



# The Church of St. Peter

An Anglo-Catholic Parish in the Diocese of the Holy Cross

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This year's Holy Week was wonderful! Especially when compared to last week's Holy Week in the height of *shelter-in-place* orders. I pray that Holy Week was meaningful for you, as it certainly was for me. I am very grateful for the help of our devoted Altar Guild, altar servers, and the many parishioners who spent time during Holy Week cleaning, decorating, and preparing for Coffee Hour. I thank you for your service to our parish!

Now what? We have forty days of Easter to celebrate and then the great feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost as well as many, many others. As Anglican Catholic Christians we fast and feast often. We remember that feasting is just as good for the soul as fasting is - in moderation of course. We have spent much of Lent trying to remember our fast and our Lenten discipline, why not "feast" through taking up a joyful Easter discipline? Spend time this Eastertide drawing closer to the Risen Lord through reading good and wholesome books, watching good movies about the life of Christ or the saints, learn an Easter hymn by heart., spend more time with your family, have a family game night.

*The victory that overcometh the world, even our faith* is Jesus Christ who has risen from the dead. He has defeated death, the grave and the devil. He has overcome the world. Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia, alleluia!

God bless you! Fr. Geordan Geddings

## **This Month at St. Peter's**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** – Wed. St. Justin Martyr, Low Mass @ 10 AM.

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** – Fri. Low Mass @ Noon.  
Counsel and Confession: 2-4 PM.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** – **The Second Sunday after Easter Mass @ 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM.**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** – Wed. St. Anselm, Low Mass @ 10AM.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Fri. St. George, Low Mass @ Noon.  
Counsel and Confession: 2-4PM.

**April 25<sup>th</sup>** – **St. Mark the Evangelist Mass @ 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM.**

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** – Wed. Low Mass @ 10 AM.

**April 30<sup>th</sup>** – Fri. St. Catherine of Sienna, Low Mass @ Noon. Counsel and Confession: 2-4PM.

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – **The Fourth Sunday after Easter Mass @ 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM.**

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** – Wed. St. Augustine of Hippo, Low Mass @ 10 AM.

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** – Fri. St. Stanislaus, Low Mass @ Noon.  
Counsel and Confession: 2-4PM.

**May 9<sup>th</sup>** – **Rogation Sunday Mass @ 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM.**

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** - Rogation Wednesday, Low Mass @ 10 AM.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** – **Thursday, The Ascension, Low Mass @ Noon.**

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** - Fri. Of the Octave of the Ascension, Low Mass @ Noon.

**May 16<sup>th</sup>** – **The Sunday after the Ascension Mass @ 8:30 & 10:30.**

## *New Neighbors*

St. Peter's is excited to invite St. Stephen's Coptic Orthodox Church to use our facilities as they seek to plant a parish in Cypress. St. Stephen's is led by Fr. James Gendi of St. Mary and Archangel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church of Houston, outside of Jersey Village. St. Stephen's will meet at St. Peter's one Saturday morning a month beginning April 19<sup>th</sup>. We are honored that they have asked to use our church, and we look forward to getting to know them better!

So, what is the Coptic Orthodox Church? The Coptic Orthodox Church is one of the first Christian Churches. The word "Copt" comes from the Greek word "Aigyptos" meaning Egyptian. When the Arabs arrived in Egypt in the 7<sup>th</sup> century they called the Egyptians "Qibt." Thus the Arabic word "Qibt" came to mean both Egyptian and Christian. The Church was founded by St. Mark in 43 AD. St. Mark is one of the seventy disciples of Jesus (Mk. 10:10). The term "Orthodox", refers to the family of Eastern Christian Churches, one might be more familiar in the United States with the Greek Orthodox, or Russian Orthodox. As the Greek Orthodox and Russian Orthodox churches retain Greek and Russian customs, the Coptic Orthodox Church retains Egyptian customs in their churches and liturgy.

St. Stephen's and St. Mary's Coptic Orthodox Churches are members of the Diocese of the Southern United States, the first Coptic Orthodox Diocese to be established in the United States. The Diocese's area covers Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas. The Diocese consists of 81 priests, 60 churches and 37 Coptic Communities and is led by their Diocesan Bishop, His Grace Bishop Youssef. Bishop Youssef's headquarters are located in Dallas. The Coptic Orthodox Church is led by His Holiness Pope Tawadros II of Egypt.

We rejoice that we have been given an opportunity to engage with the wider church locally and we pray God's blessing on St. Stephen's Coptic Orthodox Church and Fr. James Gendi.

## **Our Prayer List**

*For our Parish, for its growth in sanctity, ministry, size, and financially.*  
*For all Bishops, Priests, & Deacons:* Bp. +Paul, & Bps. +Mark, +Juan, + Walter, +Anthony, + Reed Frs. +Geordan, +Micah, +Jim, +Sam, +Raymond Dcns. Travis, David  
*For all Religious:* Sr. Mary Grace and for St. Benedict's Abbey  
*For all in Authority;* Joseph our President, and Gregg our Governor.  
*For peace in our Nation*  
*For the end of the Coronavirus, for all those who suffer from the virus and for all who minister to them.*  
*For all servicemen and women:* Jacob, Preston, McKayla, Andy  
*For Blessings received:*  
*For all Children born and unborn & for their mothers:* Erin, Olivia,  
*For those in sickness or in need:* Pat, Sue, Jody, Amy, Kevin, Kim, Jolene, Marissa, Evelyn, Joey, Ross, Susan, Gayle, Shane, Christina, Virginia, John & Dianne, Sandy, Ann, Lynne, Faye, Julie, Sonya, Carrol, Verna & Tim, Patrick, Kristen, James, Madison, John & Rhetta, George, Anna, Betty, Patrick, Francis, Sharon, Teresa, Jane, Terry, Wayne, Michael +,  
*RIP:* Moselle, Jim, Francis, Kelly, Jane, Patrick, Jimbo, Fr. Boar

## **Announcements:**

Join us Sunday's at 9:30AM as we read through selections of Dorothy Sayer's play, *The Emperor Constantine*. We will begin reading Letters to Malcolm by C. S. Lewis on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

On April 1<sup>st</sup> we ended our use of EasyTithe, in favor of *Zelle*, a free service which can be accessed through most online banking portals. To donate to our church use: *The Church of St Peter*, [saintpeterscypress@gmail.com](mailto:saintpeterscypress@gmail.com)