

YEAR OF SACRAMENTS

ONE WORD AT A TIME

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As each of the four Gospels ends, Jesus **sends** his disciples into the world. They are on a mission. They have a purpose. And that mission and purpose is to continue what he has begun. When we realize that Jesus sends not only his first disciples but us as well to continue his work as his disciples today, we stand amazed and overwhelmed by the scope of our calling. But we are not alone.

The Holy Spirit of Pentecost empowered the first disciples to begin their mission to carry the mission of Jesus to the ends of the earth. That same Holy Spirit enables us through the sacrament of Confirmation to take up and effectively fulfill the great task entrusted to us. The Lord Jesus truly sends us but not without the grace to fulfill our mission. He sends us, his confirmed disciples, in the Holy Spirit.

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Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed

Second Sunday of Easter - April 12, 2015



“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed”

Thomas said to the other apostles who have seen the risen Christ, “Unless I see, unless I touch, I will not believe” Thomas wanted to see and touch Jesus so that he may believe that Jesus was alive. This sounds to be very reasonable and logical especially in the rationalistic approach. The prevailing opinion in the modern world is that everything can be rationally explained. With high technology we have in the modern world, if something is obscure, all we have to do is shed a ray of scientific light on it and it will become clear.

While it is true that reason and scientific approach to reality is important in the material world, it is not applicable to the realm of faith. We cannot prove what we believe scientifically. To adopt Thomas’s approach would be to condemn ourselves to living in a purely material world. Not all reality can be seen or touched. There is layer of reality which eludes our senses but which, nevertheless, is absolutely real. The visible and tangible world is only part of a greater world which includes invisible and intangible realities from which it draws its chief significance. Faith belongs to the invisible and intangible world. Faith takes us where our senses cannot go. If we are able to see and touch, then we don’t need to believe, because the very nature of faith is to believe what is beyond our senses. This is why to those who don’t believe in God, faith does not make sense. God cannot be perceived by our senses.

The same applies to the risen Christ. We cannot see and touch him with our senses, but we can experience his presence in our lives if we believe. If we want to see and touch him physically so that we may believe, then that is not valuable faith, and there is no blessedness on that kind of faith. By asking Thomas that he had come to believe because he had seen him, Jesus was disapproving that kind of faith. This is why he said, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” If we believe we are among the blessed ones because we believe and we have not seen him.

The reality of the resurrection of Christ cannot be perceived by our senses but can be experienced and felt in our hearts. It is not felt by the touch of the hand but by the touch of Christ’s love. And it can be felt in a community of believers who love and care for one another.

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Lector’s Schedule



April 11 @ 4: 00 pm – L. Rummage

April 12 @ 8:30 am Julie Jamison - Betty Taylor - Beulah Reed

April 12 @ 5:00 pm – Y. Lajeune - Carol Juarez

April 18 @ 4:00pm – M. Talaski

April 19 @ 8:30am – N. Bell – J. Maslanka – E. Sturgies

April 19 @ 5:00pm – Y. LeJeune – C. Juarez

April 25 @ 4:00 pm – L. Rummage

April 26 @ 8:30 am – D. Pettis – B. Taylor – J. Vaughn

April 26 @ 5:00pm -Y. Lejeune – C. 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.

Thank you

We would like to thank all people who participated in different ways in the preparations Easter celebration. Thank you for your gifts and talents which contributed to the beauty of our celebration.

PARISH NEWS

Operation Rice Bowl: If you have not turned in your Rice Bowls please do so as soon as possible.

New Parish Secretary: We thank Susan Vicario for the time she has served as secretary of our parish. Now she is unable to work due to health issues. Please let us continue to remember her in our prayers. Now we have Jennell Vaughn who was a secretary at St. Helena of the Cross Parish as our new secretary. We thank her for accepting to be our secretary.

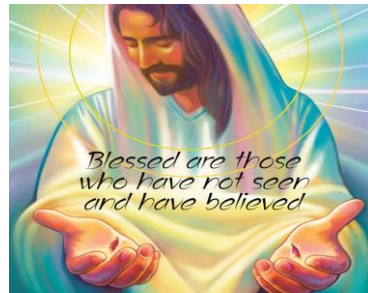
Confirmation: The classes for confirmation have already started. The classes will be taking place on Sundays at 1:00 pm in the rectory beginning from April 19. Please call the rectory to inform if for some reasons you will miss the class.

Thanks be to God! The **Sts. Peter and Paul Women's Club** had their inaugural meeting on Sunday, March 22, 2015 with 16 women in attendance. Fellowship, coffee and cake primed us, an opening prayer by member Nellie Bell was our prompt and we all responded by getting down to business. An executive board was established and our first outreach activity is scheduled for April 26th. We invite all women of the parish to join us. Our next meeting is April 26th after the 8:30 am Mass. Hope to see you there. Betty Taylor, President. CBR 773 568-1104

OF ONE HEART AND MIND

Reading about the faith of the early Christian believers can be a real inspiration to those of us who have been Christians for a long time, as well as for those who are newly baptized. Can you imagine people of this world being "of one heart and mind" as was the first community of believers? Today's First Letter of John seems to hold the key to how this can be accomplished. Keeping God's commandments and loving all of God's children seems to be the start of being "of one heart and mind." We live in a world that stresses differences—differences among religions, among races, between genders, and among economic classes. Today we are summoned to focus on what we all share in common on this fragile planet of ours.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Call the rectory if you want your birthday to be recognized.

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, Bettie Edwards, Wally and Kathy Eggert, Greg Fusco, Mary Granberry, Fr. John Harvey, Margaret Hillyard, Kathryn Kalloway, Andrew Knoell, Robert Koppers, Adeline Korsak, Pam Miller, Opie 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, Jessye Henderson, Deacon Clayton Kort, Nate Beck, Shawn Higgins

Please contact the rectory when you need to add/remove a loved one from the Prayer List. Remember to pray for the souls of Jozefa, Ludwig Haderer and all deceased of SS Peter and Paul

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



Mass Intentions for the Week



Sunday, April 12, 2015 – Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

8:30 am- St Benedict Lay Carmelite – The St. Benedict LCC

5:00 pm –Susan V. Winblad – The Vicario Family

Monday April 13, 2015 – St. Martin I

6:45am - †Esther Garritano - Linda

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 – Sts. Tiburtius, Valerian, & Maximus

6:45 am - Steven Schade, Jr., intentions – Napoli Family

Wednesday, April 15, 2015 – St. Paternus

6:45 am – †Ellen Jacobs – Talaski Family

Thursday April 16, 2015 – St. Bernardette Soubirous

6:45 am –Jean and Michael McHugh, intentions– Napoli Family

Friday April 17, 2015 – Sts. Fortunatus & Marcian

6:45 am – Schade Family, intentions– Napoli Family

Saturday, April 18, 2015 – St. Apollonius

4:00 pm – +Souls of John, Anne, Patricia Burczuk - Bob & Sue Talaski

Sunday, April 19, 2015 – Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 am- +Beatrice Kerner – Mike Kerner

5:00pm – For the sick of SS Peter & Paul – People of the Parish

Pray 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.

**Second Sunday of Easter
(or of Divine Mercy)
April 12, 2015**

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

— 1 John 5:5



- **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 - \$7,388

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

April 12 – Monthly Sacrifice

April 19 - Loan Reduction

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.