



# St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Church

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**VERY  
REVEREND  
RAJU D. THOTTANKARA  
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**DEACONS:**

Allen Cicora  
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**WEEKEND MASSES:**

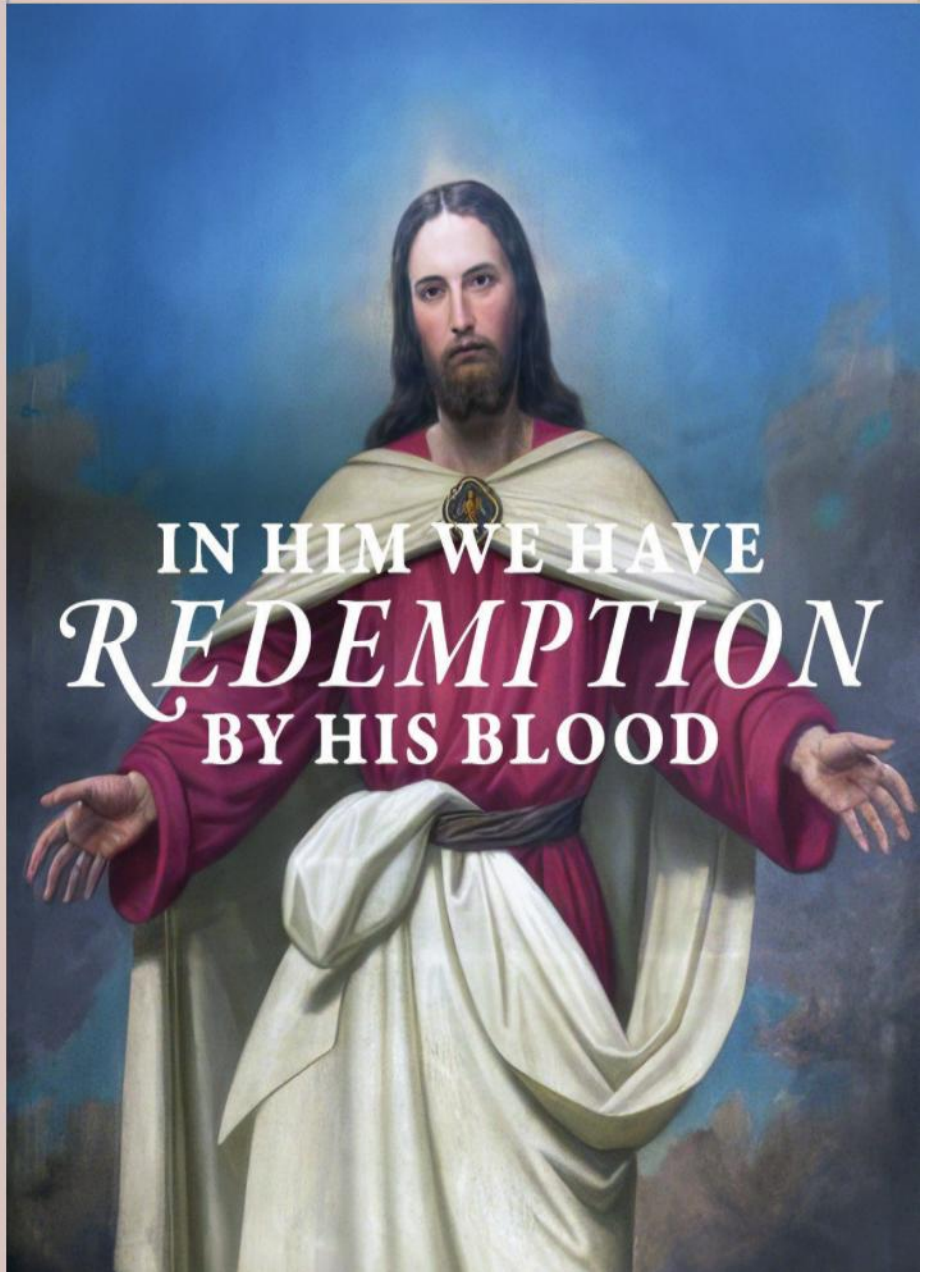
Saturday: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:15 AM

12:00 PM and 6:00 PM

**Confessions** are heard on  
Saturday from 4:30 - 5:30 PM  
and by appointment.

July 13, 2025



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Catholic Church  
is a welcoming community dedicated to promoting  
a devout life of prayer and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
through living the sacraments in a spirit of generous service.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Excuses, Excuses

If you get pulled over for speeding, you might have several excuses to use, but did you ever say that you didn't know you had to obey the speed limit? As the saying goes, ignorance of the law is no excuse. That is what Moses is telling the people in the first reading. The laws of God are not difficult to understand. Anyone with a conscience should be able to live with them.

By the time of Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees had added many more laws. The scholar who questioned Jesus about eternal life knew what was important: loving God with all your being and loving your neighbor as yourself. If he had stopped there, he would have been all right. But by asking "Who is my neighbor?" he implied that there are limits to love. That's why Jesus used the parable of the good Samaritan to show that love is as simple as helping someone in need.

Even today, we find people making excuses for not doing what God asks of us. We want someone else to interpret it for us, hoping they will find a loophole we can use to ignore God's commands. We judge people who need help, saying they choose to be poor or homeless. We say that between work and family obligations, we have no time to give to the community. We sign our kids up for so many sports that we don't even go to church on Sundays. We always have time to watch our favorite TV shows, but there's never enough time for daily prayers.

Before you start beating yourself up with guilt, remember that God expects us to take care of our families, to spend time with our children, and even to take time to rest and relax. If we are willing to look at our lives and bring them to God, asking for guidance, we are making the first steps to keep God's law of love. Even Jesus, whom Paul describes in the second reading as the image of God and source of all creation, had to die on the cross to show God's love to the world. Jesus understands the difficult choices we make. Ask for his help and you shall receive.

Tom Schmidt

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday** Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday** Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin  
**Tuesday** Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Sunday** Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings for the Week**

**Sunday** Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37  
**Monday** Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34-11:1  
**Tuesday** Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24  
**Wednesday** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27  
**Thursday** Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30  
**Friday** Ex 11:10-12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8  
**Saturday** Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15; Mt 12:14-21  
**Sunday** Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

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July 16 – July 20, 2025

**Wednesday**  
6:30 pm Lydia Saenz (Healing) - By Family

**Thursday**  
8:00 am †Rebecca Lee Ovalle & †Joe A. Ovalle - By Elena Carlow

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**Saturday**  
6:00 pm †Israel Salinas - By Connie Stephens  
Joseph & Maggie Cantu (Healing) - By Leon & Jeanie Bazar  
Sr. Maria Elva Reyes (Health) - By Dominican Sisters  
Persecuted Christians of Faith - By Dominican Sisters

**Sunday**  
8:00 am †Juan Angel Campos - By Yolanda Campos  
†Lucy LeKosky - By Delia Villarreal  
10:15 am People of the Parish  
12:00 pm †Amado Salinas (Birthday) - Chano Rodriguez  
†Maria Sandroussi - Michael Sandroussi

*"You shall love the Lord,  
your God, with all your  
heart, with all your being,  
with all your strength, and  
with all your mind, and your  
neighbor as yourself."*



The Sanctuary Candle  
Is burning for  
†Pete Lopez Sr.  
By: Patsy Lopez

**St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Parish  
7/06/2025**

Envelopes.....	\$9,335.00
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<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$13,764.40</b>





## Knight's Corner

The KC's Annual \$100 Dinner, Dance & Raffle is set for Saturday, August 23, 2025 at the High Chaparral from 7pm to Midnight. Each ticket gets you + 1 in to the BBQ dinner & dance.

### Raffle Prizes are:

1- \$5,000 winner, 1- \$1,000 winner, 1 - \$500 winner and 20 - \$100 winners. Only 300 tickets are sold. There will also be a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle and other on - site raffle opportunities the night of the event. Tickets are available from any KC member.

The KC's are also looking for silent auction items for the event. If you would like to help out and donate an item, please call John Porche @361-533-0737 or (fsec7290@gmail.com).

Money raised from this event goes towards helping the KC's carry out it's mission of Charity, Unity and Fraternity at St. Peter's.



## Safe Environment Course

Parishoners, if you are volunteering or joining any of St. Peter's ministries, we ask you take the self paced Safe Environment Course online.

For more information please contact Aeryn Alaniz - Valdez or Dora Marquez at the Parish Office (361-241-3249).



## Our Lady of Guadalupe Society Bingo !!

Come enjoy some **BINGO!** Our Lady of Guadalupe Society will have a Prize/Gift Card Bingo on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 1:30pm with Bingo beginning at 2:00pm at St. Williams Hall. The cost to play will be \$5 per card or \$10 for 3 cards and **you can play over 20 games!** A limited number of presale tickets are now on sale and can be purchased at the Parish Office or from OLGS members. A **FREE EARLY BIRD** special will be given at the door with the purchase of a presale ticket! A concession stand will be available so come with an appetite!

## ADORATION

St. Peter's offers us the opportunity to worship the true presence of our Lord during Adoration every Thursday from 8:30am - 4pm.

We currently need more people to come and spend one hour of their time in quiet prayer and meditation with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In Matthew 26:40 Jesus asked Peter, "so you could not keep watch with me for one hour?" If you are interested in participating in this spiritual enrichment experience, please call Deacon Teo Farias at 361-960-3127, to schedule a time that is convenient for you.







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