

June 28, 2026



ST. RITA IN THE DESERT

Catholic Church

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WEEKEND MASS

Horario de Misas

SATURDAY | Sábado

5:00 pm—English

SUNDAY | Domingo

8:00 am—English

10:00 am—English

12:00 pm—Spanish

CONFESSION

Confesiones

SATURDAY | Sábado

3:30 pm—4:30 pm

In the church or by
appointment

En la iglesia o por cita



PARISH OFFICE

Horario de Oficina

WEEKDAY MASS

IN SHRINE

Misa Diaria en el
Santuario

MONDAY-FRIDAY |

De Lunes a Viernes

8:00 am —English

MONDAY-

WEDNESDAY | De

Lunes a Miércoles

8:30 am—4:00 pm

ADORATION

FRIDAY | Viernes

8:30 am—9:30 am

In the church or by
appointment

En la iglesia o por cita

THURSDAY | Jueves

8:00 am—2:00 pm

FRIDAY | Viernes

CLOSED

*Office closed
12pm—1pm daily*

13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." ~Matthew 10:38

"El que no toma su cruz y me sigue, no es digno de mí." ~Mateo 10:38

Reflection:

In this passage, Jesus calls us to a discipleship that requires sacrifice and a wholehearted commitment to His way of life. Taking up our cross means embracing the challenges and trials we face as opportunities to grow closer to Him. This path is not always easy, but it leads to true joy and fulfillment. Reflect on how embracing the struggles in your life can bring you closer to God's love and purpose for you.

Socratic Question:

In what ways can you take up your cross and follow Jesus with greater dedication and courage in your daily life?

Reflexión:

En este pasaje, Jesús nos llama a un discipulado que requiere sacrificio y un compromiso total con Su forma de vida. Tomar nuestra cruz significa abrazar los desafíos y pruebas que enfrentamos como oportunidades para acercarnos a Él. Este camino no siempre es fácil, pero conduce a la verdadera alegría y plenitud. Reflexiona sobre cómo el abrazar las luchas en tu vida puede acercarte al amor y propósito de Dios para ti.

Pregunta socrática:

¿De qué maneras puedes tomar tu cruz y seguir a Jesús con mayor dedicación y valentía en tu vida diaria?

Source: *Truthly App*

PARISH INFORMATION

COLLECTIONS | COLECTA

June 21, 2026



Offertory: \$7,262.85
Rectory Debt: \$2,155.00
Campus Maint: \$1,764.00

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By **10am** on the **Wednesday** before the *Sunday* you want it published.

HOMEBOUND EUCHARIST

If you have a family member or know of a parishioner in the St. Rita area in need of having the Eucharist brought to them regularly, please contact the Parish Office.

EMERGENCY ANOINTING OF THE SICK

520-543-8415

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

In accordance with Canon 948, if any faithful would like the Mass to be offered for their individual intention only, please make your request at the Parish Office.

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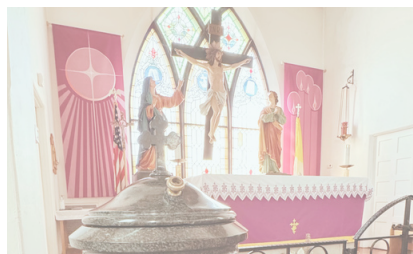
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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- Fridays following 8am Mass for 1hr
- 1st Sunday of each month at 3-4pm in the John XXIII



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Friday at 8am Mass

BAPTISMS

Visit stritainthedesert.org
[LITURGY](#) [SACRAMENTS](#) [BAPTISM](#)
and complete the *Intent to Baptize*
Form



CONFIRMATION

Contact Youth Minister or OCIA director

MARRIAGE

Marriage arrangements must be made 4 months in advance. Visit <https://www.stritainthedesert.org/marriage> for more information.

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

June 28, 2026

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Today's readings remind us that becoming faithful disciples of the Lord is a lifelong journey. It was challenging in Jesus' time, and it remains challenging today. True discipleship calls us to let go of selfishness and comfort. Through Baptism, we are united to the cross of Jesus Christ and sent to share His love with others. This week, I invite each of us to serve someone in need—through a simple act of kindness, volunteering, or helping a neighbor. When we place others before ourselves, even in small ways, we live out our call as disciples.

Being a disciple means making a lifelong commitment to love and care for one another, just as Christ loves and cares for us.

I am pleased to share that our Board of Directors has approved the 2026–2027 parish budget. This year's budget reflects our commitment to strengthening outreach ministries, maintaining our church and parish facilities, supporting youth faith formation, and expanding our service to the wider community. As always, we remain committed to being prudent stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us.

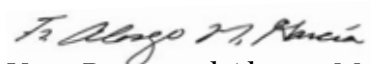
I extend my sincere gratitude to our Finance Council and Board of Directors for their faithful stewardship and dedication to the financial health of our parish. I also thank all of our generous parishioners whose faithful support makes our ministry possible. Your generosity allows us to continue serving our parish and our community each day.

I would also like to provide an update on our parish Building Committee. We are pleased to welcome our new Chairperson, Mr. Tye Lockard, whose experience in business, military service, and community outreach will be a tremendous asset to our parish. As the Vail community continues to grow, we are updating our planning documents and preparing an executive summary for Bishop Misko and his team as they consider our recommendation to remain on our current campus. One important challenge we continue to face is reducing our rectory debt as we prepare for the future.

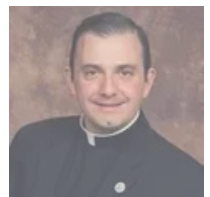
I invite every member of our parish family to support the work of the Building Committee. Whether through volunteering, sharing your professional expertise, participating in fundraising efforts, helping reduce our rectory debt, or simply keeping this project in your prayers, your involvement truly makes a difference. If you would like to learn more or become involved, please contact Mr. Tye Lockard at bldcommittee@stritainthedesert.org.

Together, with God's guidance, we will continue building a strong and vibrant parish for generations to come.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Very Reverend Alonzo M. García, Dean



OFICINA DE PASTOR

28 de junio de 2026

Ustedes son linaje escogido, sacerdocio real, nación santa; anuncien las grandezas de Aquel que los llamó de las tinieblas a su luz admirable.

Estimada familia parroquial y amigos,

Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan que llegar a ser verdaderos discípulos del Señor es un camino que dura toda la vida. Fue un desafío en tiempos de Jesús y sigue siéndolo hoy. El verdadero discipulado nos invita a dejar de lado el egoísmo y la comodidad. Por medio del Bautismo, quedamos unidos a la cruz de Jesucristo y somos enviados a compartir su amor con los demás. Esta semana los invito a servir a alguien que lo necesite, ya sea con un acto de bondad, haciendo voluntariado o ayudando a un vecino. Cuando ponemos a los demás antes que a nosotros mismos, aun en las cosas más pequeñas, vivimos nuestro llamado como discípulos.

Ser discípulo significa asumir un compromiso para toda la vida de amar y cuidar a los demás, así como Cristo nos ama y cuida de nosotros.

Me da mucho gusto compartir con nuestra familia parroquial que la Junta Directiva ha aprobado el presupuesto parroquial para el periodo 2026–2027. Este presupuesto refleja nuestro compromiso de fortalecer nuestros ministerios de servicio, dar mantenimiento a nuestra iglesia y a las instalaciones parroquiales, apoyar la formación en la fe de nuestros jóvenes y ampliar nuestro alcance a la comunidad. Como siempre, seguiremos administrando con responsabilidad los recursos que Dios ha puesto en nuestras manos.

Quiero expresar mi más sincero agradecimiento a nuestro Consejo de Finanzas y a la Junta Directiva por su dedicación y buen trabajo en el cuidado de las finanzas de nuestra parroquia. También doy gracias a todos nuestros generosos feligreses, cuyo apoyo hace posible que nuestra misión continúe. Gracias a su generosidad podemos seguir sirviendo a nuestra parroquia y a nuestra comunidad.

También quiero compartir una actualización sobre nuestro Comité de Construcción. Nos da mucho gusto dar la bienvenida a nuestro nuevo presidente, el Sr. Tye Lockard, cuya experiencia en los negocios, el servicio militar y el trabajo comunitario será de gran beneficio para nuestra parroquia. A medida que la comunidad de Vail continúa creciendo, estamos actualizando nuestros documentos de planificación y preparando un resumen ejecutivo que presentaremos al Obispo Misko y a su equipo mientras consideran nuestra recomendación de permanecer en nuestro campus actual. Uno de los principales retos que seguimos enfrentando es reducir la deuda de la casa parroquial para poder avanzar hacia el futuro.

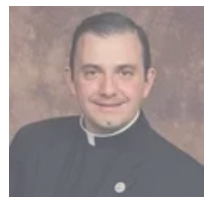
Los invito a todos a apoyar el trabajo del Comité de Construcción. Ya sea ofreciendo su tiempo, compartiendo sus conocimientos profesionales, participando en actividades para recaudar fondos, ayudando a reducir la deuda de la rectoría o simplemente manteniendo este proyecto en sus oraciones, toda ayuda hace la diferencia. Si desea participar o recibir más información, comuníquese con el Sr. Tye Lockard en bldcommittee@stritainthedesert.org.

Con la guía de Dios, seguiremos construyendo juntos una parroquia fuerte y llena de vida para las futuras generaciones.

Sinceramente en Cristo,



Muy Reverendo Alonzo M. García, Decano



WEEKLY CALENDAR, INTENTIONS, OBSERVATIONS & READINGS

MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

Saturday June 27

5:00 pm

†Louisa & Joe Moreno &
Family
SI Ajena John
SI Megan Tranrano

Sunday June 28

8:00 am

†Robert & Jack Solorzano

10:00 am

SI Stanley & Mary Zubel

12:00 pm

†Silvestre Escobedo
†Augustin & Santos
Martinez

Monday June 29

8:00 am

†Barbara Nutini

Tuesday June 30

8:00 am

†Michael James Brown

Wednesday July 1

8:00 am

SI Carolyn Brown

Thursday July 2

8:00 am

Living & Deceased of St. Rita

Friday July 3

8:00 am

†Louisa & Joe Moreno &
Family

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, June 28

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- **Saint Irenaeus of Lyon**

8:00 am - Mass (English)

10:00 am - Mass (English)

12:00 noon - Mass (Spanish)

3:00 pm - Shrine

Monday, June 29

- **Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**

8:00 am Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:00 pm Men's Group (Oscar Romero Room)

Tuesday, June 30

- **The First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church**

8:00 am Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday, July 1

- **St. Junipero Serra**
- **Aaron the High Priest (OT)**

8:00 am - Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 am Women's Scripture Study (Oscar Romero Room)

Thursday, July 2

- **St. Otto of Bamberg**

8:00 am - Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday, July 3

- **Saint Thomas, Apostle**

8:00 am - Mass

8:30 am Eucharist Adoration

Saturday, July 4

- **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (to be canonized in 2025)**

- **St. Elizabeth of Portugal**

- **St. Ulrich of Augsburg**

- **Hosea the Prophet (OT)**

5 pm - Vigil Mass (John XXIII)

source: young-catholics.com

READINGS & OBSERVANCES

FIRST READING:

"She said to her husband, 'I know that he is a holy man of God.'" (2 Kgs 4:9)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord." (Ps 89:2a)

SECOND READING:

"If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him." (Rom 6:8)

GOSPEL:

"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Mt 10:39)

Sunday, June 28

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a | Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 | Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 | Mt 10:37-42

Monday, June 29

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

Tuesday, June 30

Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12 | Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 | Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 1

Am 5:14-15, 21-24 | Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 | Mt 8:28-34

Thursday, July 2

Am 7:10-17 | Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 | Mt 9:1-8

Friday, July 3

Eph 2:19-22 | Ps 117:1bc, 2 | Jn 20:24-29

Saturday, July 4

Am 9:11-15 | Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14 | Mt 9:14-17

PARISH MINISTRIES

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Server

If your boy would like to become an Altar Server, please review the [Altar Server Manual](#) together and complete the [Altar Server Application](#) online or email: travis71durman@gmail.com

Altar Society

The St. Rita Altar Society is looking for volunteers to maintain the Altar in the Shrine and St. John XXIII. If you love to decorate or enjoy floral arrangements, we invite you to glorify the Lord by your creativity.

Eucharistic Ministry

Interested in learning more about the role of an Extraordinary Minister or would like to be part of this vital ministry, Submit your [EOMHC Sign-up](#) form online.

Lectors

Become a Lector. Submit your [Ministry Request form](#) online.

Music Ministry - Join Us!

Love sacred music? Come sing or play!

Adult choirs (18+): Tues | 6:30 pm
Youth choir (8-18): Summer Break
Spanish choir: Wed | 6:15 pm

Play piano, guitar, flute or clarinet? - welcome!

Coro español: ¡Únete! Voz, guitarra y bajo bienvenidos.

Ushers

Ushers play a pivotal role in our parish, not only aiding others but also serving as the welcoming face to newcomers. For our regular parishioners, they provide a sense of familiarity and continuity across all Masses. Submit your [Usher Sign-Up](#) form online.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Outreach Ministry

Support Meals to Grow Program, Food Bank and other critical human needs in our community. Email: outreach@stritainthedesert.org

Pastoral Council

Currently on hold, seeking someone to assist in leading it. Contact front office if interested.

Porter's of St. Joseph

Email: porters@stritainthedesert.org

Right to Life

Email: rtl@stritainthedesert.org

Family Faith Formation

www.watch.formed.org

Vocations

Contact Mr. Adam LaGuardia: Vocations@stritainthedesert.org

Welcome Committee

Interested in joining submit your [Welcoming Team request form](#) online.

Guild of St. Rita

Join us every **2nd & 4th Wed** of the month | **6pm** | Mother Teresa Rm | Email: guild@stritainthedesert.org

Sewing Angels

All are welcome to join. Meet us in the church hall every **Wednesday** from **9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Mujeres De Fe (Women of Faith)

Mujeres de Fe se reúne el segundo y cuarto jueves de cada mes, de 6 a 8 p. m., en el salón. Para mas Informacion Coordinadora: Norma Escoto patriciasct26@gmail.com

Marian Book Club

All are welcome to join. Meet us in the Oscar Romero Room every **Thursday** from **4:30 pm - 6 pm**

Women's Scripture Study

Wednesday mornings **9am**
Oscar Romero Room
All women are welcome
irenetoews@cox.net

EXTERNAL MINISTRIES



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El praesidium de St.Rita se llama "Maria Puerta del Cielo" y se reúne los Martes a las 6:00 de la tarde en el salon Oscar Romero, o puedes contactar a Sandra (520)395-7225 or email: legiondemaria@stritainthedesert.org

VISITA DE LA VIRGEN A LOS HOGARES

¿Desea recibir la visita de la Virgen Peregrina en su hogar? Complete la solicitud y deposítela en la caja ubicada en la entrada de la iglesia. Un miembro de la Legión de María se comunicará con usted.

VIRGIN'S VISIT TO HOMES

Would you like to welcome Our Blessed Mother into your home? Complete a request form and place it in the Virgin's Visit to Homes box located in the Narthex. A member of the Legion of Mary will contact you.



Rachel's VINEYARD
Healing the pain of abortion - one weekend at a time

If you are interested in getting more information and/or registering for a Retreat Weekend, please call (520) 743-6777 or visit RachelsVineyard.org



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

If you need assistance from St Vincent de Paul or want to join the ministry to help others, contact James Mahaffey at (520) 307-3411

PARISH NEWS

RECTORY DEBT PAYOFF UPDATE

As of Sunday, June 21, 2026

\$134,233

\$345,000
GOAL



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147

500
FAMILY PLEDGED/DONATED GOAL

NEED A PLACE TO GATHER?

St. Rita Hall is available for receptions, luncheons, showers, anniversaries, birthdays, funeral receptions, business meetings, and other special occasions. Seats up to **70 guests**.

For availability and scheduling, contact the Parish Office:
520-762-9688 | secretary@stritainthedesert.org

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING

Aluminum cans may be dropped off in the recycling barrels next to the St. Vincent de Paul donation shed. To ensure the program's success, please note:

- **Aluminum cans only** (no glass, paper, metal cans, or trash)
- Please place cans in **secure, tied trash bags**
- **No clothing donations**—please take clothing to the Vail Resources Thrift Store across the street

If you have cans to donate but need assistance, please ask a Knight wearing a maroon council shirt for help.

ROSARY FOR AMERICA

Pray for Our Nation

On **Saturday, July 4th** at **9:00 AM** in the **Shrine**, following First Saturday Mass, all parishioners are invited to participate in a special Rosary for America.

As we celebrate Independence Day, we will offer a Hail Mary for each of the fifty states, asking Our Lady's intercession for our families, communities, leaders, and nation.

Whether you pray the Rosary every day or are just beginning, this is a beautiful opportunity to come together in faith and place our country under Mary's loving protection.

All are welcome.



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today we hear Jesus tell us:

"Whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these least of my brethren, that you do unto me."

We have served over 140 families this year (many of them more than once). Without your support this would be impossible.

KNIGHTS BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Support **REACHOUT Women's Center** by helping us surpass last year's success!

- Pick up a bottle after Mass
- Fill with change, cash, or checks (payable to Knights of Columbus)
- Return by **October 1st** to a representative at the door.



HARVEST FESTIVAL 2026

Where Friends Gather

Every great celebration has a place where stories are shared.

A place where neighbors pull up a chair.

A place where strangers become friends.

At this year's Harvest Festival, we're creating spaces designed for exactly that.

Comfortable gathering areas.

Music in the background.

Conversations that don't feel rushed.

Because sometimes the most meaningful moments happen between the attractions.

Next week: A surprising new addition inspired by vineyards, conversation, and quiet moments.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

MATTHEW 10:37-42

In this Gospel passage, Jesus teaches us the depth of commitment required to truly follow Him. He challenges us to prioritize our relationship with Him above all else, even above familial ties or personal comfort. Taking up our cross signifies embracing both the joys and sacrifices of the Christian life. Every challenge we face is an invitation to grow in faith and love, aligning ourselves more closely with Christ's own journey. As you reflect on this passage, consider what it means to you personally to take up your cross and follow Jesus. How can you embrace your daily struggles as opportunities to deepen your faith and commitment to His path?

Socratic Reflection:

What are some practical ways you can prioritize your relationship with Jesus in the midst of everyday responsibilities and challenges?

MATEO 10:37-42

En este pasaje del Evangelio, Jesús nos enseña la profundidad del compromiso necesario para seguirle verdaderamente. Nos desafía a priorizar nuestra relación con Él por encima de todo, incluso sobre los lazos familiares o la comodidad personal. Tomar nuestra cruz significa abrazar tanto las alegrías como los sacrificios de la vida cristiana. Cada desafío que enfrentamos es una invitación a crecer en fe y amor, alineándonos más de cerca con el propio camino de Cristo. Al reflexionar sobre este pasaje, considera qué significa para ti personalmente tomar tu cruz y seguir a Jesús. ¿Cómo puedes abrazar tus luchas diarias como oportunidades para profundizar en tu fe y compromiso con Su camino?

Reflexión:

¿Cuáles son algunas formas prácticas en las que puedes priorizar tu relación con Jesús en medio de las responsabilidades y desafíos cotidianos?

DID YOU KNOW...

13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

June 28 is notable for several historical and liturgical reasons. On this day, the Church often celebrates the feast day of Saint Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyon and an early Church Father. He played a crucial role in the development of Christian theology in the second century. Saint Irenaeus is best known for his work "Against Heresies," where he defended the faith against Gnosticism and emphasized the importance of apostolic tradition.

Historical Context: Saint Irenaeus is revered for articulating the early Church's teachings on the Trinity and the Incarnation, helping to define orthodox Christianity at a time when there were many differing opinions about these fundamental beliefs. He was a disciple of Saint Polycarp, who himself was a disciple of John the Apostle, thus linking him closely to the apostolic tradition.

During the same period, June 28, 1914, marks the date of a significant historical event: the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria in Sarajevo. This event is widely considered the catalyst for the outbreak of World War I, reshaping much of the 20th century.

Liturgically, on the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year A, the Gospel readings encourage believers to embrace the challenges of discipleship, emphasizing the value of commitment and sacrifice in following Christ. These themes resonate with the life and legacy of Saint Irenaeus, who dedicated his life to preserving and teaching the truth of the faith.

Socratic Question: How can the example of early Church leaders like Saint Irenaeus inspire you to deepen your understanding and defense of the faith today?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



(Mt 10:40) Whoever receives you, receives me. And whoever receives me, receives him who sent me.

Bring Christ into your marriage and learn what the Father has in store for you by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience:

July 11-12, 2026, in Phoenix

For more info go to: wwme.org or call 520-661-3644

Early registration is highly recommended.

St. Andrew's Concert Series A Salute to America

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Join Chuck Seipp, Trumpet and Todd Fickley, Organ as they perform Patriotic songs and stirring Hymns celebrating USA250! Including an audience Sing-A-Long and a Tribute to our Veterans and Active Duty Military.

Friday, July 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM

St. Andrew the Apostle Church

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There is no charge to attend this concert, a freewill offering will be accepted. Please call 520-458-2925 for more information.



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September 11-13, 2026

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4003r@helpourmarriage.org

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4th Annual Convocation

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in Mass, Home Bound, Nursing Home, Hospital and Prison Ministry
Saturday, July 25, 2026



Keynote Speaker: REV. LEON STRIEDER SLD

Associate Professor of Liturgy and Sacraments at the University of St. Thomas School of Theology at St. Mary's Seminary, Houston, Texas. Recently published *Evangelization: Building and Rebuilding the Kingdom, Issues of Language, Culture & Conversion*. And published in the April 2021 edition of *Worship, Poor Historical Methodology in Traditionalist Liturgical Studies*. Currently Chair of the Liturgical Commission of the Diocese of Austin

How the Eucharist transforms the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in their ministry. How does the Eucharist transform the sick? How do you understand the Eucharist?



Bishop Kicanas Pastoral Center
192 S. Stone Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85701

8:30 – 9:00 am - Check in & Continental Breakfast
9:00 – Opening Prayer & Schedule for the Day
4:00 – Mass Celebrated by Rev. Leon Strieder

\$20.00 fee per person. Includes continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, drinks

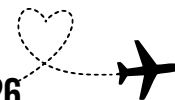
RSVP to: Patsy Klein, Coordinator, St. Jagan Ministry with Elders
patsyk@ccc-socaz.org or (520) 392-4999
Deadline to register is Friday, July 17.

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12-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND & EASTERN EUROPE

NOVEMBER 3–14, 2026



Join us as we visit **Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Krakow, Wadowice, Auschwitz, Czestochowa, and Warsaw** while deepening our faith and exploring our Catholic heritage.

All-Inclusive Cost: \$4,649

Includes airfare, hotels, taxes, daily breakfast, most dinners, motor coach transportation, tour guide, admission fees, and gratuities.

Only a few seats remain! Registration deadline: July 15.

For a brochure, itinerary, or more information, call 520-631-1408 or visit www.vineofgrace.org.

SAINT SPOTLIGHT



SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Feast Day: June 29th

Patronage:

Saint Peter is the patron saint of fishermen, netmakers, and shipbuilders, while Saint Paul is the patron saint of missions, theologians, and Gentile Christians.

Story: Saint Peter, originally named Simon, was a fisherman by trade. He was called by Jesus to be one of His first disciples and was given the name Peter, which means "rock," signifying his role as the foundational leader of the Church. Peter was impulsive and passionate, yet after Jesus' resurrection, he became a courageous leader of the early Christian community, ultimately becoming the first Pope and dying as a martyr in Rome.

Saint Paul, once known as Saul, was a Pharisee passionate about Jewish law. He initially persecuted Christians until he experienced a dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus. From then on, Paul became one of the most zealous missionaries, spreading the Gospel far and wide, particularly to the Gentiles (non-Jews). He authored numerous letters found in the New Testament and was martyred in Rome, like Peter.

Legacy: Saints Peter and Paul are pillars of the Church, each contributing uniquely to Christianity's spread and establishment. Peter's leadership and Paul's writings and missionary journeys laid the foundation for the Church's growth and theological development. Their feast day celebrates their complementary missions and their unity in martyrdom for Christ.

Reflection Question: In what ways do the stories of Peter's leadership and Paul's conversion inspire you to embrace your unique role in the mission of the Church?

KIDS CORNER



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Who Were Saints Peter and Paul?

- Peter was once a fisherman named Simon. Jesus called him to be a disciple and gave him the name "Peter," which means "rock." Jesus wanted Peter to be like a sturdy rock for the Church, helping it grow strong.
- Peter made mistakes, but he always loved Jesus. After Jesus rose from the dead, Peter became a brave leader and was chosen as the first Pope of the Church.
- Paul, known as Saul before his big change, was very strict about Jewish laws and didn't like Christians at first. But one day, on his way to Damascus, he saw Jesus in a bright light and was completely changed.
- Paul became one of Jesus' most enthusiastic followers, traveling far and wide to tell everyone about Jesus's love and teachings.

Why Are They Important? Saints Peter and Paul are important because they helped spread Christianity. Peter was a strong leader for Christians, and Paul wrote many letters that are now part of the Bible. Their hard work and love for Jesus helped grow the Church a lot!

Why Is He Important? John the Baptist is important because he prepared the way for Jesus. He helps us remember that we should always be ready to welcome Jesus into our hearts and lives.

Something Cool: Both Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome, meaning they were willing to die rather than stop spreading Jesus' message. That's how dedicated they were!

Question to Think About: Just like Peter and Paul, how can you use your gifts to help others learn about Jesus and His love?

Source: *Truthly App*

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