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Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province

JANUARY 30, 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
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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



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

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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 30:** Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Mon., January 31:** St. John Bosco
- Tues., February 1:** Ordinary Time
- Wed., February 2:** The Presentation of the Lord
- Thurs., February 3:** St. Blaise
- Fri., February 4:** Ordinary Time
- Sat., February 5:** St. Agatha

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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
Jan. 16-22	\$ 2,846
Difference	-\$ 9,154

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

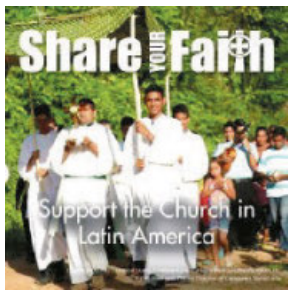


COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

"I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others"

-Pope Francis, **Fratelli Tutti**, no. 81

On June 26, 2020, Fr. Ricardo Antonio Cortez Martínez, rector of the St. Oscar Arnulfo seminary in Usulután, El Salvador, sent a request to the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America for financial aid for 42 seminarians in the philosophy stage of their formation. Less than two months later, on August 7, Fr. Ricardo was found assassinated. Despite a falling homicide rate in El Salvador, three priests were slain from 2019 through August 2020.



To answer the call to priestly or consecrated life is a courageous act of faith, especially in a time and place where priests face violence, as Fr. Ricardo did. The Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America recognizes the courage and openness of seminarians, such as those at the St. Óscar Arnulfo Romero seminary, by supporting their formation as they prepare for lives of dedicated service.

This weekend throughout the USA the Church asks us to contribute to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Our donation in the second collection makes it possible for young men in El Salvador and throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to answer the call to serve the People of God as priest, consecrated religious, catechist and other church workers. Thank you for your generosity.

For more information about the Collection for the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

OTHER HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

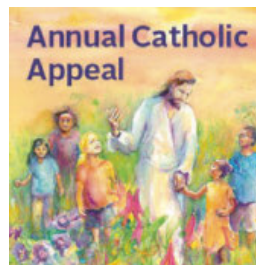
Tuesday, February 1st begins the Lunar New Year. For many people throughout the world this a very important day to celebrate the New Year, to come together as a family and to honor deceased relatives and friends. In Vietnam it is called **TET** and this year is celebrated beginning Feb. 1. The Franciscans 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. **Chuc Mung Nam Moi** (*Happy New Year!*)



We celebrate the feast of St. Blaise this 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 7:30am, 11:40am and 1:15pm 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 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass on February 5 and after the Sunday Masses of 9am and 11am on February 6.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)

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 an important 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.

There are various ways to make a contribution (large or small) to support the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). **One-time gifts**, pledges, sustaining recurring gifts, as well as gifts made through stock, Donor Advised Funds and IRA distributions can be made by cash, check or credit card through the following methods: (1) The **Reply Form** received in the Cardinal's mailing in January, (2) Online at annualcatholicappeal.com, (3) Through the **in-pew envelopes** available at the Masses



the weekend of February 19-20, (4) through the ACA telephone number at 312-534-7959 or (5) mail to Annual Catholic Appeal at 835 North Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611-2030.

In the coming weeks I'll share more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal through our church bulletin. There will also be more information in the *Chicago Catholic* and on our church web site and the web site of the Archdiocese. For those who wish more information now or want to contribute at this time you can visit the website annualcatholicappeal.com to find more information or to make your pledge online.

As we come to the end of the first month of 2022, I ask that you continue to pray that we might find some solution to the growing violence on our streets and city neighborhoods. I also urge you to contact our city, state and national officials and politicians asking them to find ways to engage all citizens in seeking ways to end this growing cancer of violence among our citizens. Prayer is important. Treating one another as brothers and sisters as Jesus has instructed us is important. Treating one another with civility is important. Encouraging those with political influence to be creative in helping end violence is important. Lamenting the lack of respect for the life of others is not sufficient.....we also must find creative ways to show respect to one another, to save one another if we dare call ourselves followers of Jesus.

Don't forget to wear your masks, obtain COVID vaccines & 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 this week.

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

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10:30 am until 3:00 pm

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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;

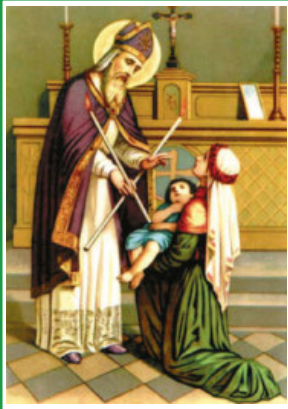
To be understood, as to understand;

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.



**St. Blaise Blessing
After Masses
Thursday, February 3
Saturday, February 5
Sunday, February 6**

Blessing of the Throats will take place at the conclusion of the 7:30 am, 11:40 am and 1:15 pm Masses on Thursday, February 3rd. The blessing will also take place after the 5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass on February 5th and after the Sunday Masses of 9 am and 11 am on February 6th.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

1 Cor. 12:31—13:13

Martha is a nurse. She works in the Covid ward of a large city hospital, which means that she must spend long hours putting on and removing protective clothing as she



moves from room to room, tending to the needs of her patients. In each room there is a record of the individual's history, medications, doctors' notes, etc. but, while Martha knows the importance of checking this information, that's not the first thing she does. Before Martha even goes into a patient's room she addresses the patient by name and, if they are able to speak, asks permission to enter. Martha knows how important it is to respect the patient's dignity and space, especially under crowded and often frightening conditions. Then she listens to what the patient has to tell her. Martha understands that knowing a patient is more important than simply knowing *about* a patient.

There are, of course, many other very good nurses in the hospital where Martha works. All speak the language of medicine; all have studied the mysteries of the human body and acquired the necessary knowledge to perform their tasks. Years of schooling have given them the faith and confidence to do their jobs well. But for many there is still one thing missing – one thing that Martha has. Martha focuses on her patients as people. Martha is not jealous of the other nurses. She works well with LPNs and CNAs, recognizing the stresses under which they are all working. She is not pompous, nor does she have an inflated sense of her own importance. If a patient speaks harshly to Martha she understands that it is most often the illness that is speaking and she does not take it personally. She has faith in her talent as a nurse and hope that her work can be helpful in bringing about a positive outcome.

Martha loves the work that she does, tending to her patients, recognizing their fears and listening to their stories. But most important of all, Martha loves her patients. "So faith, hope and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love".

By Vinal Van Benthem ofs



St. Anthony Devotions

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



Reconciliation at St. Peter's Church

**Mondays through Fridays
10:30 am until 3 pm**

**Saturdays
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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.



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.**

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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.

January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimalized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

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September 2-19, 2022



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October 7-23, 2022



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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.



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