



# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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*20th Sunday* IN ORDINARY TIME

♦ AUGUST 17, 2025

## 12 Facts on the Queenship of Mary

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His disciples:  
“I have come  
to set the  
earth on fire,  
and how I  
wish it were  
already  
blazing!”

~ Lk 12:49

### Weekend Masses

#### Saturday

4:00pm.....Ss. Peter & Paul  
5:30pm.....St. Thomas

#### Sunday

7:30am.....St. Thomas  
9:00am.....Ss. Peter & Paul  
10:30am.....St. Thomas

### Weekday Masses

Tuesdays.....8:30am @ Ss. Peter & Paul (*SUMMER HOURS*)  
Wed, Thur.....8:30am @ Ss. Peter & Paul  
Fri, Sat.....8:30am @ St. Thomas

### Welcome Visitors!

To join our parish, please go to our website, contact the Parish Office, or scan the QR code to the right to be taken to our online registration form.

Archdiocese Victim Assistance Hotline: (651) 291-4475

### Confessions

Tuesdays.....7:45-8:15am @ Ss. Peter & Paul (*SUMMER HOURS*)  
3:30-4pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul  
Wednesdays.....7:45-8:15am @ Ss. Peter & Paul  
3:30-4pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul  
6:15-7pm @ St. Thomas (w/Adoration)  
Thursdays.....7:45-8:15am @ Ss. Peter & Paul  
Fridays.....7:45-8:15am @ St. Thomas  
3:30-4pm @ St. Thomas  
Saturdays.....7:30-8:15am @ St. Thomas  
3-3:45pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul

### Sacrament Guidelines

#### Baptisms:

*Make arrangements with the pastor. Copy of Birth Certificate must be submitted, at the latest, one week before the baptism.*

#### Marriages:

Make arrangements with the pastor 6-8 months in advance. Must be a registered parishioner at least six months prior to beginning marriage prep. Cohabiting couples will normally be required to separate before scheduling a wedding.



From  
Fr. Glen's  
DESK

This is the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. In our Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus says that He has come to set the earth on fire and how He wishes that it were already blazing. Of course, with His death and resurrection, He has redefined what true glory looks like. On Pentecost, God sent the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire upon the apostles. We receive that same flame of the Holy Spirit at our Confirmation. This fire of the Spirit enflames us in heart, mind, and soul with desire to live for God while in this world.

Our second reading picks up this theme, encouraging us to run the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. Keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus is the way to stir up the fire of the Spirit inside. Taking our eyes off Him by letting ourselves become distracted with all that we have to do in this physical world, allows the flame of the Spirit to gutter out. Only in the Spirit of the Lord our God, can we make sense of this world with its conflicting messages and outright fallacies about life and how to live it. Only in the Spirit, can we handle the stresses and pain that come our way in this fallible world. While things are going along alright, we may not notice that we are slipping away from the Spirit. When danger or calamity strikes and we feel utterly stressed, weak, and hopeless, then we can discover to our dismay that we have drifted from the Spirit.

Prayer is the breathing of the soul and is essential to nourishing the Spirit in our soul. If we have not established that practice, we are at risk. Before going out the door each day, breathe in the Spirit of God through prayer. If it is heartfelt, even if rather short, prayer brings the strength and inspiration of God. An ultimate form of prayer is Eucharistic Adoration. Making time each week to come to the heart of the Lord, the Eucharist, and placing oneself in His presence, is life-transforming. He is our anchor in distress, and our inspiration for whatever needs to be done next. Come to Him!

**This weekend is the fantastic TURKEY DINNER FESTIVAL at St. Thomas. Don't miss it, don't even be late! It's the best summer festival in our land, and it's Catholic! I'll be there to meet and greet everyone who comes to take part in it in the social hall.**



We are getting ready for the Fall and Winter seasons already. We are going through and tuning up the four boilers to make sure they are ready for another season. These boilers are 30 years old! You may also notice some cracks are getting filled in the sidewalk, this is to prevent water from getting in and then freezing. Our snowblower is all tuned up. We have 100 lbs. of salt to help with ice control.

Gary

**COFFEE & ROLLS**

All are invited to the Parish Center Dining Hall for coffee, juice and rolls following the 9 AM Mass.



**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS**

Bulletin articles are due by 9:00 AM on Mondays, unless indicated elsewhere in the bulletin. All articles must be completely written before submitting.

Thank you.

*Mission Statement*

Our mission is to form and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ in union with the Roman Catholic Church.

**Ss. Peter & Paul  
Office Hours**

Tuesday - Friday  
9am - 4pm

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## SUPPORTING PARISH & COMMUNITY



My brief update this week is to notify you of a small project that has begun. For the last decade or so, the school Eighth Grade classroom has served as the business administration office. As the staff has grown to now include an Administrative Assistant, Parish Life Coordinator, and myself, there is a lot of activity in this space, which makes it difficult to concentrate on important tasks. Dean Voss and his construction team are in the process of building a wall to separate the large room into two rooms, providing the quiet space needed for tasks that require deep focus.

In summary, this project is a proactive step towards creating a more conducive work environment that supports the needs of the growing team, enhances productivity, and utilizes space effectively.

Have a great week and God bless, Todd

### Volunteers Needed!



Join us in spreading joy at this year's Loretto Funfest on Saturday, September 13th. In the past, we have hosted a booth, and our Knights of Columbus have been in charge of the Bingo stand. This year we have been invited to also host and supervise several inflatables and carnival games also. Father Glen is very excited about having this opportunity for Ss. Peter & Paul to increase our spiritual and social imprint in our community.



We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help set up and/or work at our booth, and supervise the games and inflatables. Set up begins at 2 PM, and the festival hours are from 3-7 PM.

Whether you can spare an hour or a full afternoon, your time will make a difference. Please contact Joyce at [jrathburn@saintsppta.org](mailto:jrathburn@saintsppta.org) or (763) 496-5142 for more details. Let's shine God's love together!

### WATER & SODA NEEDED



The Parish office is collecting water and soda donations (especially diet soda) for Christkindlmarkt. All donations can be left in the Parish Center kitchen. With Labor Day just around the corner, many sales will begin to advertise, and it would be a great time to take advantage of these sales, which will, in turn, benefit our Christkindlmarkt festival. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



## NEWS & EVENTS

### Travel With Us...



#### ARCHDIOCESAN PASSPORT ADVENTURE

Remember to send pictures to [selsen@saintsppta.org](mailto:selsen@saintsppta.org) so that we can post them in the bulletin. Pictures of churches outside of the archdiocese are welcome, too. Let us know if we can include your name with the picture. If you want to share anything interesting about the church, feel free to include that in the email with the picture.

#### Sacred Heart Church, Tampa, Florida



- Established in 1860
- Oldest Catholic Church on Florida's west coast.
- When the 3 resident priests died in Yellow Fever epidemic 1887-88, New Orleans Jesuits took care of parish and built present church, which was dedicated in 1905.
- After 118 years with the Jesuits, pastoral care was given to the Franciscans in 2005.

Submitted by Brad & Marie Jacobs.



# OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? The Queenship of Mary



QUEENSHIP OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### Question:

Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?

### Answer:

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.

## 12 FACTS ABOUT MARY, QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE



- **Mary was called a queen in the Early Church.** As St. John Paul II pointed out, "Starting from the 5th century, almost in the same period in which the Council of Ephesus proclaims her 'Mother of God,' the title of Queen begins to be attributed to her."
  - **The early Church also saw that she was far less than God.** In the 300s, Epiphanius, Bishop of Salamis, wrote of Mary's assumption saying, "death would have found her pure, and her crown would have been a virginal one ... she would shine gloriously among the martyrs ... for by her, did light come to the world." But he also said: "Mary should be honored, but the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit should be worshiped; no one should worship Mary."
  - **When we say "Our Lady" we mean "Our Queen."** St. John Damascene, in the 700s, called Mary "God's mother and Lady and Queen over all created things." His Greek word that originated the phrase "Our Lady" meant "royal personage."
  - **Vatican II calls her "Queen of the Universe."** The document *Lumen Gentium* says Mary was "exalted by the Lord as Queen of the universe, that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and the conqueror of sin and death."
  - **Satan treats her like the queen.** "When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child," says Revelation 12:13.
  - **Mary triumphs like a queen.** When the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in Mexico, she appeared as the woman of the Book of Revelation. She came and she conquered: Nine million were converted by Our Lady of Guadalupe.
  - **Mary is your personal queen.** She will help you triumph also. St. John Paul II stresses that: "She is beside us, because her glorious state enables her to follow us in our daily earthly journey."
- Let us pray! Blessed Virgin Mary, I put my life at your service as my queen. Give me your obedience to the Father, fellowship with the Son, and partnership with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Taken from *12 Facts About Mary, Queen of the Universe...One for Each Star in Her Crown*, by Tom Hopes, Aug 23, 2022, <https://media.benedictine.edu/12-facts-about-mary-queen-of-the-universe-one-for-each-star-in-her-crown>



# NEWS & EVENTS

## *Thank You for a Successful Parish Barbeque!*

We're so grateful to everyone who joined us for our Annual Parish BBQ on Saturday, August 2nd. What a joyful evening of fellowship, food, and fun! With over 120 people served, the turnout was truly heartwarming—and the sweet corn was a delicious new favorite! A special thank you to our Parish Council for hosting and helping make this event such a success. Your dedication and hospitality created a welcoming space for all to gather and celebrate the blessings of our community. We're already looking forward to next year!

## BBQ PICS





# THIS WEEK

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Aug 23, 2025, 4 PM

Priest.....Fr. Bakatu  
 Sacristan.....  
 Rosary.....Bill & Vicki Magevas  
 Ushers.....Butch Peitz, Lee Schlosser  
 Lector.....Tim Spaulding  
 EMHC.....Cindy Spaulding

### Aug 24, 2025, 9 AM

Priest.....Fr. Jenson  
 Deacon.....Tom Utech  
 Sacristan.....Glen Schneider  
 Rosary.....Marlis Doboszinski  
 Ushers.....John Grenzer, Allen Pouliot  
 Lector.....TJ McGuire  
 EMHC.....Deacon Tom  
 Cup Minister.....Diane Oberg  
 Hospitality.....Duane & Karen Schlosser

## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die. (Jer 38:10)

### Psalm:

Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)

### Second Reading:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us. (Heb 12:1)

### Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples:  
 "I have come to set the earth on fire,  
 and how I wish it were already blazing!"  
 (Lk 12:49)

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2025

Sunday: 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Tuesday: St. John Eudes, Priest  
 Wednesday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church  
 Thursday: St. Pius X, Pope  
 Friday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Saturday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin  
 Next Sunday : 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## CALENDAR

### AUGUST

Sun, AUG 17 **St. Thomas Parish Festival** | 11:30am-4pm  
 Wed, AUG 27 **All Faith Formation Registrations due**  
 Sun, AUG 31 **Private Rental** | SPP Dining Hall

### September

Mon, SEP 1 **Labor Day Mass** | 9am @ Ss. Peter & Paul  
 Tue, SEP 2 **Veritas In Academia (VIA) begins** | 8:30am-4:30pm @ SPP  
 Thu, SEP 4 **SPP Pastoral Council** | 6:30pm, SPP Conference Rm  
 Sat, SEP 6 **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Devotions** | 7:30am @ St. Thomas Church  
 Sun, SEP 7 **COR Team** | 5-6:30pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul  
 Tue, SEP 9 **Holy Apostles Youth Group** | 6:30-8pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul  
 Wed, SEP 10 **Well-Read Mom Book Club Kick-Off** | 6:30-7:45pm in SPP Dining Hall  
 Sat, SEP 13 **Loretto Fun Fest** | 3-7pm @ Town Softball Fields  
 Tue, SEP 16 **VIA** | 8:30-4:30pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul  
 Wed, SEP 17 **Parish Cluster Dinner** | 5:30-6pm @ St. Thomas  
**Faith Formation** | 6:15-7:30pm @ St. Thomas

SPP = Ss. Peter & Paul  
 ST = St. Thomas

## JOIN US WEEKLY:

Wednesdays: Young Adult Study | 6:30-8:30pm (SPP Conference Room)  
 Thursdays: Men's Social Group | 9:00am (SPP Dining Hall)  
 Sundays: Coffee & Rolls after 9:00am Mass (SPP Dining Hall)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Aug 19 -24, 2025

Tues.....+Eileen Klaers  
 Wed.....+Gwen Janson  
 Thur.....+Connie Eisenrich  
 Fri.....+Herman & Alice Kashmarek family  
 Sat.....8:30am...+Rev. Thomas H. Sieg  
 4:00pm...+Bernice Schlosser  
 Sun.....9:00am...Rick & Ruth Lehn (55-Year Anniversary)



## Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

### Sunday:

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/  
 Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

### Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40,  
 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

### Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/  
 Mt 19:23-30

### Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

### Thursday:

Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/  
 Mt 22:1-14

### Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7,  
 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

### Saturday:

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/  
 Mt 23:1-12

### Next Sunday:

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/  
 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

## CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL

### Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Volunteer Team #056

Our Catholic United Financial Parish Volunteer Team promotes our faith and strengthens our community through various activities. We are committed to the social, service, and religious needs of our parish community.

Join Catholic United Financial by contact-ing Team Director, Joyce H. at 763-498-7187, or Administrative Coordinator, Joanne at 763-479-2928.





# PRAYER

## PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

The Prayer Chain Ministry is made up of parishioners dedicated to praying for others. To place someone on a Prayer Chain, please contact Lynn Scholtes at 612-801-1588 / lynnscholtes@gmail.com. Thank you.

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Eric Alger—Army; Patrick Eikmeier—Army National Guard; Nick Elsen—Air Force; Dalton Pouliot—Army National Guard; Nickolas Sieg—Army; Peter Weber—Air Force.

If you would like a member of our U.S. Military listed or removed, please contact Sherry at the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office—763-479-0535 or selsen@saintsppta.org.

## WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Because of our need to respect the privacy of individuals/families, we must have a member of the family call us to have a name included here. Unless we hear from the family, we will take a name off after 3 months. Thank you!

Rosie Arens (9/26)  
Baby Sophia Rose Jacobs (10/29)  
Shirley May (9/10)  
Ernie Meyers (8/28)  
Cory Plotts (10/1)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN DISCERNING THE DIACONATE

- Cory Plotts.....Diaconate Formation
- Todd Ziesmer.....Diaconate Formation

## Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry

Prayer Intention for  
**August 2025**

For the participants of the  
Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry  
and their families; and  
that God's truth may guide  
each heart and mind in our schools.

*Each member is assigned a mystery of the Rosary to pray each day. New members are always welcome. To join, contact Sherry in the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office or Joanne Schumacher at jmschu@live.com.*



"Pause before the tabernacle by yourself, for no special reason, even without saying a word, simply remaining in Christ's presence, contemplating the supreme gesture of love contained in the consecrated Bread."

~ St. John Paul II



## DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! Litany, Explained

A litany is an ancient form of prayer incorporating repetitive refrains (often "hear our prayer" or "pray for us"). Litanies are used in a variety of liturgical settings and in both private and public acts of devotion.

The basis of the word "litany" comes from the Greek word for "supplication" or "petition." In a litany, the leader will make an appeal or a statement and the congregation will make the response. Litanies can also be said by one person acting as both the leader and the respondent.

Many litanies have been written, including litanies to the Holy Name of Jesus, the Sacred Heart, the Most Precious Blood, litanies appealing to the intercession of various saints, and litanies to the Blessed Mother under her different titles. There are also litanies composed for the attainment of graces and virtues, including the Litany of Humility and the Litany of Trust.

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## Area Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Area Perpetual Adoration is in Our Lady of Loretto Chapel, which is located in the old Convent building on the Ss. Peter & Paul Church grounds. To sign up for an hour, please contact Sherry in the Parish Office (763-479-0535) or one of the members of our Adoration Core Team listed below.

### ADORATION CHAPEL CORE TEAM

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## Adoration Open Hours

### NIGHT TIME HOURS:

Sunday.....	2:00 AM, 5:00 AM
Wednesday.....	3:00 AM
Thursday.....	1:00 AM, 3:00 AM
Saturday.....	1:00 AM, 3:00 AM

### AFTERNOON HOURS:

Saturday.....	5:00 PM
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### EVENING HOURS:

Friday.....	8:00 PM
Saturday.....	8:00 PM

For questions, or to inquire about taking an hour, go to the website by scanning this QR code, or call the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office Administrator at 763-479-0535.



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