

April 28 observes the feast of two great and well-known confessors of the Catholic Church: St Louis Marie de Montfort, and St Paul of the Cross. Another, not so well known, earned his martyr's crown and saint's halo less than 200 years ago.

Saint Peter Chanel, patron of Oceania

In early November 1836, Fr Peter Chanel and a religious brother debarked on the Island of Futuna in the New Hebrides islands, near New Zealand. No Christian missionary had set foot there, and the difficulties they encountered were incredible. They endured great physical hardships – especially hunger and severe want; disappointments, frustration, and almost complete failure. The work seemed hopeless: only a few were baptized, and the chieftain was suspicious and hostile. Despite the meager apparent fruits of his mission Chanel labored faithfully, with endless patience and courage struggling to learn the native language, attending the sick, baptizing the dying, and winning from all the name of "the man with the kind heart."

Niuliki, then ruler, showed first an amicable disposition towards the missionary and even declared him "taboo", or sacred and inviolable; but when he saw that his subjects were being drawn into the white man's religion, he issued an edict to avert the movement towards Christianity. His own son joined the missionary, which confirmed his change of attitude. His prime minister Musumusu, an implacable enemy of Christianity, concocted a plot with the petty chiefs against the Christians, which was carried out with great cruelty.

On April 28 1841, a band of native warriors entered his hut. They clubbed the missionary to death and cut up his body with hatchets.

Upon receiving word of their martyred brother, three more Marists immediately volunteered for the mission. They arrived on Futuna on June 9, 1842. Conversions on the island multiplied. Musumusu himself converted and, as he lay dying, expressed the desire that he be buried outside the church at Poi, so that those who visited the church to revere Fr Chanel would tread upon his own grave.



Two years later, the whole island was Catholic. St. Peter Chanel's death bears witness to the ancient axiom that "the blood of martyrs is the seed of the Faith."

Success or failure is often not completely in our hands, and sometimes we have to face what seems almost certain failure. But success is not required of us, only fidelity. St. Peter Chanel's work ended in his own death, in the face of what seemed total failure. Out of that failure, God brought about the success Peter was seeking.

Saint Peter Chanel, pray for us!



*Ah, the hearts of children
hold what worlds cannot ~
and the God of wonders
loves the lowly spot!*

*We are happy for you,
Shiloh!*

Sacred Heart of Jesus Traditional Catholic Church

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Third Sunday after Easter



"All the faithful should be aware that to participate in the Mass is their chief duty and supreme dignity." Pope Pius XII

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MASS SCHEDULE

Month of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, April 26

8:00 AM
10:00 AM
4:00 PM in Roland

3rd Sunday after Easter / Our Lady of Good Counsel,
Ss Cletus & Marcellinus, PpMm
Pro Populo
Private Intention
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Monday, April 27

no Mass

St Peter Canisius, CD
Private Intention

Tuesday, April 28

no Mass

St Louis Marie de Montfort, C / St Paul of the Cross, C
Private Intention

Wednesday, April 29

no Mass

6:00 PM

St Peter of Verona, M / St Robert of Solesmes, Ab
Private Intention
Rosary, OMPH devotions, Prayer for Priests
~ for our priests and for many fervent vocations!

Thursday, April 30

8:00 AM

St Catherine of Siena, V / St Joseph Cottelengo, C
Private Intention

Friday, May 1

8:00 AM

St Joseph the Worker / St Peregrine, C
Private Intention

Saturday, May 2

8:00 AM

St Athanasius, BCD
Frances Geckle

Sunday, May 3

8:00 AM
10:00 AM
4:00 PM in Roland

Finding of the True Cross /
4th Sunday after Easter / St Alexander I, P & Comp Mm
Frances Geckle
Pro Populo
Private Intention

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a specific intention, the intention may be submitted to the Priest. If it is for a person, please specify whether the person is living or deceased, and Catholic or non-Catholic. The customary stipend for offering the Mass is \$25.00.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Shiloh Grossman is receiving her First Holy Communion today!
- Please keep in your prayers the young men to be ordained on Tuesday: Rev. Mr. Anthony Alley and Rev. Mr. Lucas Oliveira.
- Closing hymn: Salve Regina. Page 100, number 57.

O Almighty Eternal God, look upon the Face of Thy Christ, and for love of Him Who is the eternal High Priest, have pity on Thy priests. Remember, O most compassionate God, that they are but weak and frail human beings. Stir up in them the grace of their vocation, which is in them by the imposition of the Bishop's hands. Keep them close to Thee, lest the enemy prevail against them, so that they may never do anything in the slightest degree unworthy of their sublime vocation.

O Jesus, I pray Thee for Thy faithful and fervent priests; for Thy unfaithful and tepid priests; for Thy priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Thy tempted priests; for Thy lonely and desolate priests; for Thy young priests; for Thy aged priests; for Thy sick priests; for Thy dying priests; for the souls of Thy priests in Purgatory. But above all I commend to Thee the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Thy Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me, or helped and encouraged me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way, particularly . . .

O Jesus, keep them all close to Thy loving Sacred Heart,
and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.
Mary, Queen of the clergy, pray for us; obtain for us many and holy priests.



Mother of Good Counsel
April 26

*By thy face, to Jesus 'face inclining
Sheltered safe beneath thy mantle blue,
By His little arms around thee twining:
Mother, tell me, what am I to do?
Be of all my friends the best and dearest,
O my Counselor sincere and true.
Let thy voice sound always first and clearest:
Mother, tell me, what am I to do?
In thy guidance tranquilly reposing
Now I face life's toils and cares anew.
All through life, and at its awful closing:
Mother, tell me, what am I to do?*

To learn about the amazing history and astounding wonders of the image of Our Lady of Good Counsel, visit:
<https://americaneedsfaith.org/articles/our-lady-of-good-counsel>

Pray for the living: Daniel Kramer, Mark Narlesky, Tony Gable, Jones family, Amaranta Torres Rodriguez, Cecilia Rodriguez and baby, Melvin Geckle, Joe Dias, Manuel Cordova, Mickey Ellis, Shelby Littlejohn, those affected by Hurricane Helene, Don & Babette Lobban, Gil Credeur, Diane & John Pawlowski, Luis Martinez, Kristine Neal

Pray for the faithful departed: Manuel Cordova (Fr Ephrem's father), Audrey Hockel, Sr Mary Claretia, Fr Leo Carley, Linda Io, Milt Nelson, Ted Jones, Nancy Ciccone, Gerald Crochet, "Ernest," Eddie Solomon, Mary Tarnowski, Guillaume Bega, Joseph Vogel, Patsy Nash, Josie Mascarenas, Fr James Thielen, Doranne McMahon, Alexa Martin, Carlos Zepeda Sr, Kathy Winter

Monthly Collection

January 2026: \$2,417.55

February 2026: \$6,343.75

March 2026: \$7,873.97

"For from the rising of the sun even to the going down, my name is great among the Gentiles, and in every place there is sacrifice, and there is offered to my name a clean oblation: for my name is great among the Gentiles, saith the Lord of hosts." *Malachi 1:11*