



Solemnity of
Saints Peter and Paul.
Apostles

June 29, 2014

The Blessed Apostles,
Peter and Paul bring us joy!

We All Have Our Role to Play

One of my greatest delights, as an African studying at the Graduate Theological Union, is the diversity and wide range of opinion found there. You share the same lecture room with people whose beliefs are absolutely different from yours, yet you listen and relate to each other with respect and decorum. Recently, in a class on World Religions, a Protestant colleague in the class remarked: "The greatest problem with you Catholics is that you have a pope, and the greatest problem with us Protestants is precisely because we do not have a pope." I found his remark to be very interesting.

Today, as Catholics, we celebrate the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. It is an ancient feast, going back to around the year 250 A.D. The two are honored because they are the two apostles about whom we know the most. They were the greatest influence on the Church at its beginning. As different from each other as chalk is from cheese, Saints Peter and Paul were referred to as "the two pillars of the Church," "two lanterns" burning for Christ, illuminating the way to heaven.

Few points to note:

(1) A society cannot survive without structure, organization and leadership. Today's feast of the apostles Peter and Paul, especially today's gospel, reminds us of the way Christ structured his Church with Peter as the head. And this leadership is that of tending, taking care, shepherding, serving. It is one of "pouring out self" for others, as St Paul echoes in our second reading. Christians should not therefore be up in arms against leadership, for it is to be for the good of the entire body.

(2) The one who serves God should put his trust in God, and not seek security in money or worldly powers. The first reading tells us how God rescued Peter from prison because he trusted and served God. The psalm that follows is a prayer of a person praising God for rescuing them from fear and danger. We could easily imagine Peter praying this psalm as he left prison. Money, power, authority and human powers – all these fail. But God never fails the one who trusts in Him.

(3) There is no one way of serving God. Peter and Paul were different personalities: Peter was among the first disciples of Jesus, Paul was a later convert. Peter preached mostly to fellow Jews; Paul went out to the Gentiles. Paul wrote a lot; Peter was a better administrator. But both served God to the best of their abilities. I should be able to do my bit as a small priest from Africa; I must not be Pope. You must not be a priest, but can be so pleasing in the eyes of God in your workplace. And at the end of our lives, our song, like Peter and Paul, should be "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Fr. Gabriel Wankar
Priest-in-Residence

Mass Intentions for the Week

June 28 – July 5, 2014

	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, June 28	5 p.m. Mary Zaro †	Gina Brusatori
Sunday, June 29	8 a.m. Dahlia Topete – Recovery	Joe Lewis
	9:30 a.m. Andrea J. Sandoval †	Juat Family
	11 a.m. Remedios Eusebio †	Joe & Mary Asuncion
	12:30 p.m. Canonization of Bl. Joseph Vaz	Britto Family
	6 p.m. St. John’s Parishioners	Brazilian Community
Monday, June 30	8 a.m. Isabel & Cecilia Fernandes – Birthday	Jose Freitas
Tuesday, July 1	8 a.m. Mark McEntire †	Eulalia McEntire
Wednesday, July 2	8 a.m. Uga Jan Sabares †	Fely Sabares
Thursday, July 3	8 a.m. Thomas Kennedy – Healing	Kathy Klatt
Friday, July 4	8 a.m. Peter Vietti †	Vietti Family
Saturday, July 5	8 a.m. Carlos Go †	Rosie Murphy
	5 p.m. Grazioso & Angelina Bonomi †	Mary Aldal

Stewardship

Envelopes & EFT (126)	\$2,865
Loose Donations	<u>1,555</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$4,420

Next Weekend: Parish & School Development

Please remember St. John’s in your will.

Brazilian Festival Winner

St. John’s Brazilian Community would like to thank all those who supported their *Festa Junina* (June Festival) on Saturday, June 7, by buying a raffle ticket.

Winner of the raffle was Luis Carlos Silva.

Message of Stewardship

Saints Peter and Paul worked tirelessly to spread the Gospel. Not all can be apostles, but we, too, must be good stewards of *our* vocations, using the gifts we’ve been given in the service of God’s kingdom.

NEW PARISHIONERS who would like to register or those who would like to update their information, please complete this form and place it in the collection basket.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Telephone _____
 E-mail _____

Let Us Pray for the Sick:

Crisostomo & Virginia Alday, Jade Austin, Evelyn Baker, Stella Baptista, Pearl & Patrick Batiste, Barbara Brendlinger, Robert Britto, Richard Calapini, Evelyn Canepa, Jeff Chavez, Bernadine Clark, Jennette Cleadenger, Betty Cooper, Ernesto P. Cruz, Deloris Davis, Tami Duncan, Juanita Estrellas, Philomena Giese, Mike Giovannini, Teresa Grant, Domingos Gregorio, Andy Gutierrez, Ruben Gutierrez, Maydelle Halligan, Frances, Marvin and Maurice Haynes, Helen Holloway, Tamaya Hunt, Pat & Ray Jeffre, Ann Jones, Addie Kasari, Robin Laws, Maria Impang Lozada, Marian and Michael Luoma, Benigno Macasieb, Nancy McVey, Philip Moore, Judith Padilla, Theresa Parella, Angelina Patacsil, Victoria Payless, Javier Ramos, Linda Schneider, Jack Sudall, Salvador Tejero, Anna Verbanac, Sarah Vidal, Janice Williamson, Helene Wulbern.

Please call the rectory to add or remove names.

State Budget 'Could Have Been So Much More'

Edward "Ned" Dolejsi, executive director of the California Catholic Conference, issued the following statement in response to the passage of the state budget by the California Legislature:

"The budget sent to Gov. Brown may be a 'sober' budget, but it would be wrong to call it a 'good' budget. It pays the bills, it provides money for more effective public safety and human service programs at the local level, and there's some money left over for a rainy day. But for a small, incremental investment, it could have been so much more," said Dolejsi.

"It provides no money to help naturalize thousands of legal immigrants eligible for U.S. citizen-

ship; it provides nothing new or creative when it comes to using tax policy to help kids receive a better education; and it still forces new teachers to dig deep into their pockets for classroom supplies with no hope of reimbursement.

"Most sadly, though, the budget provides open ended public funding for abortions without giving taxpayers any 'choice' regarding using their tax money to directly end the life of unborn children.

"We can do better. Hopefully, after the election is over and lawmakers have a chance to craft a budget based on need, not politics, we'll have a budget that better responds to the needs of all Californians."

Catholic Voice Online

The Catholic Voice issue of June 23 is now available online at www.catholicvoiceoakland.org.

In this issue you'll find . . .

- An amazing and hope-filled eye-opener for youth leaders.
 - Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ: Mercy and mystery.
 - Nine diocesan schools see changes in leadership.
 - Church remembers murder victim with a high school scholarship.
 - Catholic Voice, El Heraldo Católico win six national awards.
 - Embarking on a mission with an open heart.
 - Nineteen teams compete in CYO Boys' Sand Volleyball.
 - When Rev. Lawrence D'Anjou talks about taking a hike, he means it in a good way.
- . . . these, the latest video reports, your favorite features, and much, much more.

St. John's Seniors

St. John the Baptist Community Center
6500 Gladys Ave., corner of Lexington
Director: Jan Duckart 527-2850
Telephone 237-3808 on Tuesdays
July 1: Lunch at Noon
Followed by Bingo

St. John's Tea, Oct. 4

St. John's will be hosting its 11th annual Parish Tea Saturday, Oct. 4. Mark your calendars!

Do you have any china teacups and saucers, teapots or large silver serving trays with handles that are collecting dust, taking up much-needed space or you no longer want?

Due to the success of this annual event, this would be an ideal way to see these items used and enjoyed. Items can be dropped off at the parish office, or call Susan Bitner 236-1250 for pickup.

NFP Summer Course

Natural Family Planning instruction will be held over three sessions from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on July 5, Aug. 2 and Aug. 30 in Vallejo.

Each session will be at the Parish Life Center (St. Patrick's Room) of St. Catherine's Catholic Church, 3450 Tennessee St.

Registration is \$5 and can be made online at www.ccli.org. For more details, please call Cathy or Liviu Tomutsa at 245-1145.



Traveling this summer?
For nationwide Mass times
and locations:
www.MassTimes.org
1-800-MASS-TIMES
(1-800-627-7846)

Blood Drive This Sunday

St. John's semi-annual Blood Drive is this Sunday, June 29, from 9:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. in the Community Center

All healthy persons are urged to donate whole blood or red cells to help restore health to the ill or injured who need our donations.

Cathedral Docent Training

Enthusiastic, people-oriented individuals from a variety of cultural and language backgrounds are invited to become a docent to lead visitors on tours of Christ the Light Cathedral.

Volunteers are provided excellent training, ongoing formation, flexible schedules and opportunities to attend first-rate concerts and events.

Applicants will be contacted for a group orientation/interview. Training sessions will be on consecutive Saturdays, July 26 and Aug. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Denise Kogler at 271-1935 or dkogler@ctlcathedral.org for details.

Interpreters Needed

Would you like to interpret for a good cause, do what you are good at and help others at the same time?

BayLegal is currently looking for individuals who speak another language and who are willing to volunteer their time to help with interpretation and translation for the BayLegal staff.

You would interpret for cases (housing, domestic violence, immigration and more) in-person or by phone. Interpreters are needed on an on-call basis. ALL languages are needed!

For more information, please contact Our Lady of Lourdes parishioner Alexandra Hill at 250-5235 or ahill@baylegal.org.

St. Teresa's Birthday Party

Celebrate the 500th anniversary of St. Teresa of Avila's birth with the Discalced Carmelites on Aug. 21-23 at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose; solemn Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph.

For more information and to register, visit www.stj500westernus.com or call (408) 529-1004.

Fatima Procession from Chapel

The July procession in honor of Our Lady of Fatima will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 13, from Divine Mercy Chapel.

This devotion – held monthly for six months each year – usually starts in St. John's Church, but will begin in the chapel this time because of the 6 p.m. Brazilian Mass.

Prayers will be recited in the chapel but no Mass will be celebrated.

Healing From an Abortion

Has an abortion left you with a broken heart? Post-abortion healing groups offer hope, help and healing in a loving, supportive environment. The next group will meet for eight weeks starting July 21 in Oakland.

Confidential signups for men, women and couples are available by contacting Christine at 415-260-4406 or Christine4faith@gmail.com, or you can go to www.afterthechoice.org.

Religious Life Live-in

A religious life live-in and immersion discernment experience with the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose will be held July 25-31 in San Francisco. This event is for young women, college to 35, who are interested in discerning their call to religious life and who desire to give themselves to mission outreach.

Participants will stay in a convent and work three days at St. Anthony's Foundation in the Tenderloin area. Cost is \$200 donation (partial scholarships available).

For more info, contact Sr. Marcia Krause, OP, at 502-5797 or sistermarci@gmail.com. Space is limited, so reserve now.

Salesian Sports Camps

Salesian High School is offering a variety of Red and Black Summer Sports Camps for 4th – 8th graders through the first week of August.

Their goal is to teach games of basketball, tennis and volleyball in a supportive and enjoyable environment. For further information, contact Chad Nightingale, camp coordinator, at 234-4433 x 1015, or cnightingale@salesian.com

July 2014

CC – Community Center CC-2 – Community Center Upstairs CH – Church CR – Conference Room DR – Dining Room MR – Music Room

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 <i>Ss. Peter & Paul</i> 9:45-1:45: Blood Drive (CC) 7 pm: Brazilian reception	30 7:30: 12:30 Choir (MR) 7:30: Brazilian prayer (CR)	1 9 am: Seniors (CC) 6:30 pm: Charismatic practice (MR)	2 8:30 am: Perpetual Help 12: Women's Covenant 6:30: 8 am Cantors (MR)	3 <i>St. Thomas, Apostle</i> 7:30: 11 am Choir (MR)	4 <i>Independence Day</i> Parish Office Closed 8:30 am: Benediction 7:30 pm: Brazilian prayers (CR)	5 8:30: Anoint Sick (CH) 4: Confessions (CH) 7 pm: Charismatic
6 <i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 7 pm: Brazilian reception	7 7:30: 12:30 Choir (MR)	8 9 am: Seniors (CC)	9 8:30 am: Perpetual Help 12: Women's Covenant 6:30: 8 am Cantors (MR)	10 10 am: EC Royale Mass 7: St. Vincent de Paul 7:30: 11 am Choir (CH)	11 7:30 pm: Brazilian prayers (CR)	12 4: Confessions (CH)
13 <i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 6:30: Fatima procession (chapel) 7 pm: Brazilian reception	14 7:30: 12:30 Choir (MR)	15 9 am: Seniors (CC) 7 pm: Stewardship (CR)	16 8:30 am: Perpetual Help 12: Women's Covenant 6:30: 8 am Cantors (MR)	17 7:30: 11 am Choir (MR)	18 7:30 pm: Brazilian prayers (CR)	19 4: Confessions (CH) 6 pm: Ushers' dinner
20 <i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 7 pm: Brazilian reception	21 7:30: 12:30 Choir (MR)	22 9 am: Seniors (CC)	23 8:30 am: Perpetual Help 12: Women's Covenant 6:30: 8 am Cantors (MR)	24 7:30: 11 am Choir (MR)	25 <i>St. James, Apostle</i> 7:30 pm: Brazilian prayers (CR)	26 4: Confessions (CH)
27 <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 7 pm: Brazilian reception	28 7:30: 12:30 Choir (MR) 7:30: Brazilian prayer (CR)	29 9 am: Seniors (CC) 6:30 pm: Charismatic practice (MR)	30 8:30 am: Perpetual Help 12: Women's Covenant 6:30: 8 am Cantors (MR)	31 7:30: 11 am Choir (MR)	1 8:30 am: Benediction 7:30 pm: Brazilian prayers (CR)	2 8:30: Anoint Sick (CH) 4: Confessions (CH) 7 pm: Charismatic