



***Sts. Peter and Paul Chapel***

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***MASS SCHEDULE***

***All In-Person Services at 2:00 PM unless otherwise noted.***

October 1, 2023: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
***Quarterly Healing Service at this Mass***

October 8, 2023: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2023: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
***No Mass this Sunday due to Synod***

October 29, 2023: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

## Scripture Reflections – Cycle A

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div., Pastor

**October 1, 2023 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Jesus' parable illustrates the selection from Ezekiel: the obedient son is the one who wins the father's favor. In the second reading, St. Paul encourages the obedient attitude that Jesus himself manifested. What does the Lord expect of us? Are we striving to obey him wholeheartedly, using our gifts in His service? (Ezekiel 18:25-28, Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 21:28-32)

**October 8, 2023 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** What a contrast between today's readings! We see violence in conflict with peace, rebellion at odds with gratitude. Do similar struggles take place within us? Lord, help us to overcome our negative tendencies and follow the way of gentleness, gratitude and peace. (Isaiah 5:1-7, Philippians 4:6-9, Matthew 21:33-43)

**October 15, 2023 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** God's kingdom is presented as a great banquet in today's selections from Isaiah and St. Matthew, who remind us to wear the wedding garment of a worthy life. St. Paul assures us that the Lord will supply whatever we need. Do we pray for his help? (Isaiah 25:6-10a, Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20, Matthew 22:1-14)

**October 22, 2023 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Jesus urges his interrogators in today's Gospel to give to God what belongs to him. The prophet Isaiah tells of the Persian King Cyrus, who will allow the Israelites to again worship God in their homeland and St. Paul praises the Thessalonians for directing their faith, hope and love to the Lord. Do we give God everything we should? (Isaiah 45:1,4-6, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b, Matthew 22:15-21)

**October 29, 2023 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** We're reminded today that following the Lord requires more than devotion. Today's Gospel and Old Testament selection call for love of neighbor. Meanwhile, St. Paul praises the Thessalonians for remaining steadfast in the face of persecution. Lord Jesus, enlighten us! How can we better live our faith? (Ezekiel 22:20-26, 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10, Matthew 22:34-40)

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## The Gospel of Luke

**EVERY THIRD** year most of the Gospels at the Sunday Eucharist come from Luke. In Ordinary Time, we hear many passages about Jesus' ministry in sequence. During Advent, Christmas, and Lent we hear sections that accent the themes of those seasons.

Luke excelled in quantity and quality. As the writer also of Acts of the Apostles, he composed nearly a third of the New Testament. The most eloquent of all the evangelists, Luke includes in his Gospel the beautifully crafted stories of the Annunciation to Mary, the Good Samaritan, and the Prodigal Son. Without his work, we would have no knowledge of those stories.

The author's identity is a mystery. The original work probably dates to AD 80–85. But the Gospel itself never identifies the name of its author and the earliest editions assigned no author's name to the Gospel's title. Paul's Letter to Philemon lists someone named Luke among his coworkers (24). At the end of the second century, Irenaeus of Lyon reported that Luke, the companion of Paul, wrote the third Gospel, and it has been called "Luke" ever since. Nevertheless, it cannot be proved that Paul's companion is also the author of this Gospel.

Legends have grown up about Luke. The Letter to the Colossians calls him a beloved physician (4:14), causing a tradition that the evangelist was also a doctor. In the Middle Ages, physicians and painters belonged to the same guild so stories formed that Luke had also created works of art.

Luke's Gospel stresses several important themes: God's necessary plan for salvation, prayer in the life of Jesus, the role of the Holy Spirit, and the dignity of the poor. Among the evangelists, Luke is symbolized as an ox, a sacrificial animal that foreshadows the sacrifice of Christ.

## From the Pastor's Desk

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

**Congratulations and Best Wishes to our parishioners who have special reason to celebrate this month:**

### **Birthdays:**

Becky Kaley:	10/1
+Fr. Carl Swaringim:	10/28

### **Anniversaries:**

+Fr. Bob Catlett:	10/23 (7 years – Episcopal Consecration)
Fr. Bill LaGrand:	10/23 (20 years - Ordination to Priesthood)

**Masses on Facebook Live!** Just a reminder...we are now able to livestream our Sunday masses on our Chapel Facebook page. If you are unable to attend in person, join us virtually...we would love to “see” you! You do **not** have to have a Facebook account to join us. Just go to our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ssppECCUSA](http://www.facebook.com/ssppECCUSA) at 2:00 PM on Sunday afternoons.

**Synod 2023:** We will be hosting our Annual Church Synod at Mercy Center in Frontenac the weekend of October 20-22, 2023. We will celebrate our Sunday liturgy at Mercy Center on Sunday, October 22, at 10:15 AM. There will be no liturgy at 2 PM at church.

**Bulletin Inserts (page 3):** We continue “getting to know the church, its practices and other pressing issues” with *Bulletin Inserts for the Liturgical Life of the Parish*. The short bulletin inserts provided in this resource cover a variety of liturgy-related topics that aim to assist the parish in the liturgical formation of the assembly. The author, Fr. Paul Turner, provides short catechesis on a wide variety of topics to help the reader gain a better understanding of the “what, how, and why” of the liturgy. Each insert is designed to help the reader engage the liturgy and manifest it in their lives. Fr. Paul Turner is pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, Missouri, and director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Diocese of Kansas City–St. Joseph. He holds a doctorate in sacred theology from Sant’Anselmo in Rome. This month, we learn about the Gospel of St. Luke.