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JUNE 29, 2025

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT JULY 1 - SEPT 1

All Masses will be held in Church

> Daily 7:00 am ₹

Saturday

8:30 am 🔋 Confession to follow 4:00 pm (Vigil)

> Sunday 7:30 am

10:30 am 🔋

12:00 pm (Spanish) 5:00 pm



🛜 = Mass also available via livestream

CHURCH HOURS

Monday - Friday 6:45 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Sunday

7:00 am - 1:00 pm and 4:45 pm to 6:00 pm

SUMMER **OFFICE HOURS**

Appointments requested

Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am -4:00 pm

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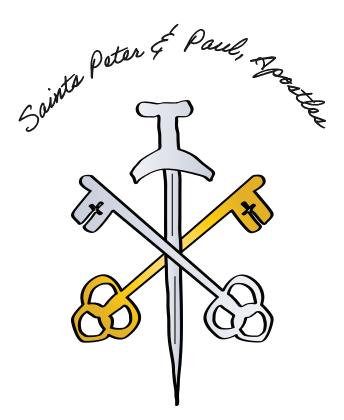
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Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.

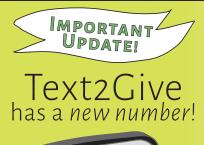
Saint Augustine of Hippo



To request a Mass intention, please visit st-teresa.org/mass-intentions.

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Saturday, June 28	8:30 AM	† Carlo Cinicolo & Family † Mary Grace † Billy Molina † Megan Catherine Watson † Monica Lynch
	4:00 PM	† Lorrinda Presuto
Sunday, June 29	7:30 AM	† Antonio Martini
	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	† Dennis and Mary Coakley
	12:00 PM	People of the Parish
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Monday, June 30	7:00 AM	† Heather Drone
Tuesday, July 1	7:00 AM	People of the Parish
Wednesday, July 2	7:00 AM	People of the Parish
Thursday, July 3	7:00 AM	People of the Parish
Friday, July 4	9:00 AM	† Cosmo & Helen De Simone
REMINDER: The Summer Mass Schedule is in effect this weekend. No 9 am Mass. All Masses held in Church.		
Saturday, July 5	8:30 AM	† Jean Paul Larkin Sr † Antonio Pietrantouno

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	4:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, July 6	7:30 AM	† Dario Basilone
	10:30 AM	† Joseph Piraneo
	12:00 PM	† Constance C Cappeto
	5:00 PM	† Rose Marie Simone





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Texting to 84321 is no longer in effect.

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Please Note



In observance of Independence Day on Friday, July 4, Mass will be celebrated at 9 am. The parish office will be closed.



Stewardship Reflections...

"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." (2 TIMOTHY 4:7)

How many of us can say this? St.

Teresa of Calcutta said, "God doesn't call us to be successful, he calls us to be faithful." How many times have we been blinded by the success of the world at the expense of our faith? Matthew Kelly says, "Take one minute each day to remind yourself that you are just passing through this life and will die one day; you will live more intentionally with a passion and purpose."

"He peleado la buena batalla, he terminado la carrera, me he mantenido en la fe." (2 Timoteo 4:7)

¿Cuántos de nosotros podemos decir eso? Santa Teresa de Calcuta dijo. "Dios no nos llama a ser exitosos, él nos llama a ser fieles". ¿Cuántas veces nos hemos cegado por el éxito del mundo a expensas de nuestra fe? Matthew Kelly dice, "Tomate un minuto cada día para recordarte a ti mismo que solo estas de paso por esta vida, y que un dia morirás; vivirás más intencionalmente con una pasión y un propósito".



May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

MARY A FINNEGAN



"A Time to be Healed"

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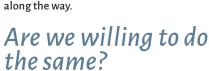
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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends:

ODAY WE HONOR TWO
TOWERING PILLARS OF THE
EARLY CHURCH: SAINTS
PETER AND PAUL—men of
vastly different backgrounds
who were united by one
mission: proclaiming the
Gospel of Christ with their
entire lives.

Peter, the fishermanturned-shepherd, knew the pain of denial but also the power of mercy. Paul, the scholar-turned-missionary, carried the weight of his past with courage and the urgency of grace. They were not perfect—but they were bold. They did not wait to become worthy—they followed the call and let God shape them along the way.



In a time when faith can be reduced to comfort or convenience, Peter and Paul challenge us: To speak truth when it's unpopular. To build bridges between cultures and communities. To stand before the gates of suffering, persecution, or confusion—and still proclaim Christ risen.

S YOU KNOW OUR PASTORAL COUNCIL HAS BEGUN THE WORK INSPIRED BY WE ARE HIS WITNESSES. Over the summer months, they will be working on creating practical ways that we can assist with two important areas: Evangelization & Outreach and Sustainability.

For **Evangelization** and **Outreach** they will be developing ways of:

- Inviting people into intentional discipleship
- Reaching beyond parish walls
 (eg, schools, campuses, marginalized communities)
- Providing formation and training for discipleship
- Promoting intercultural understanding and inclusion

For **Sustainability** they will be seeking ways to:

- Embracing collaborative leadership in response to fewer priests
- Responding to demographic changes and sacramental trends
- Aligning parish facilities and resources with mission
- Encouraging inter-parish cooperation and shared services

I invite you to give these charges some careful thought too, because our success in these endeavors will benefit our parish for generations to come.

As we remember Saints Peter and Paul, let us not be passive admirers of their legacy, but active inheritors of their mission. The Church today still needs voices that echo Peter's love and Paul's passion—especially yours among them.





6 Things to Know About Saints Peter and Paul...

- 1. Saint Peter's name was originally simon. He was a fisherman of Galilee.
- 2. He was one of the 12 apostles. His brother, Andrew, introduced him to Jesus.
- 3. Saint Peter struggled with doubt and human weakness, yet Jesus still chose him!
- 4. Saint Peter was the first Pope. The Catholic Church can trace the succession of every pope back to Saint Peter!
- 5. The Acts of the Apostles illustrate his role as the Church's head-the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.
- te died by crucifixion. Tradition says he requested an upside-down crucifixion because he considered himself unworthy to die the way Jesus did. Saint Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.



- I. Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. (CNA)
- 2. He underwent a huge conversion on his way to persecute Christians in Damascus. He instead went on to be baptized there and dedicated his life to spreading the Gospel.
- 3. Saint Paul was imprisoned and beheaded under Emperor Nero.
- 4. His letters are in the New Testament. These writings shed light on the faith of the early Church.
- 5. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls.
- 6. Saint Paul is the patron saint of missionaries and evangelists!





How to become Catholic in 2025:

A step-by-step guide

By Jonah McKeown , Kate Quiñones | May 23, 2025 | Catholic News Agency | www.catholicnewsagency.com

The election of Pope Leo XIV earlier [last] month has—at least according to Google search data—led to a renewed interest in people searching for information on how to "become Catholic." This follows several years of anecdotal reports of a surge of people joining the Catholic Church, especially among young people, across many dioceses in numerous countries. The Catholic Church's requirements to join may seem, at first, to be complicated. The process involves some important rites of initiation as well as spiritual preparation, fellowship with other Catholics and prospective Catholics, and instruction in the teachings of the faith.

1) Are you baptized?

THERE ARE THREE SACRAMENTS in particular, known as the "sacraments of Christian initiation," that a person must receive in order to come fully into communion with the Church that Christ founded, and baptism is always the first. (A sacrament is a visible sign of God's grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to his Church; the Church has seven of them total.)

The other two sacraments of initiation are the receiving of Christ's body and blood via the Eucharist, also called holy Communion, and confirmation — whereby the Holy Spirit "confirms and strengthens baptismal grace" within a baptized Catholic.

A simple baptisimal formula, drawn from Jesus' words in Matthew 28:19, is necessary for baptism: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The celebrant pours water on the head of the baptized, or immerses him or her in water.

In the vast majority of cases, Catholic clergy — deacons, priests, or bishops — are responsible for baptisms. But technically anybody, even non-Christians, can baptize in an emergency — such as in cases where a prospective Christian, even an infant, is in imminent danger of death — as long as the correct formula and water are used. (If you know for a fact that you've never been baptized before, go ahead and skip to item No. 2 below.)

If you've been validly baptized as a Catholic at some point in your life, even as an infant, then technically you're already Catholic. If you were baptized a long time ago at a Catholic church, that church likely still has a record of your baptism and can provide it to you if you ask.

That said, if you've been baptized, confirmed, and made your first Communion but have drifted away from your Catholic faith, you can always return to full communion with the Church by going to the sacrament of confession, also called reconciliation or penance. And if you were baptized a long time ago but never received your first holy Communion or confirmation, you can do so after participation in a period of formation; talk to a priest to learn more if that's your situation.

If you've been baptized a Christian — but not a Catholic — that baptism is likely valid as long as it was done using the formula described above. But there's more you must do before you're fully in communion with the Catholic Church.

2) Talk to a priest.

CONTACT A LOCAL CATHOLIC PARISH — if you have Catholic friends, they can likely help you with this. The priest or parish leader of Christian initiation may want to meet with you to discuss your desire to become Catholic and help to guide you through the next steps of the process.

3) Join OCIA.

THE NEXT STEP IS TO OFFICIALLY JOIN OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. (This process was previously, for a long time, called RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, until a name change in 2021.) OCIA is the Church's official process for initiating prospective Catholics into the Church who have attained the age of reason, generally around the age of 7. (Some individuals choose to arrange to have private instruction in the Catholic faith before formally entering the Church; however, the normative way to receive formation is through OCIA.)

The first step — if you are unbaptized — is entering the catechumenate; becoming known, thereafter, as a "catechumen." Depending on where you are at in your faith journey, this stage can last for a period of several years, but usually less than one. You will ask someone who is a fully initiated Catholic who is 16 years old or older (among other requirements) to be your "sponsor" to help to guide you through the journey.

It's a unique time of learning and questioning that will involve taking classes, likely at your local parish, to learn more about the faith and reflect on how joining the Catholic Church will affect your life. Once you feel ready, the priest and parish team who are working with you may give you approval to make a request for baptism.

If you are already a baptized Christian, however, this first step looks a little bit different. There's a recognition that you've already given your life to Christ as a baptized Christian and may have been active in other Christian communities. You'll become, instead of a catechumen, a "candidate."

You will likely go through a similar formation program to the catechumens, helping you understand and experience the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. (It's worth noting here that while anyone can attend Mass and it's definitely encouraged that you do so during this time, only Catholics in communion with the Church can receive the Eucharist, or holy Communion.)



The next stage before baptism, regardless of whether you're a catechumen or a candidate, is called the "Rite of Election," in which the catechumens and candidates gather with their sponsors and families, usually on the first Sunday of Lent. Lent is the Church's special 40-day period of penance and preparation leading up to the joyful celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter.

During the **Rite of Election** ceremony, you will share your desire to be baptized with the local bishop. Your name is written in a book and as a committed catechumen or candidate, you and your compatriots become known as "the elect." The days of Lent are, for the elect, known as the "Period of Purification and Enlightenment." Catholics are encouraged to pray for the catechumens and candidates as they near the end of their journey. By this time you will have chosen who you would like to be your godparent or godparents.

At the **Easter Vigil** Mass, which takes place the Saturday evening before Easter Sunday, catechumens will receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist, thereby coming into full communion

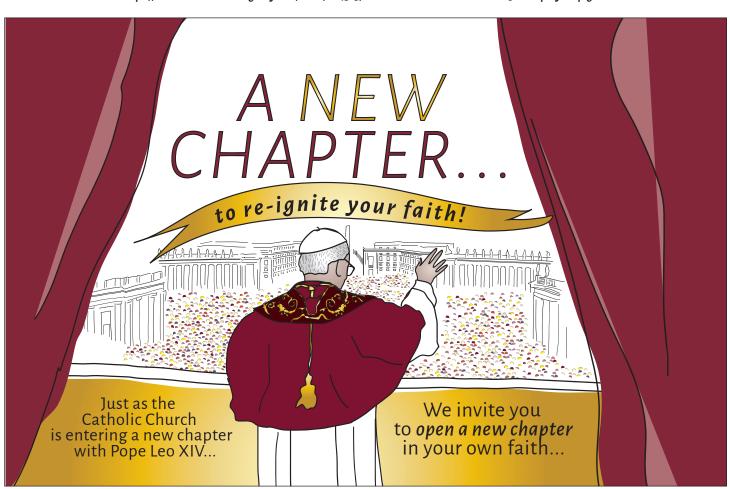
with the Catholic Church. Candidates, having already been baptized, will make a profession of faith in the Catholic Church when they are ready to do so and will preferably be received into the Church on a Sunday during the year.

Before that, however, candidates will be required to go to the sacrament of **confession** and are encouraged to do so frequently during their formation. (Baptism wipes away all sins committed prior, so catechumens do not need to do this.)

After being received into the Church, newly initiated Catholics continue to be formed in their faith during what the Church calls the "Period of Mystagogy." This lasts until Pentecost, the feast 50 days after Easter in which we celebrate the birth of the Church, when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples.

Welcome home to the Catholic Church!

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ST TERESA OF AVILA INVITES YOU TO COME FORWARD FOR

OCIA

Do you want to become Catholic?

Are you baptized but missing sacraments?

Do you wish to have a deeper understanding of your Catholic faith?

Weekly sessions will begin this September through March. For more information, contact: SarahL@stteresaavila.org



FAITH FORMATION SPOTLIGHT: Ad Altare Dei emblem from BSA

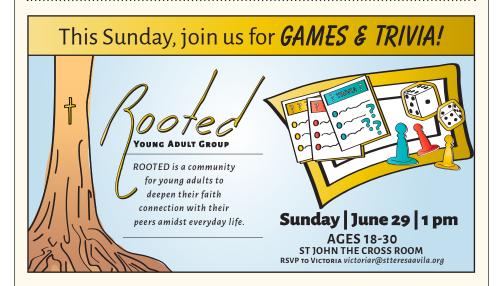


Enzo Tolentino, Nikolas Keller and George Hartmann of Boy Scont Troop 67 received the Ad Altare Dei Emblem on June 8 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart from Fr Engene Fields, the Archdiocesan Boy Scont Chaplain, also an Eagle Scont.

The Ad Altare Dei (To the Altar of God) program's purpose is to help sconts of the Roman Catholic Rite to develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith.

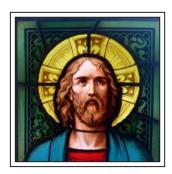






50 QUESTIONS EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD KNOW...

16.WHO IS JESUS?



Jesus is the eternal son of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, who in the fullness of time became one like us in order to save us. The name "Jesus" means "God saves."

EXPLORE THIS SOME MORE...



Matthew 1:21



Catechism of the Catholic Church: (CCC 430-35)

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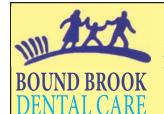
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