



St. Peter's Church

Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province

JULY 3, 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

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Saturdays

12 noon until 4:30 pm

Sundays - Office Closed

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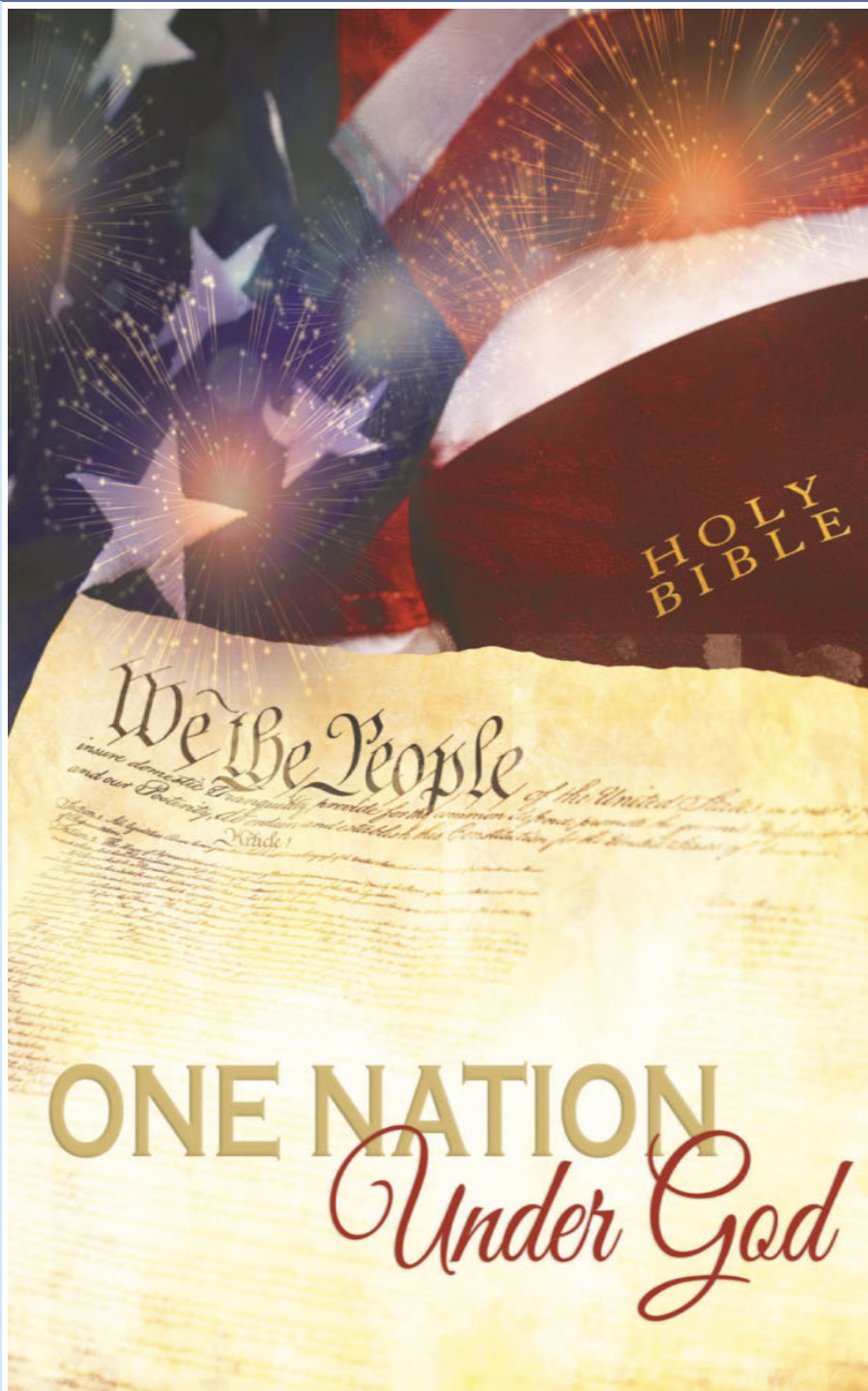
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Saturdays

12 noon until 6:00 pm

Sundays

8:30 am until 12:30 pm



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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., July 3:** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Mon., July 4:** Independence Day
- Tues., July 5:** Ordinary Time
- Wed., July 6:** Ordinary Time
- Thurs., July 7:** Ordinary Time
- Fri., July 8:** Ordinary Time
- Sat., July 9:** Sts. Nicholas and Willehad

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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.

Weekly Goal	\$12,000
June 19-25	\$ 4,364
Difference	-\$ 7,636

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



This weekend we are celebrating our nation's Independence (July 4). The past few years we have lived with the reality that with the danger of COVID many celebrations, picnics, family gatherings, parades and fireworks were often cancelled. As many of the restrictions of the previous years have eased and more and more people are receiving the vaccine shot, we give thanks and pray for our many health care workers and scientists who have worked so hard in the face of danger to take care of us. On this Independence Day 2022 we are called to honor the great vision of those who laid the foundation for the United States of America. While we have struggled over the years to define and live what our ideals are for us as a country, we continue to explore what it means to be free people and a citizen of these United States in the 21st century.



Now 246 years after we declared our independence we are a much larger, diverse and complex country. We have suffered and continue to suffer with wars, disease, discrimination, racial hatred, and countless other difficulties. But as a nation, though painful and slow at

times, we have sought to bring equality and justice to everyone who is a citizen and all who visit our great land. We rightly prize our freedom, but too often we take that same freedom for granted. As citizens, we have rights but we also have obligations to protect especially the innocent and defenseless. Recent events in our nation challenge us even more this year to work towards the equality of ALL and justice for everyone in our country.

Over these many years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, people from many other nations, languages and cultures have been drawn to also live in these United States. Some have come for economic reasons and some because of war, persecution or turmoil in their own country. Some have come for ulterior motives that do not promote the common good. But studies have shown most people have come seeking to live in a country that promotes tolerance of those who are different, a spirit of acceptance and a country that celebrates not only our individual freedoms but also the freedom to worship God with our own faith.

As we celebrate this 246th Independence Day, may we resolve as people of this great nation to join together

in celebrating the blessings of living *in the land of the free and the home of the brave*. Though we must promote better immigration policies that treat all people fairly, we must also promote respect for families of those who live alongside us, who worship with us, who work hard to provide for their family. The words of Pope Francis on September 24, 2015 in addressing a joint session of the United States Congress, continue to have a challenging urgency in light of actions our country has taken towards refugees coming to our borders. The inaction of our Congress to look seriously at immigration reform in our country has not helped ease the burdens faced by so many people on our borders. In his speech to the Congress in 2015, Pope Francis said,

“Our world is facing a refugee crisis of a magnitude not seen since the Second World War. This presents us with great challenges and many hard decisions. On this continent, too, thousands of persons are led to travel north in search of a better life for themselves and for their loved ones, in search of greater opportunities. Is this not what we want for our own children? We must not be taken aback by their numbers, but rather view them as persons, seeing their faces and listening to their stories, trying to respond as best we can to their situation. To respond in a way which is always humane, just and fraternal. We need to avoid a common temptation nowadays: to discard whatever proves troublesome. Let us remember the Golden Rule: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” (Mt 7:12)

A nation can be considered great when it defends liberty as Lincoln did, when it fosters a culture which enables people to “dream” of full rights for all their brothers and sisters, as Martin Luther King sought to do; when it strives for justice and the cause of the oppressed, as Dorothy Day did by her tireless work, the fruit of a faith which becomes dialogue and sows peace in the contemplative style of Thomas Merton.”

When the Declaration of Independence was signed, those who placed their names on that paper knew it was a momentous act that called for courage and trust in the providence of God. As citizens of the USA in 2022 we are called to be no less courageous in our present circumstances. Please keep all our men and women who are serving in the armed forces and their families who wait at home in your prayers. Let us pray and work that peace may come to our world and all people will work to understand that we are truly brothers and sisters in God's family.



Let us resolve to do all we can to eliminate racism in our midst and elect leaders who will work to bring "liberty and justice to all." The increasing intolerance in our country, the senseless violence that plagues Chicago and many other places throughout the country and the world calls for action against such behavior. As Catholics who profess belief in the call of Jesus we are charged with bringing peace and love to others. As we gather to celebrate the "Fourth of July" may each of us resolve to bring the peace of Christ to our world, that is so desperately in need of the message of Jesus.

We celebrate the holiday of Independence Day tomorrow, July 4 with federal facilities, banks, offices and many other places closed for the holiday. I encourage you to join us tomorrow, Monday, July 4, as we celebrate a special Independence Day Mass at 10:00 am here at St. Peter's Church. The church will be closed for the rest of the day after the Mass.

ST. PETER'S 8th ANNUAL GALA



After two years of having to virtually have our annual fund-raising Gala on You Tube, this year we return to the Union League Club on Thursday, July 14 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm to celebrate this annual event. This is our largest fund-raising effort of the year and it helps keep our ministry at St. Peter's operating. You can purchase tickets for this event at the church or by visiting our web site. If you are unable to attend you also may make a donation to help us maintain our ministries here at St. Peter's Church.

Please continue to pray and work for peace in our cities and in our world.

Fr. Michael




INDEPENDENCE DAY

MONDAY, JULY 4TH

ST. PETER'S CHURCH OPEN

9 am to 11 am

Mass at 10 am



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
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 GALA**

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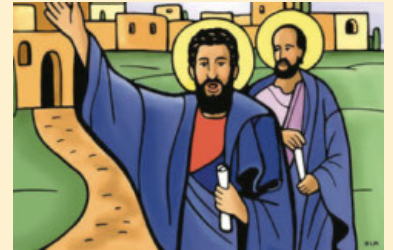
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**THIS WEEK'S
 SCRIPTURE STUDY**

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

"...for the laborer deserves his payment."




These words form the basis for one of the foundational principles of Catholic Social Teaching. A worker is expected to put in a fair day's work for a fair day's pay. Notice that there are two parts to that sentence: (1) *a fair day's work* for (2) *a fair day's pay*.

Marge is always early. Although her 'official' hours are 9-5 she's usually at her desk by 8:45A and rarely leaves before 5:15P. In fact, Marge's boss is so accustomed to her early start that on the rare occasion that Marge actually does come in at 9 he gets upset with her for coming in late. On the other hand, Marge's co-worker, Debbie, usually comes rushing in late with some story about traffic or a problem at home. Her stories are so convincing that the boss ends up feeling sorry for her and suggesting that she leave early to take care of whatever emergency is going on! Which worker is giving a *fair day's work*? What does a *fair day's pay* look like in this scenario?

Another example. Many Americans are trying to buy only goods produced in the United States, but as more and more bits and pieces of things are manufactured in other countries the words "Made in America" may only mean that the bits and pieces were put together here. Conversely, bits and pieces manufactured here are just as likely to be put together in other countries. Why is this happening? Often it's because labor is cheaper elsewhere. In fact, entire websites are devoted to tracking foreign manufacturers who employ women and under-age children for long hours with few if any breaks under deplorable and unsafe working conditions. What, exactly, is a *fair day's work*? And how much is a *fair day's pay*?


As consumers we are, in effect, employers to the world. Do we do all we can to insure that laborers receive a *fair day's pay*? As workers, do we provide a *fair day's work*? "Behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves" – or at least sometimes it feels that way...

By Vinal Van Benthem offs




**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
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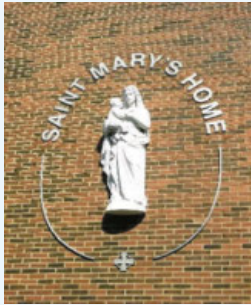
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LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR VISIT ST. PETER'S JULY 23 & 24



On the weekend of July 23 & 24, the Little Sisters of the Poor will visit our Parish to share their vocation of hospitality to the elderly. St. Mary's Home in Chicago is one of 167 Homes for the elderly poor operated by the Little Sisters in 31 countries around the world.

Acute and considerable continues to be their need for financial support. Virtually all of the current Residents of St. Mary's Home qualify for Medicaid, and a few receive meager pensions. But these modest funds cover, at best, about half of the annual expenses. The Little Sisters have ministered to thousands of elders in Chicago for 145 years. Your support will enable them to continue their mission of caring for the neediest seniors of every race and religion in a spirit of reverence and of humble service. God bless you!

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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.**

For information regarding Spiritual Direction, please call **312-372-5111.**



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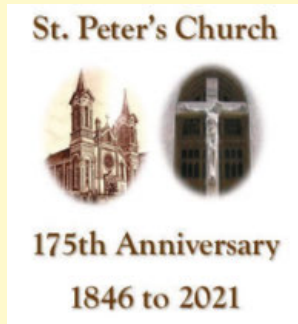
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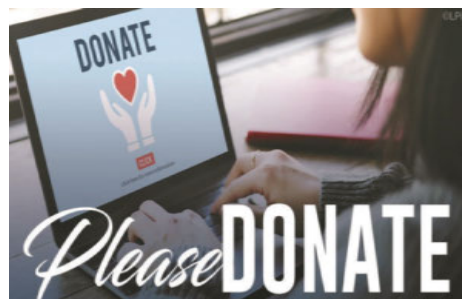
St. Peter's is currently accepting reservations for the memorial votive candles within the Church. Once lit, the candles burn 24 hours a day for one year. A plaque in front of your candle notes who it is lit in honor of. Applications are available at the front office of St. Peter's. The cost is \$150. Please call 312-372-5111 for further information.



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.



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