

YEAR OF SACRAMENTS

ONE WORD AT A TIME

Create

To **create** in a strict philosophical and theological sense means to make something out of nothing. And that is true but incomplete. God made the world out of nothing, as the opening chapters of the Book of Genesis clearly state. There is another side to creation, however, that is not the province of philosophers but of poets. Dante Alighieri in the *Divine Comedy* wrote about the love that made the stars. Creation happens because of love.

Marriage, of course, is ordered toward the creation of new life. Spouses cooperate with the Creator, and the result is new life in this world. And be clear about this—the new life that comes from the marital union of a man and a woman is not merely the product of a biological process. It begins and ends in love, human love, certainly, and—even more certainly—divine love.

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Create a clean heart in me

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 22, 2015



A Life Spent for others will be glorified here in this world and in Heaven

Today's readings focus on the approaching death of Jesus which Paul considers a priestly sacrifice and John considers the moment of Jesus' "exaltation" and "glorification." The readings offer us a challenge. Just as Jesus became the "Promised Messiah of Glory" and the "Conquering Son of Man" by offering his life for others, we, too, must possess Heaven by dying to self and by spending our lives in self-giving, sacrificial service.

The first reading, taken from the Prophet Jeremiah, explains how God replaced the Old Covenant of Judgment with a New Covenant of Forgiveness of sins. This New Covenant prophesied by Jeremiah was fulfilled, at least in part, through Jesus' life, death and Resurrection. In the second reading, St. Paul tells the Hebrews that it is by Jesus' suffering and death, in obedience to his Father's will, that Jesus established the New Covenant. Using metaphors of the "sown wheat grain" and the "spent life" in today's Gospel, Jesus teaches the same lessons St. Paul does. The Gospel hints at the inner struggle of Jesus in accepting the cup of suffering to inaugurate the New and everlasting Covenant. However, Jesus accepts the cross as his "hour," meaning the stepping stone to his passion, death, Resurrection and exaltation. He also considers his "hour" as the way of glorifying his Heavenly Father and of being glorified by his Father. In addition, it is the way by which he draws all people into the saving action of God. Finally, the "lifting up" of Jesus on the cross and later into Heavenly glory by Resurrection and Ascension is the assurance of our own exaltation and glorification, provided we accept our crosses.

Only a life spent for others will be glorified here in this world and in Heaven. We know that the world owes everything to people who have spent their time and talents for God and for their fellow human beings. Mother Teresa, for instance, gave up her comfortable teaching career, and with just 17 cents in her pocket began her challenging life for the "poorest of the poor" in the crowded streets of Calcutta. We see similar cases in the history of great saints, scientists and benefactors of mankind in all walks of life. They chose to burn out rather than to rust out. We are all invited to offer our lives for the service of our brothers and sisters who are in need for the glory of God.

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Lector's Schedule

March 21 @ 4:00 pm – Marlene Talaski

March 22 @ 8:30 am – Nellie Bell/Eva Sturgies/ Dolores Pettis

March 22 @ 5:00 pm – Yona Lajeune/ Carol Juarez

March 28 @ 4:00 pm – Marlene Talaski

March 29 @ 8:30 am – Julie Jamison/ James Maslanka/ Betty Taylor

March 29 @ 5:00 pm – Yona Lajeune/ Carol Juarez

April 4 @ 4:00 pm – Robin Sikora

April 5 @ 8:30 am - Barbara Randall/Martha Goss/ Michelle Reed

April 5 @ 5:00 pm - Yona Lajeune/ Carol Juarez



Welcome to everyone who worships with us, whether visitor, long-time resident or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered at SS. Peter & Paul Parish, or are registered and need to make changes, please fill out the form on the table at the back of the church. Include your name address and phone number.

FATHER AUGUSTUS TOLTON PILGRIMAGE

On Saturday April 11th, the Black Catholic Association will be hosting a local pilgrimage to historic sites associated with Father Tolton. The tour will begin at 9:00am at the Cardinal Meyer Center with the expected return around 4:00 pm. Among the sites visited will be St. Monica's St. Elizabeth's, Mercy Hospital and Mt Olivet Cemetery. A sit down lunch will be also included in the guided bus tour which will cost \$55 a person. The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Perry will be the tour guide. Interested parishioners should contact the rectory.

Bake Sale: Saints Peter and Paul will be conducting a bake sale at the weekend of March 28-29. Anyone willing to donate items should drop them off before Mass on March 28th or 29th. This is one of our fundraisers to increase our parish revenue. Thank you for your support.

PARISH NEWS

UPDATE ON TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS: To Teach who Christ Is Campaign is well under way. In these days some of you have met with one of the members of the Campaign Executive Committee and have already made your commitment to this campaign or you are still praying about your sacrificial gift. Some of you are still waiting to meet with a committee member. The good news is that we have already received **154%** of the pledges of our goal. This means, we have exceeded our goal! Thanks to all who have made a commitment to this campaign. For those of you who have not yet made your pledges don't think that the campaign is over because we have exceeded our goal, instead you should be more excited to make your pledge because from now on **every dollar we get beyond our goal 100% will remain in our parish!** For those of you who have send your check and it has not been cashed you need to wait because the processing takes about four weeks. And for the reminder for your payment each one will be reminded according to the cycle which one chose, that is, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. In case you have questions please call 312-534-8500. Next weekend March 28 and 29 will be our commitment weekend.

Eucharist Ministers: Those who have been Eucharist ministers and want to continue and the new ones who want do this ministry are asked to call the rectory as soon as possible. We are planning to have a training for them very soon.

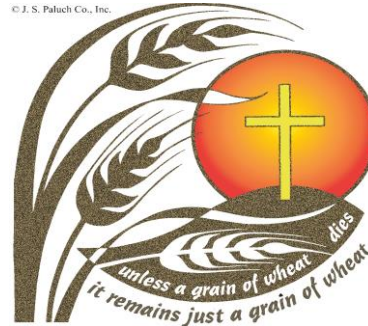
Reconciliation Service: There will be a Sacrament of Reconciliation sponsored by the Catholic Priests of Deanery six B on Friday March 27th 2015 at 7:00 pm at Saint Ailbe Church, 91st Street and Stony Island. All are invited. Also we shall have a reconciliation service at our Parish on Saturday March 28th at 10:00 am all are invited.

THE NEW COVENANT

When the prophet Jeremiah coined the term "new covenant" he was actually doing something quite radical. For the Jewish people, there was only one covenant, the one made between the Lord God and Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai. For Jeremiah to suggest that God would somehow supersede the covenant with a new one would have sounded audacious to Jewish ears. But in this way he is a predecessor of Jesus who, in the Gospel of John, is continually portrayed as superseding the past, establishing the reign of God in a new way. And in today's Gospel passage, Jesus the "new covenant" speaks the language of his "new commandment" of love when he tells of the dying grain of wheat, and of our own need to die to self in order to be raised with Christ. As Lent ends and we prepare to enter into Holy Week, the dying grain of wheat serves as an excellent symbol of the kind of dying and self-sacrifice to which disciples are called, a symbol of that new covenant written deep within our hearts.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 29
Saundra E.S. Spaulding
March 30

Bob Laskey

The Catholic Community of SS. Peter and Paul Church is dedicated to nurturing Christ's love among God's people Our Mission is the mission of Jesus Christ as stewards of God's Gifts, we strive to fulfill His plan by exercising our rights and responsibilities.



We are committed to:

Living God's Word in our lives providing for education in faith to our members sharing our faith with others, and serving our sisters and brothers. Through our participation in prayer, the Eucharist and the Sacraments, we express our unity in Christ.



Patricia Baylock Jean Bosak, Thomas Burkhart, Gayle Campbell, Larry Campbell, June Carlson, Jim Carter, Debra Coursey, Arlene Cuprisin, Frank Dabrowski, Robert Davis, Kathe Dulinskas, Bettie Edwards, Wally and Kathy Eggert, Greg Fusco, Mary Granberry ,Fr. John Harvey, Margaret Hillyard, Jozefa, Kathryn Kalloway, Andrew Knoell, Robert Koppers, Adeline Korsak, Pam Miller, Edmund Mitchell, Opis Murray, Chuck Napoli, Jim Paul, Tanis Pedretti, Jeanne Peredna, Rick Riley, Louise Rummage, Elizabeth Sanders, Julia Schade, Dolores Scott, Deborah Sharbak, Barbara Talaski, Steve Tolnai, Herman Vallo, Dan and Susan Vicario, Gloria Violante, Madeline Wellard, Joyce Schultze. Hannah Griffin.

**Please contact the rectory when you need to add/remove a loved one from the Prayer List.
Remember to pray for the deceased of SS Peter and Paul .**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]



Mass Intentions for the Week



Sunday, March 22, 2015 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 am- O'Baryant, intentions – Barbara James

5:00 pm – †Irene Koppers – Bob Koppers and Family

Monday March 23, 2015 – Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo Bishop

6:45am -Joseph Williams, intentions – Barbara James

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 -

6:45 am- For the terminally ill – The People of the Parish

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 – THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LORD

6:45 am – Tommy, intentions - Mom

Thursday, March 26, 2015

6:45 am – Archbishop Cupich, intentions – The People of the Parish

Friday, March 27, 2015

6:45 am – The sick and the suffering – The People of the Parish

Saturday, Vigil, March 28, 2015

4:00 pm – The victims of violence – The People of the Parish

Sunday, March 29, 2015 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

8:30 am- †John P. Joynes – D. Pettis

5:00 pm – For volunteers of the Parish – The people of the Parish

This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the Deceased of SS Peter and Paul.

There are still many available dates for Mass intentions in 2015. Please call the rectory if you need to request Mass intentions.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2015**

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

— *Jeremiah 31:33*



- **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions):** 30 minutes before every weekend Mass and other times by appointment
- **MARRIAGES:** **MUST** contact the Parish at least four months in advance and **MUST** participate in the (Pre-Cana)
- **BAPTISMS:** Arranged in advance. Please contact the Parish for additional information
- **SICK CALLS/COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND:** Contact the Parish immediately **773-785-1200**
- **FUNERALS:** Please contact the Rectory prior to making any arrangements
- **MOVING:** Please notify the Rectory as soon as possible so Parish records can be updated

Weekly Collections

STEWARDING GOD'S GIFTS

We are always grateful to the trust given through the weekly offerings may God continue to bless us with prosperity.

Offerings - \$3,008

Weekly Budget - \$2,771.78

If you are unable to attend Mass, we remind you to either mail in your offering or drop your envelope in the basket next time you are present at Mass. Thank you.

UPCOMING SECOND OFFERINGS

March 22 – Loan Reduction

April 2 (Holy Thursday) – Persons and Families living with HIV/AIDS

April 3 (Good Friday) – Christians in the Holy Land

April 5 – (Easter Sunday) - Easter Gift

April 12 - Monthly Sacrifice

Thank you for your many gifts. "The gifts build the church and the builder provides the gifts." (Eph 4:7) It is never too early to plan for the future. Please remember Sts. Peter and Paul Church in your will.