



# St. Peter's Church

*Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province*

APRIL 24, 2022

## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sundays

9:00 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Mondays through Fridays

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

Office Closed

## CHURCH BUILDING OPEN

Mondays through Fridays

7:00 am until 4:30 pm

Saturdays

12 noon until 6:00 pm

Sundays

8:30 am until 12:30 pm



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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**Saints' Days and Observances**

- Sun., April 24:** Second Sunday of Easter
- Mon., April 25:** St. Mark
- Tues., April 26:** Easter Weekday
- Wed., April 27:** Easter Weekday
- Thurs., April 28:** Easter Weekday
- Fri., April 29:** St. Catherine of Siena
- Sat., April 30:** St. Pius V

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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**

**April 3-9                            \$ 4,870**

**Difference                        -\$ 7,130**

**Holy Week 2022**

**April 10-13                        \$6,691**

**Holy Thursday                    \$2,818**

**Good Friday Holy Land Collection**

**\$2,378**

**Ukraine Relief Collection**

**\$1,409**

## THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



Today throughout the world many Catholics will gather in churches, shrines and other sacred places to reflect upon God's mercy in their life and to ask for God's mercy for others. This Second Sunday of Easter was given the designation "*Mercy Sunday*" by Pope John Paul II in the millennium year of 2000.

In an outline for a homily he planned to give in April 2005 (which was Divine Mercy Sunday that year) was this reflection. *"To humanity, which at times seems to be lost and dominated by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the risen Lord offers the gift of his love that pardons, reconciles and opens the soul to hope. It is love that converts hearts and brings peace. ... How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!"* In this time in history where war, violence, stress and unsettledness deeply affects so many people, let us all pray that God's mercy may come upon all who are in need of healing at this time.

*Thank you*

I offer a very grateful **THANK YOU** to our musicians, cantors, readers, ushers, greeters, sacristan, church decorators, security personnel, friars, church staff, benefactors and everyone who came to

St. Peter's during the Lenten, Holy Week and Easter services. Because of your great devotion to the Lord and the ministry here at St. Peter's, the past few weeks have been a prayerful time and powerful witness to our city. May God bless all of you for your generous help. Let us continue to do all we can to help prevent the spread of COVID, and continue to pray for an end to the horrific war in Ukraine and the violence on our city streets and in our neighborhoods.



Today (Sunday, April 24) a free concert, "*Standing Together for Peace*", will be held at the Chicago Loop Synagogue, 16 South Clark Street, Chicago. This free concert is a fundraiser for the

Jewish United Fund Ukrainian Relief Fund ([juf.org/ukraine](http://juf.org/ukraine)). Along with the Jewish United Fund, the Chicago Loop Synagogue, St. Paul Church of God in Christ, St. Peter's Church is also helping sponsor this event. This concert begins at 4:00 pm today and I encourage you to attend. More information will be found on the posters in our lobby and also on flyers available in church. And as I mentioned above, please continue to pray for end to this war and peace among all people of our world.

A few months ago, under the direction of Fr. Ed McKenzie, OFM, a member of the staff here at St. Peter's and himself a Vietnam Veteran, we began collecting items to help Vets who have been "*on the street*" get established in housing. As Fr. Ed indicates there is still much more work to do to help provide decent housing for those who have helped protect us all through their service.

**Fr. Ed shares below a brief letter of gratitude to so many of you who have generously helped.**



You may have noticed the "trash can" in our lobby as you come into the church and wondered about it. Well, it's not a trash can! Inside that container is something MUCH greater than trash! It represents a generosity to our Veterans on the streets who are "down on their luck" and need a helping hand. It is filled with so many good things that such people need and you can provide! Let me be clear, this is not a "handout" it's a "hand up!"

You have been so generous in giving from your hearts so that others can live with some dignity, a dignity that is absent from so many homeless veterans. Your generosity makes a basic dignity a possibility for so many and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart! I speak for my brother and sister veterans because so often they have no voice at all! Thank you for helping them and continue to give and help make their day and their lives a little brighter!

We collect things that you bring here and distribute them at Jesse Brown VA here in Chicago. It is gratefully received by so many. It really is a great need in our city and in the country in general.

We spend our time getting veterans off the streets and into apartments. We give them a bed in exchange for the cardboard they have been sleeping on. We give them "move-in" essentials for their one room apartments. Simple things and not expensive at all. Stuff you get at the Dollar Store, ordinary stuff, shower curtains, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, a clock - do you get the idea? All the stuff that we take for granted. Use your imagination! All the VA gives them is a key to four walls and a roof. They are on their own when it comes to the other little "stuff" that makes a house a home!

Anyway, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generosity in the past and please continue to be generous in the future. The need is not "going away" any time soon!

**+ God bless you and give you His peace! +**

**Fr. Ed McKenzie, ofm**



St. Peter's Church



175th Anniversary  
1846 to 2021

Now that Lent and Holy Week have concluded we are resuming activities to celebrate the last few months of the 175th Anniversary of St. Peter's Church. I have listed below a couple of upcoming events and encourage you to mark your calendars now and plan to attend

any of these celebrations.

On **Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4** we will host a concert with the world premiere of "**The Nature Suite**" composed by Fr. Robert Hutmacher, OFM (the Guardian of the Franciscan Friars community at St. Peter's.). The Chicago Sinfonietta will be performing this wonderful reflective music at the concert. A number of other music selections will also be performed. If you want a preview of Fr. Bob's composition, CD's are presently available in our Book/Gift shop here at St. Peter's. More details about the concert will be available in the coming weeks.

On **Thursday, July 14** we will have our annual Gala fund raising event for St. Peter's Church. After two years of needing to do the Gala virtually, we will return to the Union League Club to have the Gala in person. More details and tickets will soon be available in the church lobby. This is our biggest fund raising event of the year to help support the ministries here at St. Peter's. Hopefully many of you will be able to attend.

We will conclude our 175th Anniversary of the Church with a special Mass on **Sunday, August 14, 2022** at 11:00 am. Cardinal Blase Cupich, the Archbishop of Chicago will preside and preach at this special Mass. We are grateful to Cardinal Cupich for his willingness to join us for this special Mass.

On this Mercy Sunday, I invite you to reflect upon the following message of Pope Francis given last Sunday during his *Urbi et Orbi* message to all the world:

Dear brothers and sisters,

Every war brings in its wake consequences that affect the entire human family: from grief and mourning to the drama of refugees, and to the economic and food crisis, the signs of which we are already seeing. Faced with the continuing signs of war, as well as the many painful setbacks to life, Jesus Christ, the victor over sin, fear and death, exhorts us not to surrender to evil and violence. Brothers and sisters, may we be won over by the peace of Christ! Peace is possible; peace is a duty; peace is everyone's primary responsibility!

May you have a blessed and safe Second Week of Easter!

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](http://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.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
OF EASTER**



**Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" - Jn 20:27-28**

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## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

### Jn. 20: 19-31

The disciples had the doors locked "...for fear of the Jews..." Strange, considering that the disciples were themselves Jews. Who were these "Jews" that they feared? Could it be that it was actually something inside themselves that they feared?



In 1933 Franklin D. Roosevelt said: "First of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself..." The disciples were paralyzed with fear, so much so that they locked the doors. But they could not lock out the fear that was in their hearts, the fear of what they had done, the fear of their own betrayal, their own cowardice, their own unbelief. They saw the evil that their fear had allowed to overtake them – the nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror of fear itself – and their fear became their reality.

Isn't that what *we* do when *we're* afraid? Build walls and put up fences to keep out those people that we fear? Launch satellites to track those things which frighten us? Make laws which, while supposedly meant to keep us safe, only serve to keep us even more isolated in our fear? Lock our doors, unwilling to believe that that which we fear is as close to us as our own hand, as deep within as our own heart?

Jesus knew that no wall, no fence, no security system or weapon of mass destruction could take away the fear. He knew that for the disciples to find peace outside themselves they must first find peace within. "Peace be with you," He said.

Then He asked what must have seemed an impossibility. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." How could He send them to bring peace to others when they were too frightened to even unlock the door! His answer was simple. They must forgive – forgive themselves their own sins of cowardice and betrayal; forgive the sins of those against whom they had locked their doors. "[T]he only thing we have to fear is fear itself..." Of whom or what are we afraid? Can we forgive the sins of those we fear? Can we forgive ourselves?

*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  
12 noon until 4:30 pm**

**Lower Level—Room C  
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# CELEBRATE ST. PETER'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

Friday, June 3, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, June 4, 7:30 p.m.

St. Peter's Church  
\$25 donation

## The Chicago Sinfonietta in Concert

*Violin Concerto in G*  
By W. Mozart

Featuring Paolo Castellani, violin  
&

The World Premiere of  
*The Nature Suite*

By Robert M. Hutmacher, OFM

Fr. Bob's *The Nature Suite*  
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Please contact Fr. Bob at  
312-372-5111 for information.

## Celebrating 175 Years of Ministry!



The Franciscan Friars  
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cordially invite you to

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enough as we are. Enough today; growing  
tomorrow.

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For more information, please contact Fr. Mario DiCicco, Gala Coordinator at 312-372-5111 or email [mmdicicco@gmail.com](mailto:mmdicicco@gmail.com).



If you would like to contribute to St. Peter's Church in this time of need, please go to the website [stpetersloop.org](http://stpetersloop.org) and click on the **Online Giving** link. Thank you for your generosity!

## **St. Peter's Church Safety Guidelines**

The Archdiocese of Chicago has made mask wearing optional for all those entering the church building. It is encouraged to continue to wear masks and to stay safe while inside St. Peter's Church. Visitors should sanitize their hands upon entering the building. Thank you.

## **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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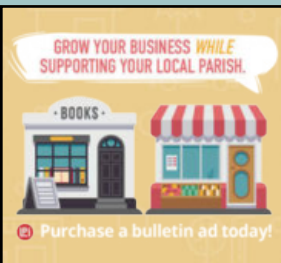


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