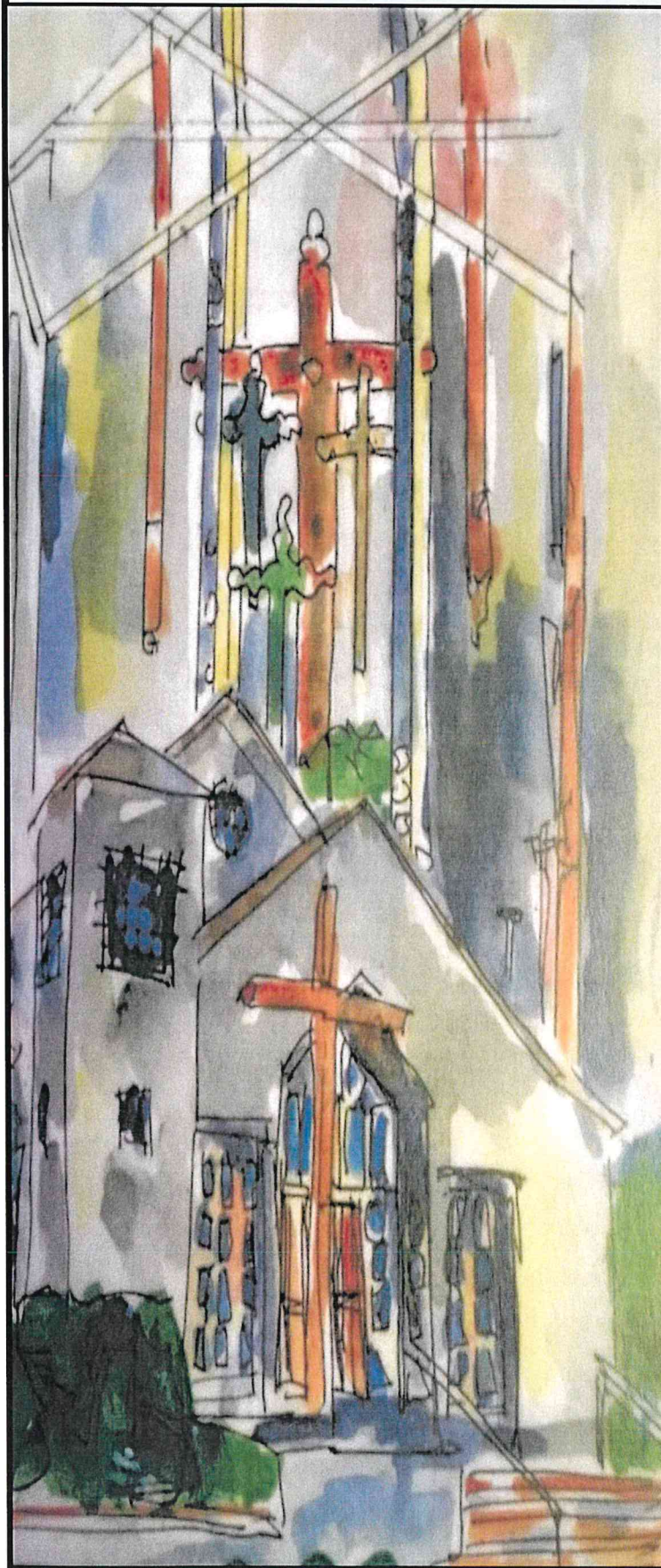


ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

700 ODDSTAD BLVD., PACIFICA, CA 94044



Contact Information

Parish Office	650-359-6313
Facsimile	650-359-2262
Elementary Religious Education	650-359-5000
7th & 8th Grade Confirmation	650-359-7178
E-mail	stpeterpacifica@comcast.net
Website	https://stpeterpacifica.org
Facebook	www.facebook/stpeterpacifica

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.

April 27, 2025

*Second Sunday
of Easter*

(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH STAFF

REVEREND JEROME P. FOLEY, Pastor.

SISTER HILDA SANDOVAL, M.F.P., Pastoral Associate and Director of Faith Formation,
hilsandoval63@gmail.com.

MR. ANTONIO EIRAS, Director of Music Ministry, tonyeiras@mac.com.

MS. VERA GONZALEZ, Office Manager

Mr. Tim Durkin, Outreach to the Elderly and Homebound

PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs. Kathleen Bissell, Chair

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Eileen Barsi, Chair

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Dale Fajardo, Chair

MASS INTENTIONS — APRIL 28—MAY 4, 2025 — MASS READINGS

Mon	28	5:30 P.M.	†Rene Novoa
Tue	29	8:30 A.M.	†Benifacio Olivas
Wed	30	8:30 A.M.	†Melencio Olivas
Thu	1	8:30 A.M.	†Epifanio Olivas, Jr.
Fri	2	8:30 A.M.	†William & Helen Dorwin
Sat	3	4:30 P.M.	†Rene Novoa
Sun	4	8:30 A.M.	†Tom Manders
11:00 A.M. People of St. Peter Parish			

Mon	28	Reading <i>Acts</i> 4:23-31 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 2:1-9 Gospel <i>John</i> 3:1-8
Tue	29	Reading <i>Acts</i> 4:32-37 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 93:1-2,5 Gospel <i>John</i> 3:7b-15
Wed	30	Reading <i>Acts</i> 5:17-26 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 34:2-9 Gospel <i>John</i> 3:16-21
Thu	1	Reading <i>Acts</i> 5:27-33 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 34:2,9,17-20 Gospel <i>John</i> 3:31-36
Fri	2	Reading <i>Acts</i> 5:34-42 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 27:1,4,13-14 Gospel <i>John</i> 6:1-15
Sat	3	Reading <i>1 Corinthians</i> 15:1-8 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 19:2-5 Gospel <i>John</i> 14:6-14
Sun	4	Third Sunday of Easter Reading I <i>Acts</i> 5:27-32,40b-41 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 30:2,4-6,11-13 Reading II <i>Revelation</i> 5:11-14 Gospel <i>John</i> 21:1-19

GIFT CARD—SOLD YEAR-ROUND

The St. Peter Gift Card Fundraiser is a fundraiser that takes place year-round. The gift cards are very popular and are used with very popular stores, including a Visa Gift Card that may be used at any retail store. These cards are also very safe and you simply discard them when the total value is used.

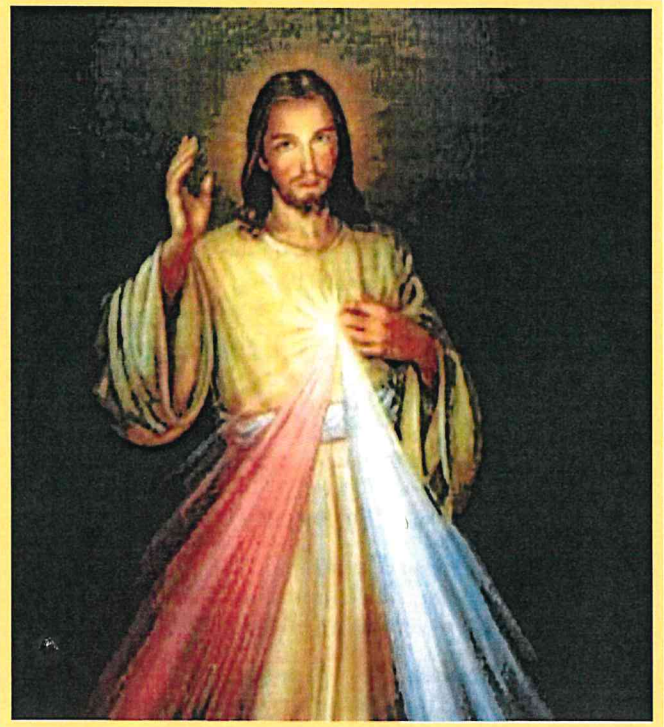
Gift Cards are sold after all the weekend masses & at the Parish Office, Monday — Friday, 9 A.M.— 5 P.M.

Gift Card Denomination (s) for sale:		ROSS	\$25.00
SAFEWAY	\$50.00 & \$100.00	TARGET	\$25.00
VISA	\$50.00 & \$100.00	AMAZON	\$25.00
SHELL	\$50.00 & \$100.00	STARBUCKS	\$10.00
UNION 76	\$100.00	CHEVRON	\$50.00 & \$100.00

April 27, 2025

*Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)*

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often called the story of “Doubting Thomas” but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ’s mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord especially for us, His modern-day disciples.



While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appeared to them after His resurrection. They were actually in hiding, cowering behind a locked door, paralyzed by fear and doubt.

But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift!

This Sunday is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of this gift. Do we really appreciate its healing power? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often? We must also reflect on how well we extend mercy to others as Jesus did to Thomas that day.

Let’s commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples and stewards of Christ’s mercy. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a “shout out” during His encounter with Thomas: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” — in His merciful love.

Second Collection for May 4, 2025 — Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Your support of the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal impacts lives. Your gift helps provide ministries, programs and services that benefit the people and parishes of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

Please prayerfully consider your gift to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. So many are counting on our support. Thank you for your generosity. *Please make checks payable to St. Peter Church*

Becoming a True Gossip

by Amy Barnes



I was only telling the truth!

A couple of months ago I was asked to speak to the students at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College about gossip. I turned to the *Oxford English Dictionary* for some guidance. Here I learned that the origin of the word “gossip” is the old English word *godsibb*, “denoting the spiritual affinity of the baptized and their sponsors.”

Some traditional uses of the word gossip were “a godfather or godmother” or “a female friend invited to be present at a birth.”

Isn’t it interesting that a word which originally denoted this closest and most intimate relationship of trust is now used more often to describe “a person who habitually indulges in idle talk, especially the spreading of rumors and discussion of the private concerns of others”?

The evolution of the word itself says something profound about the betrayal that lies at the heart of gossip: our failure to recognize and uphold the life of Christ in another person.

What exactly do I mean when I use the word gossip? There are some truly vicious varieties that lie outside the scope of this discussion. I assume we already know, for instance, that we should not actively spread lies about other people (calumny). What is more common among “good Catholics” are two things: detraction; and indiscretion. I will consider these in turn.

Detraction is broadcasting the faults and failings of others unnecessarily (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2477).

This sin is expressed colorfully in Genesis 9, where Noah, the first man to grow grapes, becomes the first man to experience intoxication and falls asleep naked in his tent. Ham comes in, sees his father, and — scandalized — runs back out to tell his brothers all about his father’s embarrassing behavior. Not only did Ham tell his brothers, but this incident even made it into the Bible!

Shem and Japheth, by contrast, refuse to see their father’s nakedness and, walking backwards, cover him with a cloak. For his sin of detraction, Ham is cursed, while Shem and Japheth receive their father’s blessing.

Have I covered the nakedness of my neighbor? Have I treated him as I would wish to be treated when my faults are seen and known? You might say, “Well, I was only telling the truth!” Yes, you were telling the truth, but you were telling it unnecessarily.

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

The sin of detraction involves spreading information *that is true*. However, it is a sin to broadcast someone else's faults and failings to people who don't need to know about them. The Catechism tells us that detraction is an offense against justice and charity, because it destroys a person's reputation and honor, to which everyone enjoys a "natural right."

The Catechism is also clear that both the one who engages in detraction, and the one who believes it, are guilty of the sin of "rash judgment": too quickly and "without sufficient foundation" believing in "the moral fault of a neighbor."

Every good Christian ought to be more ready to give a favorable interpretation to another's statement than to condemn it. But if he cannot do so, let him ask how the other understands it. And if the latter understands it badly, let the former correct him with love. If that does not suffice, let the Christian try all suitable ways to bring the other to a correct interpretation so that he may be saved.

(St. Ignatius of Loyola, Spiritual Exercises 22, qtd. in CCC 2478)

I must include the caveat that in recent years our perspective on "detraction" has been affected by revelations of abuse in the Church and elsewhere. In other words, we are very aware now that there are some instances in which *we (laypeople) must absolutely disclose the sins of another person* to the right person, because silence comports an immense risk of harm.

But in general, when I'm dealing with someone's annoying habits, bad breath, tendency to be late for Mass, arrogance, inability to cooperate, demanding personality, etc., this is all material I should be bringing to prayer for my own conversion of heart. It is not something I should be discussing with my friends and neighbors.

Indiscretion is another variety of gossip and it is the betrayal of confidence, spreading information about someone that was not meant to be shared.

Maybe my best friend is depressed because her boyfriend broke up with her; she is struggling with suicide and eats ice cream all day long. If someone asks me, "How is she?" I should probably not tell them all those details, just as — if I am entrusted with someone's care giving — I should not tell anyone else the details of their bathroom needs or medical diagnoses.

What are the repercussions of gossip for the victim? She feels trapped in judgment, incapable of redemption; she feels like nobody notices her good works or good qualities; she may become discouraged from trying to be better (why bother, when people still see me the way I was 10 years ago?).

In cases of indiscretion, she feels betrayed, unable to trust you or others, unable to confide in anyone. In other words, the consequences are among the worst imaginable: loss of confidence in her redemption, in God's grace and mercy.

If the consequences are so bad, then why does gossip remain a common and often-overlooked sin of "good Catholics"?

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Unfortunately, there are lots of social benefits to gossip. As every 12-year-old learns, speaking about the faults of someone who is absent is one of the quickest (albeit uncreative and childish) ways to form bonds with others. People find me very interesting when I gossip: I am feeding their desire to hear human interest stories, drama, and scandal.

Gossip can also be a form of boasting, showing that I am in the know about the affairs of others. On the other hand, maybe I am “venting”: I am speaking in order to defuse the tension I feel about a difficult interaction. My friends validate my perspective on the conflict, and that makes me feel better, but in the meantime, I have exposed the faults of the person I’m venting about.

Perhaps most fundamentally, we gossip because we don’t want to see *our own* faults and failures. People seem to become most obsessed with the affairs of others or fall most naturally into blame, fault-finding, or accusation, when their own self-esteem has suffered a blow.

Perhaps, for instance, when we are venting about someone else, we are in fact embarrassed about the way we handled a conflict with them. We unconsciously try to make the other party look unreasonable so that nobody will notice that we ourselves really made a mess of the situation.

If I recognize that I have a problem with gossip, what can I do about it? One might start by making a resolution not to gossip and not to listen to others’ gossip.

As with any resolution, we will fail, but the point of the resolution is just to begin noticing my failures. By bringing these failures to confession and starting again each time, we will find that the Lord’s grace acts on our nature to liberate us.

If we have trouble recognizing whether we are gossiping or not, a good measure is to ask ourselves, “If that person were present, would I say this about them?”

To prevent indiscretion, I also find it helpful to make a plan for how I will respond when asked about situations involving other people’s confidentiality. I don’t want to be dishonest, but I need to pray about how honest I can be before it becomes gossip.

So maybe in the case of my best friend, if someone asks me, “How is she?” I will plan to say something like this: “She’s going through a rough patch; pray for her” or “Thanks for asking. She might appreciate it if you asked her that yourself.”

The saints are noteworthy for their absolute refusal to speak ill of others and, even in the worst circumstances, their ability to always see the good in each person. When we pray for this grace, and when God enlightens our eyes to see how much he loves every person he has created, then we begin to be “gossips” in the original sense of the word: “godparents.”

Lord, help us to see your light shining inside others rather than seeing their darkness and sin. Help us learn to encourage one another and to be faithful guardians of each other’s dignity. Help us to find more interesting things to talk about than other people’s problems.

APRIL 27, 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

APRIL 17 — 20, 2025 COLLECTIONS

Holy Thursday	\$825.00
Good Friday	\$1,304.00
Easter	\$12,425.77
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal	\$2,987.00

WE SHARE ONLINE COLLECTION

April 12 — 18, 2025 Total \$1,309.27

Offertory	\$909.14
Maintenance	\$265.67
Church Roof Fund	\$27.61
St. Vincent de Paul	\$9.01
Undesignated	\$97.84



We Share is an Online Giving Service provided to our parishioners by St. Peter Church.

You register in the privacy of your home. It is convenient, fast, easy and safe.

You may make a one-time donation or a recurring donation. This saves time writing out checks or making sure you have cash on hand.

Please visit <https://stpeterpacifica.org> and go to the Donation Heading at the top bar, to sign up.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Assessment:	\$62,962.0
Collected:	\$7,477.00
Balance:	\$55,485.00

PARISH CALENDAR APRIL 28 — May 4, 2025

<u>Mon 28</u>	<i>Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr</i> <i>Saint Louis Grignion de Montford, Priest</i> 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy 5:30 P.M. Evening Mass
<u>Tue 29</u>	<i>Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church</i> 8:30 A.M. Daily Mass 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:45 P.M. Religious Education Classes 3:45 P.M. Confirmation Class 7:00 P.M. RCIA Class
<u>Wed 30</u>	<i>Saint Pius V, Pope</i> 8:30 A.M. Daily Mass 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 P.M. Religious Education Classes 3:00 P.M. Confirmation Class 7:00 P.M. Confirmation Class 7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thu 1</u>	<i>Saint Joseph the Worker</i> 8:30 A.M. Daily Mass 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
<u>Fri 2</u>	<i>Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i> 8:30 A.M. Daily Mass 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
<u>Sat 3</u>	<i>SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES</i> 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:30 P.M. Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30 P.M. Mass
<u>Sun 4</u>	8:30 A.M. Mass 11:00 A.M. Mass



**TERESA
HOSKINS**

REAL ESTATE, INC.

Realtor® DRE#01905175
BA Economics
KW Peninsula Estates
teresa.hoskins@kw.com



Please scan
for a free
Market Report.

KW Advisors

Each office is independently
owned and operated.

415.519.9729



MUSCIO

WIRED, CONNECTED & PROTECTED

650.359.5360

Home — Security Systems
Electrical Services — Telephone Systems

Residential | Commercial | Industrial
License No. C10-309056

**DUGGAN'S
SERRA MORTUARY**



Family Owned & Operated

Dan, Matt & Joey Duggan

Traditional & Cremation Services

3 Indoor Reception Rooms

2 Outside Reception Areas

Unlimited Parking

Most Convenient & Reasonable Costs

650.756.4500

500 Westlake Avenue



Please scan with your cell phone
to visit Duggans-Serra.com

Space Available

St. Peter Advertisement is
advertised on the back page of
our Bulletin, our Website and
our Facebook Page.

AL'S CARPETS

carpet – vinyl – tile
laminate – hardwood
Flooring

Allen S. Olsen

650.355.0640



OmniFund, Inc.
Integrity • Honesty •
Competitiveness



Melissa Wagner Irish

Home Loan Officer

NMLS 2113491 | DRE 02167153

650.455.8236 cell

mwagnerirish@gmail.com

Pre Approval, Purchase, Refi | Contact me to learn your options.
Knowledge is power.

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

700 ODDSTAD BLVD., PACIFICA, CA 94044

Tele: 650.359.6313 | Email: stpeterpacifica@comcast.net

BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT

We are grateful
for our
Advertisers

Space Available



Home Sales
Team, Inc.



Noemi Barba Aguiñaga

Realtor®—Hablo Español

DRE # 02200242

Noemi@HomeSalesTeamInc.com

650.201.0277

580 Crespi Dr., Ste. A2, Pacifica, CA 94044

Space Available

Please support our *Advertisers*
and refer your family and
friends to them.

St. Peter is grateful for the help
and support they give to our
Parish.

5-day
Devotional Candles
\$3.50 per candle
at the Parish Office



Space Available

Space Available

Are you the owner of a
Small or Large Business?
Advertising is the best way to
reach new business and to
reach the people who matter
most to your business.