



NEWSLETTER

St. Peter's Italian Catholic Church

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Peter's.

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I hope that this past summer you had a chance to take some quality time off with your family and friends.

Sadly, we also witnessed the violent storm in the Church regarding the revelation of sexual abuse by priests and the cover-up by church authorities. Commissioned to foster love, many Church's members have done just the opposite! This "bad news" has left some parishioners wondering whether they can continue to trust the Church's structure, ministers and authorities.

In our "confusion", let us not forget that the Church is not the pope, bishops and priests but "the people of God": all of us! These sad events challenge us all to be **part of the healing process** by rediscovering Jesus's path of holiness.

Throughout the centuries hatred and cruelty have desecrated the memory of Jesus, and - at the same time - love and goodness have been at work throughout the world producing many Saints and Martyrs, many of whom our contemporaries, like S. Padre Pio, S. Mother Theresa and Bishop Romero. Thousands of women and men, nuns and priests continue to give their lives to accompany and serve the most vulnerable children, women and men on almost every continent as missionaries on our behalf. They are the Church's best representatives, and Jesus is the "presence" that animates their love and care for the poor and the suffering.

There are times of sadness like this when staying **silent and in prayer** is the most mature thing to do in order to read the signs of the time: what is God telling us through these sad events? What should be our response? We are accustomed to get from the media a quick answer to every problem, and someone to blame in every situation. Jesus instead began His ministry by calling all to **conversion**. Judgement and contempt are easy, but conversion, penance and compassion a lot harder. Yet they are the sure path indicated by the founder of our Church!

As your pastor, nothing is more important to me than to know that you feel safe in your church and at home with God. I ask Him to bring his peace into our pain.

Finally, I take this opportunity to say I'm sorry, and to be close to you who have been affected by this scandal.

With all my love,

Fr. Louis Piran

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Peter's Italian Catholic Church

Sunday Masses:

9:30 am (Bilingual English/Spanish);
11:00 am (Italian);
6:00 pm (English)

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday thru Saturday 6:00 pm (English)
No Mass on Monday.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays following 6:00 pm Mass

Following is the schedule of the coming month's opportunities to **come together at St. Peter's** for our feast days and social activities. For reservation, please call the contact persons listed below.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 22, Sacred Heart Polenta Dinner

Dinner and Dancing 6:30 pm (562) 947-2819

October 28, Feast of St. Jude. Assemble at St. Peter's, procession to San Conrado Mission. Followed by Mass with Bishop Alexzander Salazar and Scalabrini Fathers.

November 4, Feast of San Trifone

Mass 11:00 am, Procession follows:

Dinner Dance 1:00 pm (323) 255-2163 or
(323) 257-0302

November 11, All parish Brunch after 11:00 a.m. Mass

Contact Palmie Crispi (818) 246-5749

November 17, Sacred Heart Society, Kickoff of

Holiday season. Contact Maria D'Egidio (562) 947-2819

November 18, Small Feast of Madonna di

Costantinopoli

Mass 11:00 am, Dinner Dance 1:00 pm (626) 261-9848

November 19, Prepare baskets for Thanksgiving

6:30 pm at Casa Italiana

November 20, Liturgy, meal, and basket distribution

10:00 am at Casa Italiana

November 22, Thanksgiving Day mass

10:00 am - **NO EVENING MASS**

December 2, Padre Pio /Costantinopoli Christmas

Party: contact Maria Bruno (818) 241-4672 or Joe Deligio (626) 261-9848

December 9, Feast of Santa Lucia

Mass 11:00 am; Dinner Dance 1:00 pm (323) 633-0568

December 16, St. Anthony/San Trifone Christmas Party.

Bob Masters (818) 521-9224 or Mike (323) 257-0302

December 24, Christmas Eve

Midnight Mass

December 25, Christmas Day

9:30 am (Bilingual English/Spanish); 11:00 am (Italian)

NO EVENING MASS

December 31, New Year's Eve Gala Dinner Dance

6:30 pm Join us as we bring in the New Year!!

A Time of Thanks

This Thanksgiving let us be grateful to God for His Goodness and Blessings. We invite you to share His Goodness by **helping us prepare 400 baskets for the poor.** We welcome non-expired canned goods of any kind, turkeys and donations. **Preparation: Monday, November 19th at 6:30 pm. Basket Distribution, Liturgy and meal: Tuesday November 20th at 10:00 a.m.**



**Mass on Thanksgiving Day,
November 22 will be celebrated at 10:00 am**

Announcing

New Year's Eve Gala

Join us Monday, December 31st

Casa Italiana

Music by Duo Domino

*International Music: Italian, American and
Latin*

Reservations are now open

Make checks payable to: Casa Italiana

(323) 225-8119, ext. 10

\$110.00 per person

ALL SOULS DAY is around the corner. If you wish to have Masses celebrated for your dear ones, please use the included envelope.

Scalabrini Outreach program:

Volunteers welcome

Food Pantry: 2nd Friday of the month

Hygiene kit preparation: 2nd Tuesday of the month

Homeless outreach: 4th Saturday of the month