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9:00 am - Dan Tonello
11:00 am - Albert DeLaat

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**Sts Peter and Paul
- Year C**

**Who do you
say that I
am?**

Lectors:
5:00 pm - Tom Lannan
9:00 am - Kim Gatt
11:00 am - Mark Morasse

Video:
5:00 pm - Fred Tonnos
9:00 am - Dan Tonello
11:00 am - Albert DeLaat

June 29, 2025 A.D.

Saints. Peter and Paul - Year C



Lord may the request of our
people rise before you like a fragrant offering

Tues July 1 ****NO MASS HERE TODAY****
Wed July 2 ****NO MASS HERE TODAY****
Thurs July 3 ****NO MASS HERE TODAY****
Fri July 4 ****NO MASS HERE TODAY****

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat July 5 5:00 pm +For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick’s Parish
Sun July 6 9:00 am +For the repose of the souls of the deceased Sabatini family members by Paola Principi & family
11:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Mary Cassar by Don & Margaret Murdoch

TWO GREAT LEADER OF OUR FAITH

Our celebrations during the month of June have spanned from June 8, Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, to June 15, the Most Holy Trinity, to June 22, Corpus Christi, to today’s Solemnity, when we celebrate the lives and faith and service of Sts. Peter and Paul.

On June 29 in the year 258 Pope Sixtus VI celebrated the two together at the St. Sebastian Catacombs, and that is why we commemorate them together on this date. It is worth noting that throughout the St. Sebastian Catacombs prayers are carved on the walls by early Christians, which begin “Petrus et Paulus.” These two mainstays of our Catholic Church are almost considered as one in terms of their total impact, and they have been for centuries.

Both Sts. Peter and Paul have had deep influence on the Church as well as on those of us who are among the faithful of the Church.

We deem Peter as our first Pope, and every Holy Father since has served in the succession of Peter. According to The Catechism of the Catholic Church (552-553): “Simon Peter holds the first place in the college of the Twelve; Jesus entrusted a unique mission to him. Through a revelation from the Father, Peter had confessed: ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ Our Lord then declared to him: ‘You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.’ Christ, the ‘living Stone’, thus assures his Church, built on Peter, of victory over the powers of death.

Because of the faith he confessed, Peter will remain the unshakeable rock of the Church. His mission will be to keep this faith from every lapse and to strengthen his brothers in it.” The fact that St. James (the Greater) was martyred and Peter spared is a clear indication that the Lord had



great things in mind for St. Peter.

In St. Paul’s letter to Timothy, we not only hear of the special apostolate to which Paul was called, but also the eloquent way Paul describes it. Historically, it is most probable that Sts. Peter and Paul were in Rome at the same time. Scholars have concluded that Peter was martyred in 64 A.D. under the emperor Nero (Peter would have been approximately 65 years of age), and that Paul was martyred a short time later, also by the Emperor Nero. The fact that these two men were in Rome at the same time and died relatively close together in terms of time, also ties them together for us. So much of Paul’s statements in this reading are memorable and well known, from “I am already poured out” to “I have finished the race,” but there is special significance in his statement “the crown of righteousness awaits me.” In the original Greek, St. Paul used the word “stephanos” for “crown.” That is worth noting since that kind of crown was not a royal crown, but a victor’s crown. What makes it especially momentous is the name of the first martyr who suffered under Paul’s persecution - Stephanos (St. Stephen).

Jesus identifies St. Peter as the “rock” on which He will build His Church (There could be no clearer indication that we are part of the Church established by Jesus and initially developed by Peter).

Like Jesus and the Blessed Mother, Sts. Peter and Paul are at the apex of stewardship examples to all of us. Peter exemplifies stewardship in his loyalty to Jesus (like us, however, he was wonderfully human in that regard) and in his steadfast way of establishing the Church. Paul represents the wisdom of stewardship. Both remind us of how we, too, can overcome doubt: Peter denied the Lord but repented; Paul resisted the truth, but came to believe.

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15 MOST COMMON RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS
& SOLUTIONS

Communication

If people in a relationship can master communication, you’ll be far less likely to experience other common relationship problems. To improve communication and emotional connection in your romantic relationship, try focusing on the following:

- Work on identifying where your conversations are breaking down
- Don’t expect your spouse to read your mind
- Be open and honest about your feelings
- Practice being a good listener. Think before you respond

Arguments

Relevant debates are healthy and important for self-expression. However, spiteful arguments are hurtful and serve no good purpose. Successful couples have rules for arguing, such as:

- Breathing before responding
- Refraining from using profanity
- Resisting name-calling
- Staying on-point

Make a regular time to sit down and discuss developing issues before they build up and become problems

Staying Close

With time, every long term relationship will change. Some of what used to seem most important might begin to not even phase you anymore. Additionally, as things in the relationship change, you and your romantic partner may also be changing in different ways, evolving as individuals. This doesn’t mean that your long term relationship can’t continue working. It just means that you need to make the effort to spend some intentional time rediscovering one another. Talk with each other and honestly discuss how you each see the future evolving. Enjoy discovering how you’re both growing as human beings.

Infidelity

If your partner cheated on you, you’ll have to decide for yourself if you can forgive them, or if you’ll need to move on without them in your life. Most affairs don’t typically happen spontaneously. Infidelity can also come in the form of emotional cheating, too. If you want the relationship to survive post-affair, you’ll both need to be honest about what happened, and then work together to solve any underlying issues.

Money

The simple fact is life requires money, and couples argue about finances. Financial pressure is a common relationship problem that can lead to catastrophic relationship issues, and even mental health problems, when not addressed properly. It’s wise to have a clear understanding with your partner about who’s responsible

for what in terms of money. A basic budget is simple to develop and can go a long way toward avoiding unnecessary arguments.

Trauma

External pressures from traumatic life events can stress any relationship. The death of a loved one, financial strain, disease diagnosis, chronic stress, past abuse, domestic or violence, can affect emotional and physical health. Don’t shut your partner out. You’re a team. Be there for each other, even through the rough times..

Showing Gratitude

Everyone likes feeling appreciated for their efforts. Whether you have a fast-paced career, or you take care of the home, it’s important to feel valued for the things you do that make your partner’s life more enjoyable. Expressing appreciation regularly can ensure you’ll both feel more noticed in the relationship, even if it’s just for something simple.

Children

Parenting can be very difficult if you haven’t developed a cohesive plan and a firm commitment to stick to. This is especially true in the case of step-parenting. If you’re raising children from previous relationships together, definitive house rules are necessary. Talk with your partner in private about any parenting issues, and *always* present a unified front.

Keep Things Exciting

It can be hard to keep a relationship exciting, but relationships are work. You need to put in time and effort to keep the romance alive and stay engaged with your partner. If you feel like your relationship is in a rut, plan something different to help spice things up again.

Battling Over Chores

Many people struggle over responsibilities at home. If you start to feel resentment about who’s doing what (or who *isn’t* doing what), keep the lines of communication open and be sure you’re sharing your frustration. Let your partner know you need help. Be specific with what you want. Then - and this is important - resist the urge to correct how they accomplish a task.

Trust

Trust is one of the most important aspects of any relationship. If you’re questioning whether or not you can trust your partner, calmly yet firmly ask them if there’s reason for concern. If your partner is the one who has trust issues, reassure them they have nothing to worry about.

Safety

Feeling safe in a relationship is important. Verbal, emotional, or physical abuse cannot be tolerated. Any form of abuse should be taken seriously and addressed immediately.

Change in Life Goals

Goals are important, and when two people in a relationship are aligned in terms of what they want out of life, it can be wonderful. Sometimes, however, goals change. If you and your partner can’t get on the same page with what you both want in the future, it can cause problems. Talking about your goals and be realistic about what each of you wants.

Same Fight, Different Day

It’s not uncommon for a couple to have the same fight over and over. Be sure that you’re addressing the root of the problem, so that you can attempt to change the behaviors and thought processes you both develop after so long.