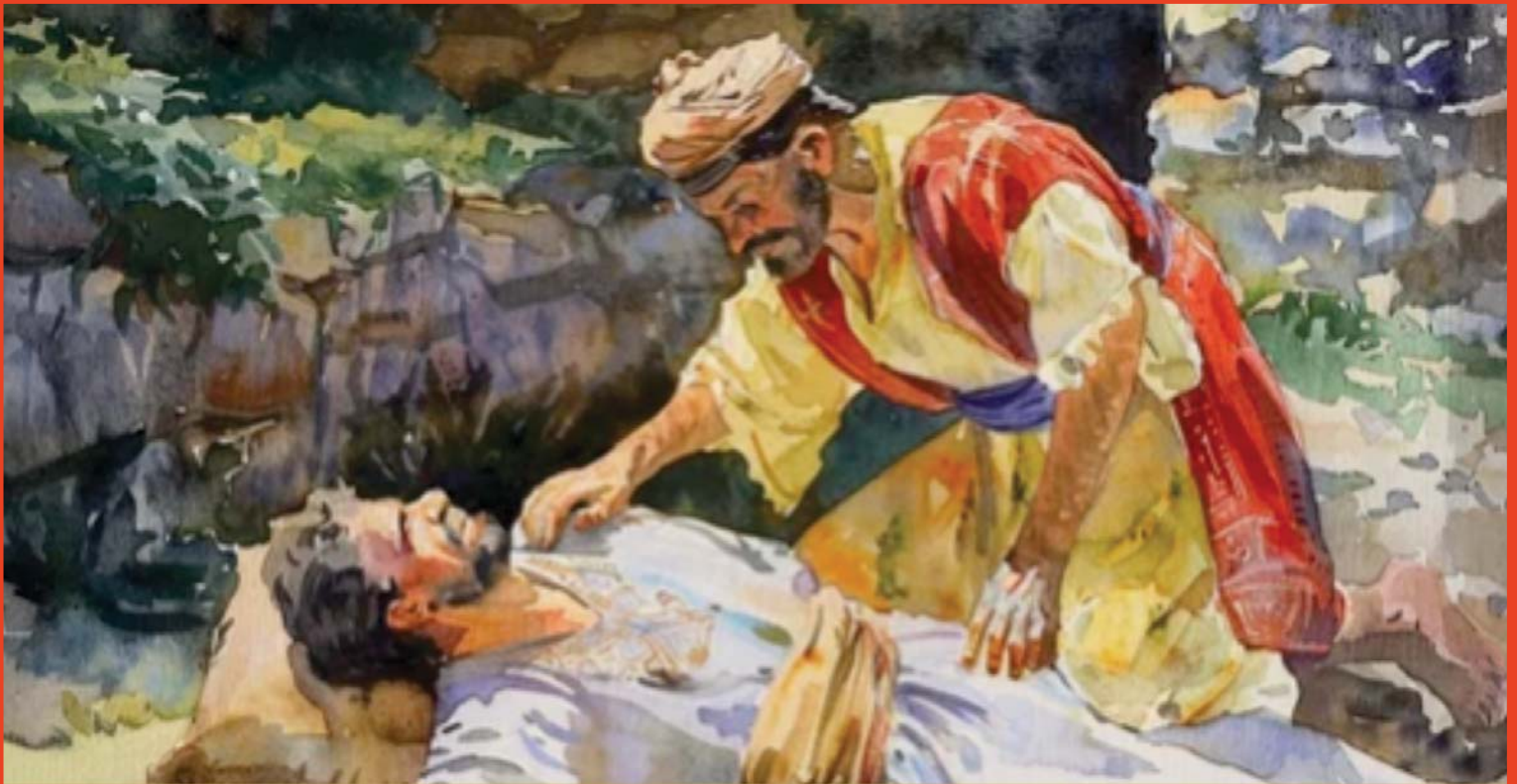




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And Jesus said, “*Go*” and do likewise.”

## Mass Schedule

**Daily Mass** ~ Monday-Saturday 9:00am,  
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**Weekend Masses** ~ Saturdays 4:00pm  
Sundays 8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm & 5:00pm

~ **Church Open for Prayer** ~  
**Monday-Friday 10:00am-3:00pm**

**Bereavement Support Ministry** ~ For support, please  
Contact Deacon Dan Nelson at [dcn785@aol.com](mailto:dcn785@aol.com)

**Staff Directory** ~ Find our staff directory on page 6.

**Parish Prayer Wall** ~ Submit your prayer requests on  
our parish website.

**Parish Newsletter** ~ Visit parish website to subscribe.

**St. Mary's Cemetery** ~ For inquiries, please contact  
Barbara McKenney at 781-828-0090 x 311.

## Sacramental and Devotional Life

**Anointing of the Sick** ~ Contact the parish office.

**Baptism** ~ Twice a month, 2nd and 4th Sundays.  
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Sacraments. Contact: Barbara McKenney (781) 828-0090.

**Marriage** ~ Arrangements should be made six months  
in advance. Contact the parish office.

**Reconciliation** ~ Saturdays at 3:15pm before the 4:00pm  
Mass

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** ~  
Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am

**Bible Study** ~ Mondays at 9:45am in the Lower church  
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*"Let us not tire of preaching love;  
It is the force that will overcome the world."*

### Dear Friends

I spent last week at Prince of Peace Abbey. An appealing feature of the monastery is the solitude and the respite from administrative concerns. I used the occasion to remember our parish community and its members in prayer. I had the time to remember those who have died, those who mourn, the health intentions you have shared with me, and the other prayer requests.

Over the twenty years that I have been making retreats there, I have seen changes in the abbey community. Some of the older monks have died. And some who arrived as novices have progressed to final vows and more. During this last visit, I was able to participate in the priestly ordination of one of them. The new bishop of San Diego, Bishop Michael Pham, celebrated the ordination on July 3 at the monastery. Accustomed to diocesan ordinations, it was the first time I saw Holy Orders administered in a monastic setting.



Bishop Michael Pham of San Diego



Newly Ordained Father Esteban, OSB

Father Esteban is a native of Mexico. His family, and many priests and friends, traveled from Mexico for the Mass. Many people in that area of Southern California have roots and family in Mexico. The monks relate that the present environment is creating anxiety and worry for many. Bishop Pham was born in Vietnam. In his homily, he referenced the multi-ethnic composition of the Church in their diocese and throughout the world. The experience has renewed my commitment to pray that Congress and the Administration heed the pleas of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to work for bipartisan immigration reform legislation.

I had to rush back, of course, for Kids' Camp! We extend our gratitude to everyone who makes this endeavor so much fun. Lastly, we look forward to having Father Patrick with us for the summer.

Yours in Christ,  
*Fr. Tom*

## St. Mary Cemetery News

### Caring for Our Parish Families—Now and Always

We're pleased to share that interest in St. Mary Cemetery continues to grow. The recently established **"Our Lady Queen of Peace"** section is nearly sold out, with just a few lots still available.

To meet this increasing need, we are currently expanding a portion of **St. Robert's Section**, which will be available for purchase by mid-summer 2025. We are accepting pre-sale inquiries now.

If you or a loved one are considering future burial arrangements at St. Mary Cemetery, we encourage you to contact us sooner rather than later, as we strive to serve all parishioners and families with care and compassion.

Please call **781-828-0090 x311** for more information or to schedule an appointment.



### A Lasting Tribute at St. Mary Cemetery



As you may be aware, a new dedication wall has been established **at St. Mary Cemetery**, located near the cemetery shed. This special wall features plaques for **memorials and living dedications**—a meaningful way to honor a loved one, friend, or anyone you wish to acknowledge.

Each plaque is available with a \$500 donation, and to date, seven families have participated in this beautiful tribute. Their plaques have already been installed as a lasting remembrance.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the lives of both the living and the deceased, and to preserve the legacy of our families for generations to come.

If you are interested in reserving a plaque or learning more, please contact **Barbara McKenney** at **781-828-0090 x311** or [bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org](mailto:bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org).



Thank you for your generosity and for honoring those who have touched your life.

## Faith Formation Registration Opens on July 15



**Registration for the 2025–2026 Faith Formation program opens this week!** Families who were enrolled last year received an email last week with all the details. We encourage early registration to help us prepare a welcoming and enriching experience for every child.

Our doors and hearts are always open to new families! If you know someone looking to grow in faith—whether it's a friend, neighbor, or relative—please invite them to explore our vibrant Faith Formation community.

### Answer the Call to Serve

Do you feel called to make a difference? Volunteering with Faith Formation is a powerful way to live your faith, support the next generation, and share the gifts God has given you. Whether as a catechist, classroom assistant, substitute, or helper with special events and behind-the-scenes tasks—there's a place for you here.

Our children are eager to learn, full of joy, and their love for God is contagious. Walk with them. Grow with them. Inspire and be inspired.

**Registration officially opens on  
Tuesday, July 15.**

**To register or learn more, please visit:**

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## Important Parking Lot Update – Temporary Closure Ahead



We're excited to share that much-needed improvements to our church parking lot are on the way!

Beginning **Monday, July 21**, George Pickering Inc.

will begin paving work on the main parking lot. The lot will be **closed to the public from Monday, July 21 through Thursday, July 24**. It will **reopen on Friday, July 25** for access to the church.

The back lot will be addressed the following week, and while we hope for minimal disruption, **Mass schedules and funerals may be affected**. We will keep everyone updated as plans develop via the parish website and Facebook page. As with any outdoor project, **extreme heat or rain could delay progress**, so we kindly ask you to join us in praying for good weather and a smooth process as we “**Pave the Way**” to a safer and more welcoming space for our parish family.

*Thank you for your patience and continued support!*

### Still Time to Donate

You can support this effort by donating in any of the following ways:

- Click the *Pave the Way* button on the homepage of our website
- Write a check with “*Pave the Way*” in the memo line
- Visit our Administrative Office (Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am-4:00pm)
- Scan the QR code provided



*St. Gerards Kids' Camp Was a Blast!*

What an amazing week at Kids' Camp! Our campers laughed, learned, and played, and made memories to last all summer long. From joyful songs and creative crafts to exciting games and precious moments, it was truly a special time.

Thank you to all the volunteers, parents, and counselors who made this week possible. Most of all, thank you to the kids—your smiles and energy lit up every day!



# Save The Date

## SUMMER BBQ PARTY

**You're Invited to Our Parish Barbecue!**  
 When: **Sunday, August 17, 2025**  
 11:00 AM Mass - Noon Barbecue  
 Where: **Parish Center**

What to Expect: **BBQ favorites, music, family games, and plenty of fun for all ages!**  
 Let's come together as a parish family to relax, reconnect, and celebrate the blessings of summer.  
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## Mass Intentions for the Week



### Saturday, July 12

9:00am~  
 4:00pm~Arthur Izzo, Memorial

### Sunday, July 13

8:00am~  
 10:00am~Francisco Andrade, Memorial  
 12:00pm~Jack Hagerty, Memorial  
 5:00pm~Outreach Intentions

### Monday, July 14

9:00am~Kristin Stadelmann, Memorial

### Tuesday, July 15

9:00am~Nancy Hennessey, Memorial

### Wednesday, July 16

9:00am~Elizabeth Tessier, Memorial

### Thursday, July 17

9:00am~Michael & Ann Sullivan,  
 Memorial

### Friday, July 18

9:00am~Doug Barr, Memorial

### Saturday, July 19

9:00am~  
 4:00pm~Michael & Catherine Regan,  
 Memorial

### Sunday, July 20

8:00am~Wayne West, Birthday Blessings  
 10:00am~Alice & Charles Ogalin, Memorial  
 12:00pm~Sante Poles, Birthday  
 Remembrance  
 5:00pm~Outreach Intentions



### Prayers and Sympathy

*Please remember in your prayers  
 all those who have entered into eternal life.*

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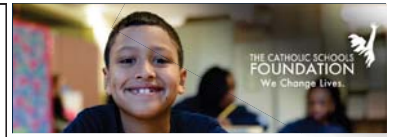
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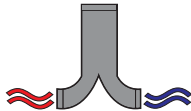
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