

St. Peter Claver Chapel

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Rev. Fr. Christopher Spray – Pastor

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Monday, July 13 | 7:30am | **St. Anacletus**
Poor Souls - Anonymous

Tuesday, July 14 | 7:30am | **St. Bonaventure**
Poor Souls - Anonymous

Wednesday, July 15 | 7:30am | **St. Henry II, Emperor of Germany**
Special Intention – N. Demore

Thursday, July 16 | 7:30am | **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**
Special Intention – N. Demore

Friday, July 17 | 7:30am | **St. Alexius**
A. Mayonng - Anonymous

Saturday, July 18 | 8:30am | **St. Camillus de Lellis, Sts. Symphorosa & her
Seven Sons**
I. Perl - Anonymous

• Sunday, July 19 | 9:00am | **8th Sunday after Pentecost, St. Vincent de Paul**
Pro Populo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Collection

7/5 - \$1,715

- The sanctuary lamp burns this week for Our Sick Family Members and Friends by the Rojas Family

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Our Lord warns us in today's Gospel: "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in the clothing of sheep, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." Evil seldom presents itself openly as evil. Falsehood often appears under the guise of truth, and temptation frequently promises happiness, freedom, or peace. For this reason, Our Lord gives us a sure test: "By their fruits you shall know them."

We must judge teachings, influences, and choices by what they produce. Do they lead us toward humility, purity, charity, obedience, and a deeper love of God? Or do they produce pride, bitterness, impurity, disobedience, and indifference toward our eternal salvation? Fine words and outward appearances are not enough. A good tree must bear good fruit.

The same test must also be applied to our own lives. It is not sufficient merely to call ourselves Catholics or to perform certain outward religious duties. Our Lord declares that not everyone who says, "Lord, Lord," shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of the Father. True faith must bear fruit in the way we speak, act, forgive, resist temptation, and fulfill the duties of our state in life.

In the Epistle, Saint Paul reminds us that sin leads ultimately to death, while service to God bears fruit unto sanctification and eternal life. Every day, through our choices, we are cultivating one kind of fruit or the other.

Let us therefore ask God to remove from us everything harmful and to grant us whatever will lead us to Him. May our faith be more than words or appearances. May it bear the good fruit of a holy life, so that we may receive at last the gift promised by Saint Paul: life everlasting in Christ Jesus our Lord.