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Monday/ Lunes—8:00 am-2:00 pm

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Wednesday/ Miercoles—8:00 am-2:00 pm

Thursday/ Jueves—8:00 am-2:00 pm

Friday/ Viernes—**Closed**

Office closed 12:00 pm—1:00 pm daily

MASS SCHEDULE | Horario de Misas

SATURDAY/ Sábado

5:00 pm—English

SUNDAY/ Domingo

8:00 am—English

10:00 am—English

12:00 pm—Spanish

DAILY MASS IN SHRINE | Misa Diaria en el Santuario

Monday to Friday / De Lunes a Viernes

8:00 am —English

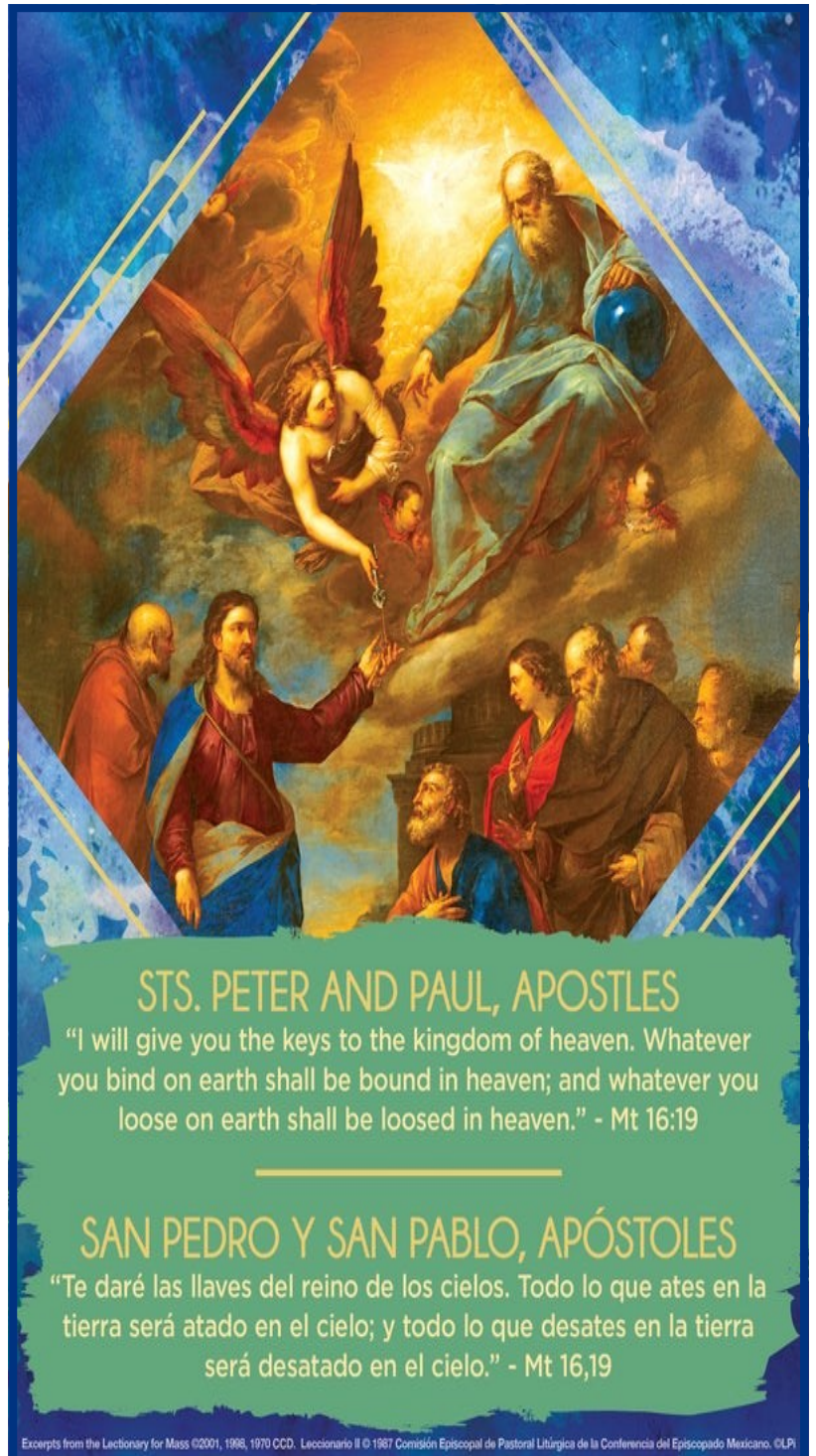
Confessions | Confesiones

Saturday | Sábado

3:30 pm—4:30 pm

In the church or by appointment

En la iglesia o por cita



Welcome to St. Rita in the Desert Catholic Church | Bienvenido a la Iglesia Católica de Santa Rita en el Desierto



MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

Saturday June 28

5:00 pm † Stan & MaryAnn Douglass
† Sue Lindley
(SI) Karen Kahle

Sunday June 29

8:00 am St. Rita
10:00 am † Stan & MaryAnn Douglass
† Hal Meisterling
12:00 pm † Francisco Vajar

Monday June 30

8:00 am † Stan & MaryAnn Douglass

Tuesday July 1

8:00 am † Stan & MaryAnn Douglass

Wednesday July 2

8:00 am First Responders

Thursday July 3

8:00 am † John Catura

Friday July 4

8:00 am (SI) Joy Elisabeth Toussaint



Readings for the Week of June 29, 2025

Sunday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Las lecturas de la semana del 29 de junio de 2025

Domingo: Hch 12, 1-11/Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/2 Tim 4, 6-8. 17-18/Mt 16, 13-19
Lunes: Gn 18, 16-33/Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 8-9. 10-11/Mt 8, 18-22
Martes: Gn 19, 15-29/Sal 25, 2-3. 9-10. 11-12/Mt 8, 23-27
Miércoles: Gn 21, 5. 8-20/Sal 33, 7-8. 10-11. 12-13/Mt 8, 28-34
Jueves: Ef 2, 19-22/Sal 116, 1. 2/Jn 20, 24-29
Viernes: Gn 23, 1-4. 19; 24, 1-8. 62-67/Sal 105, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5/Mt 9, 9-13
Sábado: Gn 27, 1-5. 15-29/Sal 134, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Mt 9, 14-17
Domingo siguiente: Is 66, 10-14/Sal 65, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7. 16. 20 (1)/Gal 6, 14-18/Lc 10, 1-12. 17-20 o 10, 1-9

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ABOUT US

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Every Friday after the 8:00am Mass for an hour; First Sunday of the month at 4:00 pm for an hour in the John XXIII.

Anointing of the Sick:

Every First Friday at the 8:00 am Mass

Baptisms:

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Confirmation:

Contact Youth Minister or OCIA coordinator

Marriage:

Marriage arrangements must be made at least 4 months in advance. Contact the parish office.

BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: People have a lot of opinions about God. But when the world asks, “Who do you say that Jesus is?” We know the answer. Will we speak up?

Some Say

At first, the Apostles try to dodge the question.

When Jesus confronts them — and make no mistake, it is a confrontation — with the question “Who do you say that I am?” they act like a man whose wife has just asked him if she looks fat in these jeans.

The evasiveness of their answer puts politicians to shame: “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

Some say.

But Jesus doesn’t let them off easy. He repeats himself. He wants an answer. “Who do you say that I am?”

They all know the answer. They all believe the answer. And they all know the answer could get them thrown in prison or killed. Only Peter is brave enough to say it: “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”

People have a lot of opinions about God. They always have. They have a lot of opinions about Jesus and the Bible, about the Catholic Church and the Pope. Some of these opinions are well-founded, well-researched. Some of them are based in ignorance. Many are born of painful misunderstandings. But they are all just that: opinions.

Some say.

We know who Jesus is. We know who the Eucharist is. We know what the truth is. Amid the chaos and the violence and the excruciating *loudness* of this fallen world and all the words it shouts into the void about God and Jesus and right and wrong, *we know*.

But will we answer?

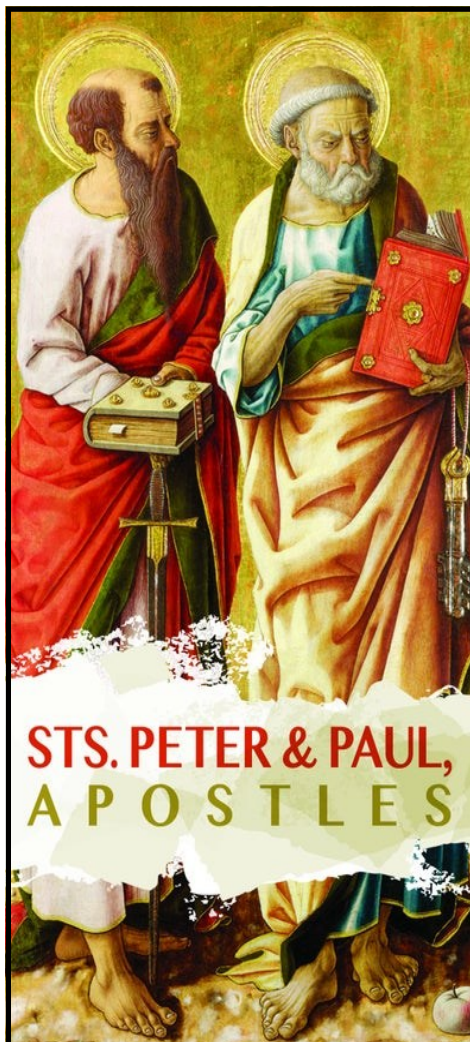
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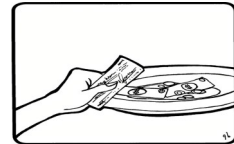
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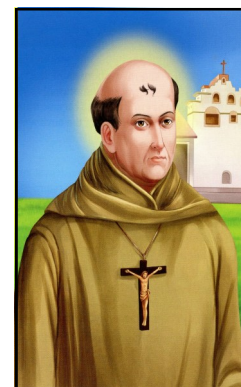
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~ St. Junipero Serra (1713-1784), Patron of California, Feast Day July 1

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Matthew 16:13-19

What do you call brothers who are born on the same day? Twins, of course. That is what we celebrate today in the inestimable saints, Peter and Paul. Wait: twins? Yes. The early Church believed that Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome on the same day. Since the day of martyrdom is celebrated as a saints' birth into eternal life, the result is striking: Peter and Paul are twins in God's family, the Church.

Who should care about this? Well, anyone who longs to live in a world marked by love and peace. Remember, the Romans believed that twins, Romulus and Remus, founded their city through an act of fratricide, the former murdering the latter. Sadly, the structures of this fallen world emerge through violence between those who should love each other. But in the Church, a new city has been founded upon this new set of twins, embodying the non-violent power of Jesus' cross and resurrection.

That's why traditional icons represent Peter and Paul in a fraternal and warm embrace. Contrasted with the violence of Rome's founders, it challenges us with a bold claim: do we believe that structures of merciful love are more powerful and lasting than those based on power, violence, and domination? Am I willing to see others in my life as my "twin," with whom I am called to give my life for Christ, or as my rival? Am I committed to living what is embodied in Romulus and Remus, or in Peter and Paul?

— Father John Muir ©LPi

SUMMER Office Hours

June 9—July 28, 2025

MON-THUR 8:00 AM—2:00 PM
FRIDAY CLOSED
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DAILY

PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES



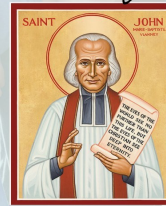
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When: July 5, 2025
Time: 12:00 pm NOON
Where: St. Rita Shrine



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ST. RITA IN THE DESERT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

...With God, all things are possible! (Matt 19:26)

June 29, 2025

"You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." (Matt 16:18)

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

A house divided will never stand. That could not be further from the truth regarding Peter and Paul. Today, the Church celebrates the solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. Both apostles had varying backgrounds and life experiences, but what Sts. Peter and Paul shared a common mission to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Some scholars throughout history have attempted to separate Peter and Paul, claiming they had two distinct gospels. However, that cannot be further from the truth.

Yes, Peter and Paul disagreed about Jewish rituals and how to bring Gentiles to know the Messiah and enter the Church. Still, ultimately, the Acts of the Apostles make it abundantly clear that Peter witnessed and confirmed the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, Peter, like Paul, was seen as the baptizer of uncircumcised Gentiles.

The core of this celebration isn't about power, prestige, or authority. Instead, our celebration points us to a profound spiritual insight into the dependency of two men on the grace and mercy of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Each man from a uniquely different background and religious experience shows us the importance of humility and self-surrender. In the end, Christ granted St. Peter authority to be, as it were, the second in command of the kingdom; St. Peter never lorded it over the Church. The question remains: who do we say Jesus Christ is for us today?

As parts of our nation seem to be falling into violence, chaos, and civil unrest, we are working to ensure the safety and security of those who come to worship with us. I am happy to report that our parish is in the process of installing security cameras throughout the campus. We are working diligently to ensure that all areas of our campus have cameras in place and operational to protect our parishioners and campus. Be assured that we are taking precautions to ensure our campus is a safe and welcoming environment for all who visit us.

Lastly, I would like to share a little about the Amazing Parish program I have decided to bring to St. Rita in the Desert. As a pastor, I seek ways to unite the parish and work towards the same mission and goals. Our parish needs some assistance in this area. Once Amazing Parish has impacted my pastoral approach, I plan to use it with the select team to lead our groups toward a shared mission and vision. A house divided is a house that falls. My team and I will collaborate on communicating this new process to the parish ministries. Please stay tuned; changes are on the way.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Alonzo M. García, Pastor



ST. RITA IN THE DESERT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

...With God, all things are possible! (Matt 19:26)

29 de junio de 2025

“Tú eres Pedro y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia, y los poderes del infierno no prevalecerán sobre ella, dice el Señor.” (Mateo 16:18)

Estimada familia parroquial:

Una casa dividida jamás podrá sostenerse. Nada podría estar más lejos de la verdad cuando se trata de Pedro y Pablo. Hoy, la Iglesia celebra la solemnidad de los santos Pedro y Pablo. Ambos apóstoles tenían orígenes y experiencias de vida muy distintas, pero compartían una misión común: predicar el evangelio de Jesucristo. A lo largo de la historia, algunos estudiosos han intentado separar a Pedro y a Pablo, afirmando que tenían dos evangelios distintos. Sin embargo, eso no puede estar más lejos de la verdad.

Es cierto que Pedro y Pablo tuvieron desacuerdos sobre los rituales judíos y sobre cómo atraer a los gentiles para que conocieran al Mesías e ingresaran a la Iglesia. Aun así, los Hechos de los Apóstoles dejan en claro que Pedro fue testigo y confirmó los dones del Espíritu Santo. Además, Pedro, al igual que Pablo, era visto como el bautizador de los gentiles no circuncidados.

El centro de esta celebración no es el poder, el prestigio ni la autoridad. Más bien, nuestra celebración nos señala una profunda verdad espiritual sobre la dependencia de estos dos hombres en la gracia y la misericordia de Nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo. Cada uno, desde un trasfondo único y con una experiencia religiosa diferente, nos muestra la importancia de la humildad y del abandono a la voluntad de Dios. Al final, Cristo concedió a San Pedro la autoridad de ser, por así decirlo, el segundo al mando del Reino; sin embargo, Pedro nunca se impuso sobre la Iglesia. La pregunta sigue siendo: ¿quién decimos nosotros que es Jesucristo hoy?

Mientras partes de nuestra nación parecen caer en la violencia, el caos y los disturbios civiles, nosotros trabajamos para garantizar la seguridad de quienes vienen a adorar con nosotros. Me complace informarles que nuestra parroquia está en proceso de instalar cámaras de seguridad en todo el campus. Estamos trabajando diligentemente para asegurarnos de que todas las áreas del campus cuenten con cámaras funcionales con el fin de proteger a nuestros feligreses y nuestras instalaciones. Tengan la certeza de que estamos tomando todas las precauciones necesarias para que nuestro campus sea un lugar seguro y acogedor para todos los que nos visitan.

Por último, quisiera compartir un poco sobre el programa *Amazing Parish* que he decidido implementar en Santa Rita en el Desierto. Como párroco, busco maneras de unir a la parroquia y trabajar hacia una misma misión y objetivos. Nuestra parroquia necesita apoyo en esta área. Una vez que *Amazing Parish* haya influido en mi enfoque pastoral, planeo aplicarlo junto a un equipo selecto para guiar a nuestros grupos hacia una misión y visión compartidas. Una casa dividida es una casa que cae. Mi equipo y yo colaboraremos para comunicar este nuevo proceso a los ministerios parroquiales. Por favor, estén atentos: vienen cambios.

Sinceramente Suyo en Cristo,

Reverendo Alonzo M. García, Pastor