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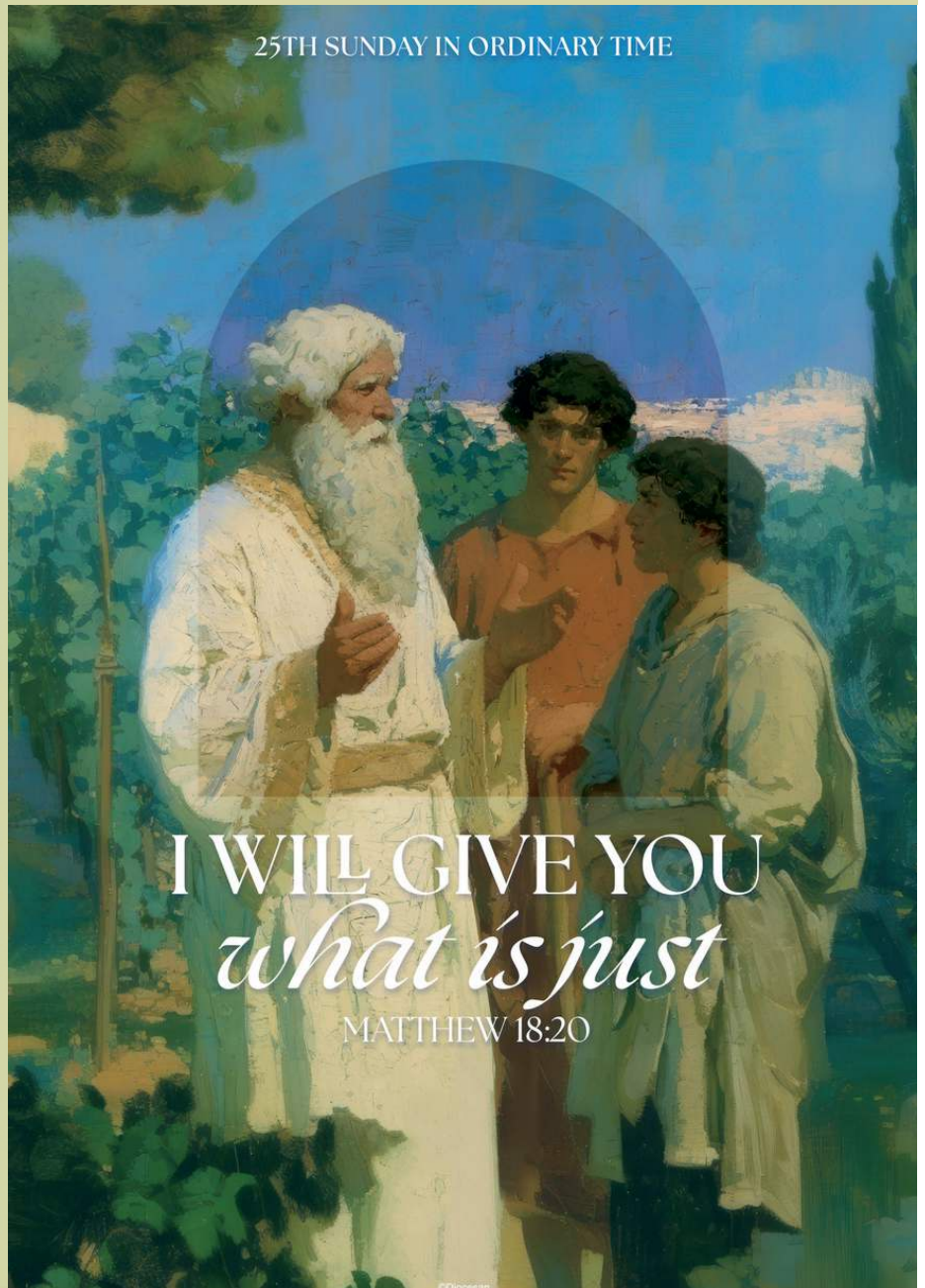
PASTOR
VERY REVEREND
RAJU D. THOTTANKARA

DEACONS:
Allen Cicora
Eluterio Farias
Brian Holden

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 20, 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.

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
- Diocese of Corpus Christi YouTube
- Corpus Christi Cathedral Facebook

Are You Envious Because I am Generous?

As a convert, I was mostly on board with God's generosity in today's parable of the laborers. After all, those who labored in the vineyard since early morning made my afternoon conversion possible. Yet, I wondered about the last-minute arrivals, especially those who had been hostile to the laborers. Maybe they should receive a prorated wage.

But one day, God rearranged my thinking. I was born into a pagan family. Yet, I invited my parents to attend the service where I would come into the Catholic Church. To my surprise, they came. The Easter Vigil, when new members enter the Church, is the longest of Catholic liturgies. Who knew? Not me.

My dad had many admirable qualities but the ability to sit through things lasting longer than 30 minutes was not one of them. This made Easter Vigil more than memorable. As I, along with the other newcomers, got up, sat back down, knelt, prayed, then got back up, sat back down, and around and around again, my dad grew more and more agitated. No one knew when this induction into the Church would end.

I'm sure my dad wanted to storm out, with my mom running behind him, so she wouldn't be left stranded in the parking lot. I'm not sure why he didn't. Maybe my in-laws' attendance kept him in his seat. Instead, he emitted dagger signals my way. I wanted to fold myself in half and slide under the pew to escape his how-dare-you-put-me-through-this energy.

No one knew then that less than 10 years later, I would be standing at his deathbed desperately trying to get my dad to accept the Sacrament of Baptism (one of the three I received that Easter Vigil night) that he had grumped his way through. When I called a priest to baptize my dad, my dad sent the priest away while I cried in the corner.

At my wit's end of every prayer, every effort, I cried to the Lord, "I can't take this! I hand everything to You." A few days later, in the middle of the night, while I tried to sleep next to my dad's bedside, I felt prompted to ask again about baptism. Then, as if on cue, his oxygen monitor started beeping, waking him up. With knocking knees, I asked him again about baptism. This time, he agreed. Shortly after his baptism, my dad passed away.

My dad never worked in the vineyard. There wasn't even enough time for a labor/wage agreement.

Each of us loves someone whom we desperately want God's mercy poured out upon. God's generosity silences us from any jealous claims against hostile working conditions and last minute arrivals. Instead, I'm relieved and grateful He offers us all a full day's wage.

By Frances Smit

Scripture Readings For the Week of September 20, 2026

Sunday	Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
Monday	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Ecc 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Ecc 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Ecc 11:9-12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

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September 23, 2026 - September 27, 2026

Wednesday

6:30pm: †Evelyn Martini- By Tom & Diana Matula
Noah Gonzalez (Health)- By Chano Rodriguez
Anastacia Gonzalez (Health)- By Chano Rodriguez

Thursday

8:00am: †Evelyn Martini- By Mike & Marilyn Hellums
Robert Davis (Healing) - By Mom

Friday

8:00am: †Juan Almeida - By Olga Almeida
†Irma Mills - By Nancy Mooney

Saturday

6:00 pm: †Rita Nolan - By George & Fredda Martin
†Evelyn Martini - By Wayne & Bertha Genzer

Sunday

8:00 am: People of the Parish
10:15 am: †Bertha, †Paul & †Joe Cantu-By Leon & Jeanie Bazar
†Evelyn Martini - By Mary Haynes
†Pete Almendarez - By Gerald & Nancy Mooney
In Thanksgiving - By Chano Rodriguez
Cherie Anderson (Healing) - By Millie & Doodle
12:00 pm: †Evelyn Martini - By Elvera Swetlick
†Curtis Roberts - By Elvera Swetlick
†Carl Gotti - By Elvera Swetlick
6:00 pm: Noah Gonzalez (Health)- By Chano Rodriguez
Anastacia Gonzalez (Health)- By Chano Rodriguez



**The Sanctuary Candle
Is Burning For
Jackie Brannigan
By: Jim Brannigan**

Adult Religious Education

The video series will resume on Tuesday,
September 22nd at 7pm in the St Williams Hall.
The Lecture Series will resume on Thursday,
September 24th at 7pm in the Religion Ed Bldg.

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Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968)

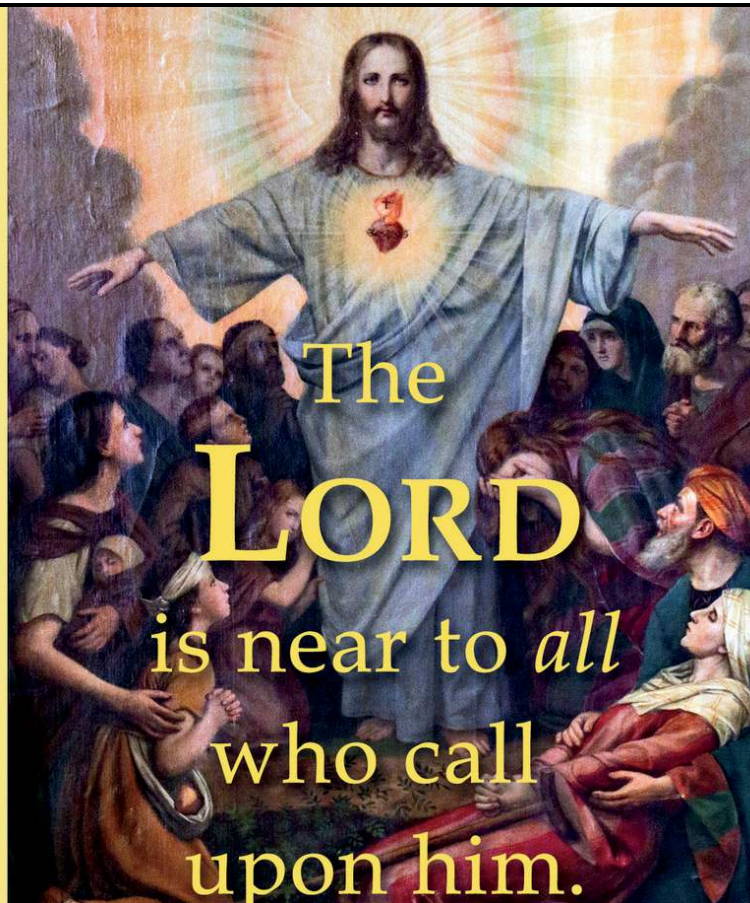
September 23

Did the World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in midair, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did Pio actually "bilocate" in Italy, the Holy Land, even America, as countless witnesses testified? Or "read hearts" before penitents spoke? What of the stigmata, Christ's wounds imprinted on Padre Pio's hands, feet, and side? John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at the canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of "trials accepted with love," referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Pio's faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticism, later discredited, sent to the Vatican; of Pio's offering his sufferings in union with Jesus' passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio's prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his "House for the Relief of Suffering," a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today's holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality. Finally, how comforting for us "ordinary" Christians, this extraordinary saint's most frequent advice: "Pray, hope, and don't worry!"

—Peter Scagnelli

"Thus, the
Last
will be
First..."

ST. PETER, PRINCE OF
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ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST

ROSARY: 6:30 PM
MEETING: 7 PM

In the KC Hall

New members welcome!

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!



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over time, the severe form of one-chance penance collapsed under lack of enthusiasm for its burdens and its public nature. As ordinary Christians prayed for the great sinners, it must have occurred to them that they were sinners no less, and they required a form of penance also. The Irish came to the rescue, never having had a public form of penance, but inventing a system called "tariff penance," which was completely private, available to everyone, and wildly popular. After a detailed confession, priest and penitent would lie on the floor before the altar and recite a number of psalms. The priest then pronounced a judgment, a tariff, giving a task or a prayer to complete before reconciliation.

The surviving guidebooks for confessors make for hair-raising reading as the sins of which the Irish people were supposedly capable were catalogued and keyed to penances. Cattle or sheep rustling might require stripping down to sing psalms in an icy brook, for example, or adultery could be the occasion for rolling in a thicket of thorns. All of this might have stayed in Ireland had not the monks had a desire to travel, blazing across Europe with their theology and their rituals, and their sense that Christians needed strong medicine for sin and the assurance of God's forgiveness.

—Rev. James Field

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