



# St. Peter's Church

*Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province*

JULY 10, 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



## 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with  
compassion at the sight.” - Lk 10:33

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### Saints' Days and Observances

- Sun., July 10:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Mon., July 11:** St. Benedict
- Tues., July 12:** Ordinary Time
- Wed., July 13:** Ordinary Time
- Thurs., July 14:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- Fri., July 15:** St. Bonaventure
- Sat., July 16:** Ordinary Time

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## FRANCISCAN FRIAR STAFF

### Friar Confessors & Staff:

- Fr. Michael Fowler O.F.M., Pastor**
- Fr. Don Blaeser O.F.M.**
- Fr. Wenceslaus Church O.F.M.**
- Fr. Mario DiCicco O.F.M.**
- Fr. Tom Ess O.F.M.**
- Fr. Kurt Hartrich O.F.M.**
- Br. Clarence Klingert O.F.M.**
- Br. Thomas Krull O.F.M.**
- Br. William Lanning O.F.M.**
- Fr. Ed McKenzie O.F.M.**
- Br. Guillermo Morales O.F.M.**
- Fr. Bill Rooney O.F.M.**
- Fr. Carlos Ruiz O.F.M.**
- Fr. Ed Tverdek O.F.M.**

### In Residence:

- Br. Erlison Campos O.F.M.**
- Fr. Derran Combs O.F.M.**
- Br. Vagner Ferreira O.F.M.**
- Fr. Robert Hutmacher O.F.M.**
- Fr. Robert Karris O.F.M.**
- Fr. Gilbert Ostdiek O.F.M.**
- Br. Bill Schulte O.F.M.**
- Br. Raymond Shuhert O.F.M.**
- Fr. Paul Tuan O.F.M.**



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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.

<u>Weekly Goal</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>
<b>June 19-25</b>	<u>\$ 4,364</u>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$ 7,636</b>

## THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



### A FEW OBSERVATIONS FROM THE PASTOR

I would like to share with you some observations I have after being your pastor for a couple of years. Having lived in Chicago for various ministries a number of times before coming here as pastor, I was in shock when I arrived at St. Peter's in early July 2020. There were few people walking the streets, little traffic on Madison, having to sign up to attend Mass, the church being open only for Mass or confessions and people not able to enter the church and pray was unbelievable to me. Violence and looting in the Loop and Michigan Avenue was a sober reminder to all of us that we had entered a different time in our history.

However, since my arrival in 2020, thanks to your help and God's grace, we have emerged with St. Peter's still providing a sacred space for people to encounter God and to experience God's peace. Below I offer you some brief updates about the ministry of St. Peter's. I will continue to try and keep you informed about St. Peter's. I invite you to also share with me some of your thoughts, suggestions and observations. While we may not always agree on everything, let us all trust that the Spirit God promised to send us will continue to guide as we conclude our 175th anniversary celebration with a special Mass on Sunday, August 14 presided over by Cardinal Blase Cupich. Like our early ancestors who began St. Peter's in 1846 we also have lots of work to do as we begin our 176th year and look forward to the future.

### SOME CHANGES IN ST. PETER'S STAFF

I want to alert you to a couple of staff changes here at St. Peter's Church. As of July 1, due to the decreasing need for two organists here at St. Peter's and the need to reorganize some of the positions at the church, we now have only one organist, Mr. Greg Ceurvorst. As we move ahead with only one organist, we thank Mr. James Kapellas, for faithfully serving at St. Peter's Church for eleven years as Associate Director of Liturgy, weekday organist and Music Coordinator of Liturgical Ministers. James will continue to be the Music Director and Organist at the St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in the Lincoln Park neighborhood.

Effective the end of May, our Provincial asked Fr. Derran Combs, OFM to relinquish his position as Programs Director at St. Peters and accept a position helping the Archdiocese in a new initiative on the southside. He begins his new position as Mission Director of St. Thomas More Mission on the Southside this summer. I am presently talking with a couple of

friars to see if they might be able to assume the responsibilities of being Program Director at St. Peter's.

Effective July 1 our Sacristan, Mr. Phil Bujnowski, reduced his hours of work here at the church and will be working part-time as Sacristan.

While updating you on our Church staff (lay and friars), I want to remind everyone that while there are a number of friars listed in this bulletin each week, some of them work full-time for St. Peter's Church, some work part-time and also have weekend commitments in other parishes in the Archdiocese and other friars have other full-time jobs or are in studies. The majority of the friars living at St. Peter's are in their 70's, 80's or even 90's. I am truly amazed at the commitment our senior friars have to continue to help in whatever way they can to provide the sacraments and wise counsel for all who come to St. Peter's Church.

Very often, I am asked why there are so few young friars here at St. Peter's. The unfortunate reply I have to give is that there are very few younger men entering the Franciscan Order throughout North America. In fact, vocations are also very low in many other consecrated religious communities (Jesuits, Dominicans, Paulists, etc.). Men entering the seminary to prepare for priesthood is also very low. It is a serious issue that everyone in the Catholic Church should be concerned to pray to God and to ask our young people to at least consider becoming a priest, or entering religious life as a sister, brother or priest.

### UPDATE ON OUR FACILITIES

We are truly blessed to have this sacred space here in the midst of the Loop that is called St. Peter's Church. As we have celebrated in the past year our presence in the Loop for 175 years of ministry, we now must begin to look at how we can continue to be strong presence of our Catholic faith in today's environment. One of the concerns we have is the reality that our present church (built in 1953) while still a solid building is also showing its age. We are slowly trying to get caught up on deferred maintenance and replacement of items that are coming to the end of their usefulness. More on this in future bulletins.

The COVID pandemic revealed to us that we need to update the rooms that we use for one of our principal ministries.....that of celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions). We need to provide places where the penitent is able to go behind a screen or face-to-face. The confessional space needs to be welcoming, spacious and a sacred space where those who come for confession can be at peace to receive God's forgiveness. We have approached a church architect, consulted with



Fr. Gil Ostdiek, OFM (Liturgy Professor at CTU) and listened to some of the observations that you who come here for confessions have shared with us confessors.

**FINANCES**

Fr. Kurt and other friars who have lived and worked here at St. Peter's over the years have shared with me that we have always struggled with finances. I know all too well that experience from other parishes I have been assigned to as pastor. Having arrived in the early days of COVID in 2020, it has been a struggle and challenge unlike any I have ever experienced and I am sure most of us have ever experienced in our lifetime. However, while Br. Clarence keeps me very updated on our income and expenses, I must admit that I have not lost any night's sleep since arriving here. One of the reasons is I have been deeply moved by the generosity of so many of you who have continued to keep St. Peter's alive and still ministering. Whether you have given large or small donations please note your donations make you a part of the ministry of St. Peter's. You may not be preaching from the pulpit (though maybe you would like to sometime?!), presiding at Mass, helping with communion, reading at Mass, giving a presentation at one of our noontime sessions, etc. but no matter through your donations and your prayers your ministry is also crucial to helping St. Peter's continue to be a source of prayer, reflection and reconciliation in the midst of the noise and busyness of the Loop.

To help oversee our finances, we are in the process of establishing a Finance Council composed of 3-5 laity who have financial backgrounds and are deeply committed to mission and ministry of St. Peter's Church. Once it is in place, we'll share more about our Finance Council.

In the coming months, I will continue to share with you and seek your input as we look at how best to serve others here in the Loop in light of the new realities and challenges that we face in our world today. Please continue to pray for God's guidance upon all of us as we and all the members of the Archdiocese "Renew My Church." (More details on "Renew My Church" will be found on the Archdiocese website.)

**ST. PETER'S 8th ANNUAL GALA**

After two years of having to virtually have our annual fund-raising **Gala** on *YouTube*, this year we return to the *Union League Club* this 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 still purchase tickets for this event at the church or by visiting our website. 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. As scripture reminds us some difficulties can only be solved by prayer. (cf. *Mark 9:29*) Let us work hard to be people of peace in our home, neighborhood, city, country and the world.

**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**

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**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**

**Saturdays 12 noon until 4:30 pm**

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**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY**

**Luke 10:25-37**

Who is your Samaritan? Not literally, of course, since most of us probably don't really know anyone from Samaria, but that person who you think would be the last person in the world to help you if they found you beaten and bloody in a ditch? Who is the person who – whether because of nationality or ethnicity or whatever – would walk right by you without batting an eye? I'm guessing that most of you (hopefully!) would not name your priest or clergyperson, but what about someone from another religion (or even no religion at all) who for one reason or another doesn't particularly care for people who go to your church? Would it be a politician, someone who needs to be seen with only the 'right' people if they want to be re-elected? What if a banker walked by, would he or she be concerned that it might cost money to help you? Would a lawyer stop to help if it looked like you couldn't afford to pay their fee?



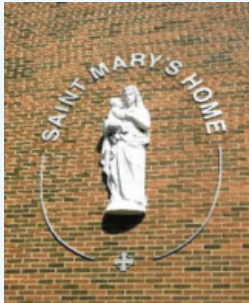
Now let's reverse the question. Who would you "... pass by on the opposite side"? Would it be someone from a country associated with terrorist activity? Someone whose last name or national identity makes you uncomfortable? Would you cross the street to avoid someone whose sexual orientation was different from your own? Or someone whose skin was a different color? Would level of education or economic status determine which side of the street you would choose to walk on? Would it depend on just how badly they were hurt and how much effort it would take if you let yourself get involved?

"A man fell victim to robbers..." "But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." "*You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart... being... strength... and...mind... and your neighbor as yourself.*" What does this kind of love look like in our world today? Your answer to this last question may depend on how you answered the first two. Look around you – at work, in your community, in your neighborhood. Who is your neighbor? Who is your Samaritan?

*By Vinal Van Benthem offs*



### 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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**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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**Mondays**

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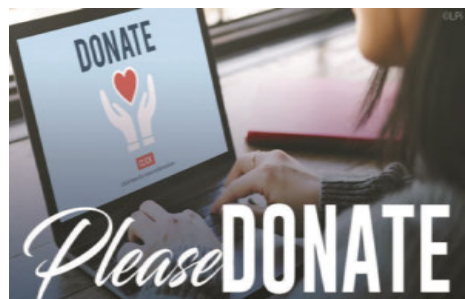
St. Peter's is currently accepting reservations for the memorial votive candles within the Church. Once lit, the candles burn 24 hours a day for one year. A plaque in front of your candle notes who it is lit in honor of. Applications are available at the front office of St. Peter's. The cost is \$150.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