

ST. PETER THE FISHERMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

MISSION STATEMENT

Richly blessed in numbers, talents and resources, we the people of St. Peter the Fisherman Roman Catholic Church, are commissioned by Christ, inspired by His teaching, motivated by love and called by our very Baptism to be the living sign of God's loving presence in the community of the Twin Lakes area.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, & 11:00 AM

OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Closed on Holy Days of Obligation and National Holidays).

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, thru Saturday 7:15 AM

Wednesday and Friday: 5:15 PM

HOLY DAYS – as announced

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Preparation class for parents and godparents is required.

Please contact the church office for dates and time of Baptisms and other information pertaining to this Sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Half an hour before each Mass, and by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Preparation for marriage must begin at least six months before anticipated date of wedding. Please contact the church office to set up an appointment to talk with a priest.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register at the church office during office hours.

PASTOR

Fr. Norbert Rappold

424-4841

Fr. Norbert's email: maryjo.spcc@gmail.com

DEACONS: Robert Crawford

Jeff Speight

Robert Wochner

425-2832 ext. 1

DOMINICAN SISTERS

Sister Klaudia Klapacz, OP

Sister Irmina Malek, OP

Sister Santana Purcha, OP

425-2832, ext. 1

PARISH STAFF

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425-2832, ext. 1

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Maintenance

Dennis Roam

Patrick Jean

Ministries

Adoration: Angela DeGroote

421-0426

OCIA: Fr. Norbert or Mary Jo

425-2832

Pastor's Advisory Board:

425-2832

Clothing Room: Kathi Clark

870-809-9080

Mon. – Sat. 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

St. Vincent De Paul Society

424-0926

Thursdays 10:00 – Noon

Daughters of Mary: Lynne Weaver

870-404-1252

Knights of Columbus: Dana Brown

512-983-7878

Knights: 4th Degree-Roland Horn

870-580-9536

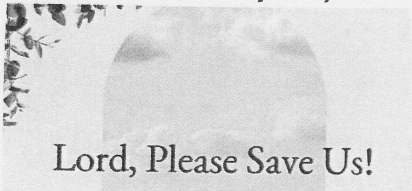
Lay Dominicans: Mrs. Kathi Richey, OP 940-390-6683

Health Care Ministry: Denise Malloy 870-321-4163

Walking With Purpose: Amy Caster 870-421-6351

We welcome all visitors to St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church and thank you for celebrating with us the liturgy of the Holy Eucharist. We wish you the most enjoyable stay in our beautiful area and pray for your safety when you travel back home.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13/14, 2025**



Lord, Please Save Us!

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Collection for Dec. 6/7.....\$18,042.00
Collection for Building Maintenance.....\$7,692.00
Collection for Retired Religious.....\$4,290.00
Collection for the Immaculate Conception.....\$3,116.30

PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY RECENTLY We commended to God all the souls of our faithfully departed. May they all rest in eternal peace. Please remember their families in your hearts and prayers.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OF THE LORD We are so blessed we can visit Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. For more information or to sign up for your personal hour contact Angela at 421-0426
Sunday: 2:00 AM, Mondays: 1:00 PM
Fridays: 1:00 AM

BUNCO – December 16 at 1:30 PM, call Sally.

PRAYER LINE 870- 404-2039

HOURS OF ADORATION CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS Adoration will be closed beginning Wednesday, December 24th before the 4:00 PM Mass and re-open after the 7:15 AM Mass Saturday, December 27th.

ADORATION FOR MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Adoration will be closed beginning Wednesday evening December 31st before the 6:00 PM Mass and re-open Saturday, January 1st after the 7:15 AM Mass.

PENANCE SERVICE: This Sunday, December 14th from 2:00 – 5:30 PM four priests will be here to hear your confession. Please join us and remember to take advantage of the Masses before Christmas during the week. Father will not be hearing confessions at the Christmas Masses.

THANK YOU!! To all the Cookie Walk bakers, helpers, and shoppers for all of their efforts to once again make this event such a success! We are truly blessed at St. Peter's to have such a loving, caring family! May our Lord bless each one of you for your generosity in always remembering those in need!

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24TH**

4:00 PM Children's Mass
9:30 PM Musical Prelude
10:00 PM Midnight Mass
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD,
DECEMBER 25TH
8:00 AM AND 10:00 AM

SCHEDULE FOR MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, DECEMBER 31ST

6:00 PM
JANUARY 1ST, 2026
7:30 AND 10:00 AM

COLLECTION FOR ALL MASSES ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

This collection will be for the Clergy Welfare Fund. This fund provides retirement and health care benefits to retired and infirm priests around our diocese. Our priests spend every day of their adult lives as humble and devoted servants, doing God's work and serving us until age or infirmity calls them to retirement. Your contributions to the Clergy Welfare Fund make our priests' retirement possible. 100% of donations for this special collection will remain within our diocese. Please share with our priests the generosity that they continue to share with us.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED The Church offices will be closed Monday, December 22nd through Friday, January 2nd. We will be back in the offices Monday, January 4th. There will not be a bulletin on the weekend of December 27/28. Please leave a message or email and Mary Jo will be checking these periodically.

OPLATIKI (Christmas Wafer) is available, in the church office. Please give a donation of \$1.50. Thank you

PLEASE HELP US CLEAN THE CHURCH

Please assist us in cleaning the church this Monday, December 15th, 2025, at 9:00 AM. Thank you

IN THE NEW YEAR SOME CHANGES IN THE MASS SCHEDULE

Starting in 2026, there will not be a Wednesday 7:15 AM Mass or a Friday 7:15 AM Mass. Fr. Norbert will celebrate the 7:15 AM Mass every First Friday. There will still be the 5:15 PM Mass both Wednesday and Friday.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 15

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

7:15 AM +Walter Vostatek by Carin Vostatek

Tuesday, December 16

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

7:15 AM +For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
by Schroeckenthaler Family

Wednesday, December 17

Gn 49:2,8-10/Mt 1:1-17

7:15 AM Special Intention of Carin Vostatek by Friend
5:15 PM +Deceased members Wehmeyer and Esposito
Families by Family

Thursday, December 18

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

7:15 AM +Frank Bradley
by Yvonne Perreault & Ann Holt

Friday, December 19

5:15 PM +Phil DeMarco by Connie DeMarco

Saturday, December 20

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

7:15 AM +For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
by Schroeckenthaler Family

4:00 PM +Special Intention of Margie by Mom

Sunday, December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

8:00 AM +For the People of St. Peter's
11:00 AM Special Intention of George-Ann Kueter
by Children

ST. PETER'S KITCHEN ON THURSDAYS

Please join us for free lunch and fellowship from 12:30 to 1:30 PM in DeClerk hall on Thursdays meal. Thank you to the cooks Vern Rudnik, Judi Johnsey, Martha Dieckman. Thank you to the Greeter LeeAnna DePriest, thank you to Servers who were: Leo Clegg, Connie DeMarco, Eddie and Kim Harrison. Thank you to the clean-up crew: Kathi Clark, Peggy Ossana and Lenny and Barb Jaeger. Thank you to Dcn. Bob Wochner for always saying a beautiful prayer before our meal!! Please note the kitchen will be closed December 25th and January 1st. We will be back on Thursday, January 8th, 2026.

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS Two seats on the Parish Advisory Council are open for the upcoming term. The Nomination Committee is now accepting names from the parish for both positions. Nominations forms are available in the vestibule of the church.

"If we fill our hours with regrets over the failures of yesterday and with worries over the problems of tomorrow, we have no today in which to be thankful."

PLEASE KEEP ALL THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS

Paul Oswald, Amy, Bill K. Stapleton, Mick, Tia, Colleen, Clay Kennedy, Jeff Torphy, Joey, David, Pam Pellicane, Joan and Carl Torres, Claudette Hough, Fraser, Ruben Pasillas, Kevin Kennedy, Kaleb, Tina Urban, Mary Eckert, Trish, Tom and Patricia Kelley, Joey H., Tom Handby, Regina Niggemann, Ginny Cox, Clare Joanne Fulton, Dc. Bob Crawford, Schill Family, Victoria Malichi, Mike, Jack Insinga, Amy Spiegle, David Sullivan, Mark, Toni, Jeff Harry, Aspen, John, Ed and Jean Moranz, Kathleen Szpicki, Louie Dreder, Sandy, Blair, Ida, Baby Emerson, Mary Ann Hoyne, Betty Lindsey, Parker, Sam Ferrara, Lois Runkle, Mary Ann Balwierczak, Stephanie Kratovil, Clark Knight, Beau Dicks, Terry and Kathy Mason, Bob, Carol and Larry Rice, Fred Browning, Ellen and Family, Pat Favara, Ron Dziekan, Sarah, Carol Kennedy, Kristin Meinholz, Jim, Kaleb, Jacob, Jerry Carter and Brandi, Theresa, Hannah, Alex Till, Kennedy, Debra Burley, David Totten, Ron Briggs, Kristina Hale, Samantha Washam, Linda, Alice Mason, Don Dotson, Judie Kubal, Paul Pablo – Garay, David Russell, Joey, Terry, Nick Kennedy, Paul and Barbara Lachel, Savino Mandujano, Anne Middleton, John and Andy Willette, Jack Clarke, Lisa, Kaitlin. Nathan, Aria and Ivy Barbeau, Chris and Carly Webb, Leo, Bonnie, Bill Holstine, Jim Allen, Ella, Bond Family, Ellen Moran, Marty Kowalkowski, Kevin, George Ferrara, Sarah Goss, Kathy McAleese, Bill and Deb Brewer, Carolyn, Kenneth, Sarah, Kole, Patty Shay, Theresa Boekholder, Larry Rice, Kennedy Sheffler, Mary Anderson.

CLOTHING ROOM SALE - 50% off CHRISTMAS AND 25% off CHILDREN'S CLOTHING 25% off coats, vests, hoodies and children's clothing. Come soon for best selection Monday through Friday 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Saturdays 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. See you soon!!!!

MASS TIMES out of town is www.masstimes.org

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS

We meet at 3:00 PM on Thursdays in the Adoration Chapel to pray for priests. Please join us, everyone is welcome! For more information, please call Yvonne Perreault at 870-421-3028.

LOST AND FOUND

Are you missing something? Please look in the lost and found boxes above the coat rack in the vestibule of the church. Or call Mary Jo in the church office at 870-425-2832, ext. 1.



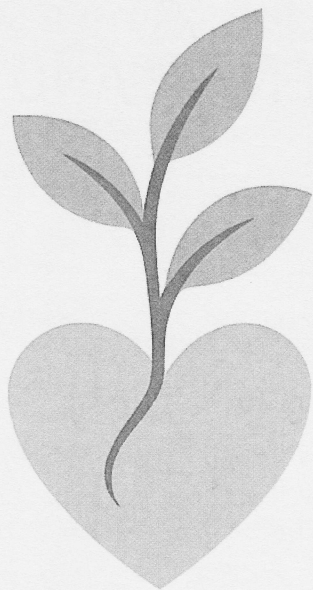
God,

As we embark on this Advent season, we take a moment to express our gratitude for the blessings in our lives. Thank you for another day, for the love of family and friends. You are the source of all good things, and we praise you for the simple joys that fill our hearts.

We are especially grateful for the gift of salvation and the many promises you offer, which bring us hope, peace, joy, and love.

Please help us to keep our focus on you today and always, so that our lives may be filled with praise and joy. AMEN

Wishing you a wonderful Advent
Religious Education



GROWING THROUGH GRIEF **Support Groups**

Grief is an experience that affects our entire being. It affects us physically, spiritually, and mentally. During the first year it is important to take care of yourself. The grief process is one that is extremely difficult and takes a lot of time and effort. The walk through grief can be a lonely one-but you are not alone! We are here to help you.

Hospice of the Ozarks offers in-person grief and loss support groups, at no cost, at the following locations and times:

- **Mondays**, Hospice of the Ozarks Administration Building, 811 Burnett Drive, Mountain Home, AR, 10:00 am to noon, (870) 508-1771.
- **Tuesdays**, Hospice of the Ozarks Administration Building, 811 Burnett Drive, Mountain Home, AR, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm, (870) 508-1771.
- **Second Thursday of each month**, Kirby and Family Funeral Home, 600 Hospital Drive, Mountain Home, AR, 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm, (870) 425-6978.
- **Third Thursday of each month**, Kirby and Family Funeral Home, 717 Central Blvd, Bull Shoals, AR, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, (870) 445-4227.

For more information about this program, please contact (870) 508.1771



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CONFIRM OK AUTOMATED PHONE WELLNESS CHECK SYSTEM NOW AVAILABLE FOR SENIOR AND DISABLED LIVING ALONE

ConfirmOk

The Baxter County Sheriff's Office is now ready to implement the new automated telephone wellness check system for seniors and disabled persons who live alone.

This system, called "CONFIRM OK", was made possible through funding provided by the Baxter County Sheriff's Foundation's Board of Directors after hearing a presentation on the system from Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Brian Davis earlier this month. Lieutenant Davis will be serving as the manager and coordinator of this program.

The system works by placing an automated telephone call one or more times per day to the participant at the phone number on file. If the participant is able to answer, he or she will hear a recorded message from the Sheriff's Office through the CONFIRM OK system that will provide the participant with instructions on how to respond on the phone keypad. The participant can report that he or she is OK and does not need assistance by simply pressing two keys on the phone.

If the participant does not answer, a deputy will be dispatched to the residence to personally check on the welfare of the participant, and emergency medical services will be dispatched if needed.

Many times we find senior citizens who have fallen and are unable to call for help. They are forced to lie on the floor for hours or days before being found to receive medical attention. Unfortunately, sometimes we find those who have passed and have not been found for long periods of time. We feel this is unacceptable and we strongly believe this automated service can be of great benefit to many of our senior citizens who live alone.

An application to participate in the CONFIRM OK system can be made in person at the Sheriff's Administration Offices during normal business office hours, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday (holidays excepted). If the applicant is unable to come to the Sheriff's Office, then a deputy can be dispatched to the residence to assist the applicant with filling out the documents. While family members, friends, or neighbors may suggest this program to an eligible person, applications from third-parties on behalf of a senior or disabled person residing alone cannot be

accepted because the participant will need to sign documents in person and agree to the terms of the program.

Lieutenant Davis proposed the idea for this program to help ensure that people who live alone and lack daily or frequent contact with family or friends are regularly checked on to make sure they are well. Lt. Davis was familiar with a similar program that was used in Forest City and St. Francis County where he was previously employed. Lt. Davis's research led to the CONFIRM OK system that is being used in multiple agencies in several states with great success.

Anyone interested in applying for this service or learning more about the program may contact Lieutenant Brian Davis at (870) 425-7000 or in person at the Sheriff's Office during normal office hours.

Sheriff John Montgomery

POPE LEO XIV

THE FIRST AMERICAN POPE

On Thursday, May 8th 2025, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A., became the first American and the first Augustinian Pope. He was born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago to Louis Marius Prevost and Mildred Martínez. He has two older brothers, Louis Martín and John Joseph, and is of African, French, Italian, and Spanish descent.

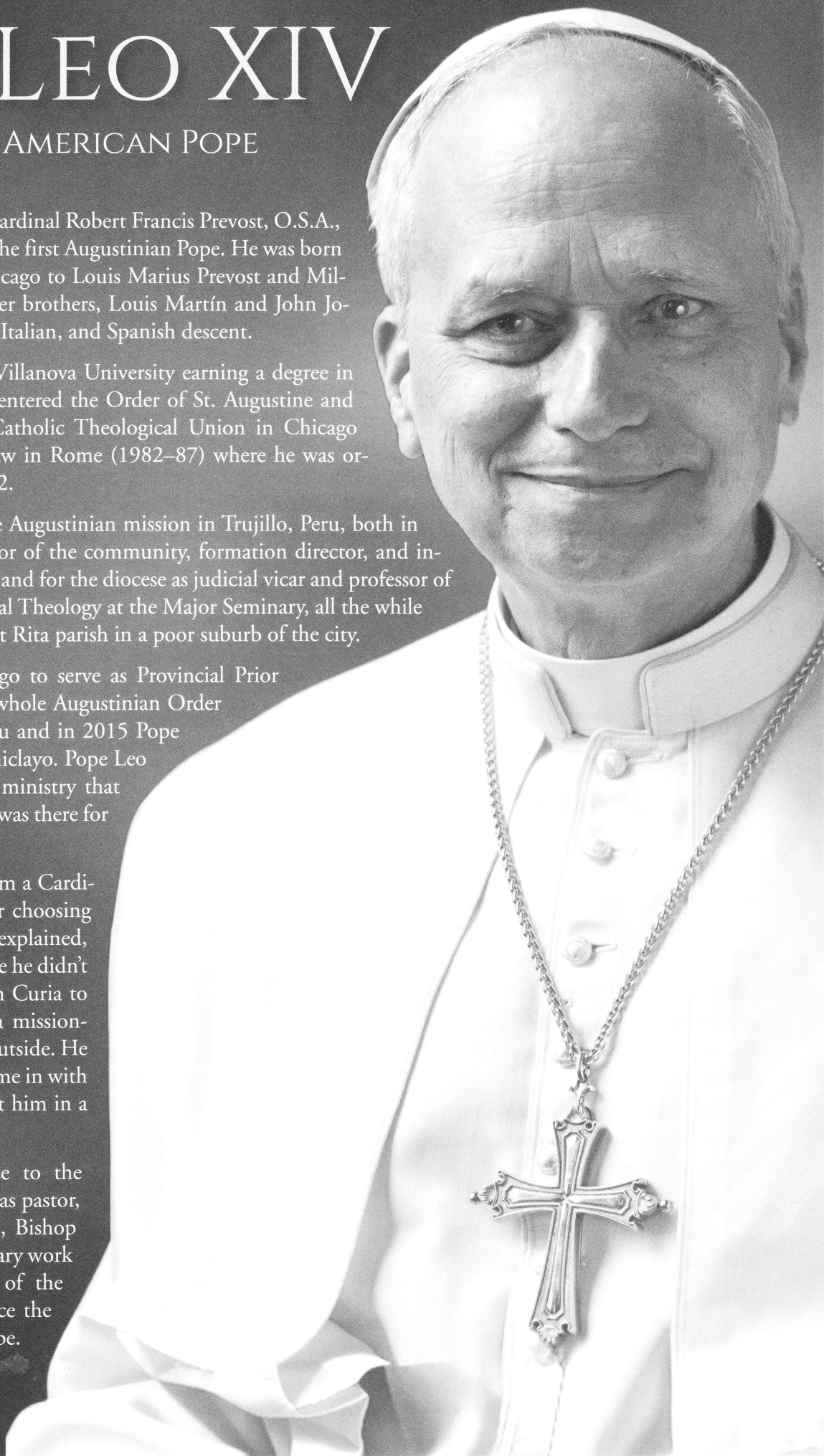
After high school he attended Villanova University earning a degree in Mathematics (1977). He then entered the Order of St. Augustine and studied theology first at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago (1978–82) and then Canon Law in Rome (1982–87) where he was ordained a priest on June 19, 1982.

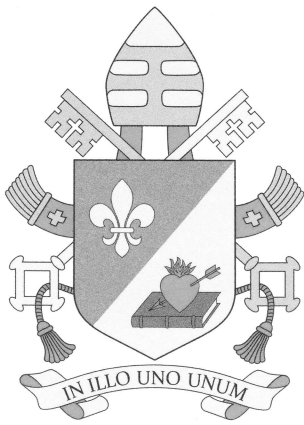
From 1988–99 he served in the Augustinian mission in Trujillo, Peru, both in various Augustinian offices: prior of the community, formation director, and instructor for professed members, and for the diocese as judicial vicar and professor of Canon Law, Patristics, and Moral Theology at the Major Seminary, all the while doing pastoral ministry for Saint Rita parish in a poor suburb of the city.

In 1999 he returned to Chicago to serve as Provincial Prior and then Prior General of the whole Augustinian Order (2001–13). He returned to Peru and in 2015 Pope Francis made him Bishop of Chiclayo. Pope Leo claimed that “The part of my ministry that most shaped my life was Peru. I was there for over 20 years total.”

In 2023 Pope Francis named him a Cardinal to head the Curia office for choosing new bishops. As Pope Leo later explained, “he called me specifically because he didn’t want someone from the Roman Curia to take on this role. He wanted a missionary. He wanted someone from outside. He wanted someone who would come in with a different perspective and assist him in a very specific ministry.”

Leo’s life experience of service to the Church both in administration as pastor, prior, provincial, Prior General, Bishop and Cardinal and in his missionary work as pastor, teacher and friend of the poor, well suits him now to face the challenges of his new role as Pope.





POPE LEO'S COAT OF ARMS

Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms reflects his desire to promote love for Jesus, veneration of Mary, and unity within the Church. It embodies both his personal faith and his Augustinian spiritual heritage.

Behind the shield appears the papal silver mitre symbolizing his papal office. It has three gold bands reminiscent of the traditional elaborate bejeweled triple tiara (crown) no longer worn by popes. It also has two fluttering red streamers fringed with gold and

adorned with gold crosses. The crossed gold and silver Petrine keys linked by a red cord symbolize his papal authority (Mt 16:19).

The shield is divided diagonally into two sections, the upper blue background recalls the heights of the heavens and displays a lily or fleur-de-lis symbolizing the Blessed Virgin Mary. The lower half has a light background displaying an image familiar to the Order of Saint Augustine: a closed book with a heart pierced by an arrow, recalling St. Augustine's personal encounter with God's Word using the phrase: "You have pierced my heart with your Word." The Latin motto, "*In Illo uno unum*" ("In the one Christ we are one"), is taken from St. Augustine's sermon on the *Exposition on Psalm 127*, explaining that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

FAST FACTS ABOUT POPE LEO

First American-Born Pope: The first pope born in the USA.

Dual Citizenship: Holds US and Peruvian citizenship due to extensive missionary work in Peru during the 1980s and 1990s.

Math Whiz: Earned a Bachelor's in mathematics from Villanova University in 1977.

White Sox (and Bears) Fan: Lifelong supporter of the Chicago White Sox, he attended Game 1 of their 2005 World Series victory.

Tennis Enthusiast: An amateur tennis player, he's expressed interest in hitting with professional players.

Multilingual: Speaks English, Spanish, Italian, French, Portuguese, German, and reads Latin.

Wordle Player: Plays *Wordle* and *Words with Friends* with his brothers.

Car Enthusiast: Loves driving long distances and fixing cars, a skill he used as a missionary in Peru.

First Augustinian Pope: First pope from the Order of Saint Augustine.

Canon Law Expert: Holds a doctorate in canon law from Rome, with a thesis on Augustinian leadership roles.

Pope Leo's Prayer

God loves us, and evil will not prevail!
All of us are in God's hands.
So, let us move forward, without fear,
together, hand in hand with God
and with one another other!
We are followers of Christ.
Christ goes before us.
The world needs his light.
Humanity needs him as the bridge
that can lead us to God and his love.
Help us, one and all, to build bridges
through dialogue and encounter,
joining together as one people,
always at peace.

Born

Robert Francis Prevost

September 14, 1955

Chicago, Illinois

Citizenship

United States

Peru (since 2015)

Vatican City (since 2023)

Education

Villanova University (BS)

Catholic Theological Union (MDiv)

Pontifical University of Saint

Thomas Aquinas (JCL, JCD)

Holy Orders

Ordination as Deacon:

September 10, 1981

Ordination as Priest:

June 19, 1982

Ordination as Bishop:

December 12, 2014

Appointed Cardinal

By Pope Francis

September 30, 2023

Cardinal deacon (2023–2025)

Cardinal bishop (2025)

Previous Posts & Titles

Prior Provincial of Our Mother
of Good Counsel (1998–2001)

Prior General of the Order of Saint
Augustine (2001–2013)

Titular Bishop of Sufar
(2014–2015)

Apostolic Administrator of Chiclayo
(2014–2015)

Bishop of Chiclayo (2015–2023)

Apostolic Administrator of Callao
(2020–2021)

Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops
(2023–2025)

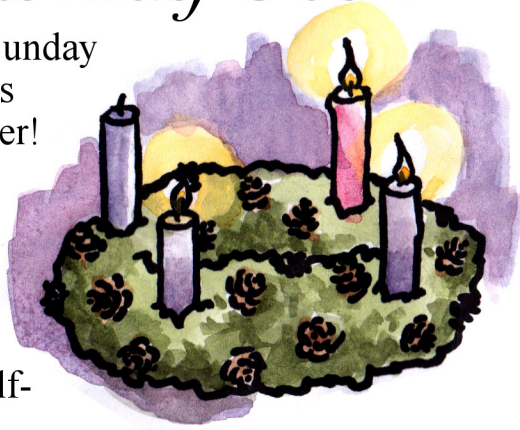
President of the Pontifical
Commission for Latin America
(2023–2025)

Cardinal Deacon of Santa Monica
(2023–2025)

Cardinal Bishop of Albano (2025)

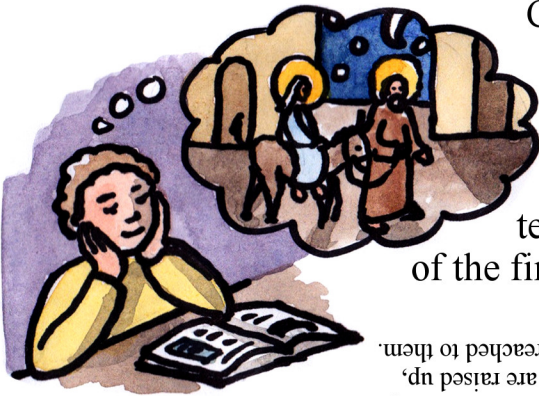
Advent is Half Over!

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. That means that half the wait is over! If you have an advent wreath, this is the week to light the pink candle. Pink is a symbol the joy we have because we're half-way to Christmas.



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the people that John the Baptist was a prophet and messenger. A prophet is someone who tells the truth. In the Old Testament the prophets told God's people the truth about God. Saint John was a prophet because he told the people that the Messiah, or saviour, was coming soon, and that they needed to repent of their sins.

Saint John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by calling people to repentance. You can help prepare for Christmas by thinking and talking about how Jesus came to earth on the first Christmas. Can you tell somebody the story of the first Christmas today?

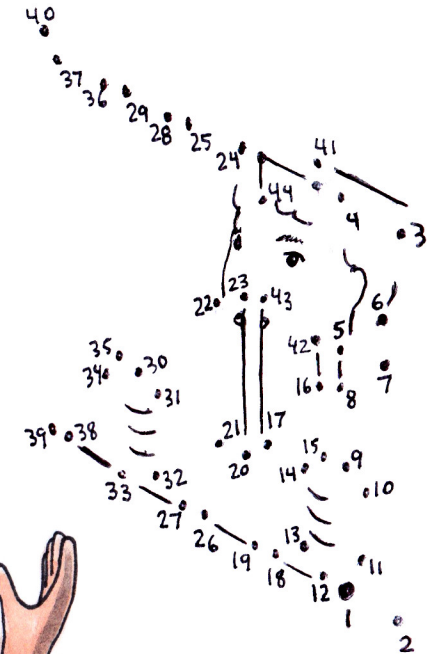


Answer to front page: St. John was in prison. Answer to match up puzzle: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent
December 14th, 2025

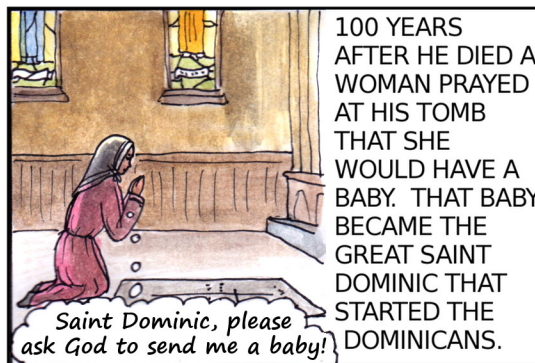
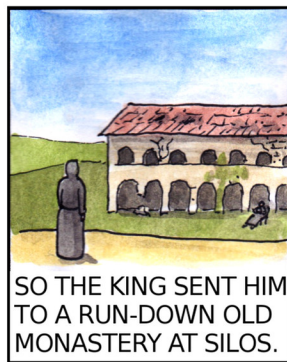
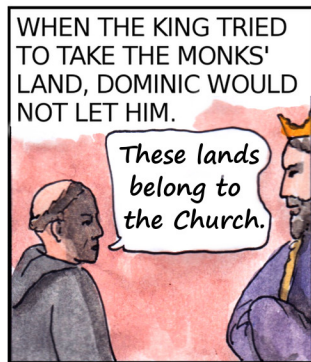
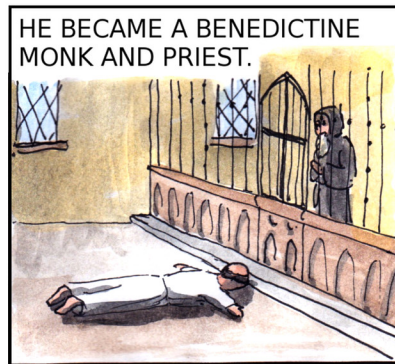
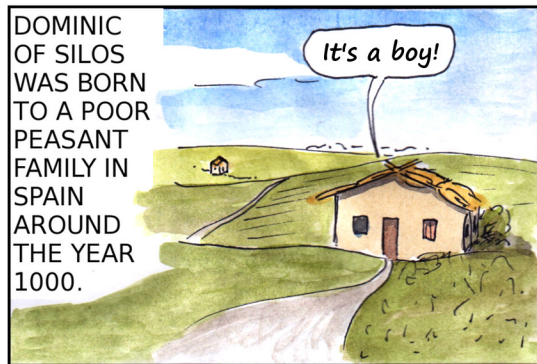


Saint John the Baptist was the messenger who prepared the world for Jesus' coming.

*Where was he in today's Gospel reading?
Connect the dots to find out!
Then you can finish colouring in the picture.*

Saint Dominic of Silos

December 20



SAINT DOMINIC SHOWED HIS LOVE FOR GOD BY PROTECTING WHAT BELONGED TO THE CHURCH. HE ALSO WORKED TO RE-BUILD WHAT HAD BEEN BEAUTIFUL BUT WAS FALLING APART. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM TO RESPECT WHAT BELONGS TO THE CHURCH AND HELP MAKE THE CHURCH BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD.

What Happens When Jesus Comes?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples to tell John the Baptist what He does.

What happens to whom?

Match up the people with what happens to them.

the blind •

• are raised up

and the lame •

• have good news preached to them

lepers •

• hear

the deaf •

• are cleansed

the dead •

• receive their sight

and the poor •

• walk

