

Mass Intentions for the Week



Sunday, June 29th

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

8 AM Ann Cleary (D)

10 AM Emily Brown & Britt Sudik (L)

12 PM Stan Sitarski (D)

2 PM Members of the Steiger Family (D)

6 PM St. Joseph's Parishioners (D)

Monday, June 30th

7 AM Jaime Pacanan (D)

12:15 PM Martin Wales (D)

Tuesday, July 1st

7 AM Patricia Brennan (D)

12:15 PM Joseph T. Cobert (D)

Wednesday, July 2nd

7 AM Alan Klutch (D)

12:15 PM Allen Rogers (D)

Thursday, July 3rd

7 AM St. Joseph's Parishioners

12:15 PM Angelita N. Cruz (D)

Friday, July 4th

7 AM Matthew Di Iorio (D)

12:15 PM No Mass

Saturday, July 5th

8 AM Ann & Jim Chambers (D)

12:15 PM Constantin R. Boden (D)

5th Anniversary

4 PM Megan, Matt, Sarah &

Ryan (L)

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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES



*"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the
hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His
voice in the depth of our hearts."
-- Mother Teresa*

The church is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM,
Saturday from 7:30 AM to 5 PM, and Sunday from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
The parish office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

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Pastor's Letter Fr. Gerald E. Murray

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the apostles of Rome. Here is a brief history of these great saints taken from the *Catholic News Agency* website:

On June 29 the Church celebrates the feast day of SS. Peter and Paul. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means ‘Rock,’ because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church. Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was “the Messiah, the Son of the living God,” and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion.

Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith.

St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church. Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen.

Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He answered: “Who are you, Lord?” Christ said: “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.”

Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of SS. Peter and Paul: “Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so, we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.”

God Bless you!

Fr. Gerald E. Murray, Pastor

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM	Weekday Masses	7 AM and 12:15 PM
Sunday Masses 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM,	Saturday Masses	8 AM and 12:15 PM
2 PM (<i>Hungarian Mass</i>), 6 PM	Holy Days of Obligation	6 PM Vigil, 7 AM 12:15 PM and 6 PM

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BAPTISMS: Baptism is scheduled on an individual basis.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION-RECONCILIATION:

Confessions: Saturdays, 3:30 -3:45 pm; Sundays, 9:30 - 9:55 AM and 11:30 - 11:55 AM

MARRIAGES: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

HOLY HOUR: First Friday of each month following 12:15 PM Mass
Sundays from 3:15 PM to 5:30 PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Sundays from 3:15 PM to 5:30 PM

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Please contact the rectory

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN – CCD:

Please contact St. Ignatius Loyola Parish 212-288-3588, www.stignatiusloyola.org

