

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY (ANTICIPATORY)

4:00 рм

SUNDAY

7:00 AM

9:00 AM

11:00 ам

6:00 pm

WEEKDAY

Mon-Fri 12:10 pm Saturday 9:00 am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm Friday 8:00 am-12 noon

CONFESSION

Saturday 2:00 pm Wednesday 11:30 am

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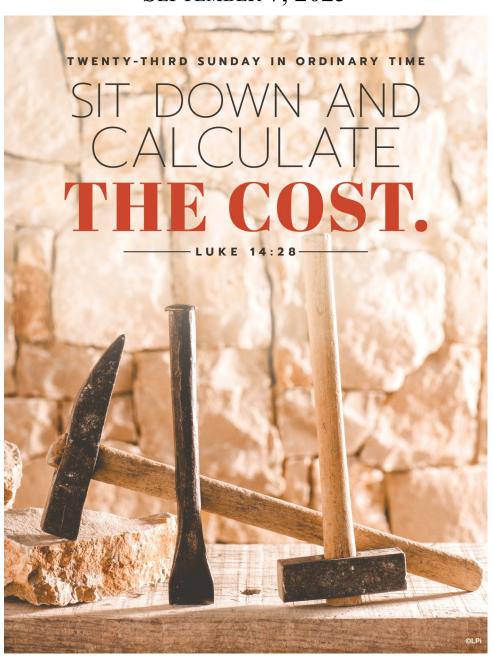


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| | OBSERVANCES | READINGS | MASS INTENTIONS | CHURCH EVENTS |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday September 7 | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Wisdom 9:13-18b Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Luke 14:25-33 | 7:00 AM +Ron McKenzie 9:00 AM Mia Koffler 11:00 AM People of St. Peter 6:00 PM Virginia Rossman | 8:00 AM-12:30 PM Gift Shop Open Faith Formation Classes Begin |
| Monday September 8 | The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Micah 5:1-4a Psalm 13:6ab, 6c Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 | 12:10 PM ++Andrew & Rose Champeau | 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Begins 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open |
| Tuesday September 9 | Saint Peter Claver | Colossians 2:6-15 Psalm 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 Luke 6:12-19 | 12:10 рм Gianna Landretti | 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 6:00 PM Adult Faith Formation |
| Wednesday September 10 | | Colossians 3:1-11 Psalm 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab Luke 6:20-26 | 12:10 PM +Olivia Brummer | 10:00 AM Moms Group-basement 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 11:30 AM Confession |
| Thursday September 11 | | Colossians 3:12-17 Psalm 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Luke 6:27-38 | 12:10 PM +Larry Friedl | 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open 6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group Kickoff-Rectory |
| Friday September 12 | The Most Holy Name of Mary | 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 Psalm 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 Luke 6:39-42 | 12:10 PM +Jesse Morales | |
| Saturday September 13 | Saint John Chrysostom | 1 Timothy 1:15-17 Psalm 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7 Luke 6:43-49 | 9:00 AM Shirley Johnson, Alejandrina Olivas, Lisbeth Enriquez, Ana Aguirre, Joan Lind 4:00 PM +Louis Berning | 2:00 PM Confession |
| Sunday September 14 | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross | Numbers 21:4b-9 Psalm 78: | 21bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Philippians 2:6-11 | John 3:13-17 |

Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

Love God Above All

In today's Gospel passage Jesus turns to the crowd and says something that sounds almost scandalous: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother... even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." This is not a call to emotional rejection, but to radical prioritization. Christ is not asking us to despise our families or ourselves—He is asking us to love Him more. To love Him first. This is the First Commandment in its most demanding form: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength.

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But this raises a tension many of us feel: Isn't love supposed to be balanced? Isn't faith about harmony? Yes and no. True balance is not about equal distribution of affection. It's about proper ordering. When God is loved above all, every other love finds its rightful place. When God is first, our love for family, friends, and even enemies becomes purified, no longer possessive or fearful, but free and sacrificial.

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In the Book of Wisdom, we hear the humble cry of the human heart: "Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends?" We are reminded that without the gift of divine wisdom, we are lost in the fog of our own limitations. And yet, this wisdom is not abstract, it is cruciform. It is the wisdom of the Cross. It is the wisdom that says: Love those who do not love you. Forgive those who wound you. Carry the cross that others place on your shoulders.

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This brings us to Philemon. Paul writes not with authority, but with love. He pleads for Onesimus, a runaway slave, now reborn in Christ. Paul doesn't demand justice, he invites mercy. He doesn't erase the past, he reimagines it through grace. This is the nature of loving those who don't love us: not sentimentality, but transformation. To love someone who has wronged us is to participate in the very heart of Christ, who loved us while we were still sinners.

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And here, we arrive at the mystery of redemptive suffering. Jesus says, "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." The cross is not merely a burden: it is a bridge. It is the place where suffering, when united to Christ, becomes salvific. Redemptive suffering is not masochism, it is love that refuses to be defeated by pain. It is the mother who prays for her estranged child. The priest who continues to preach despite rejection. The believer who forgives again and again, not because it's easy, but because it's holy.

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So today, the Lord asks us to count the cost. Not to scare us, but to sanctify us. He wants disciples, not admirers. Lovers, not spectators. Builders who know the weight of the stone, soldiers who understand the battle is not against flesh and blood, but against despair, division, and doubt.



Coffee and Donuts

Today after the morning Masses Join us for food and fellowship!

Moms—Stop by and pick up a flyer about Moms Group!

Youth Group

Fall Kick-Off

Thursday, September 11th | 6:30 PM-8:00 PM
At the rectory
All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us!

Parish Ministries

Baptism Class

If you are a parent or godparent of a child to be baptized, our next class is



Saturday, September 13th at 10:00 AM The class is offered for fluent English speakers.

Spanish classes are offered at Our Lady of Peace.

Call the office to sign up 970-352-1060

St. Peter's Seniors

Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 17 1:00 PM in the church basement

Call Cathie 970-412-8621 for more information

The Knights of Columbus

OUR NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 25 AT 7:00 PM Knights Hall 2600 6th Ave, Greeley

If you would like more information about the Knights of Columbus, contact Jerry Steffen 970-978-7350 or thegreeley6@aol.com



Moms GroupFor Moms with Kids of All Ages!

2nd Wednesdays of the month at 10:00 AM (confession is available at 11:00 AM)

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 10th In the church basement

3rd Thursdays of the month during youth group (6:30 PM-8:00 PM) Drop your MS and HS kids at youth group and join us for fellowship with other moms!

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 18th In the parish hall

Moms are welcome to come to one or both meetings. Children are always welcome!

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Instant Oatmeal (Single Packets)

Fresh Garden Vegetables (bring day of or night before)

We are grateful for your continued generosity!

Food Pantry Hours

Mondays and Thursdays 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST

Brian and Matthew Berning, Lenora Bocock, Francisco Botello, Jr., Marsh D., +Miles Flagg, Juanita Flores, Marcella and Jeanene Gallegos, Cathy Gigliotti, Kevin Keberlein, NJ King, Rob Minner, +Arthur Morel, Michael Morel, Gene Sanchez, Chris Schneller, Ruben Sendejo, Luis Temblador, +Mia Torrez, Karen Trainer, Kathy V.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

At the conclusion of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus tell a "great crowd" that "...anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." A few of Jesus' immediate disciples, such as Peter, John and James, did just that: They responded to Jesus' call, renouncing everything to follow him. How do modern disciples of Jesus respond when confronted with this apparently harsh command of Jesus? Surely the renunciation of possessions need not mean literally giving all one's possessions away, does it? Questions we might ponder this week though: Do our possessions keep us from encountering Christ at Mass? Do they distract us from our parish family? Do our possessions interfere with our relationships? Do they make us insensitive to those less fortunate?

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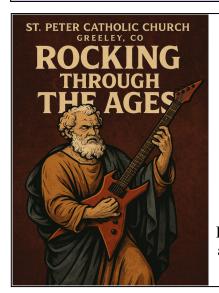
Young Adult Group

Co-Ed Bible Study

Every other Monday at 7:30 PM at Zoe's Café Starting September 15th

Contact Katelyn Mendoza 970-691-1449 katelyn.mendozaweiss@outlook.com

Text STPETERYA to 84576 to join our contact list on Flocknote.



Annual Auction Dinner

Saturday, October 18th

Online ticket sales begin September 13-14

In-person ticket sales after Masses starting September 20-21

Around the Area

The Business Plan I Never Made: When God Points You to the Surprise of Your Life, Will You Go?

Hear Cindy Skalicky's unique journey into business ownership, a plan she never envisioned, but that God did. On Point Communications is celebrating 10 years.

Thursday, September 25th, 2025 5:30 PM-8:00 PM St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

Must register by September 23rd

<u>CatholicBusiness</u> LeadersNoCo.org



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September 25-27, 2025 St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church Arvada, CO

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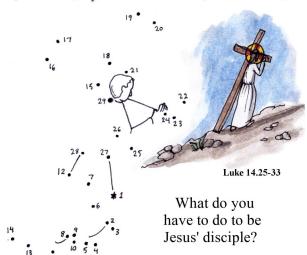
Program

Thursday mornings 6:00 AM-7:00 AM Starts September 11th St Mary Parish Hall

Contacts: Rob Citrino 970-515-2164 Lou Cartier 970-381-6689 Jack LaBonde 970-371-0253

Faith Formation

Young Saints-in-Training



Connect the dots to find out, starting at the star beside the number 1.

Then you can colour the picture in.

Tomorrow is Our Lady's Birthday! What can your family do to celebrate Mary's Birthday?

Psalm 90 Word-Find

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See if you can find all the words from today's Psalm that are written in CAPITALS. The leftover letters tell

what we are doing when

we pray this Psalm.



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A THOUSAND YEARS in thy sight are but as YESTERDAY when it is past, or as a WATCH in the NIGHT.

Thou dost SWEEP men AWAY; they are like a DREAM, like GRASS which is RENEWED in the morning: in the MORNING it flourishes and is renewed; in the EVENING it FADES and withers.

So teach us to number our DAYS that we may get a HEART of WISDOM. Return, O LORD! How long? Have PITY on thy SERVANTS!

SATISFY us in the morning with thy steadfast LOVE, that we may REJOICE and be GLAD all our days.

All About Vatican II (Last Week)

The Catholic Church Today

Liturgy of the Hours part 1 (Next Week)

- John Paul II authorized the celebration of the Great Jubilee of 2000, which lasted from Christmas 1999 to Epiphany 2001.
- At the end of the Jubilee, John Paul II issued an apostolic letter called *Novo Millennio Ineunte* (Entering the New Millenium). In this letter, he retold the story of Simon Peter's calling by Jesus, when he was asked to "put out into the deep."
- This phrase was repeated 5 times in the letter, and emphasized what John Paul II believed the future of the Church should look like: "the Church must leave the shallow, comfortable waters of institutional maintenance and set out into the roiling, turbulent 'deep' of the late modern and increasingly postmodern world. To do what? To make a great catch—to *convert* the 21st Century world to Christ and to help strengthen the moral and cultural foundations of modernity's noblest aspirations and achievements."
- "In that encounter with the incarnate Son of God, John Paul and Benedict believed, modernity would find the most satisfactory answers to its 21st century dilemmas, which included an enervating skepticism about the possibility of an human grasp on truth, including moral truth, and a concomitant loss of a sense of the meaning and value of life."
- John Paul II echoed what the Second Vatican Council taught, that all Catholics are called to be holy, and that all Catholics are called to be missionaries—to "[mirror] God's love and mercy in the world, not just a select few."
- He also said that the Church didn't just *have* a mission, the Church *is* a mission.
- John Paul II and Benedict XVI advocated for a Church that "would work in public primarily through the free associations of civil society, rather than as a partisan political actor...it would make arguments; it would not seek to craft policies."
- We cannot deny the contributions made to the modern world by Judaism and Christianity. Ideas such as human dignity, the institution of the university, the immorality of slavery, and more owe their existence to Christianity.
- "Thanks to what it learned from its engagement with modernity, Catholicism has recommitted itself to missionary discipleship and permanent evangelization; to proposing to the world what it believes to be liberating truths about salvation and the ultimate destiny of human beings, which include truths about how we ought to live together in society."

—The Irony of Modern Catholic History by George Weigel

Eucharistic Miracle Spotlight

WEITEN-RAXENDORF, AUSTRIA 1411

A thief entered the parish church in Weiten in 1411, and he stole a consecrated Host, putting it in his glove. He mounted his horse and rode away. When he reached the valley of Muhldorf, his horse stopped abruptly and would not move. Some nearby laborers came to help, but no one could get the horse to move.

Then, suddenly, the horse began to gallop away, and the consecrated Host fell out of the man's glove onto the ground, unnoticed by anyone.

A few days later, a woman named Mrs. Scheck was

passing by and she saw the Host circled by light. When she picked it up, she noticed that the Host had been broken in two but was still connected by threads of bleeding flesh.

The woman was so moved that she built a chapel on the spot, funding it on her own. Many pilgrims came to the place upon hearing about the miracle.



Source: <u>miracolieucaristici.org</u> List of miracles compiled by Blessed Carlo Acutis

Saint Peter Claver

Feast: September 9
Patron of Negro Missions

Quick Facts

- Born in Spain in 1580
- Became a Jesuit priest in 1604
- While studying philosophy
 he felt called to travel to the Indies to save
 souls
- Worked at Cartagena in modern day Colombia, serving the African slaves for 33 years
- Actively worked to end the slave trade
- He boarded incoming slave ships and cared for all the slaves, offering food and water and the Sacraments.
- 300,000 people came into the Church thanks to his efforts
- Followed after his converts, encouraging them to live as Christians and asking their masters to treat them humanely.
- Died in 1654



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