



Roots and Wings

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

“There are two things we should give our children: one is roots and the other is wings.” So goes the adage. It is in

knowing our roots that we know who we are. It is with wings that we then shape the future—a future sprouting from those roots but also blossoming into something new. If there were only the roots, we would never know life’s richness. Without wings, never would we come to beauty.

The solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul honors both of these dynamics in the Church. It was Peter who was the Rock, who was able to recognize God’s presence made flesh among us, who would say to Jesus, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16).

It was Paul who pushed the envelope, who proclaimed that God’s saving love was for Jews and Gentiles—both members of the household of God—without distinction. It was Paul who argued that circumcision was not necessary for a believer. It was Paul who recognized that the Law was indeed a blessing, yet also that obeying the Law does not save us—it is the love of Christ Jesus that saves us.

Many are rooted through faith in Christ Jesus. Some live out that faith as Catholics, others as Lutherans or Methodists, still others as Orthodox or Anglicans. All of us rooted in Christ, all of us living out faith, each blossoming in our own fruitfulness as guided by the Spirit, for the purpose of tradition is to pass on the flame and not to preserve the ashes. ●

Reflect

Am I more comfortable with roots or wings?

Am I more like St. Peter or St. Paul, and why?



[Jesus said,] “You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”

MATTHEW 16:18

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Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday- 8am -11:30 am; 12:30 pm- 4:30 pm
 Closed on Holy Days of Obligation
 If an emergency occurs requiring the sacramental ministry of a priest,
 please contact the parish office Monday – Friday. After hours or on week-
 ends, please contact Jennifer Nichols, 926-5251.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered Saturday 11 am-12 noon, Tues-
 day & Thursday 5-5:45 PM or most any reasonable time by request, (your
 identity need not be known). Come receive our Risen Lord's forgiveness
 & healing.

Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction & a desire on
 the part of the candidate/ parent to practice the faith. *Expectant parents*
please ask for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call
 the Church Office to schedule instructions & the service.

Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment of life & love, &
 involves much serious deliberation, prayer & planning. Engaged couples
 should contact the pastor at least SIX Months before setting a date.

Sacrament of the Sick is always encouraged for those who are seriously
 ill, elderly, or facing surgery. The Sacrament of Healing is available upon
 request. Family & friends are invited to attend & thus show their support,
 love, friendship, & Christian concern

Bulletin announcement deadline is Wednesday, at noon



The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and
 young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics,
 Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas
 Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for
 Canonical Affairs, Deacon Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For
 pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the
 Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottsponer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little
 Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

Mass Schedule

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Saturday, June 28

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass
 Int: Parishioners
 6:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Henry Dust, d
 The Saturday Choir,
 thankful for all you do.

Sunday, June 29

8:00 AM St John Mass
 Int: Paul & Jeff Leister, d
 Edgar Throesch, d
 10:30 AM St Paul Mass
 Int: Parishioners

Monday, June 30

No Mass

Tuesday, July 1

6:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Lucille Marconi, d
 Emma, Floyd & Jim Blount, d

Wednesday, July 2

12:00 PM St Paul
 Int: Dennis Holt, d

Thursday, July 3

12:00 PM St John Mass
 Int: Wilma Wren, d,
 Deceased members of the
 Benny & Anna Thielemier
 Family
 6:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Martha Keifer Decker, d
 Earl E. Decker, d

Friday, July 4

12:00 PM St Paul no Mass

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 5

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass
 Int: Parishioners
 6:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Henry Dust, d
 Chelsea Martin, healing

Sunday, July 6

8:00 AM St John Mass
 Int: Roumilda Hurn, d,
 Living & deceased members
 of the Frank & Josephine
 Thielemier Family

Sacristan Schedule

June 28- Joan Gross, June 29- Jennifer & Matt Hibbard
 July 5- Susan Meier, July 6-Kim & Scott Hills
 July 12- Nick DeClerk, July 13- Jeff Evers
 July 19- Alex Baltz, July 20- Scott & Abby Tyler

Financial Report	
June 22 2025	\$7,855.00
2025 year to date	\$214,432.00
Children's Collection	\$203.00
St Joseph, May	\$3,552.00
DOLR	
Food Bank, May	\$1,169.00

Church Cleaning Committee--Scheduled to clean the Church July
 5 are Susie Roberts, Donna Lowe, Bridgette Tedder, Jeanette
 Thielemier, and Lisa Erwin. To volunteer to join a group and
 help maintain our church, call the office or ask someone to join
 their group.



**BECAUSE VIBRANT
 CHURCHES MATTER**

Online Giving with We Share
 Follow the link on the Church website to sign up.





We have Jesus—our true north!
 Give kids a rock-solid foundation
 and point them to Jesus, their unmov-
 able, unshakable friend forever!
Save the Date - VBS July 28 -31
Sign up at -<https://forms.gle/iGohZSTqueEbrQTf7>

**First Saturday devotions to
 Our Blessed Mother** is scheduled on
 July 5 Holy Hour will begin at 11
 o'clock, coinciding with confessions.

Adult and Youth Volunteers are needed to
 assist with Vacation Bible School
 Contact Jill Neely 501-658-6818
 Or Monica Loyd 870-892-3319 or
 870-378-2311 or scan the QR code



Eucharistic Ministers/ Altar Servers Schedule

6:00 PM Saturday, June 28

Host Ministers: Tom & Chris Baltz
 Cups: Joan Gross & Trish Thielemier
 Cups: Rose Hutsell & Paige Radcliff
 Altar Servers: Maggie & Jake Baltz, Blakely Jansen

10:30 Sunday, June 29

Host Ministers: Matt & Jennifer Hibbard
 Cups: Claire Garoutte & Monica Loyd
 Cups: Michelle Olvey & Brin Presley
 Altar Servers: Cash Cox, Keegan Jansen, Leo Clark

6:00 PM Saturday, July 5

Host Ministers: Susan Meier & Mitch Baltz
 Cups: Linda Davenport &
 Cups: Paul & Christie Yemma
 Altar Servers: Maggie Baltz, Jake Baltz, & Raycen Cato

10:30 AM Sunday, July 6

Host Ministers: Scott & Kim Hills
 Cups: jill Neely & Michelle Olvey
 Cups: Brin Presley & Claire Garoutte
 Altar Servers: Hayden Moore, Zoey Hibbard & Aven Thielemier

Join us as we congratulate our parish secretary, Jennifer Nichols, on her retirement. A reception will be held in the life center following Mass on Sunday, June 29th.

Thank You

We would like to thank Father Elser, all the music ministers, those who assisted and came to our mother's funeral services, those who sent their condolences. We were very blessed. Thanks to all the extraordinary Eucharistic ministers who brought mom communion over the years to her home and at RCNH. A very special thanks to the Good Neighbor Committee.

May God Bless all of you.
 The Family of Frances Baltz

St. Paul Secretary Position

Our parish is seeking a dedicated individual to provide secretarial and administrative support to the pastor, manage financial records, prepare the weekly bulletin, and maintain sacramental records. The role includes bookkeeping, coordinating the parish calendar, and assisting with parish communications (bulletin, website, Facebook, parish app). If interested, please contact Fr. Stephen Elser at (501) 420-4531 or frstephenelser@gmail.com

All volunteers for Vacation Bible School must complete the Safe Environment training on line with CMG Connect for the Diocese of Little Rock. If you have never completed Safe Environment training or taken training on CMG Connect for the Diocese of Little Rock, please complete the steps under the *Register for a New Account* area to set up an account. You will be asked to complete all required fields.

**Volunteers for Vacation Bible School- go to
 CMG Connect and follow the prompts.
 It only takes a few minutes.**



The Feast of St Paul, June 29th

The feast of St. Paul the Apostle is celebrated on June 29th every year. It is a liturgical feast in honor of the martyrdom in Rome of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

Please pray for Bishop Anthony Taylor, James Farris, Kelly McCandless, Danny DeClerk, Nick Lehman, David Bassford, Debbie Junkersfeld, Jan Richardson, Albert Baltz, Tommy O'Donnell, Susan Ullrich, Bill Prichard, Stephanie Garner, Judy Reed, River Bridgeforth, Dennis Blount, Les McPherson, Ella Scobey, Bridgette Kasinger, Gary Baltz, Trisha Thielemier, Jacqueline Weick, Jessica Pfeffer, Mary Broadway, Alta Grimes, Jake Kasinger, Albert Frank- enberger, Karin Conradson, Gail Pinion, Josh Nichols, Jo Ann Manis, Pam Flanigan, Becky Catron, Tanya Flanigan Smith, Luke Steimel, Donna Baltz, Vivian Blackshear, Christina Smith, Ruth Mullencupp, Dorothy Hoelscher, Mike Cook, David Weick, Tim Junkersfeld, Arkie DeClerk, Sheila Saala, Leonard Thielemier, Nekayah Thomas, Virginia Sacher, Keith Broadway.

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Parish Office Hours: Thursday 8:00 AM-12:00 Noon

Mass Schedule <u>St. John</u> Sunday: 8:00 AM Thursday: 12:00 PM <u>St. Joseph</u> Saturday: 4:00 PM <u>St. Paul</u> Saturday: 6:00 PM Sunday: 10:30 AM Tuesday: 6:00 PM Wednesday: 12:00PM Thursday: 6:00 PM Friday: 12:00PM		Mass Intentions (June 29, 2025 – July 3, 2025) <u>St. John</u> Sun June 29: Paul & Jeff Leister (d); Edgar Throesch (d) Thur July 3: Wilma Wren (d); Deceased and living members of Benny & Anna Thielemier family Sun July 6: Romilda Hurn (d); Living and deceased members of Frank and Josephine Thielemier family <u>St. Paul</u> Sat June 28: Henry Dust (d); The Saturday Choir, thankful for all you do. Sun June 29: For the Parishioners Tues July 1: Lucille Marconi (d); Emma, Floyd & Jim Blount (d) Wed July 2: Dennis Holt (d) Thur, July 3: Martha Keifer Decker (d); Earl E Decker (d) Fri, July 4: No Mass Sat, July 5: Henry Dust (d); Chelsea Martin (healing) Sun, July 6: For the Parishioners	
Confession Schedule Tuesday: 5:00 PM – 5:45 PM at St. Paul Thursday: 5:00 PM – 5:45 PM at St. Paul Saturday: 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon at St. Paul Sunday: 7: 30 AM at St. John		Adoration Schedule St. John – Thurs: 8:00AM – 11:45AM St. Paul – Sun: 12:00 Noon – 10:00PM Mon – Fri: 6:00AM – 10:00PM	
Minister Schedule July			
<u>Lector</u> Jessica Stout Sonny Throesch	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> June 22 & 29-Pat Wren, Tina Sharp, Jane Smith, Rebecca Steimel July 6 &13- Becky Brown, Candace Steimel Stella Steimel, Vernon Hausman	<u>Servers</u> 6-29 Perry, Henry, Max 7-6-Caroline, Catarina, Haley 7-13 Lucy, Caroline, Madeline	<u>Ushers</u> Dale Throesch John Wren

June 22, 2025 Loose Cash: \$371.00 Checks & Envelopes: \$1225.00
Church in Latin America: \$20.00

JULY MONEY COUNTERS: Jessica Stout, Dwain & Cathy Hausman

PETER’S PENCE: We will take up the Peter’s Pence collection to support the Universal Church and the work of Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Francis. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. This collection will be taken up on Sun, July 13th.

BRAD FOOD BANK: Due to the special collection on the second Sunday this month, BRAD food bank collection will be taken up on Sun, July 20.

ST. PAUL SECRETARY POSITION: Our parish is seeking a dedicated individual to provide secretarial and administrative support to the pastor, manage financial records, prepare the weekly bulletin, and maintain sacramental records. The role includes bookkeeping, coordinating the parish calendar, and assisting with parish communications (bulletin, website, Facebook, parish app). If interested, please contact Fr. Stephen Elser at (501) 420-4531 or frstephenelser@gmail.com In Christ, Fr. Stephen

CHRUCH CLEANING: We are in need of the Church to be cleaned on a weekly basis. At one time, there was an interest shown in having parishioners to volunteer for cleaning. We would like to know if there are enough interested to make volunteering viable. If you are interested, please turn in your name to Lori Steimel (870) 758-0435.

UPCOMING EVENTS: VBS July 28-31. Adult and youth volunteers are needed to assist with Vacation Bible School. Contact Jilly Neely 501-658-6818 or Monica Loyd 870-892-3319 or 870-378-2311. Scan the first QR code to register your child, and scan the second one to register to volunteer.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: “Let us ask ourselves this day, adoring the Christ truly present in the Eucharist: do I let myself be transformed by Him? Do I let the Lord who gives Himself to me, guide me to come out more and more from my little fence, to get out and be not afraid to give, to share, to love Him and others?” Pope Francis Homily, May 30, 2013 Please call 870-810-0612 for questions or more information.

PRAY FOR: All the sick that request our prayers, especially, Bishop Anthony Taylor, Owen Sanders, Marie Peters, Chelsea Martin, Mark Throesch, Johnathan Wren, Pam Murphy, Red Oaks, Bob Wren, Treva Throesch, Albert Baltz, Bridgette Kasinger, Danny McCurdy, Paula Johnson, David Cissel, Owen Rowe, Dennis Burrow, Jake Kasinger, Evan Hargett, Dickie Flanigan, Madeline Throesch, Sharon Thielemier (Patrick), Betty Baltz, Julie Session (Deacon Papini’s Daughter), Kathy Adkins, Karen O’Gara and all those listed in our petition book. May God grant them healing.

Dear Padre,

What does the Church say about free will and predestination? I am confused and wonder if there is any fundamental difference?

The Church can be viewed as the champion of free will, for it is descriptive of God's grace at work in his creation. On the other hand, the Church does not champion predestination. The Church understands that this concept is in direct opposition and contradicts the creative act of God. It is understandable how someone might confuse these two different perspectives. In fact, some Christian belief systems have historically confused them; for example, those who follow the thought of John Calvin (1509–1564), including various Congregational, Reformed, and Presbyterian churches. But, regardless of the confusion, the two positions are not complementary, and someone cannot hold both positions because they are incompatible with each other. Catholics believe that we have been created by God with free will. In response to this wonderful gift, we are invited to form our consciences and live our lives lovingly and deliberately as people who choose to respond, in total freedom, to the Way, the Truth, and the Life that is found in Jesus. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What can I do for the Church? Not complaining about the Church, but committing myself to the Church. Participating with passion and humility.... That is what a synodal Church means: everyone has a part to play, no individual in the place of others or above others. There are no first- or second-class Christians; everyone has been called.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 29, 2022

Monday

June 30
Weekday
Gn 18:16–33
Mt 8:18–22

Tuesday

July 1
Weekday
Gn 19:15–29
Mt 8:23–27

Wednesday

July 2
Weekday
Gn 21:5, 8–20a
Mt 8:28–34

Thursday

July 3
St. Thomas, Apostle
Eph 2:19–22
Jn 20:24–29

Friday

July 4
Weekday
Gn 23:1–4, 19;
24:1–8, 62–67
Mt 9:9–13

Saturday

July 5
Weekday
Gn 27:1–5, 15–29
Mt 9:14–17

Sunday

July 6
Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 66:10–14c
Gal 6:14–18
Lk 10:1–12, 17–20
or 10:1–9