

VERY REVEREND RAJU D. THOTTANKARA PASTOR

#### **DEACONS:**

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#### **WEEKEND MASSES:**

Saturday: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:15 AM

12:00 PM and 6:00 PM

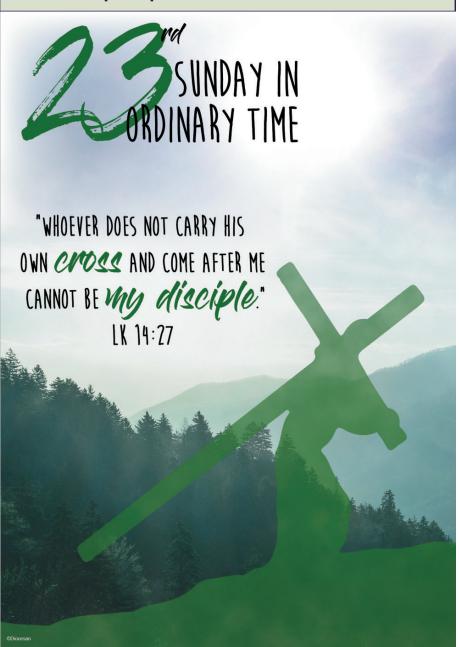
**Confessions** are heard on Saturday from 4:30 - 5:30 PM and by appointment.

September 7, 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Free to Love

St. Paul must have understood today's Gospel very well. Like Jesus, he knew what being a disciple would cost. It landed him in prison. Yet he seems to have no regrets; he accepts that imprisonment as part of his discipleship. Also like Jesus, he is not afraid to ask others to take that discipleship seriously. And he is not ashamed to ask a favor: Would Philemon accept his runaway slave, Onesimus, back into his home? Not just as a slave, but as a member of his family. He shamelessly calls himself a prisoner for Christ five times in the short letter (three times in our reading). If that didn't tug Philemon's heartstrings, Paul also calls himself an old man.

In the Gospel, Jesus talks about the cost of discipleship. Paul takes that a step further; he reminds us to accept that cost freely. He could have ordered his friend to free the slave. Paul was an apostle, a leader in the early church. Instead of giving an order, he called on Philemon to respond freely to his request. Perhaps we can learn from that example.

Like Paul, when Jesus commands us to love one another, he leaves us free to accept that challenge. Remember, he always says, "Love one another, as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Jesus was never compelled to cure anyone or forgive their sins. No one ordered him to feed the hungry with loaves and fishes or raise Lazarus from the dead. Yet how often do we go to church because we were told we have to? Do we volunteer for the picnic only because the pastor twists our arm? Or do we love Jesus so much that we volunteer to help without being asked? Do we love Jesus enough to invite others to follow him?

We can live life just doing what we have to. Or when Jesus offers us a new motive—love for God because God loves us—we can choose to follow him freely. In John's Gospel, there is no Agony in the Garden. He shows us that Jesus chose to obey his Father and willingly took up the cross. Let us ask the Spirit to fill us with the freedom to love. Tom Schmidt

# Mass Intentions

September 10 - September 14, 2025

Wednesday

†Manuel Cantu - By Sam & Diana Gonzalez 6:30 pm

Thursday

†Carol Klepac - By Anita Repka 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

† - By Sam & Diana Gonzalez

†Cynthia Silva - By Our Lady of Guadalupe

Society

Saturday

6:00 pm †Nicolasa Martinez - By Maria Hernandez

†Robert Pena Jr. - By Janie C. Pena

Shelby Martin (Birthday) - By George & Fredda

Paul & Rosemary Kujawski (In Thanksgiving for 50th Year Anniversary) - By Paul & Rosemary

Sunday

8:00 am †Don Klock - By Connie Pilarczyk

Blascita Perez (Health) - By Helio Perez

†Roy Cano - Gerald & Nancy Mooney 10:15 am

†Maria Sandroussi- By Michael Sandroussi

†Ernestina Barrera - Ricardo & Elma

Rodriguez

12:00 pm People of the Parish

6:00 pm †Manuel Cantu - Judy & Steve Jaksik

#### Collection Will Be Posted Next Week

#### **Adult Religious Class**

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 Cathecism Study that goes to 40 places around the world where the Cathecism originated. The series will be presented by Fr. Mike Schmitz, Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Dr. Edward Sri and Jeff Cavins. It is designed to help us better understand the Cathecism from beginning to end. A book will accompany the series and an anonymous donor has made the \$40 dollar books available to everyone who attends the series and wants one.

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

We look forward to seeing you there!



The Sanctuary Candle Is burning for †Jose Z. Rojas Sr. We Love You & Miss You By: Olga Rojas

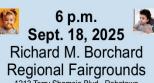
Second Collection September 6 & 7

We will have a second collection for the people in Gaza.







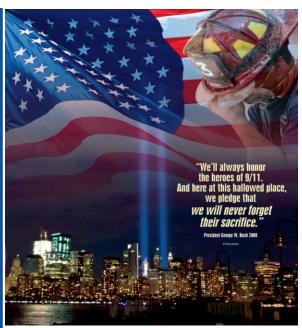


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Sunday Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Saturday Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Sunday Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

#### Readings for the Week

**Sunday** Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17;

Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

**Monday** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

**Tuesday** Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38

**Friday** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42 **Saturday** 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7; Lk 6:43-49 **Sunday** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11;

Jn 3:13-17

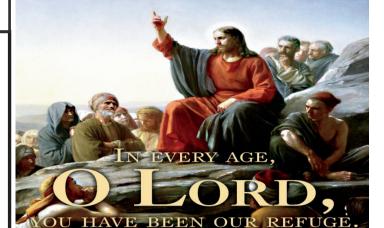
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