



Sts. Peter and Paul Chapel

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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

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

June 1, 2025: Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 8, 2025: Solemnity of Pentecost

June 15, 2025: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Mass Intention: Fathers of the Parish

June 22, 2025: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 29, 2025: Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

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 1, 2025 – Seventh Sunday of Easter: The martyrdom of the deacon Stephen has shattered the peace that the disciples first experienced. In his “High Priestly Prayer,” Jesus asks for the unity of the Church, “that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you...that the world may believe that you sent me.” This oneness includes also a share in the sacrifice of Jesus. (Acts 7:55-60, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20, John 17:20-26)

June 8, 2025 – Solemnity of Pentecost: The Holy Spirit is our Advocate. We all need an advocate at times. How consoling it is to know that “we are children of God, and if children, then heirs.” God, our loving Father, sends 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 15, 2025 – 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 22, 2025 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: 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 29, 2025 – Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles: Neither the miracles Peter worked nor the Gospel Paul preached were of human origin. God was with each apostle, supporting him in his weakness until the end. Do we recognize our own human weakness and turn to the Lord with trust? (Acts 12:1-11, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18, Matthew 16:13-19)

Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul

THAT STS. Peter and Paul suffered martyrdom under persecutions in Rome is virtually certain. The legends about their death lack historical proof, but they make a great story:

Fire broke out in Rome in AD 64 under Nero, the emperor-violinist. Housing and places of amusement were destroyed. The people grew angry with Nero, who blamed the Christians for the blaze and persecuted them. To placate the people in their continuing distress, Nero ordered the death of Christianity's two greatest leaders, Peter and Paul, in the year 67.

When Peter heard about the growing persecutions, he fled Rome. But he saw a vision of Jesus walking back toward the city of Rome. "Where are you going?" Peter asked. ("*Quo vadis?*") "To Rome, to be crucified again," Jesus mournfully replied. Peter, knowing he had to follow his master, turned about and went back to the city.

On the day of their execution, Peter and Paul met. Paul had been in prison in Rome, under house arrest. Since he was a Roman citizen he avoided the kind of death that awaited Peter—crucifixion in the city.

Paul was to be beheaded outside the city walls. On June 29, Peter and Paul embraced on the Ostian Way. Peter marched north toward the public arena; Paul marched south outside the city gate. When Paul was beheaded, his head bounced three times. A spring of water gushed forth at each place. (The Monastery of the Three Fountains stands on the site today. The residents make chocolate.) Since the main civic arena had been destroyed in the fire, Peter was crucified in a makeshift location. Claiming he was not worthy to be killed like his master, he was turned upside down on the cross. After he died, his body was buried in a pauper's grave. That grave is the site of the Vatican.

On June 29, we celebrate the Apostle of the Jews and the Apostle of the Gentiles. Together they brought the message of Christ to the world. So significant is their feast that in some countries it is a holyday of obligation. In the United States, when the feast falls on Sunday, it takes the place of the usual Ordinary Time liturgy. It helps us celebrate our mission to bring Christ to the world, no matter the cost.

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

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 15, 2025. 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!

Bulletin Insert (page 3): We continue “getting to know the church, its practices and other pressing issues” with *Bulletin Inserts for the Liturgical Life of the Parish*. The short bulletin inserts provided in this resource cover a variety of liturgy-related topics that aim to assist the parish in the liturgical formation of the assembly. The author, Fr. Paul Turner, provides short catechesis on a wide variety of topics to help the reader gain a better understanding of the “what, how, and why” of the liturgy. Each insert is designed to help the reader engage the liturgy and manifest it in their lives. Fr. Paul Turner is pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, Missouri, and director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Diocese of Kansas City–St. Joseph. He holds a doctorate in sacred theology from the Pontifical University of Sant’Anselmo in Rome. ***This month, we learn about the Patron Saints of our parish, Saints Peter and Paul.***

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