



Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

June 29, 2025

The angel of the Lord will rescue
those who fear him.

-- Psalm 34



Daily Mass

Week of June 30th – July 4th

Monday: 8:00 Diane Ongsted+
Tuesday: 8:00 Intentions: Mickie Van Deusen
Wednesday: 8:00 Intentions: Michael Van Deusen
Thursday: 8:00 Lenore McCracken+
Friday: 8:00 Elizabeth Meagher+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Sarah Wren, Marian Flandick, James Breen, Janet Laurent, Mike Abell, Michael Carter, Anil Siu, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collections

June 15, 2025	\$8,723.00
June 22, 2025	\$9,469.77
Holy Father/Peter's Pence	\$1,027.00



Baptisms

The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptism of:

Owen Michael Collins, son of Julia Moradian and William Collins.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

Please Note!



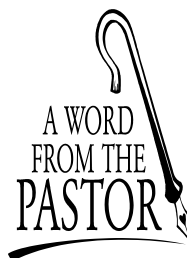
The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 4th. Have a safe and fun Fourth of July!

Free Government!



No free government, or the blessings of liberty, can be preserved to any people but by a firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, frugality, and virtue, and by a frequent recurrence to fundamental principles.

-- Patrick Henry



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The holy and brilliant Dominican, St. Thomas Aquinas, wrote, "*Grace builds on nature.*" He taught that the grace of God does not supersede who we are as God's unique creations. Rather, the grace of God enhances our individual qualities so that we become our better selves and better disciples of our Lord.

Saints Peter and Paul, whose feast day we are celebrating this weekend, are dramatic examples of this truth.

The Gospels, Acts of the Apostles and Letters of Saint Paul give us a pretty good sense of the personalities and characters of these two pillars of Christianity. They were so instrumental in the development of the nascent Church established by Jesus Christ that they have the rare honor of having their feast day celebrated on a Sunday.

Saint Peter's personality could be best described as impulsive, indecisive and at times cowardly. We all recall his denial of Jesus in the early morning hours of Good Friday. But his saving grace was his humility. The Gospel of Matthew described the scene of Peter impulsively getting out of his boat and walking on the water toward Jesus; but he became afraid and as he began to sink he cried out, *Lord, save me!* When push came to shove, Peter had enough faith in Jesus to place his trust in him. In the Gospel of John (6:68-69), a despondent Jesus asked the apostles if they too were going to abandon him and Peter responded: "*Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.*" Peter probably didn't know exactly what he was professing, but he was humble enough to let God's grace work in and through him.

In contrast, Saint Paul was fearless, decisive and self-confident to the point of arrogant. In his First Letter to the Corinthians (15:9), Paul describes himself as the least of the apostles and unworthy to be called an apostle, but he concludes the passage by stating: "*But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace in me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them...*" I firmly believe that it was the exceptional confidence that Saint Paul had in the Lord and in himself that inspired him to travel over 10,000 miles preaching the Good News to the Gentiles.

This weekend as we celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, let us reflect on our lives and how God's grace can enhance our nature.

Love, Fr. Leo

Summer Food Drive!

The Corpus Christi Summer Food Drive has begun. Our support of the Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB) is more important than ever. One in four residents in our community is experiencing or is at-risk of hunger. The Living Our Faith Ministry has set an ambitious goal of raising \$15,000 for ACCFB by mid-August. We have already raised nearly \$5,000 in our previous food drives this year, so we're one-third of the way toward reaching this goal! The Summer Food Drive started on June 1st and will continue until August 3rd. You may participate using any one (or more) of the following three methods:

* Donate online at: donate.accfb.org/vfd/Alameda-County. Enter Group #6434475 in the Search field to be directed to the Corpus Christi Fundraiser page for ACCFB.

* Donate non-perishable food items and place them in the 2 large food barrels in the Gibson Center or in the designated baskets in the Church.

The Living Our Faith Ministry and the Corpus Christi Family appreciate your generous response to this tremendous need in our community!

**Readings For The Week****June 30th -- July 5th**

Monday: First Reading Genesis 18:16-33;
Psalm 103;
Gospel Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday: First Reading Genesis 19:15-29;
Psalm 26;
Gospel Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday: First Reading Genesis 21:5, 8-20a;
Psalm 34;
Gospel Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday: First Reading Ephesians 2:19-22;
Psalm 117;
Gospel John 20:24-29

Friday: First Reading Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67;
Psalm 106;
Gospel Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday: First Reading Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29;
Psalm 135;
Gospel Matthew 9:14-17

Confirmation Photos!

The photo's for this year's Confirmation are available online. The website is: <https://www.dennism-pic.com/Parish/Confirmation/Confirmation-2025>. Alternatively, just go to the website: dennism-pics.com, click on the "Parish" folder. Inside, there is a "Confirmation" folder. Click on this folder and you will find the "Confirmation 2025" gallery. In either case, you will need to provide the password which is: frleo (all lower case, no spaces). In the gallery, you can download any photo for free by clicking on the down arrow in the lower right corner of the selected photo. Only click on the "Buy" button if you wish to purchase a print of other item with your photo on it.

Note: Within the dennism-pics.com website are other galleries with many photos of Corpus Christi Parish events including the Annual Crab Feed. All Corpus Christi related photos are free to download.

Today's Readings

First Reading -- The angel said to him, "Put on your belt and your sandals" (Acts 12:1-11).

Psalms -- The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him (Psalm 34).

Second Reading -- The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

Gospel -- I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven (Matthew 16:13-19).

Independence Day Prayer!

God, source of all freedom,
this day is bright with the memory
of those who declared that life
and liberty are your gift to every human being.

Help us to continue a good work begun long ago.
Make our vision clear and our will strong;
that only in human solidarity will we find liberty,
and justice only in the honor that belongs
to every life on earth.

Turn our hearts toward the family of nations:
to understand the ways of others,
to offer friendship,
and to find safety only in the common good of all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Happiness!

Since happiness is nothing else but the enjoyment of the Supreme good, and the Supreme good is above us, no one can be happy who does not rise above oneself.

-- St. Bonaventure