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## Teen who beat cancer after Pope Benedict's blessing becomes priest



*By Cerith Gardiner*

*The story of Fr. Peter Srsich embodies the passage from Romans 8:28.*

When the then-17-year-old Peter Srsich returned from a canoe trip suffering from chronic fatigue and a cough, his family thought he might have pneumonia. The teen was diagnosed with stage four non-Hodgkins lymphoma when doctors discovered a large tumor on his lungs.

He underwent rounds of chemotherapy that left him feeling depressed and questioning why he was going through such an ordeal. Although he had a strong faith and already felt called to the priesthood, in his hospital bed he was reluctant to receive the Communion. But as he later shared with Denver Catholic:

“I knew it would make my mom feel better if she saw me receive, so I was like, ‘all right fine, I’ll receive communion.’ This classmate of mine held up the host and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God.’ And our Lord really showed himself, he revealed himself in a powerful way and he spoke into my heart, and I could definitely hear him in the in the depths of my heart. He said, ‘Peter, I know this is hard. I’m not going to take the suffering away from you, but I’m going to walk with you through it.’”

“It was kind of one of those moments where nothing had changed and everything had changed,” he said.

The Make-a-Wish Foundation, which offers children with life-threatening illnesses the chance to make a dream come true, reached out to Srsich. Rather unusually for a youngster, Peter wished to go to the Vatican and see the pope.

His gift coordinator LuAnn Griffin shared: “After meeting Peter, there was no doubt in my mind it was his true wish and it was going to play an important role in what he wants to do career-wise.”

### **Meeting the pontiff**

In May 2012 his dream came true. Srsich, who traveled with his family, didn’t think he’d actually meet the pope. They went to St. Peter’s Square to see Pope Benedict XVI address the audience. The Srsich family were then asked to queue up to actually meet the pope.

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### **Teen who beat cancer... *Continued from cover***

In line, Peter could see the other dignitaries had expensive gifts to offer the pontiff. His father suggested he should give him the green band that he had on his wrist with the words “Pray for Peter” and the reference to Romans 8:28: “... And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to his purpose” that Peter particularly appreciated.

Benedict XVI spoke to Peter and as he later shared: “He looked at me and said, “Oh, you speak English?” and put his hand on my chest right where the tumor had been, even though I had not mentioned it to him. The blessing is usually on the head.”

Peter also took the time to explain his story to the pope, and explained that he wanted to become a priest and asked for Benedict XVI’s blessing.

While some people believe the pope’s blessing worked miracles, Peter saw it somewhat differently; more in line with the passage from Romans: “Chemo helped me fight the cancer. Make-A-Wish helped me fight the chemo. Knowing the pope was in my future helped me get through that, and in a small, non-miraculous way, helped cure my cancer,” as he explained to ABC News in 2013.



And nearly a decade after his meeting with the pope, Peter Srsich was able to have a further wish come true. After God’s continued gentle calling, the 6’ 6” former lacrosse player was ordained a priest in 2021, as you can see on his Facebook account.

As he shared his story in more detail with Denver Catholic, there is a beautiful takeaway of his experience:

“It’s beautiful to start to see the ways that God was preparing me for this vocation, for this call, to receive the sacrament of service that’s not for me, [but] for the people of God. He’s been able to use these different moments throughout my life, these different experiences throughout my life.”

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August 7, 2022

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

Wis 18:6-9 | Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12 |  
Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I remember the first time I moved: A suitcase or two fit in the back of my dad's lime-green Delta 88 as my parents dropped me off at college. Four years later, it took that plus a large black chest. The next move required a U-Haul; then came marriage, a family, and a moving van. I may not store my treasure in barns like the man in last week's readings, but at times it feels that way. It's natural to accumulate more "stuff" as we grow older. But in today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that we won't take any of it with us when we make the move to our final destination. Rather than focus on our possessions, he encourages us to be vigilant, remain faithful, and live in service to others. In doing so, we will store up "an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Few things throw me into a panic like unexpected company. I have taken to at least cleaning the kitchen counter and bathrooms before going on a trip so the house will look presentable should something befall me and others have to come in with food or aid! We truly do not know the day or the hour, and the Gospel today encourages us to apply a little of that spring cleaning to our souls. Each day presents a new opportunity to prepare for the day we meet Jesus. If we've been out of touch, we can get reacquainted through prayer. If we feel weighed down by things we've done or said, we can bring them to the Lord through the sacrament of reconciliation. We can witness to our belief in God's promise of eternal life by putting people above possessions and supporting one another as we seek to live as Jesus taught us.

**ACTION** Today's psalm response is: "Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own." Count your blessings and write a few of them down, giving thanks to God for each of them.





## Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

### Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

### Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

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## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, August 6, Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**  
4:00 p.m. Jim Lawler & Pat Sullivan (Dec)

**Sunday, August 7, The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 a.m. Fausto Reyes (Dec)  
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners  
11:30 a.m. Rosemary Smith (Dec)

**Monday, August 8, Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest**  
8:00 a.m. Margaret Mays (Dec)

**Tuesday, August 9, Memorial of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**  
8:00 a.m. Lyliane Corvington (Dec)

**Wednesday, August 10, Feast of Saint Lawrence**  
8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

**Thursday, August 11, Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin**  
8:00 a.m. Dolores M. Ciminera (Dec)

**Friday, August 12, Memorial of Saint Jane Frances de Chantal**  
8:00 a.m. Lyliane Corvington (Dec)

**Saturday, August 13, Memorial of Saint Pontian, Pope, and Saint Hippolytus, Priest; Martyrs**  
8:00 a.m. Steve Mercer (Dec)  
4:00 p.m. Peter Mulligan (Dec)

**Sunday, August 14, The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 a.m. Philip Roach (Dec)  
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners  
11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

## Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

08/07 • Rev. Donald Amodeo  
08/08 • Rev. Brian Fabiszewsk  
08/09 • Rev. Emery N. Longanga  
08/10 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life  
08/11 • Vincent Washburn, Seminarian  
08/12 • Rev. Theodore Costello  
08/13 • Tyler Gates, Seminarian

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

## Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

*God, Our Father, Creator and Lord of the universe,  
you have set the earth on its foundation  
and all the elements of nature obey your command.  
We humbly beseech you to keep us safe from all dangers  
and calm the storm that threatens us.  
May we be secure in your loving protection  
and serve you always with grateful hearts.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.  
Amen.*



## Faith Formation Classes

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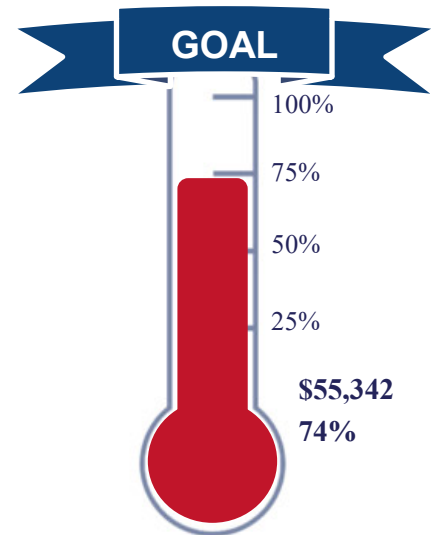
## St. Anthony's Prayer for Peace of Mind

O holy Saint Anthony, your deep faith in Jesus Christ comforted your heart, especially during times of trial and distress. Help me grow in faith, so I may experience peace of mind and heart in my present needs (Here mention). Free me from undue anxiety, needless worry, and burdensome fears. Grant me sure confidence, unflinching trust in God's loving mercy and daily serenity. ~ Amen



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## Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving

The Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving will take place at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle on Sunday, August 21st at 3:00pm. This event honors couples throughout the diocese who celebrated their 25th anniversary in 2021 or 2022, as well as those celebrating 50 or more years of marriage.

**Please RSVP to the parish office by Monday August 8th.**

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Caught in the Rising Action

Think of some of your favorite iconic movies. I'm not talking about the feel-good comedies or the offbeat coming-of-age flicks. I'm talking about the movies that you found had a profound impact on you or made you go "Hmmm."

I'm willing to bet that the plot of this film features some tough moments and difficult scenarios. However happy the ending, at some point, the situation for the protagonist might look awfully hopeless. The script speaks some truth to you about what it is to be human in difficult circumstances. What it means to persevere.

We're attracted to the tension that exists when the hero is besieged. We're captivated by the decisions he makes in the darkest hour of the night when it seems like the dawn will never come. Why? Because we know that feeling so well. This is the essence of our human life on earth: waiting, hoping, doubting — and enduring.

We know the ending to our story, but we don't know when it's coming. We live our whole lives in the rising action of the narrative. Sure, it gets old. Tiresome, even dull. We may start to despair that the climactic scene is coming at all.

But faith is the realization of things hoped for, and evidence of things not seen. We feel it watching a great movie, because we recognize it intuitively: it is faith which earns the happy ending. No one is drawn to the story when the hero gives up or gets tired of waiting for the payoff. Everyday stewardship is the collection of choices we make while we're waiting, because we are called to action, not idleness, even in our perpetual state of expectation.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, *MTS*

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## St. Jane Frances de Chantal | August 12

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal was born to a noble family in Dijon, France, on January 28, 1572. Her mother died when she was an infant. Her father raised her and provided for her education. In 1592 She married the Baron de Chantal, the couple were devoted to each other. They had six children, three of whom died in infancy. As Baroness, Saint Jane Frances restored the custom of daily Mass, and was famous for her charitable works. Unfortunately, her husband died in a hunting accident only eight years after their marriage. Devastated Jane Frances was forced to live in her father-in-law's strict household where she took a vow of chastity.

In 1604 while visiting her father in Dijon, she met Saint Francis de Sales and he became her close friend and spiritual director. Although not many of their epistles have survived, the pair had a lively correspondence which lasted until Saint Francis died.

Under the direction of St. Francis de Sales and with his partnership she established the Congregation of the Visitation at Annecy in 1610. This was a unique order, without the extreme ascetical practices typical in other religious orders, accepting women and girls and those rejected by other orders because of poor health or age. The new order was also unusual in its public ministry, rather than a strictly cloistered life. Saint Jane transformed her convent at Annecy into a hospital during the plague of 1628.

The saint died at the Visitation Convent in Moulins on December 13, 1641. She was canonized in 1767 by Pope Clement XIII.

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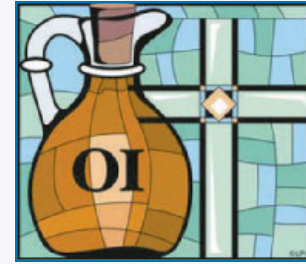




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