



St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Church

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WEEKEND MASSES:

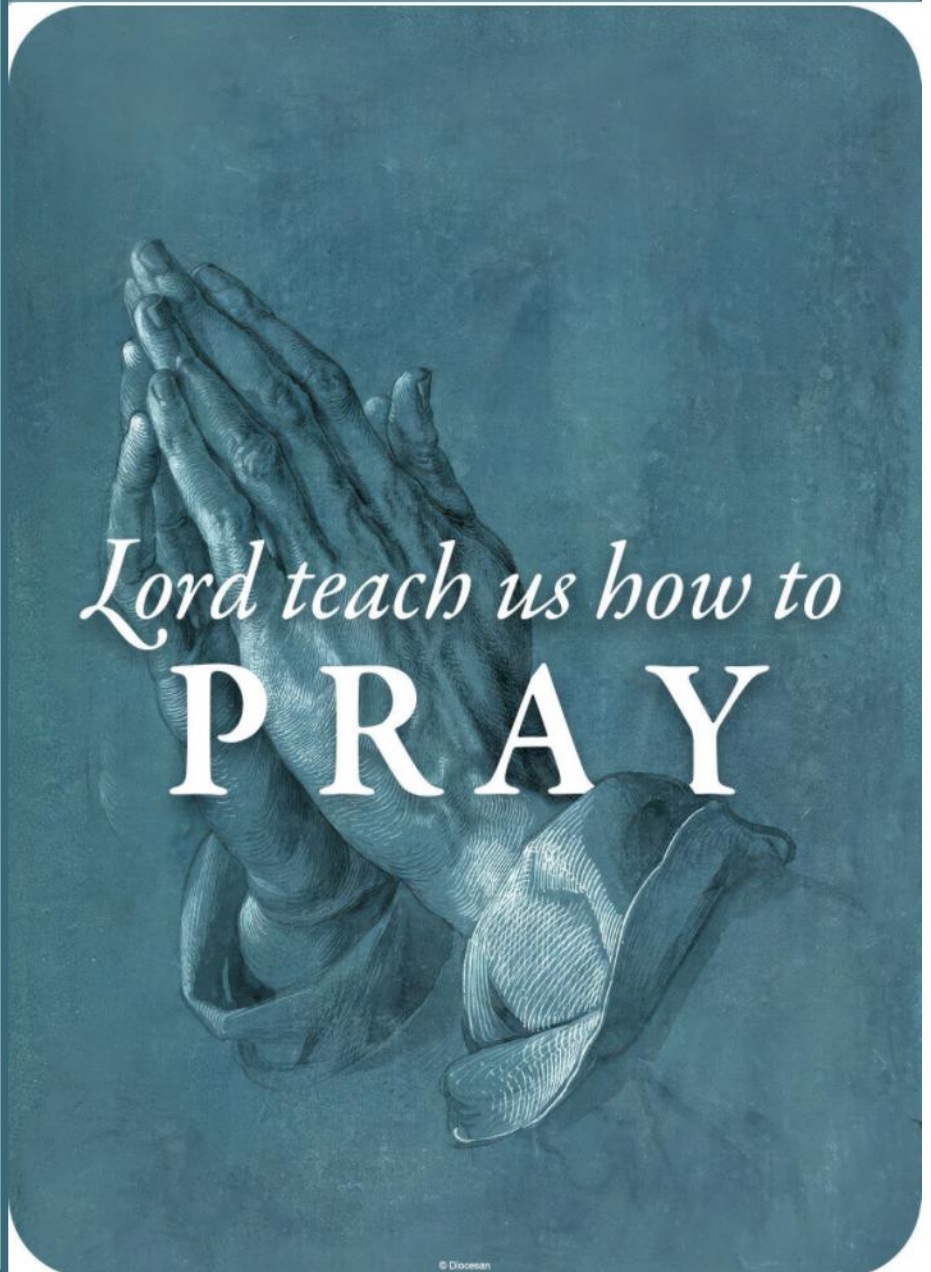
Saturday: 6:00 PM

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 27, 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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Be Careful What You Ask For

Jesus talks about praying for whatever we need with faith and confidence, but he ends by asking, "How much more will the Father . . . give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (Luke 1:13). Is he saying there are limits to what we can ask for?

"Be careful what you ask for," the saying warns. Just because we want something doesn't mean it will be good for us. Remember the Indiana Jones movies? The artifact that the bad guys were seeking usually turned out to be lethal. But if we have enough faith to pray for something, we probably would not pray for anything evil. So what is Jesus really saying? He is giving us two lessons about prayer.

First, he assures us that God does hear our prayers and answers them. Many people take "ask and you shall receive" so literally that they expect God to do their bidding no matter what they want. Prayers, however, are not a magical ritual that somehow forces God to do our will. God is free to do what is best for us, free to answer some prayers with a no when what we seek is against God's will. So maybe our first prayer should be to ask God to show us what we really need.

That leads us to the second lesson: prayer changes us, not God. If we truly pray as Jesus prayed, we would ask for what we need, adding, "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). If we pray humbly and are open to what God wills for us, we will begin to see that what we really need most is actually God. It's not easy to change our minds about what we want or need. To change our desires from selfish to holy takes a lot of power, the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was raised from the dead by that power and we will be, too (Romans 8:11). Mary conceived by the power of the Spirit (Matthew 1:18). The bread and wine of the Eucharist become the Body and Blood of Christ by the Spirit's power. So when Jesus promises that the Father will give the Spirit to us for the asking, the Spirit is both the source of and the answer to our prayers. Let us ask the Spirit to empower us to desire and pray for what we really need.

Tom Schmidt

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Thursday Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Friday Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Sunday Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the Week

Sunday Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
Monday Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

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July 30 – August 3, 2025

Wednesday
6:30 pm †Maria Olivia Villarreal - By Salustio Villarreal
†Nila Lopez - By Christi Perales
†Jose Lorenzo Garcia - By Marquez Family
†Liza Vasquez - By Michael & Jamie Betancourt
Lupe Gonzalez (Health) - By Michael & Jamie Betancourt

Thursday
8:00 am †Robert Pena Jr - By Judy & Steve Jaksik

Friday
8:00 am †Ricardo Trevino - By Sam & Diana Gonzalez

Saturday
8:00 am Sister Maria Elva Reyes (Health) - By Dominican Sisters
Persecuted Christians of Faith - By Dominican Sisters

6:00 pm Joseph & Maggie Cantu (Healing) - By Leon & Jeanie Bazar

Sunday
8:00 am People of the Parish
10:15 am †Jose & †Lina Cano - By Gerald & Nancy Mooney
†Rick Trevino - By Chano Rodriguez
†Cynthia Silva - By Gerald & Nancy Mooney

12:00 pm †Maria Sandroussi - By Michael Sandroussi
†Laura Ann Andrade - By Yolanda Zuniga
†Noe Cadena - By Juanita Cadena & Family
†Kathy Garza - By Janie C. Pena

6:00 pm †Oscar Longoria - By Norma Longoria
St. Anthony (In Thanksgiving) - By Dominga Hernandez



**The Sanctuary Candle
Is burning for
Good Health for the Family
By: Patricia Franklin**

**St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Parish
7/20/2025**

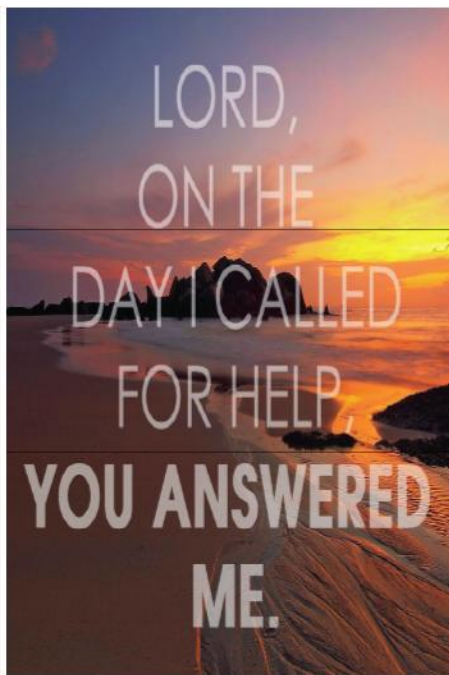
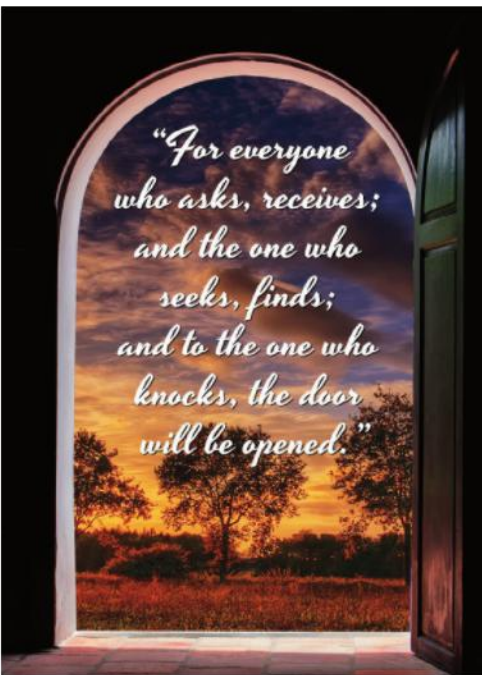
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Altar Servers

Parents, if your child is interested in serving at the altar, please attend the Altar Server Training on Monday, July 28 @ 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.



PRAYER TO FOCUS AT SCHOOL

Gracious Lord,
I come before you today in fervent prayer. I have hit a bit of a snag in my studies. I pray that you help me to refocus on my schoolwork. Assist me in removing any obstacles from my path. Assist me in remembering my future goals and ambitions. Help me to be focused and strong so that I can pass all of my classes and graduate from school with honors. Thank you for answering my prayer in Jesus' name,
Amen.



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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