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JUNE 28, 2026

CELEBRATION OF STS. PETER AND PAUL
SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

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The liturgy this week is offered for

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
GEORGES SHOUKAIRA

REQUESTED BY HIS NIECE, ZEINA BRAX

MARONITE DIVINE LITURGY

SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.
St. Agnes Chapel
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road
Naples, Florida

WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON
Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road
Naples, Florida

CONFESSION

Please see the priest before
Divine Liturgy or by appointment

MASS REQUESTS

To request a Mass for someone
or some special intention,
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EPISTLE

2COR 11:21-30

Brothers and Sisters: To my shame I say that we were too weak! But what anyone dares to boast of (I am speaking in foolishness) I also dare. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? (I am talking like an insane person.) I am still more, with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, far worse beatings, and numerous brushes with death. Five times at the hands of the Jews I received forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I passed a night and a day on the deep; on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my own race, dangers from Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers at sea, dangers among false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many sleepless nights, through hunger and thirst, through frequent fastings, through cold and exposure. And apart from these things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is led to sin, and I am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. Praise be to God always!

A NEW BISHOP FOR THE DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA

The episcopal ordination and installation of the new Bishop of Venice, Florida, Bishop-elect Emilio Biosca Agüero, OFM, Cap. is scheduled for July 11, 2026. He will officially succeed Bishop Frank J. Dewane, who is retiring after 20 years of service to the Diocese of Venice.

A quick biography of Bishop-Elect Biosca Agüero from the diocesan website:

Entered the Capuchin Franciscans in 1984, making first profession of vows in Pittsburgh on July 16, 1988. Having completed philosophical and theological studies, was ordained to the diaconate on May 1, 1993, and served at St. John the Evangelist in Center City Philadelphia. Ordained to the priesthood on May 21, 1994.

As a newly ordained priest, volunteered and was sent to serve in the Southern Highlands of Papua New Guinea from 1994-2005 in the Capuchin mission. Served predominantly the Kewa and Wiri speaking peoples in the Kagua, Ialibu and Pangia areas. During this period, worked closely with lay leaders and catechists. Served as the Director of Novices for the Capuchin Novitiate in Pangia from 2002-2004.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:13-20



When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For



JAMES TISSOT. THE PRIMACY OF SAINT PETER (LA PRIMAUTÉ DE SAINT-PIERRE), 1886-1894. by James Tissot. THE Brooklyn Museum.

flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Messiah. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



From January 2005 to January 2007, in preparation for the mission in Cuba, studied at the Pope John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family in Washington DC. STL degree, Magnum Cum Laude.

Entered Cuba on February 1, 2007. Served for 12 years, until February 11, 2019. The first year in Havana. Three years in Santa Clara and the last eight years on the eastern side of the country in Bayamo-Manzanillo.

On March 1, 2019, named pastor at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart in the Archdiocese of Washington, DC.

Fluent in English, Melanesian Tok Pisin, and Spanish.

LAST SUNDAY'S NUMBERS

Attendance: 40
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ONE LAST THANK YOU FOR FATHER PAUL

Abouna Paul, thank you for being a very welcoming Pastor who has revived the Maronite Community in Naples and has been very welcoming to all parishioners. It is very hard to put into words the feelings that my family and I have for you, and the appreciation for your service and your spiritual guidance. You made it easy for me to help you, Fr. Tom and Deacon Steven on the Blessed Altar of the Lord.

My family and I wish you the best and a very successful future. Your parishioners in Lebanon are blessed to have you. Please keep us in your prayers and we will keep you in ours. We will miss you and hope to see you back. Our hope and faith are always in the Will of our Heavenly Father.

Subdeacon Raymond



SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 28** St. Irenaeus of Lyons, Doctor of the Church, M
- 29** Sts. Peter and Paul, Ap
- 30** The Twelve Apostles, Ap
- 1** Pope St. Gregory X (+1276), C
- St. Junipero Serra (USA), C
- 2** The Visitation of Our Lady to Her Cousin, Elizabeth
- 3** St. Jerome, Doctor of the Church, C
- 4** St. Andrew the Hymnographer, Bishop of Crete, C

Fr. Paul will be celebrating his last Mass in Naples on June 28.

Please keep him in your prayers as he begins his new assignment.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

Jesus Christ, in His infinite love, has become what we are, in order that He may make us entirely what He is.

The glory of God is a human being fully alive; and to be alive consists in beholding God.

Error never shows itself in its naked reality, in order not to be discovered. On the contrary, it dresses elegantly, so that the unwary may be led to believe that it is more truthful than truth itself.

Through a tree we were made debtors to God; so through a tree we have our debt canceled.

St. Irenaeus of Lyons
(feast day June 28)

PARISHIONER SNAPSHOTS!

JUNE 21

On Father's Day, Father Paul blessed all of the fathers at Liturgy and offered prayers for all fathers in heaven and on earth.

