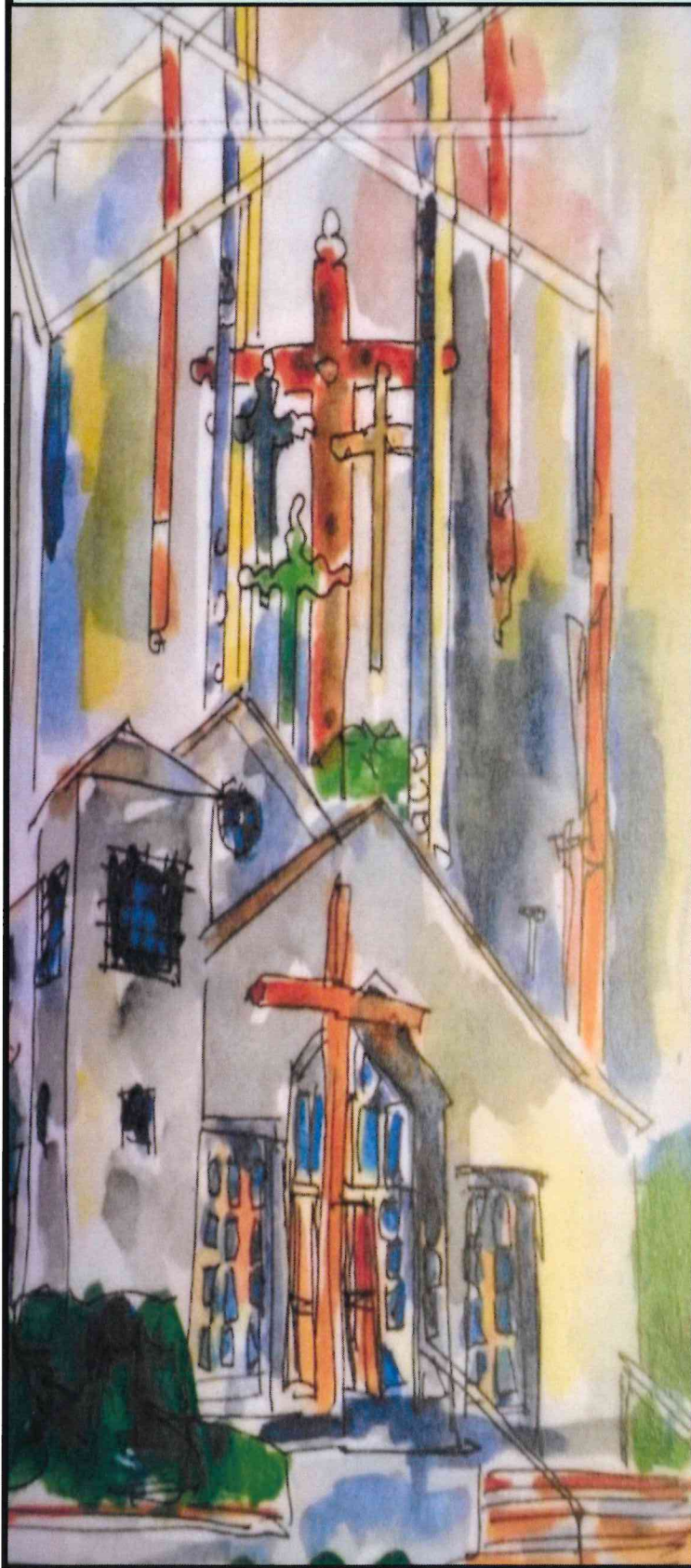


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Sacrament of Eucharist

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.

July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The person with true wisdom, like Solomon, will seek the reign of God and treasure it above all else. It is more precious than gold and silver. Thus one becomes conformed to the image of Christ, the Son.

St. Peter Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

July 27 – August 2, 2026

Readings

Mon 27 5:30 P.M. †Doug Nelson, Sr.
Tue 28 8:30 A.M. †Santiago Sandoval
Wed 29 8:30 A.M. †Santiago Sandoval
Thu 30 8:30 A.M. †Joseph Mocklin
Fri 31 8:30 A.M. †Jose Guadalupe Barba
Sat 1 4:30 P.M. †Mary Clark
Sun 2 8:30 A.M. People of St. Peter
11 A.M. Christopher & Nicole Ybarra

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Mon 27 Reading *Jeremiah* 13:1-11
(Psalm) *Deuteronomy* 32:18-21
Gospel *Matthew* 13:31-35
Tue 28 Reading *Jeremiah* 14:17-22
Responsorial Psalm 79:8-9,11,13
Gospel *Matthew* 13:36-43
Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Wed 29 Reading *Jeremiah* 15:10,16-21
Responsorial Psalm 59:2-4,10-11,17-18
Gospel *John* 11:19-27 or *Luke* 10:38-42
St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Thu 30 Reading *Jeremiah* 18:1-6
Responsorial Psalm 146:1b-6b
Gospel *Matthew* 13:47-53
Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Fri 31 Reading *Jeremiah* 26:1-9
Responsorial Psalm 69:5,5-10,14
Gospel *Matthew* 13:54-58
St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Sat 1 Reading *Jeremiah* 26:11-16,24
Responsorial Psalm 69:15-16,30-31,33-34
Gospel *Matthew* 14:1-12
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 2 Reading I *Isaiah* 55:1-3
Responsorial Psalm 145:8-9,15-18
Reading II *Romans* 8:35,37-39
Gospel *Matthew* 14:13-21

July 26, 2026 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the Kingdom of Heaven. Today's readings remind us of the importance of recognizing that Kingdom in our midst and ordering our lives around what truly matters.

In our first reading from the First Book of Kings, God appears to Solomon in a dream and invites him to ask for whatever he desires. Rather than requesting riches, power, or long life, Solomon asks for "an understanding heart" to distinguish right from wrong. In other words, he asks for wisdom — the ability to recognize what is true and valuable and to live accordingly.

It is no surprise that God is pleased with Solomon's request. In fact, Solomon becomes known throughout history for his wisdom. The same gift is available to us if we ask for it sincerely. We need wisdom to live the stewardship way of life because stewardship requires us to make choices every day about how we will use the gifts God has entrusted to us.

When our priorities are aligned with God's will rather than the values of the world, we can live with confidence and peace. As St. Paul reminds us in today's second reading, "all things work for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose." This promise applies not only to life's major decisions, but also to the countless daily choices we make as disciples striving to serve the Lord and advance His Kingdom.

In today's Gospel, we arrive at the conclusion of three weeks of Jesus' teaching on the Kingdom of Heaven. Through a series of brief but powerful parables, He reveals the extraordinary value of that Kingdom.

First, Jesus compares it to a treasure hidden in a field. The man who discovers it joyfully sells everything he has in order to obtain it. Next, He describes a merchant who finds a pearl of great price and willingly gives up all he possesses to make it his own.

These images remind us that life in Christ is worth any sacrifice. The Kingdom is not merely one priority among many. It is the greatest treasure we can possess.

Notice, too, that in both stories the treasure is initially hidden. We must actively seek it. We need the wisdom of Solomon to recognize the presence of God's Kingdom amid the noise, distractions, and competing priorities of daily life.

Jesus then compares the Kingdom to a net cast into the sea that gathers fish of every kind. The invitation to the Kingdom is universal. God desires all people to share in His life and His love.

Yet the Lord concludes with a sobering reminder that each person will ultimately be judged. The angels "will separate the wicked from the righteous." Jesus wants us to understand that our response to His invitation matters.

Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the Kingdom of Heaven in our midst and to pursue it with all our hearts. There is no greater treasure, no greater source of joy, and no greater purpose than living as faithful stewards and disciples of Jesus Christ.

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THERE'S MUCH TO CONSIDER BEFORE OFFERING ONE'S OPINION

By Father Mike Schmitz

Q:

When am I supposed to offer my opinion? For example, I have a friend who conceived a child through in vitro fertilization. Am I supposed to tell her that was wrong?



This is a really good question but also a somewhat complicated thing. So many factors go into figuring out when to speak and when to remain silent that I often find people will simply abdicate any responsibility and do nothing.

In fact, isn't there that oddly popular bumper sticker that simply states, "coexist"?

The implication is, "keep your thoughts to yourself and live your life." Essentially, "stay out of other people's business."

While that might be one way to live, it is not the Christian way to live. I recently heard someone point out this startlingly obvious fact: Christians are called not to tolerate others but to love others. While we will hopefully live in peace with all of those around us, we are called to do more than merely "coexist." Love is more than tolerance. Love places demands on us.

We cannot stand idly by while others hurt themselves or others. Of course, in our pluralistic society, we ought not to impose our beliefs on others, but there is an incredible and significant difference between forcing one's beliefs on another and lovingly proposing the truth to them.

Older Christians had a name for this. It was one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy and was called "instructing the ignorant." A more palatable way of saying it is "leading another to the truth."

This is hard to hear for people who don't believe there is such a thing as truth, but it is convicting for those of us who know that reality is not merely a matter of opinion. But we need to consider other factors as well, including context, responsibility, and prudence.

SHARE THE TRUTH

This past spring, a ferry carrying almost 300 people sank off the coast of South Korea. Roughly 280 passengers lost their lives. After this tragedy occurred, it was discovered that almost all of those lives could have been saved.

Unfortunately, the captain of the ferry ignored the reality of the situation and directed all of the passengers to return to their rooms while he got himself and most of the crew off the ship.

This captain is currently being charged with murder. He had a responsibility to tell his passengers the truth, but he was apparently

content with using the truth to save himself and not concerned enough to share it with those under his protection.

This story contains the elements we need to be attentive to. The captain had the truth and was in a position to share the truth. Even more, he had a responsibility to share the truth. He was the exact person whose job it was to tell the truth.

When we are faced with whether or not we ought to share the truth with someone, we have to weigh those same factors.

What is the context of this relationship? That is a critical factor.

If I am not in a healthy and trusting relationship with this other person, then I need to consider that when discerning if I am the right person to share this information.

If I have never had a good relationship with my sister, then I might not be the right person to offer some "brotherly advice." If I have never said more than two words to a co-worker, maybe the first real conversation we have shouldn't be one where I point out their faults. And if I am looking at a situation "after the fact," I don't need to offer any free advice.

It is like when someone asks you what you think about their new tattoo. At this point, it is done. Nothing that you could say would be all that helpful. In the case of the woman who conceived the child through immoral means, this moment might not be the best to point out that procreation and the sexual act ought to be kept intact.

WHAT'S YOUR ROLE?

There are at least two other factors to consider. You can ask yourself, "Do I have a responsibility to tell them the truth in this situation?" What is your role?

The captain of the ferry was the person responsible for the safety of his passengers. A parent's role is always to teach their children. A pastor's role is always to lead those entrusted to his care to the truth.

What about your case? Is it your role to tell your friend the truth?

While you may not have the responsibility to weigh in on every single moral issue in this person's life, if they invite you to share your opinion, then you now have the responsibility to tell them the truth. You have been given the open door. This usually comes after demonstrating that you are the kind of person who can be trusted to kindly and wisely offer advice.

Lastly, something that is of absolute importance is prudence.

Prudence is simply practical wisdom. A question you must ask yourself is, "Will what I want to share actually help this person?"

Whether it is immediately helpful or ultimately helpful, we must consider the final goal of the information we may be called to share. We are called to lead others closer to the truth and closer to God.

Will your offering this piece of information get them closer to God

Registration forms for **Religious Education** (Kinder-6th Grade) and **Confirmation** are available at the Church Narthex, the Religious Education Office, the Parish Office, and in the St. Peter, Pacifica Website, <https://stpeterpacific.org>.

"Early Bird" Registration Fee for Religious Education and Confirmation until July 31, 2026.

One child \$170.00. Two children \$210.00. Three or more children \$250.00.

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Religious Education Classes begin Tuesday, September 15 and Wednesday, September 16, 2026.

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 from 3:45 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

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Wednesday, September 16, 2026, Second Year—Grade 8, from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

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your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

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July 26, 2026 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Collection—July 19, 2026

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Offertory	\$1,059.87
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St. Vincent de Paul	\$18.60
Total	\$1,349.50

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Parish Calendar July 27 — August 2, 2026

Mon	27	3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
		5:30 P.M.	Evening Mass
Tue	28	8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
		3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Wed	29	8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
		3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Thu	30	8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
		3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Fri	31	8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
		3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Sat	1	3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
		3:30 P.M.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		4:30 P.M.	Mass
Sun	2	8:30 A.M.	Mass
		11 A.M.	Mass



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