



## Roots and Wings

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**"T**here 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.

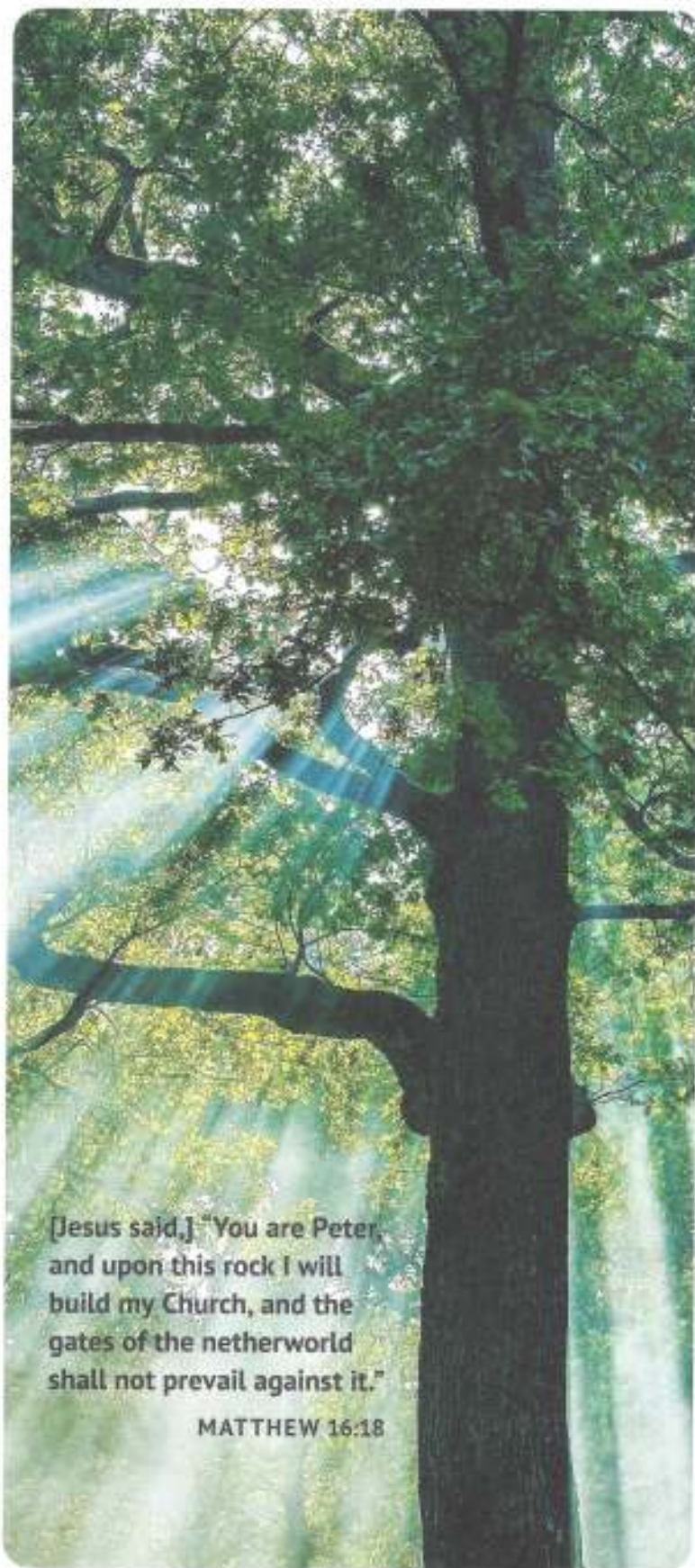
The solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul honors both of these dynamics in the Church. It was Peter who was the Rock, who was able to recognize God's presence made flesh among us, who would say to Jesus, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).

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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### St. Thomas More Site

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### Holy Trinity Site

Parish Office

212 S Main Street

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### Adoration Room at STM Site

Open Daily from 9 am-6 pm

#### Confession Info

Saturday morning, alternating  
between STM Site & HT Site  
in the Confessional between  
10:30 am-11:15am

#### Church Office Info

Pastor: Father Thaddeus Tran

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## CMGConnect DIOCESE OF PEORIA



### Reminder for all volunteers

Please complete your

Safe Environment Training that is required by the Diocese on the  
website; <https://Peoria.CMGconnect.org>

### St. Barbara Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of June 30, 2025

Monday	6/30			† No Mass
Tuesday	7/1	9:00 am	STM Site	† Catherine Hunter
Wednesday	7/2	5:30 pm	HT Site	† Tony Panizzi
Thursday	7/3	9:00 am	HT Site	† Wes & Rita Hoscheid
Friday	7/4	9:00 am	STM Site	† Annie Buckovic

### St. Barbara Mass Intentions for the weekend of July 5-6, 2025

Saturday	7/5	4:00 pm	ST. Thomas More Site	† Betty Newhalfen
Sunday	7/6	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Site	† For the Parishioners



## Saints Peter And Paul: Jesus' Instruments To Build Up His Church

We remember today Saints Peter and Paul who guided the early Church just after the time of Jesus. Both died as martyrs for the faith in Rome, during the persecutions of Emperor Nero in the early 60s, just thirty years after the death of Jesus.

Peter was crucified upside down in the courtyard to the left of St. Peter's Basilica and was buried in the nearest cemetery which was on top of Vatican Hill; St. Peter Basilica was later built on top of Peter's tomb, with the main altar directly on top of his tomb.



On the other hand, Paul was beheaded between Rome and the sea, in a place now called Tre Fontane (Italian for "three fountains"). Paul was also buried in the nearest cemetery; the Basilica of St. Paul outside the Walls was later build on top of his tomb.

Each of these two saints is important for different reasons. Peter was the first Pope and kept the Church united as it grew very rapidly in the years following Pentecost. In the first years after Pentecost, it was the Jewish people who accepted Jesus as the Savior and so the early Church was a very Jewish Church. But as time went on, Paul began to preach also to non-Jewish people, the Gentiles as they were called. All of us are Gentiles. His preaching was very successful, and he brought huge numbers of non-Jewish people into the Church, so much so that the number of Jewish people in the Church was greatly outnumbered by non-Jewish people. It is because of Paul that we are now in the Church. So both Peter and Paul had very important tasks in the early Church: Peter maintained the unity in the Church, which during his lifetime had already spread throughout the Middle East and Europe; Paul taught the Jewish people that Jesus is the fulfillment of their Old Testament hopes and the Gentiles that Jesus is the Savior. Whenever you see statues of Peter and Paul, usually Peter is holding a key symbolizing his duty as head of the Church, and Paul is holding the Bible symbolizing his preaching. (excerpted from: [frtommylane.com/homilies/years\\_abc/peter\\_and\\_paul](http://frtommylane.com/homilies/years_abc/peter_and_paul))

**Fr. McLaughlin's visit from Cross Catholic Outreach:** Please welcome Fr. McLaughlin, who will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, which was founded to forge a stronger and more supportive link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns serving the poor in the Caribbean, Africa, Southeast Asia, and Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Fr. McLaughlin's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

**"Happy July Fourth"** : Independence Day can be viewed as a day to give thanks for the freedom and blessings bestowed upon our nation, recognizing that these freedoms are gift from God. It's a time to reflect on the responsibilities that come with freedom, and to remember those who fought for and continue to defend the nation's liberties. As we celebrate 2025 Independence Day let us thank our heavenly Father for having blessed our beloved nation with an abundance of great things.

**Latest Offering's**  
 June 22th Weekend  
 St. Barbara Parish  
 Total Collections: \$1656.00  
 HT site \$882.00  
 STM site \$774.00



**Next Confessions**  
 Confession will be  
 Sat. July 5th  
 10:30am-11:15am  
 STM site in the  
 Confessional



# 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?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



## 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  
In 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