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WEEKEND MASSES:
Saturday: 6:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00&10:15AM
12:00 PM and 6:00 PM

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

September 13, 2026
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHEDRAL

LIVE SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

ENGLISH

ESPAÑOL

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

Tv & Radio:

- KDF-TV (check your local South Texas channel listing)
- KLUX 89.5HD (9:30 a.m. Mass only)

Livestream Channels & Apps:

- Corpus Christi Catholic Network App (available on the web and as an app on various devices)
- Diocese of Corpus Christi Facebook
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- Corpus Christi Cathedral Facebook

Saint John Chrysostom (c. 344-407)
September 13

"Speaking truth to power" may have become just another cliché, but doing precisely that cost John "the Golden Mouth" (Chrysostom) his diocese and, after exile and a forced march, his health and life. "Renowned for eloquence, heroic in suffering" (Sacramentary), John's scriptural insights still comfort and challenge. Mystical theologian, he bids Eastern Christians, whose principal Divine Liturgy bears his name, to lift up their hearts to "God ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever, always the same." Model pastor, he warns Roman Catholics in the Liturgy of the Hours not to neglect God-in-the-flesh: "Would you honor Christ's body? Do not scorn his nakedness, honoring him here in church with silken robes, while neglecting him cold and naked outside. What use to burden Christ's altar with golden chalices, while Christ himself starves to death? What use dressing the altar with gold-woven cloths, while denying the shivering Christ the clothes he needs? Do not adorn the church while ignoring your needy brother: he is the most precious temple of all!" (Saturday, Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time).

—Peter Scagnelli

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 13, 2026

Sunday	Sir 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35
Monday	Num 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 19:25-27
Wednesday	1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
Friday	1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

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September 16, 2026 - September 20, 2026

Wednesday

6:30pm: †Ronald Ballard- By Ana Ballard
 †Jaime Longoria- By Michael & Jaime Betancourt
 †Evelyn Martini- By Tom & Diana Matula
 Noah Gonzalez (Health)- By Chano Rodriguez
 Anastacia Gonzalez (Health)- By Chano Rodriguez
 Reynaldo Rodriguez (Birthday)- By Michael & Jaime Betancourt

Thursday

8:00am: †Evelyn Martini- By Tom & Diana Matula

Friday

8:00am: †Evelyn Martini- By Margaret Van Barcum

Saturday

6:00 pm: †Nan Jarnagin - By Millie & Doodle Jarnagin
 Kristina Martin (Birthday) - By George & Fredda Martin

Sunday

8:00 am: †Ana & †Ricky Vela - By Jose Vela
 Serafin Paiz III & Robert C. Barrientes Jr.- By Mina Barrientes

†Ronald Ballard- By Ana Ballard
 10:15 am: †Rudy & †Eva Casarez- By Gerald & Nancy Mooney
 †Evelyn Martini-By Mary Haynes
 †Bertha, †Paul & †Joe Cantu-By Leon & Jeanie Bazar
 In Thanksgiving - By Chano Rodriguez
 12:00 pm: †Ottie Ziegler & †Don Cox- By Lil & Carol
 †Marylyn Webb & †Colby Brewer- By Lil & Carol
 6:00 pm: People of the Parish



**The Sanctuary Candle
 Is Burning For
 †Charles Pompa
 By: Patsy Cavazos**

Adult Religious Education

The video series will resume on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Religious Ed. Bldg.

The Lecture Series will resume on Thursdays at 7pm in St. Williams Hall.

**St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Parish
 9/06/2026 will be posted next week**

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Our national memory will keep September 11 holy for generations to come, as we remember the innocent dead. Our memories of the attack on our nation are intertwined with memories of how we human beings are natural symbol-makers. In one parish, as a candlelight vigil ended, the assembly, without being instructed, took their candles and stood shoulder to shoulder, down the steps and along the city streets for a quarter mile. Slowly, people came out of their houses bearing tapers and candles. In the first hours of crisis, we stood vigil, we prayed from the heart, and we celebrated the human ability to draw light out of terrible darkness.

Stories of that terrible day necessarily drift to tales of heroism, courage, dignity, faith, solidarity, hope, community. The church learned long ago through hard experience that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." Perhaps the victims of 9/11 have gifts to bring that we are only just discovering as believers in a just and loving God. They are teaching us still, and today is a day for lighting candles at the table and being silent for a moment before the abundance of God's gifts. Today reminds us that we are capable of acts of indescribable beauty even in the face of great evil.

—Rev. James Field



"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?"

ST. PETER, PRINCE OF THE APOSTLES



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MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST



ROSARY: 6:30 PM
MEETING: 7 PM



In the KC Hall

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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!



Forgive From Your Heart

I love today's reading... well, most of it. I love the parts that I can understand. Jesus' financial metaphor is such a viscerally concrete demonstration of how our sin affects another. Sin accrues debt. The other party has less and we owe them. Straight forward, very relatable, totally get it. Thanks for that, Jesus.

The line that gives me pause and prompts more questions than the passage answered is: "...Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart." (Matthew 18:34-35)

Ok Jesus... how do I do that? I get the debt talk. I have multiple apps to service my debts. Not to mention that I can see when the balance hits zero and my relationship with the bank is terminated. How do I get a zero balance for my sins?! When am I done?!

Jesus' initial answer is the golden nugget for how we ought to forgive others: "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times". The phrase is cryptic to modern ears, but it's an allusion to Genesis 4:24 "If Cain is avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy-seven fold." As vengeful as this Old Testament figure is, Jesus is charging us to be even more "forgiving and merciful" (Ignatius Catholic Study Bible 1759).

Unlike our relationship to a bank, forgiveness and mercy do not result in terminating a relationship; they lead to greater virtue and communion. And that's why they ought to abound in us... because we will never not need communion with God and others. But the question remains: how do we do it? How do we forgive from the heart? Perhaps it looks something like giving what's been given us - boundless forgiveness and mercy. Give what's been given. Be loved and love. May we never tire of this privileged life.

By Matthew Juliano

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