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Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province

JANUARY 23, 2022

SCHEDULE UPDATE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sundays

9:00 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Mondays through Fridays

NEW—7:30 am, 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

No Confessions on Sunday

DEVOTIONS

St. Anthony Devotions on Tuesdays

After the 7:30 am, 11:40 am and
1:15 pm Masses.

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays through Fridays

9:00 am until 4:30 pm

Saturdays

12 noon until 4:30 pm

Sundays

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CHURCH BUILDING OPEN

Mondays through Fridays

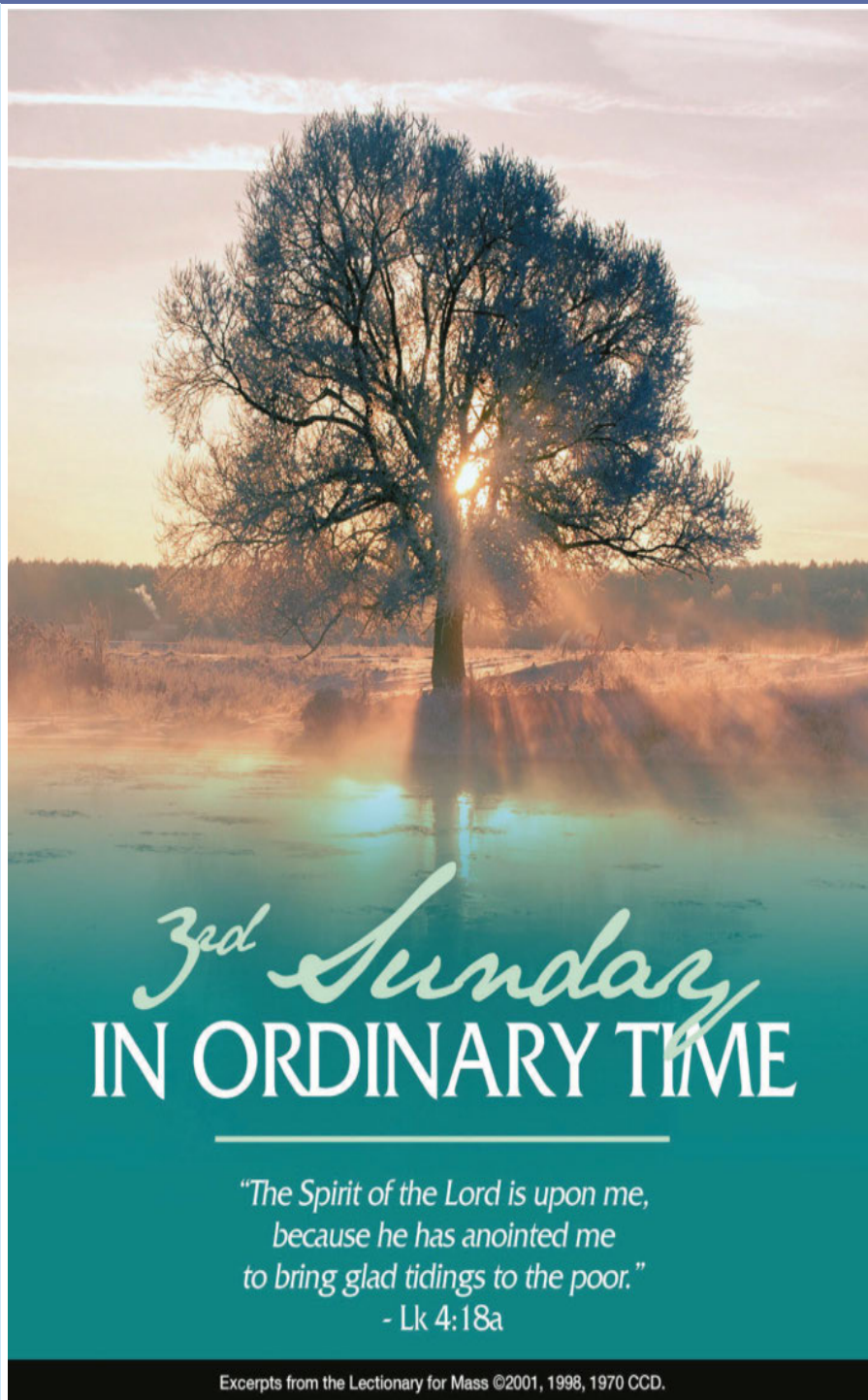
NEW—7:00 am until 4:30 pm

Saturdays

12 noon until 6:00 pm

Sundays

8:30 am until 12:30 pm



3rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."
- Lk 4:18a*

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

Saints' Days and Observances

- Sun., January 23:** Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Mon., January 24:** St. Francis de Sales
- Tues., January 25:** The Conversion of St. Paul
- Wed., January 26:** Sts. Timothy and Titus
- Thurs., January 27:** Ordinary Time
- Fri., January 28:** St. Thomas Aquins
- Sat., January 29:** Ordinary Time

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OF THE SACRED HEART

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
Jan. 9-15	\$ 3,520
Difference	-\$ 8,480

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



The weekend of February 12-13, throughout the Archdiocese, will be the beginning of the **Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)**. This year's theme is *"Making all things new... God's promise and our responsibility."* Many Catholics, throughout the Archdiocese, will be receiving the **Annual Catholic Appeal** mailing from Cardinal Cupich soon. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, your generous donations help to support those ministries.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to *"Come, follow me ..."* This is especially important during these trying and challenging times. Many in our parishes are affected financially by the pandemic, and we encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative. In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Annual Catholic Appeal funds services in our own area.

When we financially support the work of St. Peter's Church, the archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.

In the coming weeks more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal will be offered through our church bulletin, in the *Chicago Catholic* and on our web site and the web site of the Archdiocese.

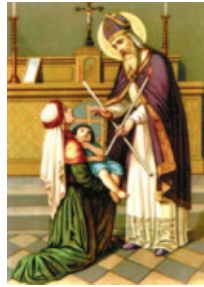
For those who wish more information now or might want to contribute at this time you can visit the website annualcatholicappeal.com to find more information or to make your pledge online.

LOOKING AHEAD

Though it seems we just put away the Christmas trees and nativity scenes Lent will be here soon. Before Lent arrives however, there are a number of special events.

Chuc Mung Nam Moi (Happy New Year!) Tuesday, February 1 is the Lunar New Year. For many people throughout the world this a very important day to celebrate the New Year, to come together as a family and to honor deceased relatives and friends. In Vietnam it is called **TET** and this year is celebrated beginning Feb. 1. The Franciscans in Vietnam will celebrate a special Mass on February 1 for the people and celebrate with their families. Let us all pray for peace and

understanding among all people of the world. And let us pray that Catholics throughout the world will be able to worship in freedom and without danger or persecution.



We celebrate the feast of St. Blaise on Thursday, February 3. St. Blaise is the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat and other illness. As is our tradition, we will bless throats at the conclusion of the 7:30 am, 11:40 am and 1:15 pm Masses on Thursday, February 3. Because many people might not be able to attend Mass on February 3, we will also bless throats after the 5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass on February 5 and after the Sunday Masses of 9 am and 11 am on February 6.



February 14 was, for many years, known as the feast of St. Valentine. Studies and scholarship of the last few decades have raised enough conflicting stories and uncertainties about the legend of St. Valentine that the Church removed the feast from the Calendar of Saints. However, the tradition of sending greeting cards of warm wishes, flowers to those whom we love and other expressions of care and devotion continue to be a noble and caring gesture towards others. So tell those whom you love of your care and concern for them on February 14 in the spirit of what Valentine's day celebrates..... our care and love for others.



The weekend of February 19-21 is Presidents Weekend and a holiday for many people. As we remember our Presidents, let us especially reflect upon those presidents whose birthday we remember *i.e.* George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. In the midst of the recent tensions about our National leadership it would be good to recall the ideals upon which our country was founded. If you haven't read the Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution and the Bills of Rights lately, then Presidents' weekend would be a perfect time to read again these most important documents for everyone who lives in our country. You can find copies in any public library, in local bookstores, on the internet and in many other places. As Catholics, we are called to not only follow and live out the Gospel, but also to be good citizens of the country. Now more than ever, it is important that everyone who lives here participate in our democracy and not take our



freedoms for granted.



As I mentioned in last weekend's bulletin, these winter months are a good time to read and learn more about our faith, our country and experience reflections from

others. As I wrote last weekend here are a couple of books I suggest for your winter reading.

The Soul of America by Jon Meacham An insightful look at our past and the present reality of our country today.

His Truth is Marching on: John Lewis and the Power of Hope by Jon Meacham A powerful narrative of congressman, John Lewis, and the battle for civil rights in the USA.

Children Under Fire by John Woodrow Cox An important look into the violence gripping our country today.

A Life of Jesus by Shusaku Endo A unique perspective of Jesus from one of the leading Catholic authors of Japan.

Along with the above books here are a few other suggestions for your winter reading:

From Slave to Priest by Caroline Hemesath. A biography of Fr. Augustine Tolton, the first Black priest in the USA. Born in the slave state of Missouri in 1854, raised in Quincy, IL and ordained in 1886. Fr. Tolton was pastor of St. Monica's Church here in Chicago and died July 9, 1897 at Mercy Hospital. He was declared Venerable by Pope Francis in 2019 and his cause for canonization continues in Rome.

Francis: The Journey and the Dream by Murray Bodo, OFM A classic and prayerful reflection on St. Francis of Assisi by a well-known Franciscan priest.

Breakthrough by Joyce Smith. A true story of the miracle survival of the author's 14 year old son who survived a fall through the ice near St. Louis, MO in January 2015. It's powerful story of faith and prayer and the dedication of the medical team at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. The book was made into a movie that is available on DVD.

Don't forget to wear your masks, obtain COVID vaccines and a flu vaccine, if you have not already done so, wash hands frequently, avoid large crowds and let us all remember to keep one another in prayer.

Fr. Michael

ST. PETER'S CHURCH MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays through Fridays

Mass Times:

7:30 am, 11:40 am and 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 3:00 pm

Saturdays

12 noon until 4:30 pm

Lower Level—Room C

Across from St. Peter's Book Store

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

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

A friend of mine had cataract surgery on his left eye a few months ago and was so delighted with the outcome that he immediately asked the doctor to do the

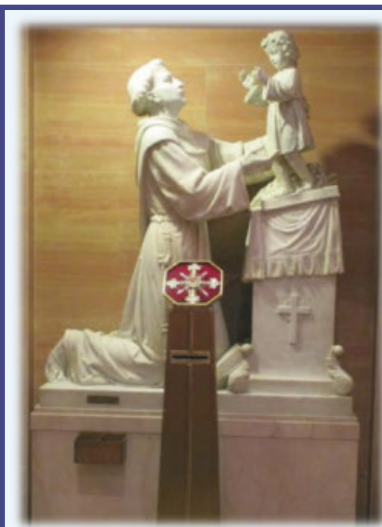


other eye as well. He was like a kid with a new toy – seeing colors he hadn't been able to see before, reading road signs that had previously been only a blur until he was practically on top of them. Without his even realizing it his eyesight had been slowly deteriorating. He had forgotten how red a stop sign was or how many shades of green there were. Driving became fun again (and a lot safer for the rest of us!) and each ornament on his Christmas tree, no matter how old, looked shiny and new.

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to bring glad tidings to the poor...and recovery of sight to the blind...” I doubt very much that the ophthalmologist would ever claim that the Spirit of the Lord was upon him but I have seldom seen gladder tidings than the pronouncement that the surgery had gone well and my friend would indeed recover his sight! And it's not just my friend. This doctor does hundreds of these surgeries every year – hundreds of minor miracles; hundreds of lives lifted from the poverty of lost vision to the glad tidings of color and light; hundreds of people oppressed by restrictions on driving and reading set free to travel and enjoy their morning newspaper or a good murder mystery.

Why is it so hard for us to believe that God can use our gifts? What does it take for us to recognize the Spirit of the Lord upon us? What miracles do we require? How many successful cataract surgeries? How many people liberated from blindness? “*Today* this Scripture passage is fulfilled in [our] hearing.” God invites us to use *our* gifts to bring glad tidings to the poor – to proclaim liberty – to free the oppressed. How do we respond? Do we use the gifts the Spirit pours out on us? Or do we remain blind to the Spirit's presence in the work we do?

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**St. Anthony
Devotions**
Tuesdays
After the
7:30 am,
11:40 am &
1:15 pm
Masses.



Reconciliation at St. Peter's Church

Mondays through Fridays
10:30 am until 3 pm

Saturdays
12 noon until 4:30 pm

Lower Level—Room C
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St. Peter's Book & Gift Shop.



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.



Healing Hearts ~ Mending Lives

Forgiving in Everyday Life: The Family



Wednesday, January 26, 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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LIVING A SPIRITUAL LIFE IN A MEDIA CULTURE



Presented by "Media Nun"
Sr. Tracey Matthia Dugas, fsp

Thursday, January 27
12:15-1 pm

Lower Level Auditorium

Thank God for our devices! They connect us, entertain us, inform us and help us to be productive. But deep down we know we're made for more than always staring at screens. What can we do to cultivate depth and an interior life in the midst of our tech-crazy world? Together, we'll explore three principles for developing our relationships - with others, with ourselves and with God - so that we learn to engage the real world even better than we do the virtual one.

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Living a Spirituality of Unity So That All May Be One



Presented by
Fr. Tom Ess, O.F.M.

Fridays, 12:15-1 pm
January 21 & 28

Lower Level Auditorium

This topic sheds light on Pope Francis' desire for a synodal church in contrast to a clerical church. The topic of unity (spirituality of unity) also compliments this year's January 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Pope St. John Paul II told us: "To make the Church the home and school of communion [unity]: that is the great challenge facing us in the third millennium...Let us have no illusions: unless we follow this spiritual path, external structures of communion will serve very little purpose."

Fr. Tom Ess, who has lived the spirituality of unity-communion for more than forty years, will conduct the sessions which will include presentation and participation.

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- Feb. 7: 1000th Session! 5 Ways To Flourish in the Stress of the Mess
Now is the time to USE what happens to you for USEFUL ways to become the best version of yourself!
- Feb. 14: Over-Come 5 Obstacles to Taking In Unconditional Love
How will your life be different when you learn to increase your ability to take in and use unconditional love? Of yourself, others, your Creator?
- Feb. 28: Why Are We Afraid of Becoming the Best Version of Ourselves?
Living without excuses is scary. What if growing ourselves, especially the part that we and others don't know, would become less stressful and more enjoyable?
- March 14: Self-Encouragement vs. Praise
How do these differ? How can you put more self-encouragement into stretching forward?



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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A Lenten Journey
March 19-30, 2022



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May 20-June 5, 2022



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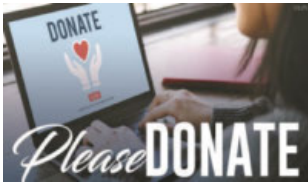


For information contact Fr. Mario at 312-888-1331 or email at mmdicicco@gmail.com

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.



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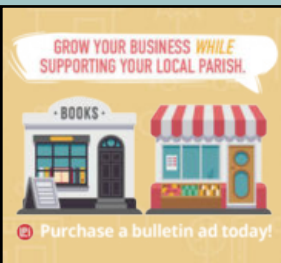
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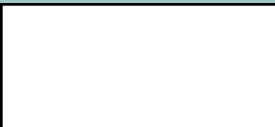
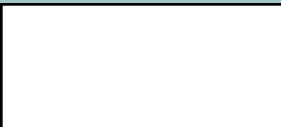
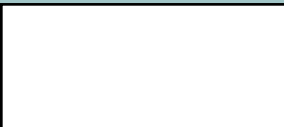
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