



Roots and Wings

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

“There 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



St. Anselm's
Anselmo, NE



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sargent, NE



St. Joseph's
Broken Bow, NE

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Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm

Mass Schedule: June 30th - July 6th

Mon.	5:00 pm	Anselmo	Anna Hunt†
Tues.	9:00 am	Broken Bow	Christopher & Rosanna Connelly
Wed.	5:00 pm	Sargent	Viola Brim†
Thur.	No Mass		
Fri.	No Mass		
Sat.	3:00-3:30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		at Broken Bow or anytime on request	
	4:00 pm	Broken Bow	People of the Parishes
		Servers: Trinity H. & Ryker W.	
	6:00 pm	Sargent	Justin Young†
		Server:	
Sun.	8:30 am	Anselmo	People of the Parishes
		Servers: Bryce C. & Trevin K.	
	10:30 am	Broken Bow	Eugene Holeman†
		Servers: Bowen & Braxton R.	

St. Peter and Paul Apostles

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the nether world shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Stewardship

*Last
Weekend's Collections*

St. Joseph
Regular: \$3,021.30

St. Anselm
Regular: \$634.00

Blessed Virgin Mary
Regular: \$976.00

*Thank you very much for
your generosity
each week!*

2024/2025 Diocesan Appeal
"Together on Mission"

St. Joseph-Broken Bow
Parish Goal: \$16,638.00
Total Raised **\$17,261.00**
GOAL MET!!!

Assumption of BVM-Sargent

Parish Goal: \$6,485.00
Total Raised: **\$2,953.00**

St. Anselm-Anselmo-Merna

Parish Goal: \$7,142.00
Total Raised: **\$5,405.00**

**All checks need to be made
payable to the Diocesan Appeal.**

Events This Week

**June 29th
Masses:**

8:30am Anselmo
Sister Parish Bake Sale after
Mass
10:30am Broken Bow
KofC All Parishes Picnic after
Mass west side of Church

July 3rd

6:30am Broken Bow Men's
Bible Study Parish Ctr.
5:15pm Divine Mercy Cenacle
Prayer Grp. Parish Ctr.

July 4th

**Happy 4th of July
Parish Office Closed**

**July 5th
Masses:**

4:00pm Broken Bow
6:00pm Sargent

**July 6th
Masses:**

8:30am Anselmo
10:30am Broken Bow

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A Message from Fr. Jim: Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father." Today we celebrate the Feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul, two of the pivotal players in the early Church. Peter, the disciple to whom Jesus entrusted the keys to the kingdom and Paul, the Church's first great evangelist and defender. In Rome, wherever you see a statue of St. Peter, there will be one of St. Paul nearby. Peter, holding a key and Paul depicted with a sword. These two great men, martyred in Rome in about 64 ad., are forever linked together. And while they both died for the faith, they took different paths to discipleship. Peter, one of Jesus' original disciples, at times wavered in his faith. Paul was a persecutor of the Church before his conversion. Yet, both had to answer the same question Jesus asks in today's gospel, "Who do you say that I am?" As modern-day disciples we must also answer the question, "who is Jesus in my life?" We are invited to trust that the one who blessed Peter with a rock-like faith gives us the faith to respond that "Jesus is the anointed one, the Son of the living God." Who or what have most challenged my faith in Jesus?

THE PARISH DIRECTORIES ARE IN!!!

Parish Directories will be available before and after Masses this weekend and for the next two weekends. After that, the directories (Broken Bow) will be available at the Parish Office. ABVM and St. Anselm directories will be available at each respective church.



Plan to attend the annual **K of C All Parishes Family Picnic TODAY after 10:30am Mass** on the west side of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Please join the Knights for a pork sandwich, salads, beverages and ice cream.

It's always good to relax, celebrate and share a meal together.

Be a Sign of Mercy.

Next week we will take up the **Peter's Pence Collection** to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

Out of the Past Sunday Announcements July 23, 1933

Fr. Justin St. Joseph's Broken Bow, NE

1. Today 9:30am High Mass-opening of the 40 Hours Devotion. This evening at 8:00pm Rosary, Litany of the Saints, Sermon and Benediction.
2. Monday morning at 6:30am Blessed Sacrament exposed. Masses at 6:30am and 8:00am. Monday evening service at 8:00pm.
3. Tuesday morning Masses at 6:30am and 8:00am. Holy Communion distributed before and during the Masses. Tuesday evening Solemn Closing of 40 hours, Rosary, Sermon, Litany chanted, Procession and Benediction. During 40 hours-Blessed Sacrament exposed all day.
4. Mass Intention today People of the Parish, Tuesday, Feast of St. James and Wednesday Feast of St. Ann, Mother of B.V.M.
5. Catechism instruction Saturday afternoon at 1:30pm.

Dear Fr. Hunt:

Recently, the people of St. Joseph's Church in Broken Bow reached their monetary goal for the 2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal.

We are so grateful!

I wanted to send this note to acknowledge your efforts and to personally thank them for being *Together on Mission* with us. As we strive to move forward in faith, the response of St. Joseph's parish to our Diocesan Appeal is once again encouraging to me. I pray that we may be ever more united across our diocese in our mission to build up the Kingdom of God in our midst.

In Christ, our Hope!

Most Reverend Joseph G. Hanefeldt
Bishop of Grand Island

The Broken Bow PCCW is purchasing small butterflies to decorate the cemetery for the upcoming installation and dedication of a statue dedicated to infant loss (dedication date TBD). The statue is in honor of those infants whom we've held in our hands, or only held in our hearts, and who have been given back to God. If you would like to purchase a butterfly in honor of a death (of any age, womb to elder) the PCCW is asking for a \$2 donation. The butterfly can be personalized with a name. Please contact Jess McCaslin at (308) 870-4894 to order your butterfly or call the church office. Sales also will take place before/after Masses.



He has set you apart and called your marriage to be great and by his grace, learn how to live your vocation by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on: Sept. 19-21, Grand Island, NE
For questions, feel free to contact:
Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839



This week, all three parishes received thank you letters from Cross Catholic Outreach for our donations to this year's **Safe Homes Project in Haiti**. The insert in this weekend's bulletin actually shows two of the homes that were built this year and gives us a better idea of what the homes that are built look like. Know that we are changing the lives of the "poorest of the poor."
Thank you for your caring and generosity.

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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Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



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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