

Women's Bible Study: Thursdays 10:00 am in the upstairs hall for greater accessibility.

Religious Education: Contact Donna, Nick or Peggy for info about the next session.

Hospitality: Sundays after Mass Bring a dish to share, or a simple snack

Formed.org: access code **0d020f**. Catholic Netflix for free!

Collection /Donations: Mail and online donation are options and you can designate where to apply the funds.

Sunday – \$ 678.00

www.stroseoflimawrangell.com

United in Mission donations can be made directly to Anchorage.



Safety Protocols and Hospitality

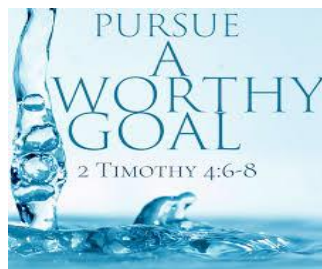
Summer has come but with it many visitors from many places. Some of those visitors can be nasty bugs in our isolated community which can be dangerous to our more vulnerable friends and neighbors.

Be aware and take care for each other as we gather together.

Use the Sanitizer as well as the Holy Water. Masks are also available.



Resources: The Diocese website, aoaj.org, is a resource to stay informed about changes or events in the Diocese. Check out the information on the Jubilee Year



June 29, 2025 – Saints Peter & Paul St. Rose Parish News and Announcements

Schedule Updates – We expect to have our regular schedule this week with Mass today at 11:00 am and 5:30 pm. Daily Mass Monday through Wednesday at 7:30 am. As always, the schedule will depend on weather and other factors which may cause temporary adjustments, but there will be a Eucharistic Service if Father Jose can't fly. Watch for email updates.

Welcome Visitors – During our summer season, we are seeing more visitors, family and friends, independent travelers and cruise ship passengers. All are welcome in this house and are invited to share hospitality with us after the service.

Second Collection – there will be a second collection next week, July 6th for the annual Peter's Pence. This collection will help support the special ministries of Pope Leo.

Long Term Care – June has been our month at LTC, and today is our last visit this turn. As very special thanks to Alice Rooney for the music to sing along with. Meet there (entrance at the back) about 12:30 pm and we'll spend about 30 to 40 minutes. Thank you all who have shared in this very special ministry.

Holy Burgers – Although many have already signed up to help, there is always room for more. If you want to help, sign up sheets are available in the Hall, or call Leanna (907-305-0162). Keene Kohrt (907-874-3877) will be setting up the booth on Thursday the 3rd. Please give him a call if you can give a hand there. Take down will be later in the afternoon on the 4th.



Connections – 6/29/2025

Today the Church celebrates the feast of its “founding fathers,” Peter and Paul. This is one of the principal holy days of the liturgical year that takes precedence when it falls on a Sunday. In Matthew's Gospel, Peter's confession of faith is a turning point in the ministry of Jesus. Jesus will now focus on preparing his disciples to take on the teaching ministry and leadership of the Church he will establish.

The scene of today's Gospel, Caesarea Philippi, was the site of temples dedicated to no less than 14 different pagan gods. It is here Jesus first indicates his plans and hopes for his church.

Jesus “sets up” Peter's declaration of faith by asking his disciples what people are saying about him. Trying to remain noncommittal, the disciples tell Jesus that many believe that Jesus is the reincarnation of John the Baptizer or the prophet Elijah or Jeremiah, whose return would signal the restoration of Israel. Simon Peter, however, is unequivocal: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus blesses Simon with the new name of “rock” (*Petros* in Greek), the foundation for Jesus' new Church. Peter is entrusted with the keys of the kingdom of heaven and the mission to bring sins to consciousness and to proclaim to sinners the love and forgiveness of God.

In calling Peter – and us – to the work of “apostleship,” Christ calls us to bring the miracle of his resurrection

into our lives through our commitment to seeking justice, peace and reconciliation in all things. In looking beyond the abandonment of him on Good Friday, the Risen Jesus renews his call to them to become “fishers” of humanity.

The question Jesus asks Peter and his disciples is asked of us every minute of every day. Every decision we make is ultimately a response to the question, *Who do you say I am?* Our love for family and friends, our dedication to the cause of justice, our commitment to the highest moral and ethical standards, our taking the first step toward reconciliation and forgiveness, our simplest acts of kindness and charity declare most accurately and effectively our belief in the Gospel Jesus as the Messiah and Redeemer.

Peter is the first of the disciples to grasp the divinity of Christ. On the faith of Peter “the rock” Christ establishes his Church. Peter becomes, then, the first stone in the foundation of the Church. We who are baptized into the faith handed down to us by Peter and the apostles become stones in this “edifice of Spirit”; the faith we live and the hope we cherish are the foundation of the Church of the Risen One.

The “keys of the kingdom of heaven” entrusted by Christ to us, his Church, are hope, trust and understanding; they are the authority to proclaim, in our personal works of charity and various ministries, the presence of God in our midst. These “keys” have been entrusted to us, as well, to enable others to discover the presence of God in their own lives; they can open up to us the mysteries of God's great love for all of humanity as revealed to us in the Risen Christ.

St Rose of Lima Catholic Church



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Mass: Sunday at 11:00 am and 5:30pm. Weekdays at 7:30 am Monday thru Wednesday when the priest is in town (changes as needed)

Reconciliation: by appointment when Father Jose is here

Weddings, Baptisms or Funerals: Contact Father Jose for preparation and/or scheduling.

