the Great
- Thurs., November 11:** St. Martin of Tours
- Fri., November 12:** St. Josaphat
- Sat., November 13:** St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

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FRANCISCAN PROVINCE
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ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR

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
Oct. 24-30 Total.....	\$ 5,202
Difference.....	\$ - 6,798

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



Last week we celebrated the feasts of All Saints and that of All Souls. Those annual feasts of the Church remind us to pray for our relatives and friends who have died. The month of November is dedicated to the Poor

Souls and all the faithful departed whom we pray rest in peace. I encourage you to make some extra time this month to pray for all the dead. I invite you to place the names of your deceased family members and friends in the Remembrance Book located near the baptismal fount in church. We are praying especially in November for all those listed in the book.

This Thursday, November 11, we will be reminded that one hundred and three years ago in 1918, on the 11th month of the 11th day at 11:00 am an armistice was signed to end the First World War, "*The war to end all wars!*" President Woodrow Wilson called on the country to remember those who had died in the nation's service. He invited America to "*show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations.*" As we all know, the world was soon plunged into an even greater war in 1939, when Hitler invaded Poland and soon the nations of the world were fighting the Second World War. Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan and many other wars have followed in various other troubled places throughout the globe.



As we celebrate Masses this month, I encourage you to pray for the thousands who have died in war. If you have ever been in war you know the tragic consequences of evil in our world. If you have ever visited Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery outside Joliet or

another national cemetery or battlefield in this country or elsewhere, you know the sobering reality of looking at thousands of graves and realizing most of them are for men and women in their teens, 20's and 30's when they died. They are the young and energetic people whose full potential was cut down by the horror of war.

As we come together this weekend and all during this month, let us pray for our men and women who have given so much for our freedom. Pray also for those innocent civilians who have died as a result of war. Let us pray for peace in our world. As we celebrate Veterans Day this year let us remember all those who have served and those who are presently serving in the Armed Forces, in Veterans Hospitals and everyone who is working to promote peace in our world.

The consequences and traumatic experiences of many service men and women continue to haunt many even after they return to civilian life. As Fr. Ed McKenzie, OFM (a member of the Franciscan Staff at St. Peter's and a veteran himself) has shared via previous bulletins and on our church web site, the organization **Military Outreach, USA** is helping provide apartment essentials for the VA program of rent subsidy that helps move homeless veterans into apartments. More information on what you can do to help will be found on our church web site or by contacting Fr. Ed here at St. Peter's (312-372-5111).

Anyone who has ever served in the military knows that since the beginning of our country, clergy have helped serve the spiritual needs of those in the Armed Forces. Chaplains served in the Revolutionary War, Civil War and countless other conflicts. Many members of the Sacred Heart Province of Franciscans have served in various chaplaincies throughout the world, both in peace and war times. Four Franciscan priest chaplains of the Province died during World War II. Fr. Patrick Maloney died in 1943 at Ft. Custer, Battle Creek, MI. Fr. Alexander O'Donnell died in 1945 as a result of injuries received in France. Fr. Elwin Bina was killed March 1945 in the Aleutian Islands as he was going to celebrate Mass for servicemen at an isolated base. Fr. Myles O'Toole was wounded and while giving the Last Rites to other soldiers was killed by an artillery shell on Luzon, Philippine Islands in January, 1945.

Many other priests have courageously served as chaplains. Fr. Emil Kapaun, a priest of the Diocese of Wichita, served during the Korean War and died in a POW camp in North Korea. Fr. Vincent Capodanno, a member of the Maryknoll Missionaries, was killed in Vietnam serving as chaplain to the Marines. Both of these priests received numerous awards and both are recipients of the US Medal of Honor. The cause for canonization for both these priests has been taken up by the Vatican for their heroic service to others.

The remains of Fr. Kapaun were identified in March 2020 and returned to Wichita in September. After a funeral Mass his remains were buried in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Wichita. Fr. Kapaun served as an Army chaplain during World War II and the Korean War. He was taken as a prisoner of war to North Korea in 1951 and ministered to other soldiers until his death, at age 35, in May of that same year. In 1993, Kapaun was declared a Servant of God, the first step toward sainthood. In 2013, Kapaun was awarded the Medal of Honor by the U.S. Government for his actions at the Battle of Unsan.



Fr. Vincent Capodanno was on his second tour of duty as military chaplain when he was killed ministering to soldiers in Quang Tin Province, Vietnam on September 4, 1967. He was 38 years old at the time of his death. Fr. Capodanno was awarded the Medal of Honor by the US government in 1969 and is buried on Staten Island, New York.

If you are interested in learning more about Fr. Kapaun or Fr. Capodanno, you will find more details in the following books. **The Miracle of Father Kapaun** by Roy Wenzl & Travis Heying and **Armed With Faith: The Life of Father Vincent Capodanno, MM** by Stephan M, DiGiovanni. You can also find more information on the website of the Diocese of Wichita for Fr. Kapaun and for Fr. Capodanno on the website for the Archdiocese For the Military Services, USA.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK - 2021

This week (Nov. 7-13), throughout the USA, dioceses and religious communities are asking all members of the Church to pray that young people of the Church may respond to God's call to serve as priests, deacons or consecrated religious priest, sister or brother. As we all are aware there is a shortage of young adults entering studies to serve others as sister, brother or priest. For more information and ideas contact the Archdiocese at: **chicagopriest.com/resources/national-vocation-awareness-week** or for Religious life: US-6 OFM, Franciscan Vocation Office at: **vocation@usfranciscans.org**

UPDATED CHURCH SCHEDULE

The past two years has seen various changes in the schedule of Masses, Confessions, opportunities for prayer, etc. in many churches throughout the Archdiocese. With increasing numbers of people who have received the COVID vaccine, wearing of masks and using safe health practices the cases of those getting COVID has decreased. In the past few months we have noticed an increase in the number of people attending daily and weekend Masses here at St. Peter's. There are also more people returning to work in the Loop as well as tourists and visitors to the City. We are hopeful that the danger of COVID will continue to decrease in the City.

In response to a number of inquiries from many of you who come to St. Peter's, we will begin on a trial basis adding an earlier daily Mass to our schedule and providing more opportunities for people to pray in church. This addition to our Monday - Friday schedule will begin the first week of Advent on Monday, November 29. Please note that we will evaluate this addition to our schedule in January to determine whether to keep it as part of our regular schedule.

Beginning in next weekend's church bulletin and on our website in the coming weeks, we will publish the details and the new schedule for our Monday - Friday ministry schedule. If you find the additional Mass and prayer opportunities works for your schedule please let me know.

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

Mk. 12: 38-44

While watching TV ads in anticipation of the recent mid-term elections I had an interesting thought. What if negative campaign ads were replaced by positive ones?



What if the candidates actually paid attention to what the people were saying? What if they actually admitted that voters were pretty much fed up with negative ads, preferring candidates who spent more time talking about their own platform than about what their opponents were doing?

“Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets.” With the exception of the long robes (unless the candidate also happens to be a judge!) this warning might also apply to many political office seekers. In my years working at a small suburban law firm (“...in the marketplace...”) I spent many hours organizing fundraising events so that attorneys who were running for political office might “...accept greetings...” from their constituents. And it was often my job to make sure that people who were particularly generous with financial contributions were given “... seats...and places of honor...” as well.

But what about the widows? What about those people who don't have any political power? The people who aren't invited to the fundraising events and who, even if they were invited, would have no money to give? How are they to make their voices heard? By going to the polls and voting! Anyone running for office knows that. Why else would so much time and effort be put into controlling who can and cannot vote?

In Mark's Gospel “[m]any rich people put in large sums...”, but the widow “...contributed all she had...” It costs a great deal of money to run a political campaign but, even assuming that the election is conducted in a legal and ethical manner, all the money in the world cannot equal the value of one vote. Consequently, our right to vote carries with it the responsibility to spend our vote wisely. Our vote may be all that we have but, cast with care, it can elect people who will change more than their campaign ads.

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Eating Your Way Through Luke's Gospel



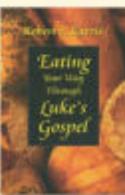
Presented by

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.

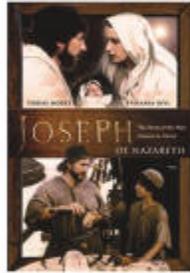
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CATHOLIC FILM SERIES *JOSEPH OF NAZARETH*

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.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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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 breached trust among colleagues or schoolmates, shattered friendships, and painful disassociation with family members.

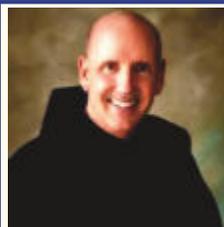
Our monthly *Healing Hearts* presentations attempts to help individuals restore such broken relationships with family, friends, co-workers, and associates with the hope of reestablishing heartfelt trust and affection.

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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
Sunday at 5 pm
Please Join us!

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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use the following Code and Password:

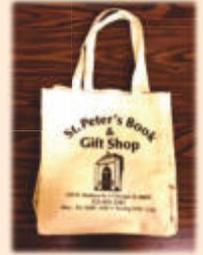
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- Nov. 15: Sanity in Difficult Family Relationships**
- Dec. 6: Pace, Not Race: A Healthy Relationship With Time—Part Two**



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

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