



St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Church

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**VERY
REVEREND
RAJU D. THOTTANKARA
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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 26, 2026



THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

IS LIKE A TREASURE BURIED

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
A Truly Wise Person

The ending of today's Gospel speaks about "the new and the old." Jesus is saying that a person "instructed in the kingdom" has wisdom both old and new; in other words, that person learns from the past as well as from the present. Let's look at each of those.

We learn from the past by studying it. So the wisdom of the Kingdom comes first from the scriptures. The more familiar we are with the word of God, the more wisdom we possess. Along with studying the scriptures, we must pray over them and ask the Spirit to show us how they apply to our lives. We can also learn from the lives of the saints and writings of the Church. The saints may have lived extraordinary lives, but they all began as ordinary people who gave their lives to Christ. The writings of the Church, though sometimes very technical, contain the wisdom of centuries of living the faith. If you only have time to go to Mass on Sunday, just listening to the homily can help to apply the scriptures to your life.

One way we can learn from "the new" is to learn from our mistakes. That includes learning from our sins. When we are truly sorry, we make an effort to change our ways. You might say we have to learn a new way to respond to that situation. In the Bible, the word repentance itself means a change of heart, a new way of seeing and doing things.

We can also learn from the mistakes and the successes of our friends. As we share our faith with them, we share the stories of our lives, both good and bad. These stories can teach how to live our faith (or how not to!). One of the advantages of having friends whom we trust enough to confess our faults to is that we do not have to figure out life on our own. God can speak to us through a friend or relative whose advice we seek. A truly wise person is one who has received a lifetime of good advice.

Tom Schmidt



Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 26, 2026

Sunday	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 6-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46
Monday	Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 13:31-25
Tuesday	Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday	Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

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July 29, 2026 - August 2, 2026

Wednesday

6:30 pm †Jose L. Garcia (20 Yr. Death Anniversary) - By Marquez Family
†Nila Lopez - By Christi Perez

Thursday

8:00 am Mrs. Mary Gomez (Blessings)
Mr. Blas Gomez (Blessings)

Friday

8:00 am †Bertha, †Paul, & †Joe Cantu - By Leon & Jeanie Bazar
†Evelyn Martini - By Margaret Van Blaricum

Saturday

8:00 am Mrs. Mary Gomez (Blessings)
Mr. Blas Gomez (Blessings)

6:00pm †Mercedes Vega
†Modesta Rangel
†Maria De Jesus Garcia
†Victoria Angeles

Sunday

8:00 am †Richard Trevino - By Lekosky Family
†Joseph & †Robert C. Barrientes Sr. - By Nina Barrientes
†Margaret Mekush - By Chano Rodriguez
†Evelyn Martini - By Chano Rodriguez

10:15 am †Jose & Lena Cano - By Gerald & Nancy Mooney
†Pete Almdarez - By Steve & Judy Jaksik
†Evelyn Martini - By Mary Haynes

12:00 pm †Noe T. Cadena - By Wife & Family

6:00 pm People of the Parish



**The Sanctuary Candle
Is Burning For
Gerald & Nancy Mooney
Happy Anniversary!**



**The Sanctuary Candle
Is Burning For
Ricardo & Elma Rodriguez
Happy Anniversary!**

St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Parish 7/19/2026

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Loose.....	\$775.31
Online.....	\$3,715.00
Other.....	\$634.00
Total.....	\$13,076.31

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults



OCIA classes begin Sunday, August 9, from 10:00a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St. Williams Hall.

All are welcome, especially those who wish to become Catholic, complete their Sacraments of Initiation or learn more about the Catholic Faith.

Come and see where God may be calling you!

OCIA Sponsors Needed

We are seeking sponsors for the OCIA process to share their faith and personal experiences with our candidates. If you are interested in walking with those who are seeking to deepen their faith in Christ, please join us for an informative meeting on July 23 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Williams Hall. To attend or ask questions, please call Paul Hickey at 361-241-4576.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knight's of Columbus Annual \$100 Dinner, Dance & Raffle will be held on Friday, August 21, 2026, from 7:00 p.m. to midnight at Alexia's Event Center. Each ticket admits you and one guest to the BBQ dinner and dance. Only 300 tickets will be sold.

Raffle Prizes include 1- \$5,000 winner, 1-\$1,000 Winner, 1 - \$500 winner and 20 - \$100 winners. The evening will also feature a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle and other on-site raffle opportunities. Tickets are available from any Knights of Columbus member.

The KC's are also seeking silent auction donations for the event. To donate an item, please call John Porche @ 361-533-0737 or email (fsec7290@gmail.com).

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

Religious Ed Corner

Now Registering for 2026-2027

Sacrament Classes begin Sunday, August 9th
Faith Formation Classes begin on Monday, August 10th

Parents, please use the QR Code that applies to your family:

Returning
Students



New
Students



Please register early so we can begin planning our class sizes.

Sacrament Classes - \$30 per student

Confirmation is not Graduation

11th and 12th Grade Students who have received Confirmation, we have a class that will continue building your relationship with Christ and forming you in your faith. Register for this free Class.

Interested in forming young Catholics? Contact Dcn Brian or the Parish Office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG 8 Catechist and Volunteers In-Service Day 10am - 2pm

AUG 9 First Day of Sacrament Classes Grades 1 - 5 at 9am Grades 6-11 10:30am

AUG 10 First Day of Faith Formation Classes Grades 3 - 12 6:15pm-7:15pm

AUG 10 St. Peter's ROCKS will meet on the first day of Monday classes. Sunday students are welcome to join.

★ STRIKE OUT THE BLOOD SHORTAGE ★ ST. PETER PRINCE OF THE APOSTLES BLOOD DRIVE

DATE
SUNDAY,
JULY 26

TIME
8:45 AM -
1:45 PM

LOCATION
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