



Sts. Peter and Paul Chapel

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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

All Mass Times are 2:00 PM, unless otherwise noted

June 5, 2022: Solemnity of Pentecost

June 12, 2022: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

June 19, 2022: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Mass Intention: Fathers of the Parish

June 26, 2022: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastoral Staff:

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Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

Scripture Reflections

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div., Pastor

June 5, 2022 – Solemnity of Pentecost: The Holy Spirit is our Advocate. We all need an advocate sometimes. How consoling is it to know that “we are children of God, and if children, then heirs.” God, our loving Father, send the Holy Spirit to enlighten, protect, and sustain us in our trials, so that “we may also be glorified” with Christ. (Acts 2:1-11, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23)

June 12, 2022 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity: Today’s reading from the Book of Proverbs hints at the presence of more than one divine person at the creation, while the New Testament readings explicitly refer to the Three Persons of the Trinity and some of their roles in our regard. Do we pray to each Person of the Trinity? (Proverbs 8:22-31, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15)

June 19, 2022 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi): Today’s passages from Genesis and Luke prefigure the Last Supper, described by Paul, and our own Eucharistic Celebration. The Gospel also anticipates the end-time, often depicted as a banquet. Lord, while participating in today’s liturgy, may we joyfully recall the great sweep of salvation history! (Genesis 14:18-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Luke 9:11b-17)

June 26, 2022 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sooner or later, following Jesus will cost us. This is especially shown in today’s Gospel, but even the first reading suggests the difficulty of detachment. In the second reading, Paul reminds us that although we enjoy freedom as Christians, we are called to live by the spirit and not gratify the desires of the flesh. (1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21, Galatians 5:1, 13-18, Luke 9:51-62).

As we walk *along the way* this month, let's take some times to ponder the love of God the Father for us – (yes, for each of us).

Putting all else aside, I wish to speak about the one thing we should never keep quiet about. It is a message that all of us need constantly to keep hearing. The very first truth I would tell each of you is this: *God loves you*. It makes no difference whether you have already heard it or not. I want to remind you of it. God loves you. Never doubt this, whatever may happen to you in life. At every moment you are infinitely loved.

Perhaps your experience of fatherhood has not been the best. Your earthly father may have been distant or absent, or harsh and domineering. Or maybe he was just not the father you needed. I don't know. But what I can tell you, with absolute certainty, is that you can find security in the embrace of your heavenly Father, the God who first gave you life and continues to give it to you at every moment; he will be your firm support....

In God's word, we find many expressions of his love. It is as if he tried to find different ways of showing that love, so that, with one of them at least, he could touch your heart.

For example, there are times when God speaks of himself as an affectionate father who plays with his children: I led them with cords of compassion, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks (*Hosea 11*).

At other times, he speaks of himself as filled with the love of a mother whose visceral love for her children makes it impossible for her to neglect or abandon

them: Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you (*Isaiah 49*). He even compares himself to a lover who goes so far as to write his beloved on the palm of his hands, to keep her face always before him: See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands! (*Isaiah 49*).

At other times, he emphasizes the strength and steadfastness of his invincible love: For the mountains may depart, and the hills be shaken, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be shaken (*Isaiah 54:10*).

Or he tells us that we have been awaited from eternity, for it was not by chance that we came into this world: I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you (*Jeremiah 31*).

Or he lets us know that he sees in us a beauty that no one else can see: For you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you (*Is 43:4*). Or he makes us realize that his love is not cheerless, but pure joy welling up whenever we allow ourselves to be loved by him: The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory. He will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing (*Zephaniah 3*).

From the Pastor's Desk
+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

Thank You! Thank you to +Fr. Carl for filling in for me while I was out of town for training last month!

Sympathies: The parish extends its deepest sympathies to Bishop David Mark Kocka of Sacred Cross Oratory in Floyds Knobs, Indiana, whose father, David Allan Kocka, passed away on Monday, May 9, at his home in Minnesota. Bishop David will celebrate a memorial mass during the Council of Bishops meeting on June 9. The parish offered its Sunday, May 15, service in his memory.

The parish also extends its deepest sympathies to Rev. Liz Meade, Interim Rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, whose mother, Nancy, passed away on Wednesday, May 11. The parish offered its Sunday, May 15, service in her memory.

Council of Bishops Meeting: I will be attending the Council of Bishops meeting at Sacred Cross Oratory June 8-10, 2022.

Happy Father's Day! The parish extends its best wishes to all fathers in the parish who will celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 19, 2022. A special blessing will be given to all fathers present at mass.

Birthdays: June 11 – Matthew Jacobi
June 17 – +Fr. Bob Catlett
June 23 – Marie Harbers

Anniversaries: None in June!