

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 5, 2025

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith is a gracious gift from God. It can neither be earned nor bought, only responded to with works of love and service. A vibrant faith can make us strong, loving, and wise, confident that God will guard us from all harm. God is the rock of our salvation.

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MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 6—12, 2025

MASS READINGS

Mon	6	5:30 P.M.	†Mary Ryan
Tue	7	8:30 A.M.	†Cruz Lopez
Wed	8	8:30 A.M.	†Francisco Macias
Thu	9	8:30 A.M.	†Fred & Mary Beaubien
Fri	10	8:30 A.M.	†Luz Pio Cantillup
Sat	11	4:30 P.M.	†Bob Mann
Sun	12	8:30 A.M.	People of St. Peter
		11:00 A.M.	Margaret Bernardez

Saint Bruno, Priest
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
Mon Reading *Jonah* 1:1 — 2:2,11
6 (Psalm) *Jonah* 2:2-5,8
Gospel *Luke* 10:25-37
Our Lady of the Rosary
Tue Reading *Jonah* 3:1-10
7 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 130:1b-4ab,7-8
Gospel *Luke* 10:38-42
Wed Reading *Jonah* 4:1-11
8 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 86:3-6,9-10
Gospel *Luke* 11:1-4
Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs
Saint John Leonardi, Priest
Thu Reading *Malachi* 3:13-20b
9 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 1:1-4,6
Gospel *Luke* 11:5-13
Fri Reading *Joel* 1:13-15;2:1-2
10 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 9:2-3,6,8-9,16
Gospel *Luke* 11:15-26
Saint John XXIII, Pope
Sat Reading *Joel* 4:12-21
11 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 97:1-2,5-6,11-12
Gospel *Luke* 11:27-28
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sun Reading I *2 Kings* 5:14-17
12 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 98:1-4
Reading II *2 Timothy* 2:8-13
Gospel *Luke* 17:11-19



The Holiday Boutique

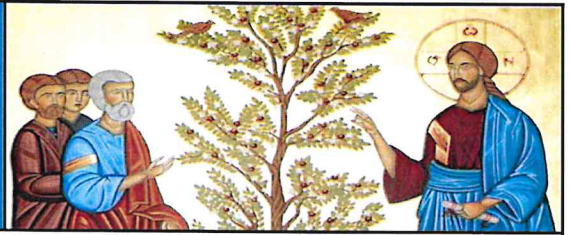
As the preparations get underway for this exciting holiday event, we are requesting your help for *Newly or Purchased Donations* for the Beautiful *Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas and Children's Baskets*.

Needed are items that would be very useful for any member of the family of any age or for the home. Please consider what you personally would like to receive or what you would like to use.

Donations due by October 20th

October 5, 2025

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life, that is, a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom, is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us, and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design.

We can all relate to the frustration expressed in the First Reading from Habakuk. "How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen!" "Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery?" The Lord knows that the life of a steward is not easy. When we look around us, it can seem as if all our efforts are in vain. We spend time praying, but nothing happens. We are faithful to our ministry, but no one seems to notice. We give generously of our financial resources, but the needs around us remain great. Despite all this, the Lord urges us to remain faithful. "For the vision [the fulfillment of His kingdom] still has its time, presses on to fulfillment and will not disappoint."

Our Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy offers encouragement on the difficult path of discipleship, reminding us that we have all the tools we need to remain faithful. Paul says to "stir into flame the gift of God that you have...." Through the sacraments, the Word of God, and the teachings of the Church, we have every possible grace and blessing needed to continue moving forward on the stewardship path. We simply need to return to them over and over so as to stir these gifts into flame. Paul instructs us to "guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us." Relying on the abundant spiritual gifts God has given to us, and relying on the Holy Spirit's strength, we can bear our share of hardship well for the sake of the Gospel. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards.

Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest. It is a true privilege to cooperate as servants in the work of building His Kingdom.

Living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable. The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God. The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to God. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.

OCTOBER 12, 2025 SECOND COLLECTION | MAINTENANCE

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.

CAN I HAVE MY ASHES SCATTERED IN THE BOUNDARY WATERS?

By Father Mike Schmitz

Q: I am hoping to be cremated when I die. I would also like my family to bring my ashes up to the Boundary Waters and scatter them there, since it is where I feel closest to God. Is that OK?

A: Thank you so much for asking these questions. I am very grateful that you are taking the time to find out whether or not your plans and wishes correspond with what the church asks of those who are disciples of Jesus.

I do not want to gloss over that point: You are asking in order to live as a member of the Body of Christ. This is no small thing. We know that members of a family have a relationship with each other. Because of this relationship, they have certain rights. They can ask each other for help. They have a degree of access to each other. At the same time, real relationships also have real responsibilities. Because of this, the church can also ask things of her family members. This is where obedience comes in.

Obedience is not blind. Nor is obedience slavish. As Catholic Christians, we are called to have the obedience of loved and respected sons and daughters (who in turn love and respect those over us). Loved and respected sons and daughters can ask for the reasons behind what is being asked of them. Many of us do that. And then we are called to act on what we have been called to do.

I say all of this because your question indicates that you already have a desire to be cremated and for your ashes to be scattered. In the first case, that is permissible. In the second case, that is not allowed. Let me try to explain why

You are your body. And you are your soul. In fact, one item of belief that distinguishes Christians from other religions and worldviews is our view of the human person. We believe that a human person is a body-soul "composite." It is what we are. This is one of the reasons why death is so "obscene" (to use a phrase from Dr. Peter Kreeft): It is the separation of what is meant to be a unity.

A soul without a body is a ghost ... and a body without a soul is a corpse. A human person is the soul and body united. Therefore, you are your soul and you are your body. This belief is professed (even if obliquely) every time we utter the words, "I believe in the resurrection of the dead." We believe that all of us will ultimately get our bodies back. Some of us to the resurrection of glory in heaven, and some of us to the resurrection of condemnation in hell.

All of these assertions add up to the fact that we care for our bodies even in death. Since we believe that our bodies are an essential part of our selves, and since we believe in the resurrection of the dead, we treat bodies (even dead bodies) with dignity.

For years, the church prohibited the cremation of dead bodies unless absolutely necessary. The reason behind this prohibition was the fact that many cultures the church was evangelizing had a vastly different view of the body. For many cultures and worldviews, the body has been seen as a “trap” or a “cage” for the soul. Therefore, death was seen as the liberation of the “true self” and cremation was seen as a sign that a person was finally freed from the shackles of their body. Because of this, Christians were not allowed to choose cremation, since the people around them could see it as a validation of their low view of the body.

Now, however, there are very few people who would associate cremation with this worldview. Far more people would choose cremation merely for its economic benefits or for some other personal reason. For this reason, the church allows people to choose cremation.

At the same time, the church demands that Catholics are interred in holy ground. Whether it is the body of the person or the cremains of the person, Catholics may only be buried in ground that has been designated for the purpose of burial. Therefore, Catholics may not scatter the ashes of deceased person who is Catholic, nor may they keep the ashes of a loved one in a vase or in a locket or other keepsake. This burial gives witness to the fact that the body is sacred and is destined for resurrection.

Of course, there are bodies that get lost at sea or are destroyed by fire or some other calamity. There are times when there is very little of a person’s body to recover and bury. But even then, whatever remains we can treat with dignity we will treat with dignity. Every person’s body will likely disintegrate and will become dust once again, but we affirm the resurrection when we do what we can to keep the body intact.

Many people will ask about the relics of saints. There are many saints whose bodies have been divided and distributed among the faithful. If a person can do that with a saint, why can’t one do that with a loved one? For at least two reasons. First, the relic is placed in a reliquary and is meant to be regularly venerated (thus affirming the dignity of the body). Second, the church no longer approves of this practice, and it is prohibited unless special permission has been granted.

All of this is to say: if you want, you can choose cremation as long as you do not have the motive of minimizing the dignity of the body. But you may not ask for your ashes to be scattered. Hopefully enough reason why has been offered so that you can follow this teaching in good faith.

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2025 October Prayer — Lord Jesus, You, who in diversity are one and look lovingly at every person, help us to recognize ourselves as brothers and sisters, called to live, pray, work, and dream together. We live in a world full of beauty, but also wounded by deep divisions. Sometimes religions, instead of uniting us, become a cause of confrontation. Give us your Spirit to purify our hearts, so that we may recognize what unites us and, from there, learn again how to listen and collaborate without destroying. May the concrete examples of peace, justice, and fraternity in religions inspire us to believe that it is possible to live and work together, beyond our differences. May religions not be used as weapons or walls, but rather lived as bridges and prophecy: making the dream of the common good credible, accompanying life, sustaining hope, and being the yeast of unity in a fragmented world. Amen. —Pope Leo XIV

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HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Join us for our annual Holiday Boutique, a community tradition for over 30 years! With 40+ vendors, you can shop a wonderful selection of unique holiday gifts, jewelry, art, and more — all in a fun, festive setting without the crowds of the mall.

Enjoy raffle prizes throughout the weekend and delicious food available for purchase during the event!

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FROM - 10AM TO 6PM &
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9TH
FROM 9:30AM TO 3PM**

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OCTOBER 5, 2025 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY COLLECTION | SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

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Assessment: \$62,962.00

Collected: \$25,896.00 Balance: \$37,066.00

WE SHARE ONLINE COLLECTION — \$1,247.12
SEPTEMBER 20 — 26, 2025

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For assistance call the Parish Office at 650-359-6313.

CALENDAR OCTOBER 6 — 12, 2025

MON 6

11:00 A.M. 55+ Club Meeting

3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

5:30 P.M. Evening Mass

TUE 7

8:30 A.M. Daily Mass

3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:45 P.M. Religious Education

3:45 P.M. Confirmation

7:00 P.M. OCIA

WED 8

8:30 A.M. Daily Mass

3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:00 P.M. Religious Education

3:00 P.M. Confirmation

7:00 P.M. Confirmation

7:00 P.M. Choir Practice

THU 9

8:30 A.M. Daily Mass

3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

FRI 10

8:30 A.M. Daily Mass

3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

SAT 11

3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:30 P.M. Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 P.M. Mass

SUN 12

8:30 A.M. Mass

11:00 A.M. Mass

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