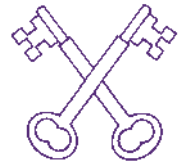




The Cathedral of Saint Peter



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MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM (Cathedral Church)

Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00 AM (Cathedral Church)

Monday through Thursday: 12:10 PM (Chapel)

Friday: 12:10 PM (Cathedral Church)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday: 11:30 AM to 12 Noon
(Cathedral Church)

Also by appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday: 11:00 AM to 12 Noon
(Cathedral Church)

BAPTISM

Please contact Administrator for arrangements.

MATRIMONY

Please contact Administrator at least one year in advance of desired date and prior to arrangements for reception.

CONFIRMATION: Please contact Office for information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please inform Office about Parishioners who need this sacrament (as early in the illness as possible).

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REGISTRATION

We welcome all new members to our parish family. To register, please call the Parish Office or enroll on our website.

Mission Statement

Founded in 1816, we are a family of believers called, like our patron Saint Peter, to be the Rock upon which Jesus built His Church in West Center City. Through reverent liturgy and sacred music, we worship the Living God. Called by the Spirit from diverse locations and cultures, we invite and welcome all people into the life of our community.

Nourished by the Eucharist, our mission is to continue to reach out to the needy, to embrace our school children and their families, to serve seniors, and to love one another in imitation of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will erect no boundaries, welcome all seekers, hold back nothing we should share, and rejoice in the differences that make us one.

Bonded by love, humility and compassion, we are like the individual pieces of stained glass that surround our sacred space and come together to be pleasing in the sight of God. We prayerfully rely on the wisdom and grace of the Holy Spirit to direct our steps in faith and to use us as witnesses of God's abiding love.



Fifth Sunday of Lent March 29, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of the Cathedral, Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception, and Saint Patrick,

As we continue to remain separated from one another and unable to gather for Mass, I offer the following excerpt from the English mystic Caryll Houselander's *This War Is the Passion*. Originally published in 1941, it was written to console Britons during the strange and trying times of the Blitz. I hope you find in her words consoling truths in this very different, yet similar, time in which we find ourselves with the coronavirus.

We need not fear that because we might not be able to be actually present at Mass, Mass is no longer being celebrated. Mass will always be celebrated, while the world lasts. It is the sacrifice foretold by the prophets, which must always be offered from sunrise to sunset, a promise to us which cannot and will not be broken.

To keep this promise of God's, his saints have given their lives over and over again, and Mass has been celebrated in many strange and secret places, beginning in the borrowed room where Christ instituted the sacrament of his body, and afterwards in the catacombs, where the early Christians were forced, as we are forced today, to tunnel under the ground for safety. Wherever the Church has been persecuted, Mass has again been offered in the borrowed rooms of friends of Christ; many an English home has been hallowed by it, and in the latter years it has been offered in more and more unlikely places. In the desert by the lonely and heroic Charles de Foucauld, in the forests of Siberia by the Russian prisoners, and—because the astonishing humility of Our Lord is not altered since he came, in a poor stable—in little tin huts and teashops and barns in this country, which still denies Christ his cathedrals.

It will continue. There will always be those who will offer Mass, and Christ will always, in his divine ingenuity and lowliness, find a place to come to for us.

This being so, we can always, though possibly from a distance, unite ourselves with the Mass that is being offered. There is never a moment when the Host is not being offered up for us, never a moment when we cannot lift ourselves up with Christ crucified.

Please be assured that Father McVoy and I are continuing to offer Mass each day for the intentions requested, praying for an end to the pandemic.

Though you may not physically be able to be present at Mass today or in the days to come, the Lord can still come to you through a spiritual communion. Saint Thomas Aquinas defined a spiritual communion as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most blessed sacrament in Communion at Mass and lovingly embracing him as if we had actually received him.” In this prayer we ask that the Lord would come to us and make his dwelling in our hearts as grace. Rest assured that he can and does respond to anyone who comes to him in love and humility. After all, didn't he say in the Sermon on the Mount concerning the power of prayer, “Ask, and you will receive.”? If you were not able to attend Mass this day or in the future, make an act of spiritual communion and know that the Lord comes to be with you.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

May God bless you all,
Father McQuaide
Rector–Pastor

Masses/Services for the Week

Saturday, Mar. 28

4:00 PM Irma Skirvin

Sunday, Mar. 29 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

8:00 AM Parishioners

11:00 AM Marianne D'Angelo

Monday, Mar. 30

12:10 PM Margaret J. Seitz

Tuesday, Mar. 31

12:10 PM Vy. Rev. Leonard R. Klein

Wednesday, Apr. 1

12:10 PM Timothy Moran

Thursday, Apr. 2 (m, Saint Francis of Paolo, Hermit)

12:10 PM Antonio Ramos

Friday, Apr. 3

12:10 PM Fr. John McVoy (L)

Saturday, Apr. 4

4:00 PM Vy. Rev. Leonard R. Klein

Sunday, Apr. 5 (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)

8:00 AM Parishioners

11:00 AM Butch Shoffner

Birthday Wishes

Prayers and warm wishes for the following parishioners who have birthdays this week: **March 29:** John O. Menton; **March 31:** Gregory Coin, Elijah Hamilton; **April 1:** Sarah Barrosse-Antle

Pray for the Sick

Darlene Bargelski, Facenda Burton, Michael Dineen, Joe Dulin, Cal Fuhrmann, Jaxon Gardner, Valencia Giannantonio, Ann Hagan, Jane Hurlock, David Kidd, Rita Lynam, Bill Marshall, Francesca Olivere, Alice Goetz O'Neill, Teresa Rodriguez, Earlene Roles, Howard Scott and Cheryl Smith.

Word of Life

“There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (*The Gospel of Life* 86).

NOTICE

All Parish events are cancelled until further notice

- **Subscribe to our YouTube Channel**—PLEASE subscribe to our YouTube channel; this is where all my Masses will be posted. The more subscribers we have, the more options open up in posting. Please help us to do this: Search for *Downtown Catholic* on YouTube. To subscribe, click the red subscribe button at the top-right of the page. This may require you to sign-into or create a YouTube account. Once subscribed, click the bell icon to receive notifications. This means that you will be alerted every time a new video is posted.
- I will “go live” for each Mass I celebrate. I am alternating between ordinary and extraordinary forms. On the days I celebrate a Latin Mass, I will try to line up another priest to say Mass in English; this, too, will be posted on the channel.
- I will also try to livestream other spiritual opportunities (Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, Stations of the Cross) throughout the week, probably in the afternoon.
- **Flock Note**—I am very excited about this opportunity. This free communication system will allow me to communicate with all parishioners from one platform. In time, with some more setup, we will be able to create sub-groups by church, by particular ministry, by interest group, etc.
- Please visit DowntownCatholic.FlockNote.com to be added to this communication. This will be how I send out future letters and shorter messages. You are able to receive these as emails or as texts. We have been using this at the diocesan level to communicate with the priests and parishes for the past several months, and it has worked out so well. I am looking forward to being able to use it in our churches, too!



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