



St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Church

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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.

August 9, 2026



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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Two Steps Forward . . .

Why did Jesus walk on water to the disciples in the boat? Did he want to scare them? No, his first words to them were "Do not be afraid." While they were being tossed by wind and waves, he showed them that he was not affected by the storm. If they had had faith, they might have realized that if Jesus was safe, they would be, too. We too must make that leap of faith, especially when we are afraid.

Peter seemed to be willing to take the leap as he stepped into the water. But when his attention was distracted by the strong winds, he began to falter. This is where we can apply the story to ourselves.

Our growth in faith is not a steady progression. For every two steps forward, we may take one step back. For example, we receive God's forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation and rejoice in God's loving mercy, but later we fall back into sin. We ask God's help in prayer and when our prayer is answered, our faith in God grows. Then we become ill or wreck the car, and think that God has abandoned us. But isn't that a natural reaction?

It is natural to doubt God in times of trouble, but we are choosing to live in the supernatural when we become followers of Christ. Like Peter, we need to keep our attention on the Lord. As long as Peter looked to Jesus, he could walk on water. Only when he focused on the wind did he lose his nerve and begin to sink.

In a similar way, we can lose our focus on the Lord. We see someone we love who is gravely sick. We make a serious mistake that gets us in trouble. We lose our job and have no leads to a new one. We are frightened by news of terrorist activity. These seem more real than faith in an invisible God. That is when we must remember that true faith allows us to believe when it doesn't seem to make sense. Faith tells us that though apparently invisible, God is more real than anything we can see. Remember Jesus on the cross saying, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The Father never abandoned his Son and God will never abandon us.

Tom Schmidt

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 9, 2026

Sunday	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rm 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33
Monday	2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday	Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 2 Cor 5:19; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	Vigil 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Mass During the Day: Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Sunday	Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

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August 12, 2026 - August 16, 2026

Wednesday

6:30 pm †Evelyn Martini - By Margaret Van Blaricum
Noah Gonzalez (Health) - By Chano Rodriguez
Anastacia Gonzales (Health) - By Chano Rodriguez

Thursday

8:00 am Sister Maria (Blessings)
Sister Maria Elena (Blessings)
Sister Trinidad (Blessings)

Friday

8:00 am Sister Hermelinda (Blessings)
Sister Susana (Blessings)

Saturday

6:00 pm †Bertha, †Hipolito, & †Joe Cantu - By Leon & Jeanie Bazar

Sunday

8:00 am †Armando & †Oralia Campos Herrera - By Campos Family
†Abel Garcia - By Marquez Family
†Margaret Mekush - By Chano Rodriguez
†Evelyn Martini - By Chano Rodriguez

10:15 am People of the Parish

12:00 pm †Joe Martinez - By Maria Hernandez

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



**The Sanctuary Candle
Is Burning For
Daniell Faragoza - Happy Birthday!
By: Susie Faragoza**

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

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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.

To attend or ask questions, please call Paul Hickey at 361-241-4576.



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Thank you to everyone who participated in the St. Peter Church Bingo. Your presence and support helped make the event a success.

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Bishop Mario Alberto Avilés, C.O. celebrated the Mass of Candidacy on Sunday, July 26th where Ruben Riojas III publicly declared his intention to pursue Holy Orders. The Church formally accepted that intention. With this rite, he is now an official candidate for the priesthood. [Read the article in South Texas Catholic.](#) Our seminarians are pictured with Bishop Avilés (L-R), Jaden Cavazos, Jorge Cantu, Ruben Riojas III, Stephen Beadle, and Brian Pendleton. Please keep our seminarians in your prayers.

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.

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 (fscc7290@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.

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