



St. Peter's Church

Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province

MAY 1, 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
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

ADORATION

Fridays in the Church

after the 1:15 pm Mass until 4:15 pm

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



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

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

Saints' Days and Observances

- Sun., May 1:** Third Sunday of Easter
- Mon., May 2:** St. Athanasius
- Tues., May 3:** Sts. Philip and James
- Wed., May 4:** Easter Weekday
- Thurs., May 5:** Easter Weekday
- Fri., May 6:** Easter Weekday
- Sat., May 7:** Easter Weekday

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**FRANCISCAN PROVINCE
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.

Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday

April 16 & 17: \$9,578

Weekly Goal \$12,000

April 18-23 \$ 2,182

Difference -\$ 9,818

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



Last weekend, we celebrated and reflected upon God's mercy to each of us. Pope John Paul II, in instituting Mercy Sunday on the second Sunday of Easter, offered these words of 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 when war, violence, stress and unsettledness deeply affects so many people, let us continue to pray that God's mercy may come upon all who are in need of healing at this time.

Because today (Sunday, May 1) is the Third Sunday of Easter, we do not celebrate the feast of **St. Joseph the Worker** that is usually celebrated on May 1. However, I believe the life of St. Joseph offers us many things to reflect upon and to guide us in these troubled times in which we live.



**ST. JOSEPH
THE WORKER**

What do we know about him? He was a carpenter...He was just a man...We do not know when he was born or when he died. We do not know if he was tall or short or young or old when he married Mary. We do not know his parenting skills or even for that matter, how good a carpenter he was. In fact...not a word he might have said on this earth is recorded in the scriptures. So what does a writer do with such a meager amount of information?

I could speculate and spin possible tales...as books and preachers have done. In fact, the scriptures given for his feast barely mention Joseph. It's almost as if the Church acknowledges the need for Joseph (Mary had to be married to legitimize the birth of Jesus) but doesn't have much else to say about him.

However, I believe if we take the meager knowledge we have about Joseph we can hold him up as a model for many men in the world today. For as scripture says He was a carpenter...he would have been a hard worker...he provides for his family and he must have been a man of patience, honesty and persistence...not afraid of hard work.

He was a just man...Did not God entrust the care of Mary and Jesus to him? Contrary to many paintings

depicting Joseph as an old man...Joseph would have been young and strong. He trusted in God...He took a pregnant Mary as his wife when, by the law, he did have to do so...and he did all this based on a dream! He journeyed with his wife and young child to a foreign land to escape persecution and death.

If we want to really understand the terror that must have faced Joseph, Mary and the child Jesus ...we need only speak to the men and women from Ukraine or Afghanistan who recently left their countries seeking to escape persecution, war or death. The parents and children of many other countries who have been forced to leave their own homes to save their families and seek safety in other foreign lands also call us to have compassion for them.

There are no written words Joseph said for us to reflect upon. There are no relics or sayings he left to guide us. Rather, what we do have is the faithful witness of a man of love...who married his fiancé though she was pregnant. He was a man of courage who left home, country and all that was familiar, to journey to a foreign land to save his family. What we do have is a brief but powerful example of a man who was faithful to God and the dreams of God's messages.

As we remember St. Joseph it might be good for us to consider what will people say of us 100, 500, 1,000 years from now. Whether we leave thousands of words or nothing spoken at all...will our presence here on the earth have made any difference? Joseph...though we know little...did make a difference. May our dreams be as faithful to God's call to Joseph was over 2,000 years ago.

St. Peter's Church



175th Anniversary

1846 to 2021

As I mentioned in last weekend's bulletin, 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.

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.

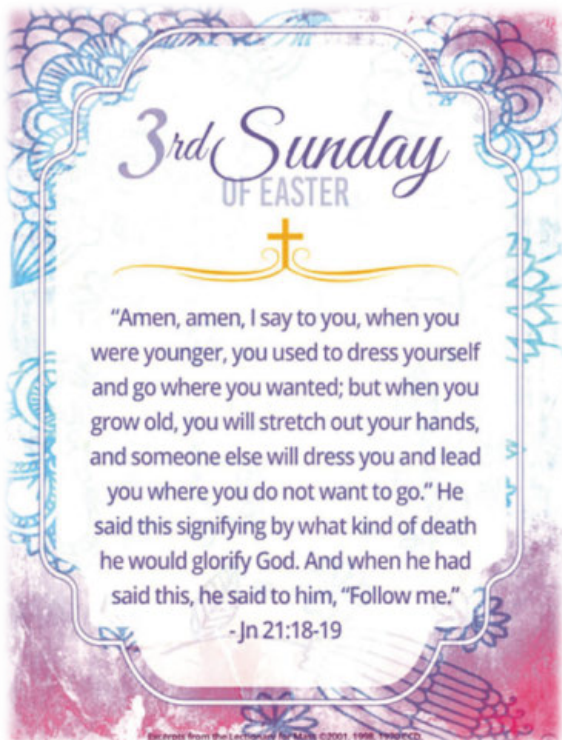
On **Thursday, July 14** we will have our annual Gala fund-raising event for St. Peter's Church. After two years of needing to do the Gala virtually, we will return to the Union League Club to have the Gala in person. More details and tickets will soon be available in the church lobby. This is our biggest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

With spring here and summer soon to arrive, I am noticing more and more folks in the Loop. Hopefully, more workers will be returning to their offices and places of business in the coming months. With many concerts, festivals and other activities set to resume this summer, we hope to see more people also stopping at St. Peter's and joining us for Masses, services and coming to the church for quiet prayer and reflection. Let your relatives, friends and co-workers know that all people are welcome here at St. Peter's.

May you have blessed and safe Third 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 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.



Healing Hearts ~ Mending Lives

Forgiving in Everyday Life: Friendships & Coworkers



Wednesday, May 4, 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.

**THIS WEEK'S
SCRIPTURE STUDY**

Jn. 21: 1-19

In today's Gospel we find Peter and some of the other disciples fishing. Now, these were experienced fishermen. They knew something about their craft. For them to catch nothing was certainly not what they had expected.



And that's when Jesus came along. "Cast the net over the right side of the boat". Tradition tells us that Jesus was probably a carpenter, yet here he was telling experienced fishermen how to fish! How would we react if someone came into our workplace and told us how to do our job? Would we take their advice? Or would we tell them to get lost, that we knew what we were doing?

Luckily, the disciples took Jesus' advice and ended up catching so many fish they were unable to pull them in. Only then did "the disciple whom Jesus loved..." recognize him. "It is the Lord."

But that's not the end of the story. Now Jesus would tell the disciples how to be good stewards of the fish they had caught. "Feed my lambs...tend my sheep...feed my sheep." Was Jesus thinking of the fish when he said these words? Three times Jesus told Peter to feed His sheep, just as Peter had denied Jesus three times. Each time Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him Peter assured Him that he did. But that wasn't enough. Now that Peter had caught more fish than his boat could hold Jesus would tell him what he must do to prove his love. He must use the fish to feed others.

This week's Gospel can be seen as a study in stewardship. The number of billionaires in the world continues to grow but how they use those billions of dollars differs greatly. Some focus on increasing their wealth while others focus on the needs of others. Today we hear Jesus ask, "Simon...do you love me?" How often does Jesus ask us the same question? And when He does, how do *we* respond? What do we do with the results of *our* labor? With our paycheck or our bonus? Our knowledge and our skills? Do we use them to feed God's sheep? Or to go out and buy a bigger boat?

By Vinal Van Benthem ofs



**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**
**Fridays in the Church
after the 1:15 pm Mass
until 4:15 pm**



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



Confessions at St. Peter's
**Mondays through Fridays
10:30 am until 3 pm**
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12 noon until 4:30 pm**

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CELEBRATE ST. PETER'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Held at 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* consists of 16 pieces that reflect his life in the natural beauty of the Midwest that is flavored by the legacy of Francis of Assisi.

We seek donors to underwrite the expenses for these concerts. Please contact Fr. Bob at 312-372-5111 for information.

Tickets \$25 with open seating.
Available at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or at the door before each concert.

Celebrating 175 Years of Ministry!



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The Franciscan Friars
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ST. PETER'S 8TH ANNUAL GALA

Thursday,
July 14, 2022
5:30 to 8:30 pm

Union League Club
of Chicago
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For more information, please contact Fr. Mario DiCicco, Gala Coordinator at 312-372-5111 or email mmdicicco@gmail.com.



**ST. PETER'S BOOK & GIFT SHOP
 RAFFLE WINNERS**

The winners of the Gifts Baskets are:
 Nicolette Z. and Binta B.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the raffle!



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

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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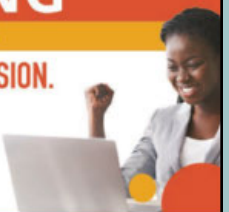
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