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Dear Parents,

How many times over the past few months have you felt uncertain, sad, or even downright afraid? Are you hesitant about the “reopening” of normal activities and concerned for the safety of those you love?

The readings for this weekend’s Mass focus on trusting that God is near to us even when we feel abandoned, attacked, or just plain scared. The Good News is that Jesus Christ has overcome sin and death and opened the door to the infinite grace and constant presence of the Father for all who believe.

What does that mean for you and your family? God always watches over us – especially in our darkest moments. Even the tiny sparrow is under his watchful eye and, Jesus tells us, we, who are made in God’s image and acknowledge him as Lord are worth so much more than little birds. If you and your family take the time to build a relationship with God, he will always be there when you need him most and you will know his loving care.

“Jesus did not come to explain away suffering, or to remove it. He came to fill it with His presence.”

- Paul Claudel

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As we celebrate this Father's Day weekend, we also celebrate a return to our spiritual Father's Home. Weekend services resume with Mass on Saturday at 5:00 pm, and Sunday at 8:30 am and 11:00 am. All Masses will have a limited capacity of 150. Pre-registration is not required at this time; however sign-in is required upon entering, and seating is not guaranteed. Everyone is asked to arrive early to allow time to check in and be seated. Those who have been fortunate to attend weekday Masses are asked to consider not attending over the weekend to allow space for those who have yet to attend.

As this process is new to all of us, it will require patience and cooperation so that we may joyously resume our communal celebration of the Holy Mass.

Please review **Guidelines for Mass Attendance** before coming to Mass. There will no doubt be a learning curve as we begin this process, so please continue to monitor the parish website and email communications for updates, or call the parish center should you have any questions or concerns.

Share your Sunday!

Share your family's faith experiences and activities on Facebook, or post ideas for spiritual enrichment and prayer.

Outreach & Support

We have formed a team of people ready and willing to help those in need. If you would still like to offer your help, please sign up here.

If you find yourself in need of errand help (i.e. someone to pick-up groceries for you), in need of a spiritual care phone call, or you just feel alone and isolated and could use a chat, please sign up here.

Stay Connected

Please visit the parish home page at www.stpeteritasca.com for links to prayer opportunities, daily readings and Mass.

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Back to Ordinary...

We are still living in extraordinary times, for sure! However, in the liturgical life of the Church, we have now entered into "Ordinary Time" - a time to hear about Jesus' teachings and miracles and grow in faith.

If you have a home altar, or a place where your family gathers to pray, change the altar cloth to green or do something to mark this change in the life of the Church.

Gospel Reading - Mt 10:26-33

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

LIVE STREAM

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10:00 AM
Sunday 5/17 with Bishop Pates

Daily Readings

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist. I love You above all things and I want to be with you.

Since I am unable to receive you at Mass, please Jesus, come into my heart. Be with me now and never let me be separated from you. Amen.

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Happy Father's Day!

We would like to wish all fathers young and old a very happy Father's Day! Don't forget to wish your priests a Happy Father's Day too!

Free Family Fun

This game will be super fun if your family if familiar with dad jokes that have actually been used by your dad! Every "Dad Joke" has 1) a setup, and 2) a pun. Click here for some ideas.

Supplies

You will need: balloons (or plastic Easter Eggs if you have them), a list of “Dad Jokes, slips of paper, and two different colored markers/pens.

How to Play

- Write or print the “Dad Jokes” on slips of paper.
  - For each joke write each half on a separate slip of paper.
  - Use one color for the set-up and the other color for the pun.
- Place one slip (half the joke) in a balloon and inflate.
- Once all slips are in balloons, spread them all over your yard or room.
- Divide into two teams of approximately equal size.
- On GO, each person will pop one or more balloons until all of the balloons are popped. Be sure to gather the slip of paper inside.
- Go back to your team and see if you can match your half with the slips of paper those your teammates have to make “Dad Jokes.”
- Thank your dads for being a great dad - and for all their corny jokes.*

*WARNING: if your dad didn't know any corny jokes already, he will now! We take zero responsibiity for any corniness that may result from playing this game. Enjoy!

Next Level

Today's gospel reading talks about God Our Father – Take a moment and discuss all the 'fatherly things' this verse talks about. ***"Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."*** Mt 10:29-31

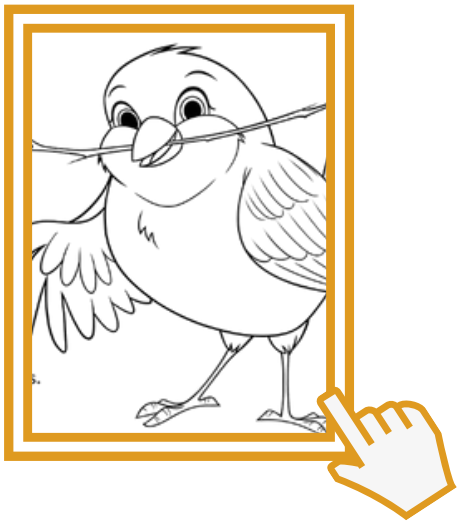
Prayer

Take a moment to say a prayer and thank your earthly dad today on Father's Day for all the things he does for you and take a moment to say a prayer and thank your heavenly Father for all the blessings he provides for you!

Family Reflection

God our Father loves us so much - we are not alone! God promises to walk with us in our suffering and our trials. It is written in the psalms, ***"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me"*** (Psalm 23:4).

We can reach out to God in our time of need and he will bring us comfort. Perhaps, it is a kind word extended to us by a friend, or a prayer we read that fills us with hope, or a song we sing that lifts our soul. God loves us and cares for us; he will not abandon us.

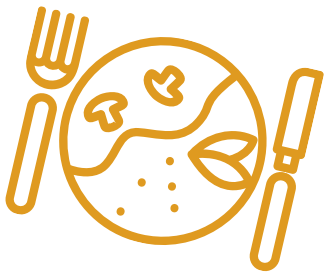


- How have you felt God's love in your life?
- How have you reached out to comfort another in God's name?

Dinner Conversation Tonight

Today, on Father's Day, take some time to go around the table and honor dad. Consider doing something special like cooking his favorite meal or doing the dishes without being asked

- What do you most appreciate about your father and/or your grandfather?
- What is your most favorite memory?
- How does dad help you feel safe and secure?
- Who or what are you afraid of? Why?
- How could you overcome those fears?



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Heavenly Father,

We pray for all who are sick, alone, or struggling right now. Look with compassion on these your sons & daughters and come to their aid.

Strengthen your Church that we may be strong witnesses to your love in our families and communities. Amen!

Phone a Friend

There is no substitute for knowing we are cared about. Call or video call an older friend or relative who might still be unable to get out. Ask how they are doing and let them know you miss them and are thinking of them.

Stay Cool, Stay Safe!

Yesterday was the first day of summer! We are sure that you have some fun plans in store for your family and with friends. Please stay safe and take the proper precautions - you and your family are in our prayers!