



St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Church

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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 20, 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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Better Part

The Gospel for this Sunday can sometimes give the impression that Jesus favored Mary over Martha. But if they had both sat down to listen, there would have been no dinner to serve to Jesus. He wasn't just saying, "Sit down and listen." He meant that just as Mary was content to listen to him, so Martha could have been content to prepare the meal for him. Instead of thinking of her work as a gift to Jesus, she was more concerned with why Mary was not helping her. Remember the first reading, in which Abraham insisted on serving the visitors, whom he came to recognize as the Lord and two angels. He was rewarded with the assurance that he would soon have a son.

So simple acts of hospitality can also be how people can welcome the Lord into their homes. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ is in us; the church is the body of Christ. When we welcome someone into our homes as a visitor, or into our lives as a friend, we are also welcoming Christ. When we get to know someone better, we are also getting to know Christ. When we are respectful to people who help us, like the maintenance staff, the mail carrier, the waiter, we are also showing respect for the Lord.

And what about that "better part" that Mary had chosen? Are we sometimes like Martha, with too many things on our minds to be aware of the Lord? Sometimes we can't avoid the distractions that are part of life. But if we keep the Lord on our minds, we may be able to see which are distractions to be put aside and which are opportunities to serve the Lord in a different way. Sometimes kids interrupt when we're fixing dinner—maybe they need to be taught how to take care of things by themselves, or maybe they just need a few moments of attention. We can certainly ask the Lord to help us handle distractions. And as we spend more time with the Lord in prayer, we begin to experience God's peace, which gives us the ability to choose the better part.

Tom Schmidt

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Friday Feast of Saint James, Apostle

Saturday Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the Week

Sunday Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Monday Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28;
Mt 13:1-9

Thursday Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;
Mt 13:10-17

Friday 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Saturday Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14;
Lk 11:1-13

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July 23 – July 27, 2025

Wednesday

6:30 pm †Rolando Nerios (Happy Heavenly 72nd Birthday) - By Jessica Buentello
Michael Betancourt (Birthday) - By Jamie Betancourt

Thursday

8:00 am †Saenz Family - By Lydia Saenz

Friday

8:00 am †Carol Klepac - By Anita Repka

Saturday

6:00 pm †Solano Martinez - By Maria Hernandez
Sr. Maria Elva Reyes (Health) - By Dominican Sisters
Persecuted Christians of Faith - By Dominican Sisters
Joaquin Saenz Tagle & Swift Ann Tagle (Health)- By Blanca Saenz

Sunday

8:00 am †Juan Angel Campos - By Yolanda Campos
†Jose G Ramirez - By Family
†Jaime Longoria - Jamie Betancourt
Esmeralda Longoria & Rey & Olivia Rodriguez (Health) - By Jamie Betancourt
10:15 am ARS Members Living & Deceased
12:00 pm †Olivia (Libby) Saenz (6 Yr. Anniversary) - By Cleo Salinas
†Maria Sandroussi - Michael Sandroussi
6:00 pm People of the Parish



**The Sanctuary Candle
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Gerald & Nancy Mooney
Happy Anniversary**

**St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Parish
7/13/2025**

Envelopes.....\$10,487.00
Loose.....\$2,355.74
Online.....\$2,945.00

Total.....\$15,787.74

**Second Collection - Texas Flood Victims
7/13/2025**

Loose Collection.....\$6,475.00

Total.....\$6,475.00



Altar Servers

Parents, if your child is interested in serving at the altar, please attend the Altar Server Training on Monday, July 21 @ 6:30pm in St. Peter Church.



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.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY TEXAS FLOODS

Our prayers are with the families of those who have lost their lives in the flooding of the Guadalupe River. We offer our deepest condolences and pray for the repose of the souls of those who were attending summer camp in the Texas Hill Country and those who lost their lives attempting to help others. We pray for the first responders who continue to search for survivors.

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 20th. 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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