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June 28th & 29th, 2025

Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul



St George Catholic Church and The Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Program - Wednesday July 2nd after the 8am English, and the 7pm Spanish Mass.

The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion to pray for respect for life.



History of the Silver Rose - Our Lady of Guadalupe did so much for her people in Mexico that, in 1960, the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, wanted to give something back to her. The group of young men came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. The rose was chosen to commemorate Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses, an important part of the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The first rose was a natural rose and was blessed by Bishop Cody of London. It was then flown to New York where it was received by the Grand Knight who in turn, took it to the Supreme Knight who then shepherded the rose to Dallas, Texas. There, Texas State Deputy received the rose and took it to Laredo, Texas, where it was finally given to the Squires from Monterrey, Mexico, at the International Bridge in Laredo. They ran the rose from the International Bridge through Sabinas Hidalgo N.L., Mexico, to Cienega de Flores and on to the Basilica in Monterrey, Mexico, on December 12, 1960.

The Squires were so enthused by the success of this effort that they wanted to invite other Squires from around the world to participate. They called on Squires from Texas and Ontario to join them. The Canadian Squires asked that the journey of the rose begin in their home and move from there through the United States, finishing at the Basilica in Mexico. After a year, the first rose had decomposed, so a group decided to make a bronze rose that would not age. When the Squires in Monterrey heard of the bronze rose, they decided to make a similar rose. Silver was chosen for this new rose because it is a precious metal of Mexico. The first Silver Rose was blessed by Bishop Alfonso Espino Silva and sent to the Supreme Council headquarters of the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, CT. Both the Bronze Rose and the Silver Rose were received by the Supreme Knight and were so admired by the Archbishop of New York that he kept them for a special Mass before they were flown to Texas to once again be turned over to brother Knights at the midpoint of the International Bridge. In 2001, the Supreme Knight expanded the Silver Rose program further. "Through it we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the Order, but we also reaffirm the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society.

As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses." Today, eight roses run along different North American routes that include Canada, every U.S. state, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and Mexico. This tradition spreads devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and embodies international brotherhood as jointly nurtured across the continent.

Please Pray for our family & friends

Brian Scharrer
Cheryl Kartes
Christina Munoz
David Pope
Dionesio Briones 🕆
Don Taylor
Doug Pope 🕆
Fred Hawkes
Gordon Bryson
Hector Garduno 🕆
Makenna M & Erica P.
Jean Bourque 🕆
Jill Nagrodsky

Jim & Phyllis Carpenter Jim Keys Jim Scarth ⊕ Joseph Graziano Karen Poelakker Kitty Woolridge Kyle Hanson ⊕ Laura Fawson Mark Borowiak Norm Engle Rae Croizer Raul Reyna Richard McAfee ⊕ Rob Dwyer Roger Hawkes ⊕ Samuel Scarth Shaun Rich Steve Kist Sue Munoz TJ Olsen Tom & Carol Porter Torii Cain Tracy Goodin Vince Guglielmetti SR ⊕ Wanda Guglielmetti ⊕ We are a Mission Parish; our Priests travel from St George

CONTACT A PRIEST

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> Pastor, Reverend David Bittmenn, Reverend Tristan Dillon Deacon Dan Weber

Communion to the Sick & Homebound: Please contact the church office.

Parish Calendar

VIGIL MASS: Saturday 6pm MASS: Sunday 12:30pm BIBLE STUDY: Not meeting in July ROSARY: Monday @ 2pm KNIGHTS ROUNDTABLE:

Not meeting July or August

RELIGIOUS ED CLASS - more info coming soon

COMMUNION SERVICE:

Wednesday 9am BINGO: No Bingo in July ADORATION:

> Saturday, after mass June 28th 7-8pm

Wed. July 9th, 9:30-10a

Ladies Breakfast Club:

2nd Monday, July 14th 9:30am at Rooster Run



SECOND COLLECTIONS This week - Holy Father (Peter's Pence)

Next week - July 5 & 6 Our Building fund



Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul

That Saints Peter and Paul suffered martyrdom under persecutions in Rome is virtually certain. The legends about their death lack historical proof, but they make a great story:

Fire broke out in Rome in ad 64 under Nero, the emperor-violinist. Housing and places of amusement



were destroyed. The people grew angry with Nero, who blamed the Christians for the blaze and persecuted them. To placate the people in their continuing distress, Nero ordered the death of Christianity's two greatest leaders, Peter and Paul, in the year 67.

When Peter heard about the growing persecutions, he fled Rome. But he saw a vision of Jesus walking back toward the city of Rome. "Where are you going?" Peter asked. ("Quo vadis?") "To Rome, to be crucified again," Jesus mournfully replied. Peter, knowing he had to follow his master, turned about and went back to the city.

On the day of their execution, Peter and Paul met. Paul had been in prison in Rome, under house arrest. Since he was a Roman citizen he avoided the kind of death that awaited Peter—crucifixion in the city. Paul was to be beheaded outside the city walls. On June 29, Peter and Paul embraced on the Ostian Way. Peter marched north toward the public arena; Paul marched south outside the city gate. When Paul was beheaded, his head bounced three times. A spring of water gushed forth at each place. (The Monastery of the Three Fountains stands on the site today. The residents make chocolate.) Since the main civic arena had been destroyed in the fire, Peter was crucified in a makeshift location. Claiming he was not worthy to be killed like his master, he was turned upside down on the cross. After he died, his body was buried in a pauper's grave. That grave is the site of the Vatican.

On June 29, we celebrate the Apostle of the Jews and the Apostle of the Gentiles. Together they brought the message of Christ to the world. So significant is their feast that in some countries it is a holyday of obligation. In the United States, when the feast falls on Sunday, it takes the place of the usual Ordinary Time liturgy. It helps us celebrate our mission to bring Christ to the world, no matter the cost.

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ST PAUL'S TREASURES THRIFT STORE:

Will you help support our church one day a week; one Saturday a month or occasionally as a substitute?

<u>We had to close the store on Saturday</u> because we were unable to cover the shift. We can use more men & women to help keep our store open. See Suzie for more information.