

# SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023** 

# 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25



# **MONDAY - FRIDAY**

7:30AM Mass

# **SATURDAY**

4:00PM (1st Saturday) 7:30AM

# SUNDAY

7:30AM. 9AM. 11AM 1PM (Spanish) 5PM (LifeTeen)

# Confessions

Thurs: 5-7PM Sat: 8:15-9:30AM

# EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday from 8AM-8PM

Friday - 24 hour Adoration at 8AM Benediction at 7:45AM on Saturday In the Adoration Chapel, in the Parish Hall

# Holy Days Of Obligation As announced in the Bulletin

# Mass Schedule & Intentions

People of the Parish †Margie Curletti

#### Sunday, September 3rd

7:30 AM	†William Powers †Arthur & Edna Love
9:00 AM	†Delfin Feliciano †Chada & Junita Yao
11:00 PM	Sienna Gonzalez Jeremy Moreyra
1:00 PM	†Victor & Manita Castro Carol Conway - Healing
5:00 PM	†Rosario May S. Garcia Michael Boyington - Healing

#### Monday, September 4th

†Michael Hein 7:30 AM †Daniel Curtis

#### Tuesday, September 5th

7:30 AM †Alma De La Piedra †Vicenta L. San Nicholas

#### Wednesday, September 6th

7:30 AM Ninita Pagtalunan - Happy Birthday Dominic Razo-Castañeda - Happy Birthday

†Cesar De La Peña

#### Thursday, September 7th

7:30 AM tC. William Le Grand

†Michael Hein

#### Friday, September 8th

7:30 AM Mary Coelho †Maria Espinoza

#### Saturday, September 9th

4:00 PM †Anita Temple **†Joy Zullo** 

†Margie Curletti

#### Sunday Sentember 10th

<u>Sunday, September ruth</u>				
7:30 AM	Vicente Diamzon - Happy Birthday Mischa Rose Diamson - Happy Birthday			
9:00 AM	People of the Parish †Candida Feliciano			
11:00 PM	†Daniel August †Joseph Browne			
1:00 PM	†Olivia Medina †Miguel J. Aguilar			
5:00 PM	†Marcelo Rodil			



#### Our Pastoral Clergy / Staff 987-9312

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## PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

# Monday, September 4th

9:00 AM - Mass - Church

10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl - St. Bernadine

6:00 PM - Boy Scouts - Hall/Library

7:00 PM - Lectio Divina - St. Bernadine

7:00 PM - Meditiación Cristiana - Chapel

## Tuesday, September 5th

7:30 AM - Mass - Church

Ext. 1101

Ext. 1122

Ext. 1120

Ext. 1201

Ext. 1202

Ext. 1203

10:00 AM - Talleres de Oracion y Vida—Bernadine

5:00 PM - EDGE in St. Bernardine Room

7:00 PM - RCIA - JPII - OLG Room

7:00 PM - Talleres de Oracion y Vida - Augustine

# Wednesday, September 6th

7:30 AM - Mass - Church

8:15 AM - Adoration - Chapel

9:00 AM - Adult Faith Formation - JPII

6:00 PM - Grief Support - Conference Room

7:00 PM - Hispanic Co. Comm. - St. Teresa

7:00 PM - Knights Of Columbus - Hall

7:45 PM - Benediction - Chapel

# Thursday, September 7th

7:30 AM - Mass - Church

10:00 AM - Spiritual Motherhood Rosary for Priests - Chapel

1:00 PM - Flame of Love Holy Hour - Chapel

5:00 PM - EDGE - JPII

7:00 PM - El Rezo del Santo Rosario - Chapel

## Friday, September 8th

7:30 AM - Mass - Church

8:15 AM - Adoration - Chapel(24 hours)

6:00 PM - Marriage Everlasting - JPII

# Saturday, September 9th

7:45 AM - Benediction - Church

7:30 AM - Mass - Church

8:15 AM - Confessions - Church

9:00 AM - Hispanic Co. Comm. - Hall

10:00 AM - Baptisms - Church

11:00 AM - Confirmation - JPII

4:00 PM - Mass - Church

# Our Parish Financial Corner 08/27/2023

 Sunday Envelopes:
 \$15,478.05

 Sunday Plate:
 \$2,105.00

 Sunday Online:
 \$6,936.50

 Total Sunday
 \$24,519.55

Total Miscellaneous \$6,837.50

#### **DDF 2023**

Diocese Goal: \$133,500.00 Pledges Made: \$89,931.00 Gifts Received: \$83,502.77

Donors: 294

Percent of Goal: 62.55 % As of: Aug 26, 2023 10:17PM

# Let us pray for those serving our country:

Ryker Convento
Kyle Marquez
Robert Wilson
Zackarey Schade
David Messing
Jeffrey Combalecer
William Joseph Wright
Sean Ball Jr.
Michael Rivera
Jeremiah Apodaca
Manuel Juarez
Devin Narmore
Seth Harrison

Dear Parishioners,

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



 Safely drop off in the office between the hours 8:30 am to 4:30pm Mon-Thurs.

Fri. 9am-12.

- 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
- Through your bank
- Online giving via our website (Use our QR Code)

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Thank you for your continued support of our parish and we are so grateful to be back in the pews! May God bless you and keep you and your families safe.





# **Tagalog Corner**

Sinabi ni Jesus sa kanyang mga alagad, "Sinumang nagnanais sumunod sa akin ay kailangang itakwil ang kanyang sarili, pasanin ang kanyang krus, at sumunod sa akin. Ang naghahangad na magligtas ng kanyang buhay ay mawawalan nito; ngunit ang mawalan ng kanyang buhay alang-alang sa akin ay magkakamit nito. Sapagkat ano ba ang mapapala ng isang tao makamtan man niya ang buong daigdig, ngunit mapapahamak naman ang kanyang sarili? Ano ang maibibigay ng isang tao kapalit ng kanyang buhay?

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?

### **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**



†Saul Macias
†Angela Gargano
†Mary Lee Blow
†Mirna Ibarra
†Patrick Richard Carriveau
†Carlos Mayora
†Arnold Soto

# Dray for the Sick

Brian Dahm, **Kevin & Yolanda** Suchoza, Evie Ontiveros, Suzanne Killingsworth, Henry & Esther Torres, Naida Fabi, Natalie Arrellano, Frank Perea, Corey Mittwer, Baby Evelyn Perez, Carol Conway, Jan Yerkey, Eddie Farias, Michael Boyington, Ann Davis, Pat Simpson, Jan Shively, David Ramirez, Michael Anton, Jose Zolotoff, Marco Arana, Angelina Knight, Zenia Payne, Vince Diamzon, Mariscelle Dehzo, Linda Jacques, Marcy Solano, Yolanda Sanchez, Richard Ferriola, Fred Sanchez, John Roque, Maria Roque, Brian Cox, Sonia Costa, Denzil Fernandes, Ryan Fedorsic, Judy Fedorsic, Henry Morales, Katie Montalvo, Judy Ruiz



This weekend we are blessed to be hosting a priest representing Cross Catholic Outreach. This official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the U.S. with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and laypeople working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to his appeal. Please be sure to say "hi" after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach, text BLESSINGS to 474747, or scan this QR code:

Este fin de semana tenemos la bendición de recibir a un sacerdote que viene en representación de Cross Catholic Outreach, un ministerio con reconocimiento pontificio que se fundó con el propósito de vincular parroquias de los Estados Unidos con sacerdotes, religiosos y laicos que trabajan con misiones de la Iglesia Católica en otros países. Sus programas abarcan el Caribe, África, Asia y Centro y Sudamérica. Le pedimos que responda con generosidad a su pedido de solidaridad, y asegúrese de saludarlo después de la Misa. Si usted desea apoyar la importante causa de este ministerio Católico, habrá boletines disponibles que incluyen un sobre para las donaciones. Si desea conocer más sobre Cross Catholic Outreach, por favor visite **CrossCatholic.org/sacerdote**, envíe un texto con la palabra BENDICION al 474747, o escanee este código QR con su celular:

# Worship & Meditation

# Readings for the week of September 3, 2023

#### Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/ Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

#### Monday:

1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

#### **Tuesday:**

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

#### Wednesday:

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

#### Thursday:

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

#### Friday:

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/ Mt 1:1-16. 18-23 or 1:18-23

#### Saturday:

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

#### **Next Sunday:**

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



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# **Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped plan for us.

- Father John Muir

### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Ministry Contact List**

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#### Your St. Vincent de Paul Corner



# Thanksgiving 2023

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"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

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# **High School Confirmation**

Year 1 Parent Meeting on Sept. 9th Year 2 Parent meeting on Sept. 15th



Middle & High School 1st Communion Prep.

Parent Meeting - Sept. 21st @ 5:30pm Classes Begin - Sept. 28th



Middle School Ministry

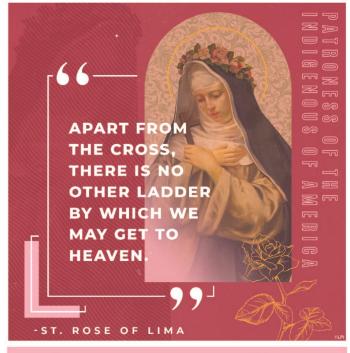
Parent/Teen Meeting - Sept. 7th Kick-Off - Sept. 18th





Thursdays 7:30pm-8:30pm September 28th - XLT Spiritual Warfare w/ Fr. Okoro

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# Upcoming Events

Eucharistic Procession
September 9th - 9am
St. Elizabeth Anne Seton, Ontario

## YOUNG ADULTS

How can we serve you better? Look out for a survey coming soon!

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

#### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 4: LABOR DAY HOLIDAY; NO SCHOOL
- 5: EXTENDED CARE, CATER TOTS & CO-CURRICULAR **CLASSES BEGIN**
- 7: PATRIOTS' DAY (FIRST RESPONDERS) MASS
- 8: 100 MILE CLUB KICKOFF
- 24: SUNDAY SCHOOL MASS
- 26: LIFETOUCH PICTURE DAY (PRESCHOOL T/TH & KINDERGARTEN-3RD GRADE)
- 27: LIFETOUCH PICTURE DAY (PRESCHOOL M/W, MWF, & FOURTH—EIGHTH GRADE)



#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Diana Armenta—Principal Lisa Frank—Preschool Director Laura Onopa—Business Manager Maria Trujillo—Administrative Assistant

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"To be Saints is not a privilege for the few, but a vocation for EVERYONE OUR FUTURE

Pope Francis

Smaller Class Sizes

- Preschool Classes = 12
- Avg. in Grade School Classes = 16:1
- Co-curricular Subjects
  - Computers Art
  - Spanish Choir
  - Physical Education • School Library
- WCEA/WASC Accredited
  - Diocesan & CA Common Core Standards
- Credentialed Teachers Weekly School Mass
- Accelerated Reader & Math
  - ICSL Sports Program
  - Before & after school care 7 a.m.—6 p.m.
- Catered hot lunch program
- Renovated classrooms
- S.T.E.A.M. Lab
- 100 Mile Club®
- AHA Kids Heart Challenge
- Community Service & Outreach

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#### Procession will start at 10:00am Holy Mass at 11:30am

#### Event Details:

9:00am WELCOMING

9:15am TAIK

9:45am

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** 

10:00am **EUCHARIST PROCESSION** 

11:10am BENEDICTION

11:30am MASS 1:00pm LUNCH

Very Rev. Benedict Nwachukwu-Udaku Vicar Forane

Rev. Chris Subosa Pastor, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Ontario





**09** SEPTIEMBRE **2023** 

**INICIAMOS INSCRIPCIONES** 8:30 A.M.

9:00 A.M - 12:00 P.M LUGAR: SALÓN PARROQUIAL

#### **TEMAS:**

La Iglesia Domestica El llamado de Dios El compromiso

> **INFORMES:** MYRNA ABARCA TEL: 415 420 8697

MARINA CARRIÓN PRESENTADOR COOPERACIÓN

\$25.00 USD

**DESAYUNO INCLUIDO** 

PARROQUIA ST PETER ST PAUL ALTA LOMA

Come one! Come all!



Post Abortion Healing Weekend Retreat

English Retreat

September 8 - 10, 2023

Registration is Limited

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. It is therapy of the soul and an opportunity to release and reconcile painful emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.

> Let this year be your time to experience God's merciful love and join others in this pilgrimage to healing.

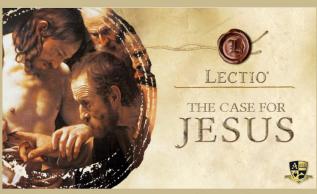
> > The retreat and registration are strictly private. All inquiries will be answered confidentially.

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These are private lines. You may leave a confidential message and know that return phone calls are made with discretion.

To learn more about the program visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org



# Who do you say that I am?

Can we trust the Gospels or are they folklore? Discover surprising new findings in this series

This Bible study each Wednesday Sept. 13th—Nov.15th 9 AM or 7 PM Zoom

\$20 fee includes study guide To register email jcampbell@stpeterstpaul.com

# Eucharistic Miracle of

# ALATRI

ITALY, 1228



In Alatri's Cathedral of Saint Paul the Apostle, there is kept even today the reliquary of the Eucharistic miracle that occurred in 1228 and consisted in a fragment of the Host turning into flesh. A young woman, in an effort to regain the love of her sweetheart, consulted a sorceress who ordered her to steal a consecrated Host to make a love potion. During Mass, the young woman hid a Host in a cloth. But when she got home, she realized that the Host had been transformed into bleeding flesh. This miracle has extensive documentation, including from Pope Gregory IX.





















The 750th anniversary of the miracle was solemnly celebrated in 1978. For the occasion, a medal was coined which on the front show an image of Pope Gregory IX with the Papal Bull and on the back, the façade of the cathedral with the Host above



Letter of the rector of Saint Mary alle Terme, dated March 22, 1888, in which he gives thanks for the gift of part of the reliquary of the Incarnate Host conserved in Alatri



he most authoritative testimony regarding this miracle is found in the Bull Fraternitas tuae (March 13, 1228) written by Pope Gregory IX in response to Bishop Giovanni V of Alatri. The text reads: "Gregory, Bishop and Servant of the Servants of God, to Venerable Brother Bishop of Alatri, greetings and Apostolic blessing. We have received your letter, dearest brother, in which you informed us of a certain young woman misguided by an evil woman, who, after having received from the priest the Most Holy Body of Christ, held the Sacred Host in her mouth until the right moment to conceal the Holy Eucharist in a cloth. After three days, she discovered the same Body which she had received in the form of bread transformed into flesh, as everyone has been able to verify with their own eyes. Because both women have humbly

revealed this to you, you desire our opinion regarding the punishment that should be imposed upon them. First, we give thanks with all our strength to Him Who, though He always operates in marvelous ways, in this case repeats miracles and produces new wonders so that He calls to sinners, converts evildoers and confounds heretics while strengthening faith in the truth of the Catholic Church, sustaining hope and reigniting charity.

Thus, dearest brother, by means of this apostolic letter, we dispose that you inflict a milder punishment on the young woman, whom we hold to have done this more from weakness than malice, especially because it can be believed that she has sufficiently repented in confessing her sin. To the instigator,

who with her perversion pushed the young woman to commit sacrilege, apply those disciplinary measures that we believe opportune to leave to your judgment. She should also visit the nearest bishop so that she can humbly confess her crime, imploring pardon with devout submission." The Pope interpreted this episode as a sign against the widespread heresies regarding the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and pardoned the two repentant women. A commemorative medal was coined on the 750th anniversary of the miracle; one side showed the cathedral façade and the reliquary, while the other a bust of Pope Gregory IX with the Papal Bull.