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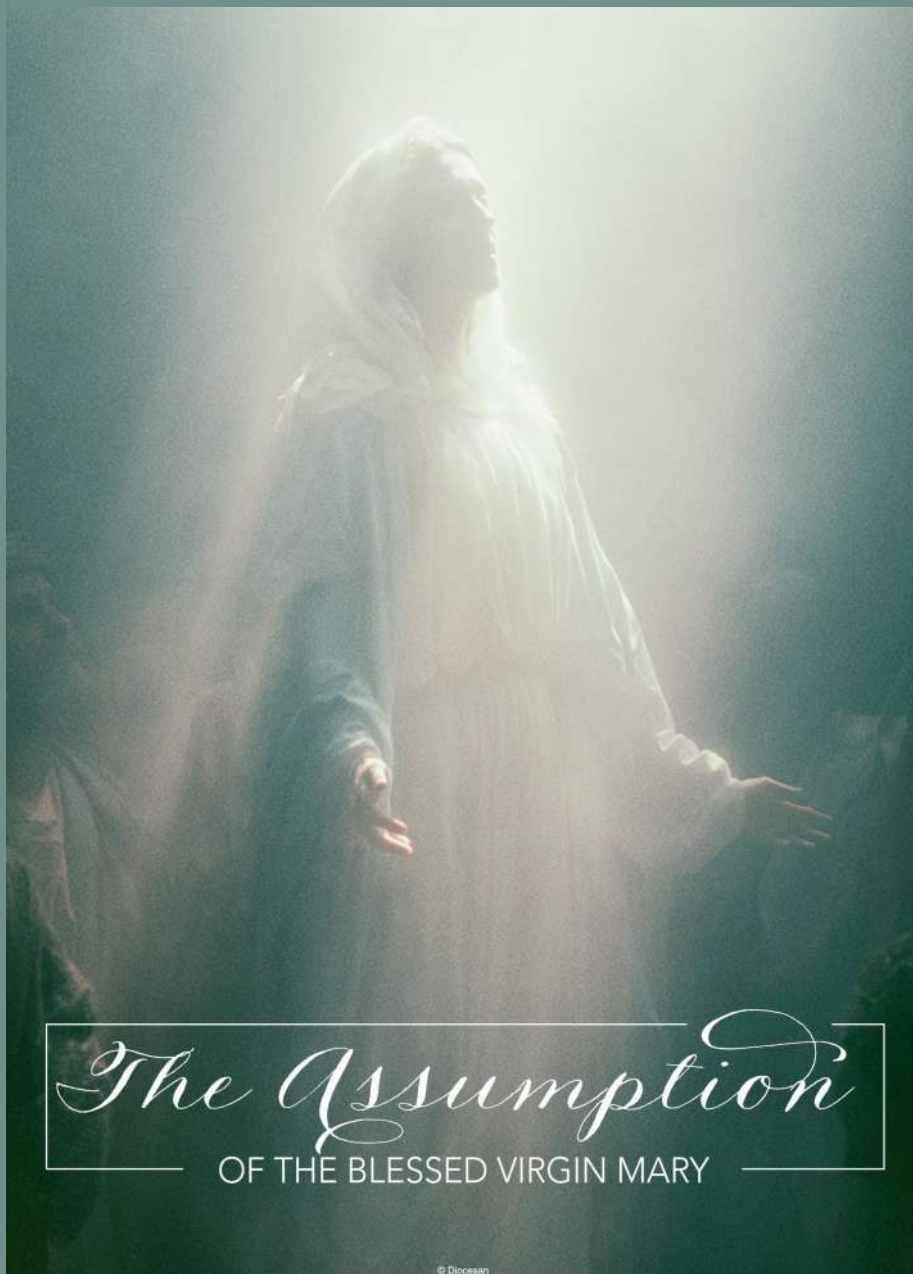
WEEKEND MASSES:

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 16, 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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
A Clever Woman of Faith

The first reading reminds us that even though the Jews are God's chosen people, foreigners who love the Lord will be accepted into God's house. So why is Jesus being so difficult with the Canaanite woman?

At first he seems to be putting her off. He doesn't answer her, but tells the disciples that he came only for lost sheep of Israel, adding the remark about food going to the dogs. He does this not to discourage her, but to draw a response of faith. He wants to see how persistent she is in her request.

We can tell ourselves that we are people of faith, but how easily are we discouraged? Do we think God has forgotten us when we experience trouble? Sometimes it is our childish belief that everything has to go our way. We may not be selfish about it; we may be discouraged by the suffering of someone we love. The woman's clever reply to Jesus reminds us that she trusted in Jesus' power and willingness to help.

Jesus was also teaching his disciples that faith is more important than nationality. They were all Jews and wanted Jesus to send the Canaanite woman away. Long after Jesus' resurrection, the church struggled with the question of non-Jewish believers. Today, we may be doing the same thing in reverse. Some people think that only Catholics can be saved and that there is no hope for Protestants, much less for Jews. God's covenant with the chosen people cannot be rescinded. Paul says that the rejection of Jesus by Jewish leaders led to salvation for the rest of the world. But though some rejected Jesus, God never rejected the Jews.

Finally, Jesus responded to her persistence. Like the woman who wouldn't go away, we can keep praying till we get an answer to our prayer. While sometimes our request is granted, sometimes God has a good reason to delay or even say no. The more time we spend in prayer, the more likely we are to listen to God's answer. Prayer can help us come to the peaceful acceptance that God only does what is best for us.

Tom Schmidt



August 19, 2026 - August 23, 2026

Wednesday 6:30 pm	Sister Maria (Blessings) Sister Maria Elena (Blessings) Noah Gonzalez (Health) - By Chano Rodriguez Anastacia Gonzales (Health) - By Chano Rodriguez
Thursday 8:00 am	†Richard Trevino - By Trevino Family †Evelyn Martini - By Margaret Van Blarcum
Friday 8:00 am	Sister Trinidad (Blessings) Sister Susana (Blessings) Sister Hermelinda (Blessings)
Saturday 6:00 pm	†Cindy Vasquez - By Family †Rita Nolan - By George & Fredda Martin †Max Lopez - By Christi Perales
Sunday 8:00 am	†Ana & †Ricky Vela - By Jose Vela †Richard & †Robert C. Barrientes - By Nina Barrientes
10:15 am	†Jonathan C. Trevino - By Tristan Family †Evelyn Martini - By Mary Haynes †Bertha, †Paul & †Joe Cantu - By Leon & Jeanie Bazar In Thanksgiving - By Chano Rodriguez
12:00 pm	People of the Parish
6:00 pm	†Evelyn Martini - By Margaret Van Blarcum



The Sanctuary Candle
Is Burning For
Alaniz Family
Blessings

Scripture Readings
For the Week of August 16, 2026

Sunday	Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28
Monday	Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday	Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Parish
8/9/2026

Envelopes.....	\$9,539.00
Loose.....	\$642.10
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Total.....	\$13,991.10

Date correction for last week's collection
St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles
8/02/2026

Envelopes.....	\$9,072.00
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Online.....	\$4,205.00
Total.....	\$14,076.71



Pray the Holy Rosary Before Mass!

Would you like to meditate on the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ?

If so, we invite you to come and pray the Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each weekend Mass.

Praying the Holy Rosary allows us to seek our Blessed Mother's intercession as she brings our needs and prayers directly to her Son.

As we face the daily challenges and struggles, praying the Holy Rosary will bring you peace and strength!

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.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish."
And her daughter was healed at once. Mt 15:28

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