



**VERY
REVEREND
RAJU D. THOTTANKARA
PASTOR**

DEACONS:

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.

September 7, 2025

St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Church

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23rd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

"WHOEVER DOES NOT CARRY HIS
OWN *cross* AND COME AFTER ME
CANNOT BE *my disciple*."
LK 14:27



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

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 Catechism Study that goes to 40 places around the world where the Catechism 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 Catechism 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!



September 10 - September 14, 2025

Wednesday

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

Thursday

8:00 am †Carol Klepac - By Anita Repka

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 Martin

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



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.



JCDA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Join our local chapter of JCDA, we will be outside the parish hall with information after every mass on Sept 7th! If your daughter is interested in lasting sisterhood, fellowship and community involvement, we are ready to welcome her into the JCDA!

\$6 MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR YEAR

7 SEPT

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

21 SEPT

Get ready for a scoop time as we bring you an Ice Cream Social like no other! Join us for an afternoon filled with fellowship, delicious flavors, and a sprinkle of joy in sisterhood!

Join us for our first official meeting Sept 21st

Join us at  **GALA**


6 p.m.
Sept. 18, 2025
Richard M. Borchard
Regional Fairgrounds
1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd., Robstown
Info: (361) 241-6566 or dtrejo@ark4kids.com

- Silent and live auctions
- Dinner and dessert
- Guest speaker
- Entertainment
- Sponsorship tables and single seats available

Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the first child admitted to the shelter

Benefiting abused and neglected children

This building located between The Ark and the Mount Thabor Convent began sheltering the nonprofit's first child — a 16-year-old girl — on April 7, 2000.



"We'll always honor the heroes of 9/11. And here at this hallowed place, we pledge that we will never forget their sacrifice."

President George W. Bush 2008

God Bless Our Grandparents



I believe that God sent us Grandparents
As our legacy from above,
To share the moments of our life,
As extra measures of His love.

-Author Unknown

CLIMBING TO HOLINESS

CARLO ACUTIS & PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

Join us in the celebration of the canonization of two new saints!

 **FREE EVENT**

SUN. 9-7-25 | 6PM

- Adoration • Food trucks
- Reflection • Ground tours
- Music • Much more

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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	Mt 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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