

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. ●

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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
Jn 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

Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 29, 2025

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1–11 / 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 17–18 / Matthew 16:13–19



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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RECONCILIATION: (Confession) available, following Mass, on
Sunday and Wednesday – please contact Fr. Pedro, before mass, to confirm
availability. Also by appointment.
BAPTISM: Please contact the Deacon or Pastor, at least one month prior to
desired date.
SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE: Please contact the Deacon or Pastor
at least six months prior to desired date.


 **BUILDING COMMITTEE**
People with ideas about the new parish hall, especially those with building
skills, are welcome to Contact the Building Committee.
PARENTS: Please do not allow your children to play on/around the new block
retaining wall. Thank you!

Please remember St. Genevieve Parish in your Will

THANK YOU for your donations!

Weekly Budget: \$1,255.00
06/15/25: \$1,597.00
06/22/25: \$576.00
No Building Fund Donations last week

**The Cove THANKS YOU for your continuing donations
of food, laundry detergent, dish soap, bar soap,
toothbrushes, and toothpaste.**

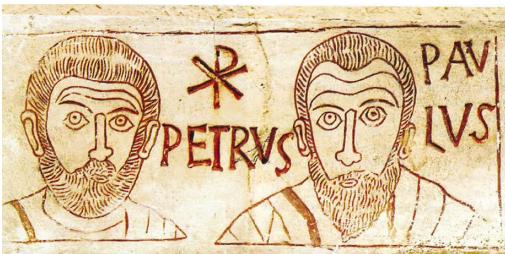
CAFFEINE & CALORIES

Thank you to all who volunteer and share!

*Please consider hosting C & C.
Contact Alicia Brown for info, 509-429-1621.*

**WELCOME! NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PRESENT OR PAST STATUS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NO MATTER YOUR
PERSONAL HISTORY, AGE, RACE OR BACKGROUND, YOU ARE INVITED WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, AND LOVED AT ST.
GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC PARISH.**

Mass Schedule:

**Sunday, June 29 @ 11:00 am, Solemnity of Saints Peter
and Paul, Rosary @ 10:20 am**
Wednesday, July 2 @ 9:30 am; Rosary @ 9:00 am;
Adoration/Benediction 5:00 am to 8:30 am
First Friday, July 4, @ 9:30 am Rosary @ 9am
**Sunday, July 6 @ 11:00 am, Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Rosary @ 10:20 am**

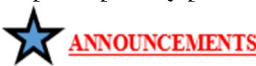


Liturgy of the Word

Acts 12:1-11 *The angel of the Lord rescues Peter.*
Psalm 34 *"The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him."*
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 *"I have finished the race."*
Matthew 16:13-19 *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

Because today we celebrate two saints who lived during the time that the New
Testament was written, our readings feature significant events from their lives. We hear
how Peter is freed from prison by an angel the night before he is to be executed. Paul,
knowing that he would soon give his life for his faith, writes a farewell to his close
friend and fellow disciple, Timothy. In the Gospel, Peter proclaims Jesus as the
Messiah, the Christ. May their strong faith in the Lord be a model for us.

Question of the Week: How do the examples of Saint Peter and Saint Paul help me
respond to my call and give me hope despite my past actions?



BOTTLES OF LOVE donations for CareNet need to be returned. Contact Ginny Humling

DEO GRATIAS! We were blessed with perfect weather for MASS ON THE GRASS



Photo courtesy of April Stephens

PRAY
**Please Remember in
Your Prayers**

PEACE

Fr. Sean Thomson
Thomson Family
Margaret
(sister of J. Falleen)
Fred Nowicki
Julie Humling
Evangeline Grace Knox
Teagan Maxwell
Paul Budrow
Melissa Larson
Howard Burcham
Terry & Barb Anderson
Bernice Morgan
Kyle Rogers
Jim Perra
Bill Wilburn
Sheila Kerr



**Repose of the
Soul of**

Pope Francis