

Here is a thought from last week's homily: *If Jesus calls us to love our enemies, we are surely called to love those who simply annoy us.*

The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter is February 22. It celebrates the papacy and St. Peter as the first bishop of Rome. St. Peter's original name was Simon. He was married with children and was living and working in Capernaum as a fisherman when Jesus called him to be one of the Twelve Apostles.

Jesus bestowed on Peter a special place among the Apostles. He was one of the three who were with Christ on special occasions, such as the Transfiguration of Christ and the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemani. He was the only Apostle to whom Christ appeared on the first day after the Resurrection. Peter, in turn, often spoke on behalf of the Apostles.

Jesus asked the Apostles: "Whom do men say that the Son of Man is?" Simon replied: "Thou art Christ, the Son of the Living God." And Jesus said: "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona: ... And I say to you: That you are Peter [Cephas, a rock], and upon this rock [Cephas] I will build my Church [ekklesian], and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever you shall bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven". (Mt 16:13-20) In saying this, Jesus made St. Peter the head of the entire community of believers and placed the spiritual guidance of the faithful in St. Peter's hands.

However, St. Peter was not without faults. He was rash and reproached often by Christ. He had fallen asleep in the Garden of Gethsemani instead of praying, as Jesus had asked him to do. He also denied knowing Jesus three times after Christ's arrest.

Peter delivered the first public sermon after the Pentecost and won a large number of converts. He also performed many miracles and defended the freedom of the Apostles to preach the Gospels. He preached in Jerusalem, Judaea, and as far north as Syria.

He was arrested in Jerusalem under Herod Agrippa I, but miraculously escaped execution. He left Jerusalem and eventually went to Rome, where he preached during the last portion of his life. He was crucified there, head downwards, as he had desired to suffer, saying that he did not deserve to die as Christ had died.

The date of St. Peter's death is not clear. Historians estimate he was executed between the years 64 and 68. His remains now rest beneath the altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Mass Schedule for Sacred Heart Church in Frazee

Saturdays – 9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Sundays – 8:30 am

Weekdays: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 9:00 am

Wednesdays – Frazee Care Center 10:00 am

Assumption Catholic Church

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Mass Times
Thursday @ 7:00 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

CONFESSIONS:
Thursday @ 6:15 pm
Sunday after Mass

ADORATION:
Thursdays: 5:00-7:00 pm

The small-group sessions for Lent will start on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Avis Flottesch, 375. 2141, if you are interested in participating.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Mass will be at 5:00 pm. There will also be the regularly scheduled Mass on Thursday.

This Lent, as in the past, our parish will be joining millions of Catholics across the country by participating in CRS's Operation Rice Bowl. Your family is asked to pick up a Rice Bowl packet in the entry of the Church. We are invited to pray with our families and faith communities, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry, and give sacrificial contributions to those in need. The Rice Bowls will be collected at Mass on Holy Thursday.

March is Food Share Month: Please take a grocery bag from the church entry, fill it up with suggested items, and bring it back. The bags will be taken to the food pantry to help out those less fortunate in our community. Please return your filled bags by March 23rd so they can be delivered to the Food Pantry before the end of March.

There are copies of The Little Black Book daily devotionals for Lent in the vestibule. Take one while the supply lasts.

Question of the Week: What practical commitment—to which charity or person—can I make before Lent begins this Wednesday so that my prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will reflect Jesus' radical call to trust?

PRAYER REQUESTS: A PRAYER TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE BELOW:

Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illnesses. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/ treatments. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care/treatment and their soul to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy. Amen

Sharon Winter, Ken Blattenbauer, Wendy Berg (Ginny Warren's sister), Rosella Olson (Ginny Warren's mother), Alice Bellefeuille, Dan Rousu, Mark Stalberger, Milo & Lucille Winter, Sherry Steffl, Ernie Clark, Lowell Baker, Martha Donley, Connie Olgaard, Rita Pearson, Walt Welle, Shawna Donner, Deb Clark, Jamie Weigel, Albert Schouville, Rick Flottesch, Cleo Baker, Brent Pearson, Jerry Flottesch, Allen Gulseth, Peter Pearson

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (material wealth)."
(Matthew 6:24)

For many people, God and money run "neck and neck" as their first priorities. Making money and spending money becomes the center of their life and they actually become slaves to money. The solution—become more generous. Giving money to Church and charity frees us from slavery to money and from making money a "god" before God.

Collections for February 19, 2017
Adult Envelopes: \$718.46

UPCOMING:

Feb 28: Lenten small-group sessions begin at 9:00 am
Mar 1: Ash Wednesday Mass @ 5:00 pm
Mar 8: Women's Faith Sharing Group @ 7:30 pm
Mar 22: Women's Faith Sharing Group @ 7:30 pm

Mass Intentions
Wednesday, Mar 1: In honor of and for the intercession of Good St. Joseph
Thursday, Mar 2: +Luella Wagner
Sunday, Mar 5: +Delano Chilton

Ministry Schedule for March 5, 2017

Ministers of Holy Communion
Kristi Stalberger, Mary Frank & David Steffl
Lector
Gina Steffl
Ushers
Bob Schmit & Allan Foltz
Presentation of Gifts
Daniel & Sherry Steffl
Altar Servers
Natalie Steffl & Isabella Steffl
Money Counters
Kevin Larson & Daniel Steffl