Kids Column

Peter and Paul

God has made heirs too!

Today we are celebrating the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. They are such important saints that their feast day takes the place of the usual Sunday. Saint Peter was the chief of the Apostles.

He was close to Our Lord, and the only one that Jesus told, "you are Peter (which means rock) and on this rock I will build my Church..." Saint Peter had a hard time accepting that Jesus had to die, and he also denied Jesus. But he was sorry afterward and became a strong leader for the disciples after Jesus went back into Heaven. Saint Peter was the Church's first pope.

Saint Paul was a Jew who at first was against the Christians. He even helped to persecute them. But then Jesus appeared to him and Paul became a Christian and a great preacher. His mission was to preach to the Gentiles, the people who didn't know about God or His promises. He wrote many letters that are now part of the Bible.

Both Saint Peter and Saint Paul preached and taught about Jesus and brought the Faith to many people and places. But the Roman government did not like the Christians. The emperor Nero began killing the Christians, and among those killed were Peter and Paul. Their deaths You are Peter ...

didn't stop the Church from growing, though. When people die for God it brings even more grace into the Church.

Today we should thank God for sending us these great saints, and we can also pray that we will help to spread the Faith.

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 weeks before the date.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact the Parish Office to arrange at least **6 months** before the desired date.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.

SS. Peter & Paul



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are those who have not seen and yet have believed. John 20:29

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FEAST OF STS. PETER AND PAUL - 29TH JUNE 2025

Two Lives of Faith.

Today we celebrate the feasts of two giants of our Christian faith, the two principal pillars of the early Church.

St Peter was Jesus' first disciple, our first Pope and the Apostle to the Jews. A fisherman, Peter came from a very modest background and was described as 'uneducated and ordinary' (Acts 4:13). He was impetuous and often spoke from his heart rather than his head. In today's Gospel, Jesus is leaving Peter as the leader of the Church

to pass on the faith. Later Peter went and denied three times that he knew Jesus during Jesus' nighttime trial prior to the crucifixion. Jesus forgave him, asking him to "look after my sheep." Peter then went on to lead the Church and spread the word of God for the rest of his life until he was crucified and killed for his faith.

Paul, born into a wealthy merchant family was well educated (Acts 22:3). He was a tentmaker and very good with words, but his personality was fiery and he could be argumentative. He initially hated and even persecuted the Christians, but after his miraculous conversion on the road to Damascus he became the Apostle to the Gentiles. He played a major role in reaching out to non-Jews, and 13 of the 27 letters in the New Testament have been attributed to him. Paul was beheaded for his faith.

Peter and Paul were very different men, but they had one thing in common: their great love for Jesus. They were so committed to Jesus and his work that they were prepared to die for him. They teach us that our weaknesses and past mistakes don't disqualify us from doing great things for God. Both men had sinned gravely on occasion, yet God still chose them to do his work. Clearly, no one is beyond redemption.

Peter and Paul teach us that it takes courage to live a life of faith. However, if our faith is genuine, Jesus promises to always support, strengthen and guide us on the way.

(excerptdeaconpeter.org)

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday $0.00 - 10.00 \ a.m.$ by appointment

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First Reading Acts 12:1-11

Second Reading

2Tim.4:6-8,17-18

Gospel

Mt.16:13-19

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers: 5:45a.m.

MONDAY

6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY 6:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY 6:00 a.m./12:30p.m. G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY 6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.

SUNDAY G/Islet/G.Riviere 7:30 a.m.

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HOLIDAY Variable

St. Thomas, Apostle - Feast Day July 3rd.

When we first meet Thomas in the Gospel of John, all we are told about him is that his name means twin. When Jesus said He was returning to Judea to visit His sick friend Lazarus, the apostles do not wish to go back where some Jews had attempted to stone Jesus. However, Thomas immediately encourages the other Apostles to go along on the trip saying: "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Thomas' character is developed later in the gospel as a questioner. While some of the disciples are content with Jesus' answers that are symbolic and philosophically worded, Thomas relies on his logic. At the Last Supper, when Christ told His Apostles that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come, Thomas responded that they did not understand.- how can you find someone if do not know where they are going or how to get there - and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of Jesus. His unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord earned for him the title "doubting Thomas." On Christ's second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his scepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded - seeing in Christ's hands the point of the nails and putting his fingers in the place of the nails and his hand into His side. Thomas became convinced of the truth of the Resurrection and exclaimed: "My Lord and My God", making a public Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus. Thomas is also mentioned as being present at another Resurrection appearance of Jesus at Lake Tiberias when a miraculous catch of fish occurred.

Tradition says that after Pentecost, Thomas was sent to evangelize the Parthians, Medes, and Persians and that he reached India, carrying the Faith to the Malabar Coast which still boasts a large native population calling themselves "Christians of St. Thomas."

According to Syrian Christian tradition, Saint Thomas was killed at St. Thomas Mount, in Chennai, India, in 72 A.D. and his body was interred in Mylapore. Ephrem the Syrian states that his relics were then taken to Edessa.

St. Thomas is the patron saint of India and of architects.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00am to 2:00p.m. Closed Tuesdays, Weekends & Holidays

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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DECEASED

Canice Louis Marcel Louis Charles Pascal Muriel Marius Joseph Oculien

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY

Gen.18:16-33 Mt.8:18-22

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TUESDAY

Gen.19:15-29 Mt.8:23-27

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WEDNESDAY

Gen.21:5,8-20

Mt.8:28-34

THURSDAY

Eph.2:19-22 Jn.20:24-29

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FRIDAY

Gen.23:1-4,19, 24:1-8,62-67

Mt.9:9-13

SATURDAY

Gen.27:1-5,15-29 Mt.9:14-17

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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
FEAST OF STS. PETER AND PAUL		
Sat Jun 28- 6:00 p.m.	I will bless the LORD at all	Deaconate Anniv: Girard Glace
Sun Jun 29- 7:30 a.m. Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles Fishermen's Feast	times; His praise will always be on my lips.	MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.	will always be	B'day: Paula Theophilus Guid & Protec: Marcella Johnson
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.	PSALM 34:1 THECONSEGRATEDWOMAN.COM	Eucharistic Service
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Jun 30 - 6:00 a.m.	Sr. Margaret Maynard	Dc'd: Hilda, Harold & Marie Celine Lawrence
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Marie-Annette Frederick Thks: Ewa Girard Mgmt & Staff First Stop Auto Parts
Tues Jul 1 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Akande Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Fr. Cleophus Joseph	Thks: Diane & Richard Palton Bernadette Pamphile
Wed Jul 2- 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Stephen Quinlan Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo	Thks: Patrick Mason
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Rudell Octave
Thu Jul 3 - 6:00 a.m. St. Thomas, Apostle	Arch. Gabriel Malzaire Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Arthur Zalewski	Thks: Patrick Mason
12:30 p.m.		Healing: Melanie Martyr Thks: Solange Inglis Alana & Gillem Raymond
Fri Jul 4 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vinoth Santhappan	Dc'd: Teresa Huntley
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Fr. John Wilson

Fr. Angus Evumude

Fr. Joseph Raj

12:30 p.m.

Sat Jul 5 - 6:30 a.m.

BVM

Dc'd: Viviane Mirville-Powell

Jaeden Glace, Alannah Bousquet

B'day: Jannel Cadet