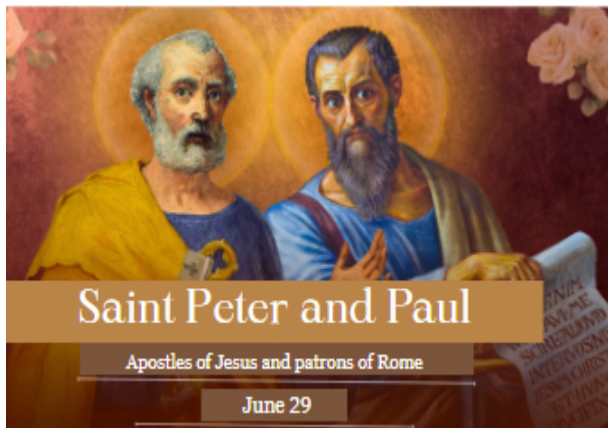


SAINTS PETER & PAUL (SOLEMNITY) 06/29/25



Saturday Mass
4:30 pm (English)
Sunday Masses
8:30 am (English)
10:30 am (Bilingual)
12:00 pm (Spanish)
5:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Weekday Masses
8:00am
Tuesdays
8:30 am

For Religious
Education, Adult
Inquirer's classes,
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Marriage preparation
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Presentation of Our Lady Church

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Presentation of Our Lady Catholic church, are inspired by the holy spirit to live out Christ's commandments by showing love to ALL people, though the gifts God has given each of us. We commit ourselves to the virtues of faith, hope and love by worshipping God, in word and sacrament. Strengthened by God the Father, we shall strive to live out the Gospel in serving the needs of our parish faith family and the global community.

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SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES

Anointing of the sick

Last Rites

Please call

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please register as a member of the parish. Forms are always available at the church entrance or at the parish office. Return forms to an usher or the parish office.

Moving?

Please notify the parish office.

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

St. Peter's Basilica

Thursday, June 29, 2023

Peter and Paul, two Apostles in love with the Lord, two pillars of the Church's faith. And as we contemplate their lives, today's Gospel presents us with the question Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say I am?" (Mt 16:15). This is the fundamental question, the most important one: who is Jesus for me? Who is Jesus in my life? Let's see how the two Apostles responded to this question.

Peter's response could be summed up in one word: following . Peter lived in following the Lord. When Jesus questioned the disciples that day in Caesarea Philippi, Peter responded with a beautiful profession of faith: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Mt 16:16). An impeccable, precise, punctual response—we could say a perfect "catechism" response. But this response is the fruit of a journey. Only after having lived the fascinating adventure of following the Lord, after having walked with Him and in His wake for so long, does Peter reach that spiritual maturity that leads him, by grace, by pure grace, to such a lucid profession of faith. In fact, the evangelist Matthew himself tells us that it all began one day when, on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, Jesus passed by and called him, along with his brother Andrew, and "immediately, they left their nets and followed him" (Mt 4:20). Peter left everything to follow the Lord. And the Gospel emphasizes that he did so "immediately": Peter didn't tell Jesus he would think about it, he didn't calculate whether it was in his best interest, he didn't make excuses to delay the decision, but he left his nets and followed him, without asking for any assurance in advance. He would discover everything day by day, as he followed Jesus and walked behind Him. And it is no coincidence that the last words Jesus addresses to him in the Gospels are: "You, follow me" (Jn 21:22), that is, discipleship.

Peter, therefore, tells us that to the question "Who is Jesus for me?" it is not enough to answer with an impeccable doctrinal formula, nor even with an idea we have constructed once and for all. No. It is by following the Lord that we learn to know him every day; it is by becoming his disciples and welcoming his Word that we become his friends and experience his transforming love. That "immediately" resonates for us as well: if we can postpone so many things in life, following Jesus is unavoidable; there we cannot hesitate, we cannot make excuses. And beware, because some excuses disguise themselves as spirituality, as when we say "I am not worthy," "I am not capable," "What can I do?" This is a trick of the devil, who robs us of confidence in God's grace, making us believe that everything depends on our abilities.

Let us cast off our earthly securities immediately and follow Jesus every day: this is the task Peter entrusts to us today, inviting us to be a Church-in-following. A Church that desires to be a disciple of the Lord and a humble servant of the Gospel. Only in this way will it be able to dialogue with everyone and become a place of accompaniment, closeness, and hope for the women and men of our time. Only in this way will even those who are most distant and often regard us with distrust or indifference be able to finally recognize, with Pope Benedict: "The Church is the place of encounter with the Son of the living God, and thus she is the place of encounter among us" (Homily on the Second Sunday of Advent , 10 December 2006).

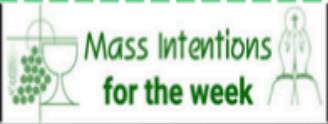
And now we come to the Apostle to the Gentiles. If Peter's response was following, Paul's was proclamation, the proclamation of the Gospel. For him too, everything began by grace, with the Lord's initiative. On the road to Damascus, while he was carrying out the persecution of Christians with fierce determination, entrenched in his religious convictions, the risen Jesus came to meet him and blinded him with his light. Or, better said, thanks to that light, Saul realized how blind he had been: locked in the pride of his rigid observance, he discovered in Jesus the fulfillment of the mystery of salvation. And, compared to the sublimity of the knowledge of Christ, he henceforth considered all his human and religious certainties as "waste" (cf. Phil 3:7-8). Thus, Paul dedicated his life to traveling across land and sea, cities and villages, heedless of enduring hardship and persecution in order to proclaim Jesus Christ. Looking at his story, it seems that the more he proclaimed the Gospel, the more he came to know Jesus. Proclaiming the Word to others also allows us to penetrate the depths of the mystery of God; the Paul who wrote, "Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!" (1 Cor 9:16) is the same one who confesses, "For to me, life is Christ" (Phil 1:21).

Paul, then, tells us that the question "Who is Jesus for me?" cannot be answered with an intimate religiosity, which leaves us indifferent to the concern of bringing the Gospel to others. The Apostle teaches us that we grow in faith and in the knowledge of the

mystery of Christ the more we are his heralds and witnesses. This always happens: when we evangelize, we are evangelized. It is a daily experience; when we evangelize, we remain evangelized. The Word we bring to others returns to us, because to the extent we give, we receive much more (cf. Lk 6:38). This is also necessary for the Church today: to place the proclamation at the center. To be a Church that never tires of repeating "For to me, life is Christ" and "Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel." A Church that needs the proclamation like oxygen to breathe, that cannot live without transmitting the embrace of God's love and the joy of the Gospel.

Brothers and sisters, let us celebrate Peter and Paul. They answered life's fundamental question, "Who is Jesus for me?" by living their lives of following Jesus and proclaiming the Gospel. It is beautiful if we grow as a Church of following Jesus, as a humble Church that never takes the search for the Lord for granted. It is beautiful if we become an outgoing Church, one that does not find its joy in the things of the world, but in proclaiming the Gospel to the world, to sow the question of God in people's hearts. Let us bring the Lord Jesus everywhere, with humility and joy: in our city of Rome, in our families, in relationships and neighborhoods, in civil society, in the Church, in politics, in the whole world, especially where poverty, degradation, and marginalization thrive.

And today, at the moment when some of our brother archbishops are receiving the pallium, a sign of communion with the Church of Rome, I would like to say to them: be apostles like Peter and Paul. Be disciples in following and apostles in proclaiming the Gospel, bringing the beauty of the Gospel everywhere, together with all the People of God. And finally, I would like to extend a warm greeting to the Delegation of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, sent here on behalf of my dear Brother, His Holiness Bartholomew. Thank you for your presence, thank you: let us advance together, let us advance together, in following and proclaiming the Word, growing in fraternity. May Peter and Paul accompany us and intercede for us all.

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Day	Date	Time	Intentions	Offered by
Sat.	Jun. 28	4:30 p.m.	†William Montgomery	Bill Backy
Sun.	Jun. 29	8:30 a.m.	†Rudy & Maeve Cordova	Mark Cordova
		10:30 a.m.	For our Living and † deceased parishioners	The Parish
		12:00 a.m. Spanish		
		5:00 p.m. Spanish	†Adan Gallardo	
Mon.	Jun. 30	8:00 a.m.		
Tues.	Jun. 1	8:30 a.m.		
Wed.	Jun. 2	8:30a.m		
Thur.	Jun. 3	8:00 a.m		
Fri.	Jun. 4	8:00 a.m.		
Sat.	Jun. 5	4:30 p.m.	†Dirk & Darryl Quintana	

Presentation of Our Lady Church
Weekend of June 21 & 22, 2025
Offertory



4:30 pm Mass Regular Collection \$327.00
4:40 pm Mass Second Collection \$ 2.00

8:30 Mass Regular Collection \$499.00
8:30 Mass Second Collection \$ 89.00

10:30 Mass Regular Collection \$574.41
10:30 Mass Second Collection \$100.00

12:00 Mass Regular Collection \$855.05
12:00 Mass Second Collection \$419.72

5:00pm Mass Regular Collection \$499.15
5:00pm Mass Second Collection \$ 34.71

Regular Collection **Total: \$ 2,754.61**
Second Collection **Total: \$ 639.43**

Candles **Total: \$151.00**
Special Needs **Total: \$ 85.00**

Time flies, and every day that passes I realize the perfection of God; in our daily lives He calls us to serve Him and often places before us challenges or missions that we think we will not be able to accomplish. That was what happened two years ago when I arrived at this beautiful Parish of the Presentation of Our Lady. I started with fear, but also with trust in God, that He would give me what I needed to do things right. It has been a time of blessing, since this community is a people of God, walking toward an encounter with Him. Thank you for everything you taught me, thank you for everything we have experienced, thank you for the smiles, thank you for the greetings, thank you because last year when my mother passed away, I could feel the strength of the prayer that you said for me and my family. Today I say goodbye to you, but not before wishing you that God bless you always and that the Virgin Mary cover you with her heavenly mantle. "Let's go for more in the name of the Lord."

Your servant and friend, Max Lopez



Today, Sunday, at
Escuela's Gym.

Join us to say:

Thank you!
AND FAREWELL

To F. Israel & Monsignor Emile.

On June 29th, 2025.

After the 12pm Mass.

