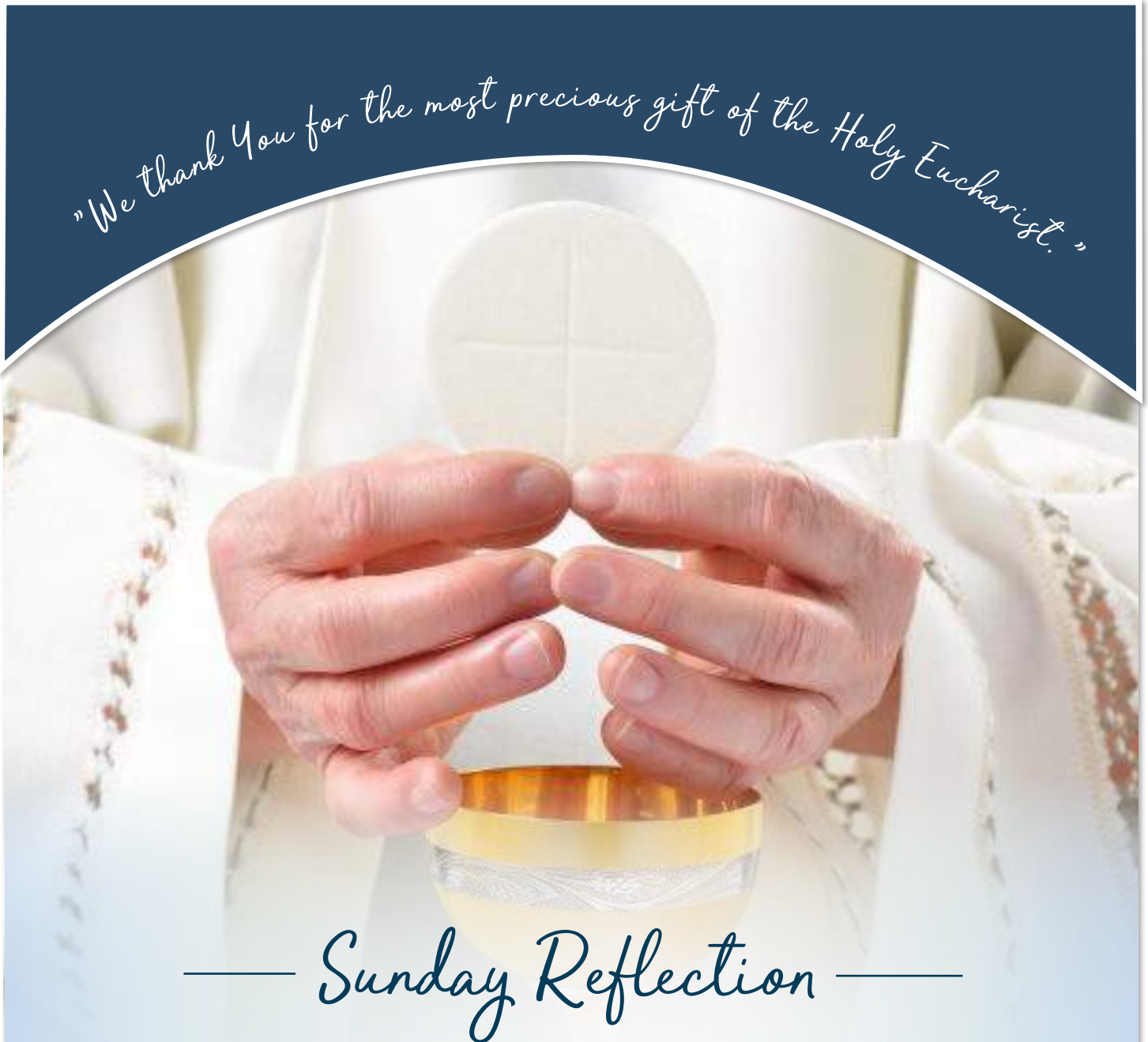


# Ss PETER & PAUL

APRIL 14, 2024 | 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"We thank You for the most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist."*



## *Sunday Reflection*

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward this weekend to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your body and blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred Sacrament. Amen.

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## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm *Vigil Mass*

### SUNDAY

8:30 am | 10:00 am | 12:00 pm

## DAILY LITURGIES

Monday ▶ Friday  
Mass 12:10 pm

## CHURCH OPENING HOURS

(Weather Permitting)

Monday thru Friday 11 am → 1:30 pm  
Saturday 3:30 pm → 6 pm  
Sunday 8 am → 1 pm

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Monday thru Friday: 10 am - 4 pm  
Saturday | Sunday: closed  
Call for other urgent arrangements.

## This Week's Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 13

5:00 pm † Ronald Zelencich - 17<sup>th</sup> Anniv in Heaven

### Sunday, April 14

8:30 am People of the Parish

10:00 am † Leonard Backes

12:00 pm *For the Health & Well-being of Donna Lamberty*

### Monday, April 15

12:10 pm † *In Loving Memory of Marie Cahill*

### Tuesday, April 16

12:10 pm † *The Repose of the Souls of the Cappock Family*

### Wednesday, April 17

12:10 pm *Birthday Blessings to Msgr. Michael Andreano*

### Thursday, April 18

12:10 pm † Michael Kearney

### Friday, April 19

12:10 pm † Sergio Prezioso

### Saturday, April 20

5:00 pm *For the Health & Well Being of Lucille Scatoni*

### Sunday, April 21

8:30 am † Guiseppe Rizzi

10:00 am People of the Parish

12:00 pm † Richard Galbraith

### Baptism Ministry

See Dates & Details on Parish Website  
Staff Contact: Stephanie Panzariello

Ministry Assistant:  
Nic Vasil

### Marriage Ministry

See requirements & details on Parish Website  
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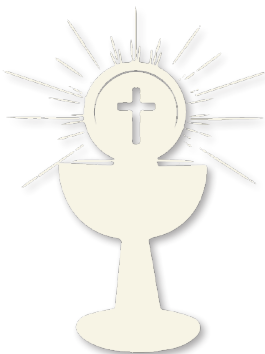
### Confession

Confessions are  
by appointment.

Contact the Parish Office.

Please consider helping us to defray the expense of these necessary items by donating: Hosts, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle, Altar Wine.

The requested donation for each is \$25.00.



This Week, the Altar Flowers are donated  
*Birthday Blessings to*  
**Msgr. Michael Andreano**

This Week, the Altar Hosts are donated  
*Birthday Blessings to*  
**Msgr. Michael Andreano**

This Week, the Sacramental Wine is donated  
*Birthday Blessings to*  
**Msgr. Michael Andreano**

The Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle is donated  
*Birthday Blessings to*  
**Msgr. Michael Andreano**

*God Bless Your Generosity.*

# Spiritual Knowledge FROM WITHIN

"Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have."

Luke 24:38-39

Imagine if Jesus appeared to you. What if He showed you the wounds in His hands and feet and invited you to touch Him so as to believe. Would you believe? Most likely you would, to a certain extent. It would be the beginning of an experience that could be life-changing, just as it was for these disciples. Our Lord's appearance to the disciples led to their transformation from men who were confused and doubtful to men who were filled with joy and zeal. Eventually, they would go forth preaching about Jesus as witnesses to His death and Resurrection with courage and with a desire that all who heard them would turn to Jesus as their Savior.

In the first reading of today's Mass, Saint Peter is recorded as doing this very thing. After healing a crippled man at the gate of the Temple, a crowd gathered in amazement and Peter preached to them about Jesus. He concluded His sermon by saying, "God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away." Today, we are entrusted with the same mission given to our Lord's disciples, and we must preach with the same zeal, courage and conviction with which they preached. First, we must become as certain as they were about Jesus' triumph over sin and death. We must turn from all sin and believe that the fullness of life is found only in Christ Jesus. But then we must commit ourselves to the proclamation of this faith with every fiber of our being.

Begin by considering how deeply you believe in Jesus as the Savior of the World. Though it might be tempting to think that having Jesus appear to you in person would help deepen your faith in Him, the truth is that the first disciples were not primarily convinced because of the physical appearances of Jesus. Rather, this gift came primarily through the spiritual touching of their minds. After appearing to the disciples physically, we read that Jesus "opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." This was what convinced them more than anything—the spiritual gift of understanding. And that gift is offered to you today, just as it was to the first followers of Jesus.

Saint Thomas Aquinas explains that the spiritual gift of understanding is a gift that reveals to us the very essence of God. He explains that it is a much deeper form of knowledge than that which is obtained through our five senses. Thus, simply seeing something with our eyes, touching it or hearing it is not nearly as convincing as the knowledge obtained through the spiritual gift of understanding. The gift of understanding enables us to "read inwardly" and to penetrate the very essence of something. For that reason, the physical appearance of Jesus might have been the first step toward believing, but it wasn't until these same disciples encountered our Lord within their souls, perceiving the very essence of His Resurrection inwardly, that they were forever changed. Only this form of knowledge could then convince them to go forth and proclaim the message of salvation.

Reflect, today, upon your own knowledge of Jesus and the transforming power of His Resurrection in your life. Has God spoken to you within the depths of your soul? Have you perceived this inward knowledge and had your mind opened? Listen attentively to our Lord—not just with your ears but primarily with your spirit. It is there, within you, that you, like the first disciples, will come to know and believe in the life, death and resurrection of Christ so that you can then go forth empowered to proclaim these truths to others.

Source: [mycatholiclife.com](http://mycatholiclife.com)

## 2024 MASS BOOK

The requested Donation  
for intentions is as follows:

Hosts: **\$25**

Sacramental Wine: **\$25**

Flowers: **\$25**

Sanctuary Candle: **\$25**

Mass: **\$10**

Check or Money Order made  
payable to Ss Peter and Paul.

In order to give everyone a chance at their requested Mass(es), please have your list prepared in advance - 10 per request. We will do our best to honor your request or provide you with the closest available date.

### Additional Collection THIS MONTH

**April 14**  
Legacy Fund



All support to this fund  
goes completely to parish  
initiatives.

**April 28**  
Catholic Home Mission



An annual diocesan  
collection dedicated to  
supporting the missionary  
activities conducted in the  
US and its territories.

A LITTLE HUMOR...



"I'LL KEEP THIS SHORT, SINCE I WAS  
A REALLY GOOD BOY TODAY."



# Celebration of First Communion!

This Saturday, we celebrate First Communions at Ss Peter & Paul! Join us in praying for the children of our Parish who will be receiving the Blessed Sacrament for the first time!

God Bless Our First Communicants!



Alessia Aluce  
William Baldwin  
Maelin Baker  
Theodore Bartlett  
Otto Blanos  
Lucca Breslin  
Declan Carroll  
Theodore Catanzaro  
Louis Connolly  
Mia Corvino  
Will Culhane  
Zoey Gavin  
Julia Hale  
Roman Hoshko  
Lomond Hutson

Aidan Lee  
Rudy Makris  
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Theodore Urban  
Laura Villalon Galliano  
Landon Vuolo

During the Holy Communion Mass, take a moment to soak in the joy that radiates on the children's faces. These little children understand the meaning of the Eucharist in an innocent and pure way. Reclaim that enthusiasm for yourself. Let this day refresh your awareness of the beauty of the gift that Christ gives us in Himself. May God bless you and your family as you enjoy this great Sacrament.

## DID YOU KNOW? FACTS ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH.

### Why is First Communion typically celebrated in April or May?

The tradition of children receiving holy communion during this time of year is a recent development in the Roman Rite. In many Western countries, it has become an annual tradition to celebrate the First Communion of children during the months of April or May. Yet, this tradition is something relatively new and unique to the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church. In the first few centuries of Christianity, the three sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist, were always celebrated together. This meant that adults, children and babies received all three sacraments when converting to Christianity.

Typically this took place at the Easter Vigil, as it commonly occurs today in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Initially the bishop conferred these sacraments, but as Christianity spread in the West, bishops were no longer able to be physically present. This resulted in a separation of these sacraments in the Roman Rite, where baptism became a solitary sacrament administered by the priest or deacon and later on confirmation would be conferred when the bishop could travel to the parish. First Communion then came after confirmation and was often given to teenagers.

By the 19th century there developed an elaborate ceremony in many Western countries where all teenagers received First Communion together at the local parish, dressed in white garments that resembled their baptismal clothing. This was the practice up until 1910, when Pope Pius X lowered the age of First Communion and encouraged young children to receive the Eucharist at age 7 or 8. Then instead of teenagers receiving First Communion at the parish, it changed to younger children.

The decision to host this ceremony in April or May is largely based on the celebration of Easter, which in some way connects it to the original tradition of receiving the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Additionally, for many centuries the Church instructed its members to receive holy communion annually during the Easter season. The current Code of Canon Law highlights this "Easter obligation."

After being initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, each of the faithful is obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year. (Can. 920) Technically speaking, anyone can receive their First Communion, with the permission of their local pastor, at any time of the year. However, because of the Eucharist's close connection to the Easter season, it is most often celebrated on one of the Sundays following Easter.

Source: [aleteia.org](http://aleteia.org)

Let us also keep in our prayers the 29 Young Adults who will be receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation NEXT Saturday, April 20!

Photos of all of these Sacramental celebrations will be featured in future Bulletins.

## God Bless Our Newly Baptized!



On Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, **Msgr. Michael** baptized four beautiful babies into the Catholic faith!

**Cora Patricia Sharkey**  
**Athena Storm Maginnis**  
**Pierson Joseph Reinhardt**  
**Michael Matthew Martini**

*Congratulations to the Sharkey, Maginnis, Reinhardt and Martini families!*

May God Continue to bless these precious babies with His love and grace, now and always.

## Baptism Schedule for 2024

*All Baptisms occur on Saturday mornings at 11:30am unless otherwise indicated.*

**Saturday, May 4, 2024**

**Saturday, June 22, 2024**

**Saturday, September 7, 2024**

**Saturday, October 5, 2024**

**Saturday, November 9, 2024**

**Who do I contact at the office with any Baptism questions / concerns?**

The Baptism Ministry contact is: Stephanie Panzariello

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## FAMILY MASS!



On Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, **Msgr. Neil** presided over our monthly Family Mass. Thank you to all the children of the Parish who participated!



This was a very special Mass for **Sonya Fernandez** who served her very First Mass as an Altar Server! Sonya has been watching older brother Rahul on the Altar over the past year to learn how to serve. **We are proud of you Sonya!**



# SPRING FIESTA EAST LA

Our THANKS to former **Mayor Dave Roberts, Chris Roberts, Ryan McEnerney**, and the entire **Staff of East LA** for their generosity and providing this overwhelmingly successful fundraiser and social event for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row! We had a tremendous turnout! The evening was filled with a delicious buffet of tex-mex food, frozen margaritas, camaraderie, laughter and fun! We are so grateful to the Roberts Family as well as ALL of YOU who came out to support Saints Peter & Paul and celebrate with us!

## Our thanks to the Roberts Family!



Msgr. Michael presented Dave Roberts, Chris Roberts, and Ryan McEnerney with a special gift - an Icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe, as a small token of our gratitude.







## Happy Birthday Msgr. Michael!



This Wednesday, April 17,  
someone very special  
celebrates his birthday....

Join us in wishing Fr. Michael a Happy  
Birthday! We thank him for another year  
filled with the joy, faithfulness, fun,  
and dedication he brings to the Parish.  
We pray for his continued health and  
happiness in the year ahead!



# Super 50/50

**TOTAL POT: \$8,770**

**Tickets are \$10**

Tickets can be purchased after Mass  
or at the Parish Office.

**Questions? Contact**  
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*Thanks for your support!*

At the East LA Event  
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