

Dear Padre,

This week is the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. Why doesn't each have his own feast day?

They do. Saints Peter and Paul are united in a solemnity on June 29 to honor their martyrdom, but each has his own feast: the Chair of St. Peter (February 22) and the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25).

Peter's primacy is evident in the prominence given to him by the Gospel writers and in the position of authority entrusted to him in the infant Church. Jesus promised Peter that he alone would be the foundation stone, keeper of the keys, and head shepherd (see Matthew 16:18-19 and John 21:15-17). Peter also oversaw Judas Iscariot's replacement (see Acts of the Apostles 1:15-26).

Paul holds a position of honor for his transformation from Church persecutor to "a slave of Christ Jesus" (Romans 1:1).

Saint Augustine wrote that they share a solemnity because, even though they didn't suffer on the same day, they suffered as one. On different days of presumably the same year, 67, Peter was crucified and Paul beheaded.

Their esteem coupled them in the early Church's devotion. Hence, the solemnity Mass preface states that "each in a different way gathered together the one family of Christ; and revered together throughout the world, they share one Martyr's crown."

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

They were two very different people...Yet the closeness that joined Peter and Paul did not come from natural inclinations, but from the Lord. He did not command us to like one another, but to love one another. He is the one who unites us, without making us all alike. He unites us in our differences.

SOLEMNITY OF STS. PETER AND PAUL, JUNE 29, 2020



Calendar

Monday
JUNE 28
St. Irenaeus,
Bishop and Martyr
Gn 18:16-33
Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday
JUNE 29
Sts. Peter and Paul,
Apostles
Acts 12:1-11
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18
Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday
JUNE 30
Weekday
Gn 21:5, 8-20a
Mt 8:28-34

Thursday
JULY 1
Weekday
Gn 22:1b-19
Mt 9:1-8

Friday
JULY 2
Weekday
Gn 23:1-4, 19;
24:1-8, 62-67
Mt 9:9-13

Saturday
JULY 3
St. Thomas, Apostle
Eph 2:19-22
Jn 20:24-29

Sunday
JULY 4
Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ez 2:2-5
2 Cor 12:7-10
Mk 6:1-6a

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Equality and Equity

We operate under two very different economic systems. On one hand, in society the measure to which we claim a right is determined by the character and extent of our earning power. On the other hand, what is described in St. Paul's admonition to the Corinthians is more like the way economics operates in a family. There, need rather than earning power determines the measure of what we might claim as our right.

Both systems are built on important, though sometimes different, values. The prominent economic system in today's world advocates equality as the value upon which it is built. This includes equal pay for equal work, but also equality of opportunity. The system Paul advocates is built on issues of equity, which recognizes that all things are not equal. It insists that those who need more should get more. Both systems also face pitfalls. This could occur when a system

based on equality does not operate on an "equal playing field." In such a situation, equality can lack justice. Then again, a system in which need or equity plays an important role must always be on the alert for idleness. Experience has shown that people have a tendency to take advantage of either system.

In an ideal system, both values operate. This is what Paul is actually advocating. He does not expect the rich to become poor. However, he does insist that as a matter of justice, and not charity, legitimate needs should be met. After all, we all are called to join the household of God.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ In which of your parish or diocesan justice programs might you be able to participate?
- ★ How might genuine family values improve the ministry of your parish?





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Dear Sisters, Brothers and Children in Jesus Christ,

Archbishop Oscar Romero (1917 -1980), whom we call today St. Oscar Romero (canonized on October 14, 2018, by Pope Francis) was assassinated on March 24, 1980 for speaking out truth, standing for justice and helping the most vulnerable and marginalized people of society. On March 23, 1980, Romero delivered a homily in which he called on Salvadoran soldiers, as Christians, to obey God's higher order and to stop carrying out the government's repression and violations of basic human rights. Next day during mass, Romero finished his homily, stepped away from the lectern, and took a few steps to stand at the center of the altar. As Romero finished speaking, a red automobile came to a stop on the street in front of the chapel. The gunman emerged from the vehicle, stepped to the door of the chapel, and fired one, possibly two shots. Romero was struck in the heart, and the vehicle sped off. As I am taking leave of you today, here below is a reflection which is an excerpt from a homily preached by Romero on October 25, 1979.

"We are the prophets of a future not our own."

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,

an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results;

but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own. (Romero, October 25, 1979)

Thank you all for all that you have done and for all that you have been to me! Gratefully,
Rev.C.P.Varghese

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

| Date | Day | Time | Place | Intention |
|-------|-----------|---------------|------------|----------------------|
| 06/28 | Monday | No Mass Today | | |
| 06/29 | Tuesday | No Mass Today | | |
| 06/30 | Wednesday | No Mass Today | | |
| 07/01 | Thursday | No Mass Today | | |
| 07/02 | Friday | No Mass Today | | |
| 07/03 | Saturday | 5.30 PM | Dalton | Teresa Reilly |
| 07/04 | Sunday | 8.00 AM | Bayard | John & Mary Olivarez |
| 07/04 | Sunday | 10.30 AM | Bridgeport | People of God |

**ALL SOULS
617 P STREET
BRIDGEPORT NE 69336**

Next Sunday - July 4th

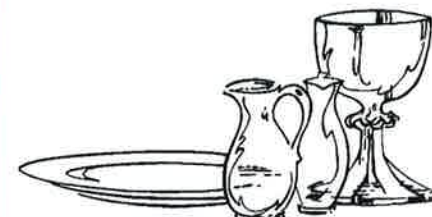
Happy Independence Day

**Our Bishop will preside
over the Eucharist**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

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|---------------|-----------------|
| ADULTS | \$245.00 |
| CHILDREN | |
| PLATE | \$218.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$463.00 |
| MASS STIPEND | |
| TOTAL | \$463.00 |
| BUILDING FUND | |
| APPEAL GOAL | \$6,046.00 |
| DONATIONS | \$3,615.00 |
| BALANCE | \$2,431.00 |

- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn-262-0453 or Teresa-262-0439.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



**SACRED HEART
1003 AVE B
BAYARD NE 69334**

Next Sunday - July 4th

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over the Eucharist**

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| ADULTS | \$423.00 |
| CHILDREN | |
| PLATE | \$13.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$436.00 |
| MASS STIPEND | |
| TOTAL | \$436.00 |
| INTEREST FROM DIOCESE | \$209.10 |
| APPEAL GOAL | \$4,907.00 |
| DONATIONS | \$3,165.00 |
| BALANCE | \$1,742.00 |

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



**SAINT MARY'S
718 FRANCIS ST
DALTON NE 69131**

Next Saturday - July 3rd

**Our Bishop will preside
over the Eucharist**

Happy Independence Day

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| ADULTS | \$790.00 |
| CHILDREN | |
| PLATE | \$22.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$812.00 |
| COMMUNICATIONS | \$50.00 |
| INTEREST FROM DIOCESE | \$350.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1212.00 |
| BUILDING FUND | |
| APPEAL GOAL | \$6,136.00 |
| DONATIONS | \$6,439.00 |
| BALANCE | (\$303.00) |

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn-249-1735.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.

