

July Birthdays

July 01: Fareda Yacoub
July 03: Beth Jarrett
July 05: Richard Sprinkle
July 17: Alex Valasco
July 18: Thomas Metzinger
July 19: Avery Heady
July 20: Killian Brown
July 20: Kari Hampton
July 23: Diane Bradish
July 27: Fr. Jim Gallagher
July 27: Maureen Smith
July 30: Reed Johnson
July 30: Helen Dennany

July Anniversaries

July 10: Beau & Emily Ellrich
July 12: Sid & Wendy Smith
July 14: Chuck and Ronnie Haney *
July 15: Joe & Linda Gardner
July 15: Ed & Cherie Shallock
July 27: Ben & Lynn Goss
July 29: Fred & Bonnie Toth
July 31: Andrew & Victoria Blum

*We honor the memory of the many years of love they shared together.

Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com.

Dylan Anderson
Sid Barr
Robert Berry
Patricia Bonnewitz
Gloria Bowden
Kellsei Boyce
Millie Budney
Sandra Burke
Julie Byron
Deacon John Carey
Riordan Cavoris
Justin Curtis
Alessia Destefano
Carol Donato
Islea Duncan
Patricia Elder
John Evans

Jack Fisher
Linda Gardner
Elizabeth Gillam
Lynn Goss
Mary Graf
Kathleen Hamilton
Jeanne Harper
James Heady
Pablo Ignacio
Patrick Ignacio
Meja Irvin
Leslie Jarrett
Paul Lent
Patel Mahendra
Carolyn Martin
Kimberly Martin
Willard Mock

Greg Moore
Beverly Moyer
Chris Moyer
Ray Moyer
Don Notestein
Patsy Notestein
Angel Ortiz
George Perry
Gary Peters
Laurie Peters
Frank Powell
Nelson Sanchez
Princess Sanchez
John Seaquist
Ray Servis
Jane Sliwinski
Margaret Smith

Chere Tew
Jim Tew
Fred Toth
Amy Tracy
Emilia Walker
Charles Watson
Danielle Weedon
Laura Williams
Louise Williams
Michael Williams
Travis Williams
Betty Jo Wolfrum

The Financial Corner

Collections June 30: \$682
Attendees June 30: 79

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July 6, 2025
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Holy Eucharist

Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesdays at 6 PM

Thursday 12:15 PM

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A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

How would you like one of these guys to be in charge of the parish sometime down the road?

The first guy wants to be a leader. He wants it bad, but he is known to have “hoof and mouth” disease. That is, he speaks before he thinks. He acts before he thinks things through. One time he saw his friend on the shore and got excited. He jumped out of the boat and he thought he could outswim the boat with 10 men rowing it to get to the shore. When the police came to arrest somebody, he cuts off the ear of the servant. (As they say in *Monty Python*: “a mere flesh wound.”) He doesn’t know himself. He swears that he will never deny or abandon his best buddy, but he makes the Cowardly Lion from the *Wizard of Oz* look like Mel Gibson from *Brave Heart* as he denies the friend in the face of danger.

But, let us try another guy. This guy belongs to a right wing evangelical group. He persecutes Christians and is obsessive compulsive about following doctrine. Rumor has it that he helped his friends kill a guy named Stephen - a man of vision. He is cursed by some sin all through his life. He refers to it as a thorn in his side. Most of the time he is thought of as a misogynistic towards women even St. Phoebe says it is not true.

Yes, they are Peter and Paul. Peter would find courage and even die for that man he abandoned. Peter would debate Paul and dare to dialogue about Gentiles joining the Christian community. Paul would loosen up. Paul would find ways to invite the Gentiles. Paul would befriend Priscilla and Aquilla - two women - and allow them to finance the early community. Then as we know, thanks to Diane Bradish, he would send Phoebe to bring the gospel to the Romans and she would be looked upon as one of the early deacons to the church. Paul would use sports metaphors in his letters and like Howard Cosell, he had a firm grasp of the obvious.

So, as we celebrated the two great Saints of our church, Peter and Paul, we should give glory to God. Because it is the Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit who took two losers and made them authorities and inspiration during the tough times of Roman Persecution and competition with other faiths.

There are many ways the Lord has done that with His Holy Baptized lay people at St. Victoria and Our Lady of Peace over the years. Look with your eyes. Look with your hearts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLIDAY LAKE OUTING: JULY 17, 2025

Keep the tradition alive! For 15 years we have had a wonderful outing at Holiday Lake. This year, it is Thursday, July 17, from 9 am to 4 pm. We have again reserved Shelter #2 which faces the water. Mass will be celebrated at 11 am followed by food, fun and swimming. The church will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls and drinks. You bring deserts and salads. There is a sign-up sheet in the commons.

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Our Justice & Peace Team will host a Grief Workshop on Saturday, July 12, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. All are welcome. For more information, please email Eileen Brennen (abbasgirl24522@yahoo.com)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE

VBS will take place this year July 22-25. Our theme this year is “Fiesta - Where Kids Get Fired Up About Jesus.” Registration Forms are available in the commons. All Religious Education parents/guardians have been emailed a copy as well. We are asking for forms to be returned by Sunday, July 13. Both the poster and the registration form are also available on the parish website on the Religious Education page. VIVA!!!

We need your help. Do you have any “fiesta” themed decorations you are willing to loan to us? Please see Helen or Alice. Gracias!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our next big event is planned for July 31. We are hosting a birthday party for a famous character, Harry Potter! If you are planning to attend, please sign up. More details (especially about gifts) will be forthcoming in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!