

VERY
REVEREND
RAJU D. THOTTANKARA
PASTOR

### **DEACONS:**

Allen Cicora Eluterio Farias Brian Holden

### **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 24, 2025

# St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Church

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# 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.

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Looking Good

Don't you love it when the underdog wins? When the Cardinals beat the Yankees for the championship or the Blues beat the Redwings, or the Rams beat anyone? Even when I watch a game with no St. Louis teams playing, I still like to root for the underdog. That is what I like about today's Gospel: the last will be first and the first will be last.

Some say that Jesus was referring to the Jews, God's chosen people, whom Jesus called first to be his disciples. When they rejected him, the call went out to the Gentiles, who became followers. Or perhaps in Jesus' time, he was talking about the leaders of the Jews, the scribes and Pharisees. These refused to follow Jesus, while ordinary Jews who did not feel threatened by Jesus' teaching became disciples.

In a way, you can understand why the leaders rejected Jesus. They made a nice living out of the offerings made by ordinary Jews. As long as they could decide who could enter the temple, they had a nice income flow. They were smart enough to include the poor, by asking them for smaller offerings. And who could argue with them? They worked for God. How dare Jesus say that they would be cast out, while people from the rest of the world would enter the Kingdom of God!

And how about us? Remember that the Gospel was not written for non-believers. Are we threatened by Jesus' message? Just as the scribes and Pharisees considered themselves important in God's eyes because of their office, do we consider ourselves "saved" because we call ourselves Christians? Do we respect all people, or just the ones we like? Are we generous to the poor, or just to our friends? Do we give good example to the people we work with? Do we follow our conscience or do we follow the crowd?

Entry into the Kingdom of God is not a fashion statement. We don't get there by looking good. We are invited by Jesus to be last on earth so we can be first in the Kingdom.



The Sanctuary Candle
Is burning for
†Sebatin Thottankara
By Jo Ella, Sander, Israel & Patsy

## St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Parish 8/17/2025

Envelopes	\$9,263.50
	\$715.17
	\$2,845.00
Total	\$12,823.67

## Assumption of the Blessed Mother Mary 8/15/2025

Envelopes	\$1,911.00
Loose	

Total.....\$2,258.00



August 27 - August 31, 2025

Wednesday

6:30 pm †Jose G Ramirez- By Family

Monica Saenz (Health) - By Aunt Lydia Saenz

Thursday

8:00 am Daniel Saenz & Family (Blessings) - By

Parents

Friday 8:00 am

†Manuel Cantu - By Judy & Steve Jaksik

Saturday 6:00 pm

†Robert Pena Jr. - By Judy & Steve Jaksik †Manuel Cantu (Happy Heavenly Birthday) -

By Family

Sunday

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:15 am †Maria Sandroussi - By Michael Sandroussi

†Rick Trevino - Chano Rodriguez

12:00 pm Blascita Perez (Health) - By Helio Perez Jr.

6:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Society Members
Living & Deceased



#### SAINT'S AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Wednesday Memorial of Saint Monica

Friday Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist Sunday Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Readings for the Week

**Sunday** Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

**Monday** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday** 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26 **Wednesday** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab;

Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51

**Friday** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12;

Mk 6:17-29 **Saturday** 1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday**l Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Online City of.com/good news



The Knights of Columbus #7290 congratulates the newly elected officers for the 2025 - 2026 Fraternal Year.

Grand Knight - Ralph Silva Grand Knight - Brad Genzer Financial Secretary - John Porche Treasurer - Gil Gomez Chancellor - Daniel Valencia Recorder - Gabe Chapa Advocate - Travis Ward

Warden - Alex Porche

Trustees - John Tierney, Deputy Molina, David Perez Lecturer - Anthony Garza Inside Guard - Oscar Zamora Outside Guard - Santos Juarez







CDA Daughters of Our Lady of Lourdes, Court #2630 wants to congratulate our very own, SADIE GONZALES!

SADIE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS DISTRICT DEPUTY OVER FIVE CDA COURTS IN THE DIOCESE TO INCLUDE, ST. THOMAS, ST. ANTHONY'S, MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD, THE CATHDRAL AND OUR VERY OWN ST. PETER'S PRINCE OF THE APOSTLE.



May God bless you and guide you in this calling, Sadie!



#### **Adult Religious Education**

The adult video series will resume on Tuesday September 16 at 7 pm. There will be 20 half hour videos followed by discussion. It is a Catechism Study that goes to 40 places around the world where the Catechism originated. The series will be presented by Fr. Mike Shmitz, Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Dr. Edward Sri and Jeff Cavins. It is designed to help us better understand the Catechism from beginning to end. A book will accompany the series and an anonymous donor has made the \$40 books available to everyone who attends the series and wants one.

The Adult Lecture Series will also resume September 18 on Thursdays at 7pm.

We hope everyone who is interested will attend. We look forward to seeing you!



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