



SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:45 am Weekday: 12:05 pm

Holy Day: Call the Parish Office or See Notices

Confession: Mon. thru Fri., 11:45 am

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8, 2018

Mass Intention: George Dodd

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE	#485
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty	
PSALM	#905
Our eyes are fixed on the Lord pleading for His mercy.	
OFFERTORY	#590
This is My Will	
COMMUNION	#636
I Danced In the Morning	
RECESSIONAL	#560
Now Thank We All Our God	

Holy Communion – *This is a reminder that Holy Communion, in the Catholic Church, is reserved to actively practicing Catholics. If you are not Catholic or have not been actively practicing your faith, then please refrain from receiving Communion. If you would like to learn how to be welcomed to full Communion, we*

would love to help. All you need to do is contact a priest. Our contact info is in this bulletin.

PRAYER LIST

David Adams, Joseph Birchette, Steve Campbell, William Claiborne, Mary Davidson, Marta Fritzne (Gabi Wolz's Mother), Cathy Lipchak, Jim Melton, Erin Moores, Jesse Oliver, Sarah Riegel, Rachel Robinson, Marilyn Reilly, Beulah Taylor. Thank you for your prayers.

If you know of anyone who is sick, hospitalized, homebound, or dying and desires a visit from a priest, please call or email us. Without your help, we have no way of knowing.

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.: Mass Intention: Maria Williams
Tues.: Mass Intention: Francis Galloway
Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Wed.: Mass Intention: Lawrence Ross
Thurs: Mass Intention: Joseph Chandler
Fri.: Mass Intention: David Penhallow

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Good day all.

Don't forget that the Bible Study led by Deacon Seminarian Cassidy meets every Thursday at 6pm at St. Patrick. You are invited to come join the study. Learn the Bible. Learn the faith.

All three readings this week deal with the human quality of confidence.

The first lines on the first reading are spoken by the prophet Ezekiel, "as the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet." When he says 'set me on my feet,' he means that the Spirit got him up and 'on the ball,' made him strong and focused on moving ahead with a plan. Before he was feeling weak and unmotivated, but as his association with God grew, he became strong and determined. He gained confidence.

One of the great blessings of living a life in relation with God is the confidence that comes as a result.

Confidence is a quality that can be misunderstood. Confidence does not come from the places where most seemingly get it. Most people think you gain confidence when you get more money, or you get a haircut, or you are promoted at work, or you run the fastest or lift the most. These give a false confidence. It is a confidence that is easily taken away, because there is always an element of fear of losing the money, losing the appearance, losing the job, or losing the number one status.

True confidence comes from living in relation to God. The person who lives in relation to God knows God is in control, and this makes them feel confident.

But it is very easy to step off the platform of confidence that come from living in relation with God and onto the platforms of false confidence that come from status or authority or possessions. As such, God does something to help remind the people who have godly confidence of its true source. He gives each and every person a “thorn in the flesh...an angel of Satan to beat me,” as St. Paul describes in the second reading.

What is this thing St. Paul refers to? It is a weakness. Everyone has a weakness. And when a person experiences their weakness, in spite of walking in godly confidence, they draw back and nearer to God.

It’s a cycle. Run to God. Grow in confidence. Feel weakness. Run to God. Grow in confidence, etc.

Christ was the most confident person you’d ever meet. But He also seemed simple and to some even weak. That’s why his family was surprised in the Gospel when they heard him preaching, because He seemed so confident and powerful, yet they also experienced Him in moments when He seemed to them as weak. It is amazing to think that in His humanity, the confidence of Christ was built up to prepare Him for His Passion.

And saints are regular people who’ve been through the cycle of God, confidence, weakness, God, many, many times. But through it they became very confident, confident enough to walk towards hardship, suffering and even death. And that type of confidence inspires others to follow and the Church grows, and grows, and grows.

Fr. Rossi

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$ 3,288.00
Collection	<u>3,837.00</u>
Gain	\$ 549.00

OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

104 lunches were served on Tuesday, July 3, 2018. **75** dinners were served on Wednesday, July 4, 2018. Thank you for your generous help in serving God’s people.

Food Pantry – at present we need canned vegetables, fruit, and marinara sauce, peanut butter & jelly, beans, and oatmeal/cereals.

Hygiene and Personal Items – sample size Shampoo, Chapstick, sample size Sunblock, Lotion, Hair Combs, Hair Ties, cloth tote bags, hats, socks underwear, women’s pads, and sample size toothpaste.

Independence for Those Fleeing Persecution – Commonwealth Catholic Charities’ Refugee Resettlement program assists individuals who are escaping persecution to begin new lives with dignity and early self-sufficiency. For 35 years, our program has partnered with communities and federal agencies to assist refugees as they integrate into our country. Refugees come to the U. S. with very few belongings, often unprepared linguistically, culturally, and economically for their new life. CCC, with the help of volunteers and donations, empowers these individuals to take back control of their lives and live in freedom and peace. To learn more visit www.cccofva.org.

COFFEE downstairs in the Parish Hall after each Mass on Sunday. Please join us and get to know your church family.

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