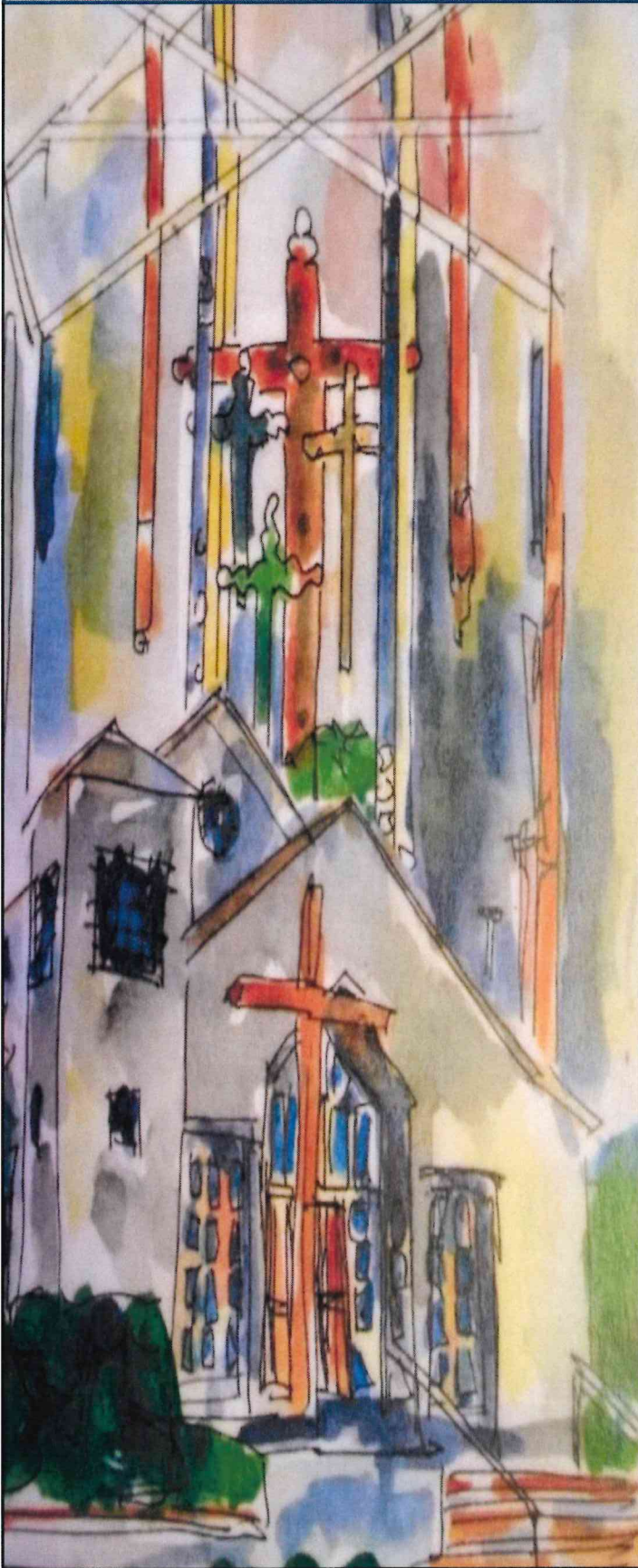


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Sacrament of Eucharist

Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Mass

Monday: 5:30 P.M.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays: 8:30 A.M.

Holy Day Mass

Vigil: 4:00 P.M. Day: 8:30 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 P.M. — 4:00 P.M., or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact Sister Hilda Sandoval, 2 months in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the Parish Office, 6 months in advance.

October 4, 2026

The Solemnity of Saint Francis of Assisi

St. Francis is one of the most venerated figures in Roman Catholic history. His devotion to Christ and emphasis on compassion shaped medieval spirituality. St. Francis remains a central figure in Christian spirituality, admired for his humility, love of creation, and transformative impact on religious life.

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Mass Intentions

October 5 - 11, 2026

Mass Readings

Mon	5	5:30 P.M.	†Mary Ryan
Tue	6	8:30 A.M.	†Wayne Martinez
Wed	7	8:30 A.M.	†Herminia Rapisura
Thu	8	8:30 A.M.	†James & Carmel Cormack
Fri	9	8:30 A.M.	†Sandra B. Navarro
Sat	10	4:30 P.M.	†Patricia M. Schaefer
Sun	11	8:30 A.M.	†Dolores Z. Broderick
		11:00 A.M.	People of St. Peter

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		<i>Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin</i> <i>Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest</i>
Mon	5	Reading <i>Galatians</i> 1:6-12 Responsorial <i>Psalms</i> 111:1b-2,7-9,10c Gospel <i>Luke</i> 10:25-37
		<i>Saint Bruno, Priest</i> <i>Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i>
Tue	6	Reading <i>Galatians</i> 1:13-24 Responsorial <i>Psalms</i> 139:1b-3,13-15 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 10:38-42
		<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
Wed	7	Reading <i>Galatians</i> 2:1-2,7-14 Responsorial <i>Psalms</i> 117:1bc,2 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 11:1-4
Thu	8	Reading <i>Galatians</i> 3:1-5 <i>Psalms Luke</i> 1:69-75 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 115-13
		<i>Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs</i> <i>Saint John Leonardi, Priest</i>
Fri	9	Reading <i>Galatians</i> 3:7-14 Responsorial <i>Psalms</i> 111:1b-6 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 11:15-26
Sat	10	Reading <i>Galatians</i> 3:22-29 Responsorial <i>Psalms</i> 105:2-7 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 11:27-28
		28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	11	Reading <i>I Isaiah</i> 5:1-7 Responsorial <i>Psalms</i> 80:9,12-16,19-20 Reading <i>II Philippians</i> 4:6-9 Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 21:33-43

The Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi



Blessing of the Animals **Sunday, October 4, 2026 12:30 P.M.** **at the St. Francis Garden**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

POPE'S HOMILY: WE ARE 'CATHOLIC ATHEISTS' IF WE HAVE HARDENED HEARTS

By Vatican Radio



Pope Francis celebrates Mass March 20 at the Vatican's Domus Sanctae Marthae.

Listen to the Word of God to avoid the risk of a hardened heart. That was Pope Francis' message in his homily at morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta on Thursday. The Pope pointed out that when we turn away from God and are deaf to His Word, we become unfaithful or even "Catholic atheists."

Pope Francis drew inspiration from the First Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah to meditate on the importance of listening to the Word of God. "When we do not stop to listen to the voice of the Lord we end up moving away, we turn away from Him, we turn our backs. And if we do not listen to the voice of the Lord, we listen to other voices."

The Holy Father suggested that if we do not listen to God's voice, then in the end we listen to the voices of idols. He noted bitterly that eventually, "we become deaf: deaf to the Word of God."

"And all of us, if we stop a little today and look at our hearts, we will see how many times – how many times! – we close our ears and how many times we have become deaf. And when a people, a community, but we can also say a Christian community, a parish, a diocese, when they close their ears and become deaf to the Word of the Lord, they search for other voices, other lords, and it ends with idols, the idols of the world, the worldliness that society offers. That community distances itself from the living God."

If the heart hardens, we become “Catholic pagans”, even “Catholic atheists.” As we move away from the Lord, the Pope added, our hearts harden. When someone “does not listen, the heart becomes harder, more closed in on itself, hard and unable to receive anything; not only is it closed: there is a hardness of heart.” That person lives “in that world, that atmosphere that doesn’t do him good. He moves further away from God every day.”

“And these two things – not listening to the Word of God and a hardened heart, closed in on itself – cause infidelity. You lose your sense of fidelity. The Lord says in the First Reading: ‘faithfulness is gone’, and we become unfaithful Catholics, Catholic pagans or, uglier still, Catholic atheists, because we have no reference to the love of the living God. To not listen and to turn our backs – that makes our hearts harden – takes us on the road to infidelity.

The Pope then asked, “This infidelity, how does it end?” He answered by referring to the Gospel passage from St Luke, in which Jesus is accused of healing people through the power of Beelzebul. “It ends in confusion; you do not know where God is or where He is not, you confuse God with the devil.”

His Holiness said we should ask ourselves whether we really listen to the Word of God or whether we harden our hearts. “This is blasphemy. Blasphemy is the final word on this path that begins with not listening, with the hardening of the heart.” This failure to listen and this hardening of the heart “leads to confusion, making you forget fidelity and, ultimately, blaspheming.”

To those who forget the wonder of the first meeting with Jesus, he said: “Each of us can ask ourselves today: ‘Have I stopped listening to the Word of God, taking the Bible in my hands and talking only to myself? Has my heart ben hardened? Am I far from the Lord? Have I lost my fidelity to the Lord and do I live with the idols that offer me worldliness every day? Have I lost the joy of the wonder of my first meeting with Jesus?’. Today is a day to listen. ‘O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts!’”. We ask for this grace: the grace to listen so that our hearts will not be hardened.”

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Donations Due by October 22, 2026

Gratitude and Entitlement

Christo et Doctrinae

There are two postures of the soul which can be taken towards any good thing in life: gratitude and ingratitude. Ingratitude acknowledges that we are not satisfied with what we have but pretends that we would be if we could only have more. When we are grateful, we acknowledge that the blessing we have been given is exactly that, a blessing – and one which we do not deserve. To be ungrateful for what we have while still desiring more is to be lustful, gluttonous, greedy, prideful, and envious and leads to anger and bitterness when we do not get what we want. To be grateful is to acknowledge that nothing aside from God will satisfy us fully, but that we can enjoy, benefit from, and be grateful for the blessings that God has given us.

Gratitude is inherently a posture of humility. It confesses that we do not deserve what we have been given. God did not owe it to us to create us and give us life, nor to endow us with all of the blessings that are a part of living: the delights of family, learning, sensation, fulfilling work, and laughter. While not owing us these blessings, God has given us life and continues to uphold and undergird our very existence. This too is part of the Grace of God. Another, more profound part of the Grace of God is our redemption out of sin and death by the sacrifice and resurrection of His son, which we did nothing to deserve. Gratitude is the proper response to this Grace.

Entitlement leads to ingratitude and says, “I ought to be given what I am owed.” Entitlement assumes a *right* to health, food, comfort, and friends. It assumes that, fundamentally, people have a just claim to any number of things. It is true that, according to the rules of this world, people are owed one thing or another: people living in the United States are owed due process before the law, and a contracted employee is owed his wages. To say that we are owed according to the rules of this world, however, is not to say that we are owed by God. It is instead by God’s Grace and leave that we are owed any of the things that are ours in this life to begin with.

Consider an example. In the Bible, King David is the ruler of Israel. Because he is king, he is owed certain tribute, like taxes, honor, obedience, and military service. While that is true, David still recognizes that his kingship is only his by the allowance and Grace of God. David is king because God appointed him to be king; therefore, David is due taxes, honor, obedience, and military service because God appointed for it to be due to him. The ultimate cause for David’s kingship is not David, it is God. The right attitude for David to have towards his position, therefore, is not one of entitlement, but one of gratitude and humility. It was entitlement that led David to commit adultery with Bathsheba and have Moriah killed (2 Sam. 11). It was gratitude which led David to sing his song of deliverance (2 Sam. 22).

Good things are not the only blessings we receive in this life. For the Christian, times of suffering and trial are also blessings for which we should be grateful, though it is often easier to feel entitled to a better lot in life. The Christian can be grateful in and for suffering because suffering is part of the process by which he is taught to be steadfast in faith and to hope in the world to come. It is from this knowledge that James can exhort his readers: “Count it all joy my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds” (James 1:2-3 ESV).

Ingratitude, and with entitlement, will never be a satisfactory state of affairs. It will leave us feeling vacuous and will either enslave us to the whims of our passions or leave us apathetic and bereft. Instead, it is gratitude, both for the blessings of this life and for the promise of our salvation, which will allow us to enjoy that which we have, while looking forward to the final and ultimate fulfillment which is given by God to those who love Him: the rejoining of Heaven and Earth, and our union with God for all time.

Second Collection for October 11, 2026 – Maintenance Fund

For the continued upkeep in maintaining the Church to keep the facilities operational and to cultivate and care for the gardens, trees and grounds surrounding St. Peter Church

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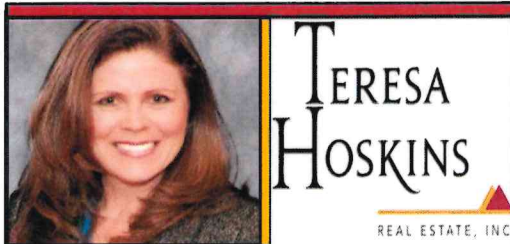
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