



Sts. Peter and Paul Chapel

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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

All Mass Times are 2:00 PM, unless otherwise noted

June 2, 2024: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 9, 2024: 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention: Ann Turley

June 16, 2024: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention: Fathers of the Parish

June 23, 2024: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 2024: 13th 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

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

June 2, 2024 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi): Today's readings show the sealing of the first covenant and the Christian covenant by blood – a symbol of life – which binds God and his people together. Thus, today's liturgy reminds us that we belong to God. Can we better show this in our daily lives? (Exodus 24:3-8, Hebrews 9:11-15, Mark 14:12-16, 22-26)

June 9, 2024 – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Striking at the serpent's head with his heel, Jesus – the Stronger One of the Gospel – will win the ultimate victory over Satan. Just so, the Lord can strengthen us in our afflictions, so that in the spirit of St. Paul, we can overcome discouragement and strive toward the eternal goal. (Genesis 3:9-15, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35)

June 16, 2024 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The readings today remind us of the partnership to which God calls us. The first and third readings show the Lord raising up abundant life from insignificant beginnings. But in the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that, while the Lord does his part, we have to do ours: *one will receive a recompense for what one has done personally*. We must balance trust in God with personal effort. (Ezekiel 17:22-24, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, Mark 4:26-34)

June 23, 2024 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Lord, whom this Sunday's first and third readings portray confining and calming the power of the sea, chose to lay down his life for everyone. St. Paul emphasizes: "He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him." How, Lord? Please teach us how to do this! (Job 38:1, 8-11, 2 Corinthians 5:14-17, Mark 4:35-41)

June 30, 2024 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Today's readings celebrate life. Jesus raises a child from the dead and also cures a woman's chronic affliction. This reminds us how important *quality* of life is. St. Paul shows concern for quality of life as he takes up a collection for the poor. (Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24, 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15, Mark 5:21-43)



The Gospel of Mark

MARK IS the Gospel featured at Mass in Year B of the three-year cycle of Sunday readings. Notable exceptions occur during Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and across five weeks in summer, when we hear the Bread of Life discourse from John. Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels.

Mark was probably the first Gospel written. Parts of it appear in both Matthew and Luke, who also used other materials that do not appear in Mark. Because Mark included Jesus' saying about the destruction of the Temple, a prediction fulfilled in the year 70, the date of composition is thought to be around then.

This Gospel never identifies its own author. An early tradition gave him the name Mark, a companion of Peter in Rome. Although the work may have been written in Rome by someone who heard the stories of Jesus (already being circulated), the name of its author is uncertain. The Gospel author writes with a sense of urgency. The audience who first received the book was probably a community of gentile Christians, which would account for the author's frequent explanation of Jewish customs and Aramaic words.

Mark's main point is to proclaim that Jesus is the Son of God. We hear the proclamation in the opening verse and again near the end, from the centurion at the Cross. In the middle of the Gospel stands Peter's declaration that Jesus is the Messiah.

In the second half of the Gospel, Jesus predicts his passion, death, and Resurrection three times. The earliest version of Mark ended with the news of the Resurrection, but without stories of Jesus' appearances. Accounts of those events were later appended to Mark's conclusion. Mark does not relate the story of Jesus' birth. Mark is frequently symbolized as a lion, calling to mind the desert scene that opens his story.

From the Pastor's Desk

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

Thank You! Thank you to +Fr. Carl for filling in for me while I was out of town for training last month!

Happy Father's Day! The parish extends its best wishes to all fathers in the parish who will celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 16, 2024. A special blessing will be given to all fathers present at mass.

Birthdays: June 11 – Matthew Jacobi
June 17 – +Fr. Bob Catlett
June 23 – Marie Harbers

Anniversaries: None in June!

Bulletin Insert (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 the Pontifical University of Sant’Anselmo in Rome. ***This month, we learn about the Gospel of Mark which is used during this Cycle (B) of the Liturgical Year.***

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