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Peter asked,
“Lord,
how often
must I forgive?
As many as
seven times?”

MATTHEW 18:21

TWENTY-
FOURTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY
TIME
SEPTEMBER
13
2020

GOD’S MERCY

In many of our relationships with others—friends, spouse, neighbors, or co-workers—often the most difficult times come when someone damages the relationship. There are moments when only apology and forgiveness can lead to healing. In this week’s readings, we are reminded how our connection with God is woven into our relationships with others. God is the source of all mercy, and all of us stand in need of forgiveness. As we are able to accept the mercy of God deep within our hearts, we become empowered to show mercy to others. When things go badly in our relationships, we can remember that God is present at the center of these difficult moments. God is offering grace to ask forgiveness, to receive apology, and to accept the forgiveness extended to us.

FORGIVEN AND FORGIVING

In today’s Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to forgive “seventy-seven” times. In other words, stop keeping track when forgiving others. But when we are hurt, this is really hard to do. In fact, to protect ourselves from further hurt, we might be inclined to do the opposite, and lash out. Jesus teaches the futility of this approach.

Jesus’ parable of the unforgiving servant reminds us that in the course of our lives we have harmed others, and so distanced ourselves from God. We have also been harmed by others. Like the servant, we sometimes owe a debt, and sometimes others owe a debt to us. Here we are invited to stop the cycle of pain with the grace of mercy. We are called to imitate our God, who forgives wholeheartedly.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

It is also tempting to view this teaching on forgiveness in isolation. This would suggest that the burden is placed entirely upon the offended person to go on forgiving, without mentioning any accountability on the part of the offending person. This interpretation can often be dangerous. The call to forgive should never be used as a cover for bullying or for oppressive relationships of any kind.

It is helpful to consider all of chapter 18 in Matthew’s Gospel, which teaches about forgiveness and reconciliation, and the exercise of authority in the Christian community. Last week’s Gospel (Matthew 18:15–18) provides guidance on how Christians can call to accountability someone who has hurt others, to protect the weak, and to seek reconciliation as a community. The parable we hear today reminds us that, like the master who protected the second servant from the cruelty of the unforgiving servant, God seeks to guard the most vulnerable from harm.

The Gospel of Matthew presented an alternative to the violence-based order of his day. Matthew described Jesus’ vision of community, in which power is used at the service of all and the vulnerable are protected and cherished.

TODAY’S READINGS

Sirach 27:30 — 28:7
Psalm 103:1–4, 9–12
Romans 14:7–9
Matthew 18:21–35



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Pedro preguntó:
"¿Cuántas veces
tengo que
perdonar
mi hermano?
¿Hasta siete
veces?"

MATEO 18:21

LA MISERICORDIA DE DIOS

En muchas de nuestras relaciones con otras personas —amigos, cónyuge, vecinos o compañeros de trabajo— a menudo llegan los momentos más difíciles cuando alguien daña la relación. Hay momentos en los que sólo la disculpa y el perdón pueden llevar a la curación. En las lecturas de esta semana, se nos recuerda cómo nuestra conexión con Dios se entreteje en nuestras relaciones con los demás. Dios es la fuente de toda misericordia, y todos nosotros necesitamos perdón. Al ser capaces de aceptar la misericordia de Dios en lo más profundo de nuestro corazón, nos empoderamos para mostrar misericordia a los demás. Cuando las cosas van mal en nuestras relaciones, podemos recordar que Dios está presente en el centro de estos momentos difíciles. Dios está ofreciendo gracia para pedir perdón, para recibir disculpas y para aceptar el perdón que se nos ha extendido.

SER PERDONADO Y PERDONAR

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús llama a sus seguidores a perdonar "setenta veces siete". En otras palabras, dejar de contar las veces que perdonamos a los demás. Pero cuando nos lastiman, es muy difícil de hacerlo. De hecho, para protegernos nosotros de más daño, podríamos estar inclinados a hacer lo opuesto y arremeter. Jesús nos enseña la inutilidad de esta propuesta.

La parábola del siervo impecable nos recuerda que en el curso de nuestras vidas hemos lastimado a los demás, y distanciado de Dios. También hemos sido lastimados por otros. Como el siervo, algunas veces tenemos deudas y algunas veces otros tiene alguna deuda con nosotros. Aquí se nos invita a detener el ciclo del dolor con la gracia de la misericordia. Se nos llama a imitar a nuestro Dios, quien perdona con todo el corazón.

PROTEGIENDO A LOS VULNERABLES

Es muy tentador ver esta enseñanza del perdón de manera aislada. Esto sugeriría que la carga se pone completamente en la persona ofendida que necesita perdón, sin mencionar la responsabilidad de la parte de la persona que ofendió. Esta interpretación puede ser peligrosa. La llamada a perdonar nunca debe ser usada para cubrir el acoso o cualquier tipo de relación opresiva.

Es de bastante ayuda considerar el capítulo 18 del Evangelio de Mateo, el cual nos enseña acerca del perdón y la reconciliación, y el ejercicio de la autoridad en la comunidad cristiana. El Evangelio de la semana pasada (Mateo 18:15-18) provee guía en cómo los cristianos pueden llamar a la rendición de cuentas a alguien que lastimó a otros, como el patrón que protege al segundo siervo de la crueldad del siervo impecable, Dios busca proteger a los más vulnerables de ser lastimados.

El Evangelio de Mateo presentó una alternativa basada en la violencia de su tiempo. Mateo describe la visión de la comunidad de Jesús, en el que el poder es usado al servicio de todos y los vulnerables son protegidos y amados.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Eclesiástico 27:30 — 28:7
Salmo 103 (102):1-4, 9-12
Romanos 14:7-9
Mateo 18:21-35

VIGÉSIMO
CUARTO
DOMINGO
DEL TIEMPO
ORDINARIO
13 DE
SEPTIEMBRE
DE 2020

Our Parish Financial Corner

Update

Sunday 9-06-2020:

Envelopes/ checks:	\$ 12,536.00
Plate:	301.00
Online Giving 9-06-2020:	\$ 8,239.00
Total for 9-06-2020:	\$ 21,075.00
JPII Debt Envelopes/ checks:	\$ 2,849.72
JPII Debt online 9-06-2020:	\$ 1,830.50
Total JPII 09-06-2020:	\$ 4,680.22
Total Misc. Income:	\$ 2,063.00

JPII

Parish Debt Elimination Campaign

August payment: \$19,200.00

Balance on Debt: \$179,028.72



Prayer to Saint Joseph for intercession in Financial Difficulty

Dear Saint Joseph, You were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon those parish families in their anxiety over their present inability to support their families.

Please help them to find gainful employment very soon, so that this heavy burden of concern will be lifted from their hearts and that they are soon able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to their care. Help us to guard against bitterness and discouragement, so that we may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God. Amen.

Dear Parishioners,

For your convenience we have provided several ways you can send us your offering.

- Safely drop off in the office between the hours 9 am to 2:30 pm Mon-Thurs.
- Drop in the mail slot in the Serra Building which is checked daily
- Mail in to St. Peter & St. Paul, 9135 Banyan St. Alta Loma, 91737
- Online giving via our website stpeterstpaul.com
- Through your bank

Thank you for your continued support of our parish and we all pray that we will be back together in our pews very soon. May God bless you and keep you and your families safe.

In Christ's Service

Father Henry




Diocesan Development Fund

Diocese Goal: \$99,975.00
Pledges Made: \$131,083.00
Gifts Received: **\$101,370.20**
Donors: 433
Percent of Goal: 101.40 %
As of: Sep 07, 2020 9:59PM

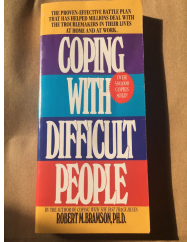
We are so excited to share that we have met our DDF goal so every dollar given now comes directly back to our parish! May God bless you for your continued generosity!

Catholic Spirituality	Mass Schedule & Intentions
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Susan Vogt—Author, Speaker, Coach
Helping couples & families foster their deepest beliefs.

Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers




"Hate not your neighbor." (Sirach 28:7) This is yet another variation on "Love your neighbor." Everybody probably has somebody that they really dislike, if not hate. Is carrying this hate making you happier? Ask your beloved for help to identify one positive trait of a difficult person.

Heaven on Earth ... Friday's from 7 pm to 8 pm



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During the COVID - 19 pandemic



Divine Mercy in My Soul
from the Diary of
Saint Faustina Kowalska

In the *Diary* Sister Faustina described her spiritual life, which was exceptionally profound, culminating in union with God in mystical marriage with Jesus. She wrote how deeply she came to know the mystery of the Divine Mercy and how she contemplated it in her daily life. She also wrote about her struggle against the weakness of human nature and the difficulties she came up against in carrying out her prophetic mission. Above all, the *Diary* contains the message of God's merciful love for humankind, which Sister Faustina was required to pass on to the Church and the world. This makes her *Diary* a special work, as the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, said, "the gospel of mercy written from the 20th-century perspective."

Saturday, September 5	
7:30 AM	Heart of Mary Team
4:00 PM	†C. William Le Grand
	†Charles & Antionette Collins
Sunday, September 6	
7:30 AM	†Lorenza Huertazuela
9:00 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	†Carlos Mispireta
	†Timothy Barragan
1:00 PM	
5:00 PM	†Costancio Pascual
	†Albert Moraga
Monday, September 7	
7:30 AM	†Emiliano & Irenia Garlitos
	†Federico Garlitos
Tuesday, September 8	
7:30 AM	†Joe & Mary Coelho - Happy Anniversary
	†Maria Espinoza - Happy Birthday
Wednesday, September 9	
7:30 AM	Richard & Karine Ramirez
	†Flordeliza Minor
Thursday, September 10	
7:30 AM	Dominic Nguyen
Friday, September 11	
7:30 AM	Jacob McGaughley - Happy Birthday
Saturday, September 12	
4:00 PM	†Sara Hernandez
	†Phillips Woods
Sunday, September 13	
7:30 AM	Karl Flores
9:00 AM	Jenna Warden - Happy Birthday
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
1:00 PM	†Jose Trinidad Berumean
5:00 PM	

Tagalog **Sirach 27:30-28:2**

Ang poot at pag ngingitngit ay dapat ding kamuhian, Nguint sa makasalanang iyan ay pangkaraniwan. Nata-tandaan ng Panginoon ang kasalanan ng bawat tao, At ang mapaghiganti ay paghihigantihan din niya. Patawarin mo ang kapwa sa kanyang pagkukulang, At pag ikaw ay dumalangin sa Diyos Patatawarin ka rin naman. (Tagalog Source: Ecclesiastico Anak ni Sirach)

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

**HATEFUL THINGS
YET THE SINNER
HUGS THEM TIGHT.**

**Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray,
your own sins will be forgiven.**

Please visit my blog www.priestmbp.com
 To stay connected with you, the People of God.
 May God help you to find whichever is lost in your life.
 I just found some words and sentences instead of that missing back pack.

THE PRIEST OF THE MISSING BACK PACK

"I DID NOT FIND MY BACK PACK, BUT I FOUND MANY REASONS TO WRITE ABOUT THE LORD..."



St. Vincent de Paul's Corner

National SVDP has asked that our helpline be closed
 For the safety of everyone
 due to the pandemic

For immediate assistance, dial 211 or
 Catholic Charities (909) 880-3625
 Questions about SVDP? Contact:

Scott, sandnsky8@gmail.com or Fred, Firetruckfreddy@earthlink.net

Food donations for those in need in our community can be placed at any time in the container in front of the office. A portion will be distributed to the food pantry at His Hands at St. Joseph's church in Upland. Questions about food donations? Sherry B. Busiabaer@outlook.com

"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

Matthew 25: 31-46

ARE YOU FASTING? SHOW ME YOUR FAST WITH YOUR WORKS. WHICH WORKS? IF YOU SEE SOMEONE WHO IS POOR, SHOW HIM MERCY. IF YOU SEE AN ENEMY, RECONCILE WITH HIM. IF YOU SEE A FRIEND WHO IS BECOMING SUCCESSFUL, DO NOT BE JEALOUS OF HIM! LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR.

(St. John Chrysostom)



The Military Ministry at St Peter St Paul is currently seeking parishioners with family members serving in the military.



Military Ministry Request

The Military Ministry at St. Peter & St. Paul is seeking anyone interested in being part of our team, which will be made up of parishioners who have family members actively serving in the military. As well as, those who have a love for our military and are dedicated to keeping those who have served in our prayers. Activities of this ministry will consist of mailing care packages to military family members of our parishioners, support for families that have a loved one serving in active duty, coordinating with past and present military families for parish events, organizing special Masses and events for the Military holidays and celebrations. you are interested in being involved in this ministry, please contact: Jonathan & Lynde Peralta (Jonathan @ 951-285-0270, Lynde @909-938-3243)

Military Prayer List Please pray for those serving our country

(PFC) Jacob Beaty
 (AMN) Jacob Beckham
 (MC) Hadji Cabangcalan
 (MSG) Carlos Carrasco
 (LTC) Jeffrey Combalecer
 (PFC) Candace Cordero
 (SGT) Christian Cortez
 (SGT) Kurt Rehnburg
 (SMCCA) Raymund Alvaran
 (E3) Alexander Jimenez
 (PFC) Jacob Rivas

(PFC) Christian Lopez
 (SSG) Kamrin Pavlos
 (PO) Matthew Peralta
 (MSG) Victor Sanz
 (SSG) Jordan Stone
 (Specialist) Nathan Taylor
 (Sgt) Riley Villapando
 (SR) Nicole Woodall
 (USMC) Joseph Luzzini
 Daniel Duarte III

TRUE FASTING LIES IS REJECTING EVIL, HOLDING ONE'S TONGUE, SUPPRESSING ONE'S HATRED, AND BANISHING ONE'S LUST, EVIL WORDS, LYING, AND BETRAYAL OF VOWS.

(St. Basil the Great)



ST. PETER & ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL ■ WHERE FAITH MEETS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE!

JULY CALENDAR

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY—WEDNESDAY | 8:30 AM—1:30 PM
6-10: SCHOOL OFFICE IS CLOSED



Do you need a Gift Card for a Birthday, Anniversary, Clothing, Gas, Food or Everyday items?

We sell Scrip gift cards for many retailers like Target, Arco, Walmart, Panera Bread, Arco, Starbuck's, etc. Stop by our school office from 8:30-9:30 am Mondays. The gift card rebates (% varies per gift card purchase) support our school. **Not a school family? No problem!** You may still buy gift cards to help our general fund or support a school family with their Tuition Support Obligation. See the Office for details.



ADMINISTRATION

- Kelly Burt—Principal
- Joann Losciale—Preschool Director
- Laura Onopa—Business Manager
- Maria Trujillo—Administrative Assistant

FAITH IN OUR FUTURE! #SPSPSAINTS

Thank You for Supporting our 31st Saints Gala Online Auction

All proceeds will directly benefit our academic & athletic programs.

♥ In Smaller Classes Students...
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ENROLL NOW!



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Now Enrolling for SY 2020-21
Preschool - 8th Grade



"TO BE SAINTS IS NOT A PRIVILEGE FOR THE FEW, BUT A VOCATION FOR EVERYONE" - POPE FRANCIS

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| <p>Smaller Class Sizes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool Classes = 12 • Average Grade School Classes = 16:1 | <p>Co-curricular Subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computers, Music, Art, Spanish, and Sparks® Physical Education School Library & RC Book Mobile | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCEA/WASC Accredited • Diocesan & CA Common Core Standards • Credentialed Teachers • Weekly School Mass | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerated Reader & Math • ICSSL Sports Program • Before & after school 7 a.m.—6 p.m. • Catered hot lunch program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renovated classrooms • New S.T.E.A.M. Lab • 100 Mile Club® • AHA Kids Heart Challenge • Community Service and Outreach |
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September

Youth Ministry and Confirmation

Sign up now for all ministries!
Forms available online at stpeterstpaul.com

Ministries offered by the Youth Office:

Youth Groups:

EDGE

Middle School
Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program. It provides a safe fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community.
Begins: Sept. 21st

LIFE TEEN

High School
Life Teen is a movement within the Roman Catholic Church, Life Teen leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.
Begins: Sept. 9th

For more information please contact Maggie

Catechism:

Sacramental Prep.

Sacramental Preparation is available for all high school and middle school teens who are seeking to receive their First Communion.
Begins: Sept. 24th

For more information please contact Daniel

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is open for all teens ready to take a step forward in their faith and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Your teen must be 14 at the time of enrollment.
Year 1 begins: 3rd week of september
Year 2 begins: last week of september

Young Adults:

RENEWED

Renewed is a young adult group for anyone in their early stage of adulthood.
For more information please contact Maggie

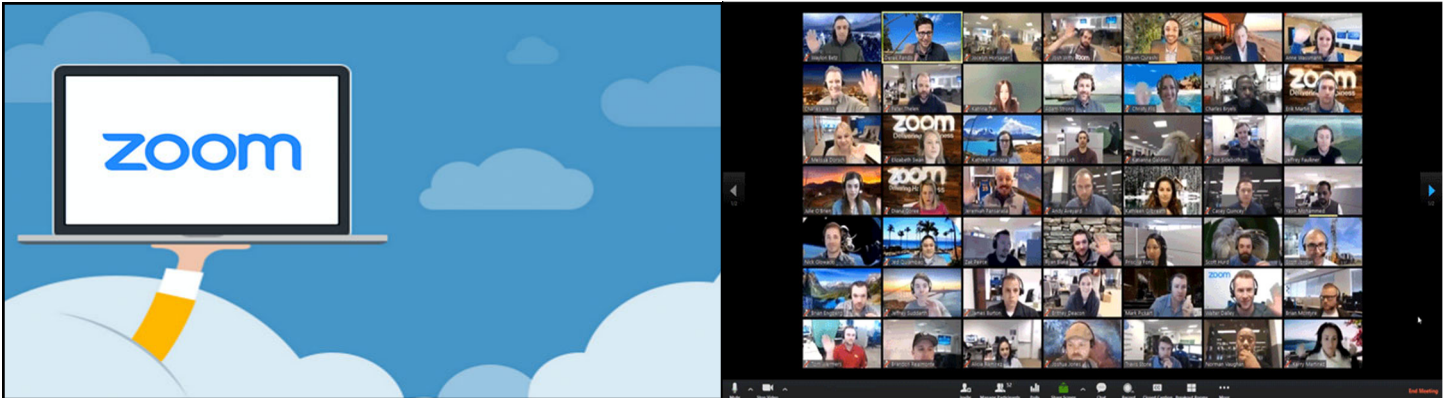
Staff/Hours

Maggie Kelledy-Paroski - Youth Minister ext. 301
Daniel Manriquez - Youth Confirmation Coordinator ext. 300
Suzy Metzgar - Youth Ministry Admin. Assistant ext. 225

(909) 987-9312

Office Hours:

Mon & Tues: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Wed & Thurs: Through phone only, use ext. 301 - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Fri-Sun: CLOSED



Ministry ZOOM Meeting Contacts

St. Joseph Covenant Keepers

Saturday @ 7:30-9:00 am

Contact: Chuck Denise. cfdinise@gmail.com

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday @ 9-10:30 am and 7-8:30 pm

Contact: Jenny Campbell. jcampbell@stpeterstpaul.com

Boy Scout Troop

Monday @ 6:55 pm

Contact: Marc Cobb. Marccobb@verizon.net

*Note: Knights of Columbus meetings are for members only Contact Marc Cobb

Catholic Daughters- Our Lady of Fatima Court #1387

3rd Monday @ 7 pm with rosary at 6:30 pm

Contact: Yvette Weilacker. yweilacker@gmail.com

Hispanic Community

Daily rosary in Spanish

Friday June 5 at 7pm

Contact: Mercedes Aschenbrenner. mercedesasch@icloud.com

St. Vincent de Paul Member Meeting

Wednesday @ 7:00 pm

Contact: Scott Schwartz. sandnsky8@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday @ 10:30-12:00

Contact: Mary Jo Kunkel. mjkunke155@gmail.com

ACTS

Women - 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm

Men - 3rd Thursday of the month @ 7:00 pm

Contact: Tiffany Wulkopf. tiffanywulkopf@gmail.com or 909-565-3348

Virtual pre-baptism classes

Once a month beginning June

Contact: Aileen Gamalinda for more information. agamalinda@stpeterstpaul.com

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PASTOR**

**REV. JUAN SANDOVAL
PAROCHIAL VICAR**

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JOHN BARNA**

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(909) 987-7908

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909-477-3362 for Emergencies.

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<https://app.flocknote.com/spspaltaloma>
www.facebook.com/spspaltaloma

Regular Parish Office Hours (909) 987-9312

Monday - Thursday
8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Friday Closed

Children's Faith Formation & Baptism (909) 980-9423

Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Or by appointment
CLOSED Fridays

Youth Ministry

Sun: Closed/Mon: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm/ Tues. 1:30 pm 4:30 pm /
Wed: Closed / Thurs: 1:30 pm -
4:30 pm/ Fri: By Appointment / Sat: Closed

Our Parish Office Staff 987-9312

Business Manager	Karen Hein	Ext. 230
IT (Support Specialist)	Jason Cary	
	jcary@stpeterstpaul.com	
Liturgy Administrative Assistant	Carolina Menendez	Ext. 303
Life Teen Music Coordinator	Melissa Acosta	Ext. 227
Matrimonial Sacraments	Aileen Gamalinda	Ext. 231
Music Director	Audrey Donaldson	Ext. 227
Pastoral Care	Debby Leonardo	Ext. 302
	Gloria Rivera	Ext. 222
Parish Admin. Assistant /Bulletin	Alex Zarate	Ext. 242
Parish Office Secretary	Ann Hogan	Ext. 221

Kindness is the Language

Which

THE DEAF CAN HEAR AND THE BLIND CAN SEE

Parish School / Preschool through – 8th grade: 987-7908

Principal – Preschool Director	Kelly Burt	Ext. 235
Business Manager	Laura Onopa	Ext. 245
Administrative Assistant	Maria Trujillo	Ext. 234

Parish Mission Statement

We the people of St. Peter and St. Paul Parish, as members of the Roman Catholic Church, are a sacramental, worshipping community on a journey towards the fulfillment of Christ's Kingdom. We strive to provide a spiritual haven for all people without distinction. We are equally committed to the challenges of the gospel message. We accept its call to ongoing conversion, the use of our gifts for the benefit of our community, and loving service to one another.

**Pray for the dead
and
Fight to the end for the living**



We at Saint Peter and Saint Paul Catholic Church are excited and feel very blessed with the arrival of one of our seminarians, Arinze Ezeoke. Arinze will be serving his internship here at St. Peter & St. Paul during his final year of preparation for the priesthood.

Arinze came to join his mother in California in 2009 and with the help of the Holy Spirit, Young Adult Ministry and the Charismatic Renewal movement, he said yes to a call to the priesthood. He began to learn how to listen to God and how God speaks to him in prayer. In his own words, Michael explains: "Without a prayer life, I never would have imagined choosing to discern where God is calling me." During his seminary studies, he has participated in the RCIA process, as well as ministering to those in nursing homes and prisons. He learned about meeting people

where they are.

He is a member of Sacred Heart Parish here in Rancho Cucamonga and he has also participated in several events at our parish, including our Corpus Christi Processions. During this coming academic year, Arinze will be an active member of our staff and will be introducing himself as well as participating in the various ministries and apostolates within our parish community.

Please give a warm welcome to our future holy priest, Arinze Ezeoke.





Pope Francis says that in order to be saved we must love God and our neighbor – “and this is not comfortable.”

By Christopher Wells

At the Angelus on Sunday, Pope Francis reflected on the day’s Gospel reading, in which Jesus is asked, “Lord, will only a few people be saved?” In Jesus’ time, this was a much debated point. “Jesus, however, turned the question around,” the Pope said. Instead of dwelling on the number of the saved, whether few or many, the Lord “places the answer on the plane of responsibility, inviting us to use the present time well.”

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate”

Jesus calls everyone “to enter through the narrow gate,” showing that it is not a question of numbers, but of “going through the right passage, which is there for everyone.” Pope Francis explained that “Jesus does not want to deceive us” with promises of “a beautiful highway, and at the end a wide door.” Rather, the passage is narrow, in the sense of demanding. In order to be saved, the Pope said, we must love God and our neighbor – and this is not “comfortable.” It is demanding, and requires us to “strive,” which the Pope said means having a “decisive and persevering will to live according to the Gospel.”

Recalling the parable Jesus tells in the Gospel, of those left outside when the master of the house closes and locks the door, Pope Francis said that the Lord will not recognize us on account of our titles, but only on account of “a humble life, a good life, a life of faith that results in works.”

Spending our lives for the good of our brothers and sisters

For Christians, the Pope said, that means “that we are called to restore a true communion with Jesus, praying, going to Church, approaching the Sacraments and nourishing ourselves on His Word. This maintains us in faith, nourishes our hope, revives charity.”

In this way, the Pope said, “with the grace of God, we can and must spend our life for the good of our brothers and sisters, struggling against every form of evil and of injustice.”

Finally, Pope Francis pointed to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who has already “passed through the narrow gate that is Jesus.” For this reason, he said, “Let us invoke her as the Gate of Heaven... a gate that follows exactly the form of Jesus: the gate of the heart of God, a heart that is demanding, but open to all.”

POPE FRANCIS

ANGELUS

SALVATION

25th August 2019

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion"

~ *Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta* ~



"Cualquier país que acepta el aborto, no está enseñando a su gente a amar, sino a usar la violencia para conseguir lo que quieren. Es por eso que el mayor destructor de amor y la paz, es el aborto"

~ *Santa Madre Teresa de Calcuta* ~

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**St Peter and St Paul Catholic Church
Respect Life**

**What Is the Best Way to Express a Political
Viewpoint?**

In civil dialogue, listen and speak carefully and respectfully. Conversation rooted in truth builds bridges and strengthens communities with a cooperative spirit seeking the common good.

For dynamic reading: *Civil Discourse: Speaking Truth in Love*: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/parishes-and-schools/upload/Civil-Dialogue-bulletin-insert.pdf>

**“Faithful Citizenship for the Common Good”
Nick Ewell, Chapter Marshall, ADVC
Knights of Columbus
October 3, 2020
9:00AM**

Zoom link available on Flocknote