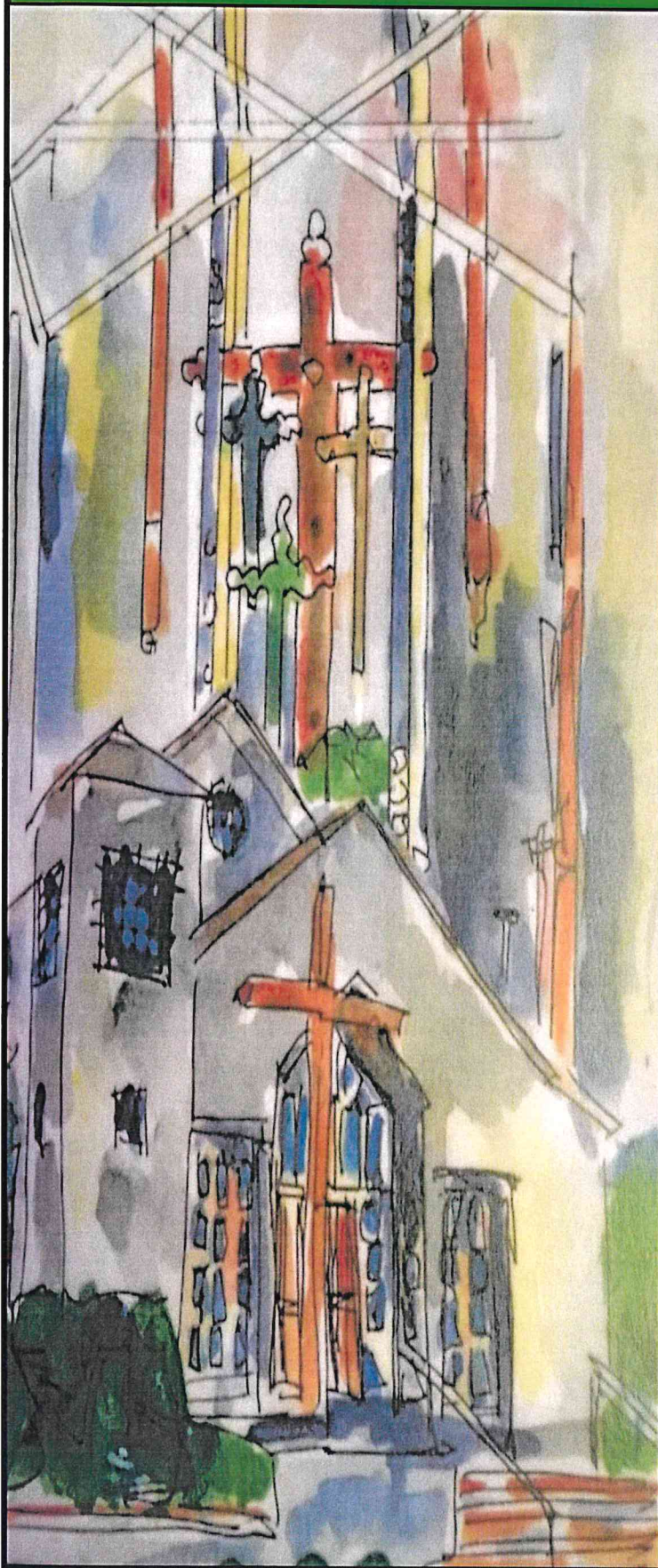


ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

August 31, 2025

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Humility and self-knowledge go hand in hand. Those who conduct their affairs with humility shall be exalted, while those who exalt themselves shall be humbled. The humble shall rejoice and exalt before God in the assembly of the heavenly Jerusalem.

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

SEPTEMBER 1-7, 2025

MASS READINGS

Mon	1	5:30 P.M.	Tim Durkin
Tue	2	8:30 A.M.	†Wilba Lewis
Wed	3	8:30 A.M.	†Jeffrey Mahoney
Thu	4	8:30 A.M.	†Daniel Hurley
Fri	5	8:30 A.M.	†Herbert Rosen
Sat	6	4:30 P.M.	†Emmet Monahan
Sun	7	8:30 A.M.	†Vicente Tenorio
		11:00 A.M	People of St. Peter Parish

Mon	Reading 1	<i>Thessalonians</i> 4:13-18
1	Responsorial Psalm	<i>Psalm</i> 96:1,3-5,11-13
	Gospel	<i>Luke</i> 4:16-30
Tue	Reading 1	<i>Thessalonians</i> 5:1-6,9-11
2	Responsorial Psalm	<i>Psalm</i> 27:1,4,13-14
	Gospel	<i>Luke</i> 4:31-37
		<i>St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</i>
Wed	Reading	<i>Colossians</i> 1:1-8
3	Responsorial Psalm	<i>Psalm</i> 52:10-11
	Gospel	<i>Luke</i> 4:38-44
Thu	Reading	<i>Colossians</i> 1:9-14
4	Responsorial Psalm	<i>Psalm</i> 98:2-6
	Gospel	<i>Luke</i> 5:1-11
Fri	Reading	<i>Colossians</i> 1:15-20
5	Responsorial Psalm	<i>Psalm</i> 100:1b-5
	Gospel	<i>Luke</i> 5:33-39
Sat	Reading	<i>Colossians</i> 1:21-23
6	Responsorial Psalm	<i>Psalm</i> 54:3-4,6,8
	Gospel	<i>Luke</i> 6:1-5
		TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sun	Reading I	<i>Wisdom</i> 9:13-18b
7	Responsorial Psalm	<i>Psalm</i> 90:3-6,12-17
	Reading II	<i>Philemon</i> 9-10,12-17
	Gospel	<i>Luke</i> 14:25-33

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, 09/01/2025 in Observance of the Labor Day Holiday

BLOOD DRIVE—SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

St. Peter Catholic Church | Gymnasium
Sunday, September 7, 2025 — 8 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.

- Donors should arrive well-nourished and hydrated.
- Donors need photo ID with first and last name.
- The donation process takes approximately one hour (add 20 minutes for a double red cell donation).

To make an appointment call 877-258-4825 or visit vitalant.com.

August 31, 2025 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings remind us of a chief virtue that characterizes the Christian steward: humility. This is a virtue that is widely thought of as a form of self-abasement. But that understanding is off the mark. Humility is simply the awareness of who (and Whose) we truly are.

On one hand, we are children of the Most High God who loved us into existence; children whose Father sent His son to die for our sins, children who, by virtue of our Baptism, have the Holy Trinity dwelling within us. On the other hand, we are children who are completely dependent on God for our very existence and for every breath we take. The Christian steward lives with an awareness of these two realities — our great dignity as sons and daughters of God, and our total dependence on Him for all that we are and all that we have been given.

Our First Reading, from Sirach, instructs, "What is too sublime for you, seek not, into things beyond your strength search not." As Christian stewards, aware of our total dependence on God, we must be content with "being little." We recognize that all that we have and all that we are is an unmerited gift from God. All bragging rights belong to Him, not us.

Our Lord speaks of true humility and the kind of outlook that goes along with it in our Gospel passage from Luke. While at a dinner party in the home of one of the leading Pharisees, Jesus observes the guests at the party jockeying for the most prestigious spots at the table.

He takes the opportunity to tell a parable (which sounds amazingly like the real-life situation that is happening at the very dinner party Christ is attending (our Lord really has a wonderful sense of humor!)) He says if you get invited to, say, a wedding banquet, not to take a place of honor at the table. He warns that a more distinguished guest might arrive and then embarrassment would ensue as you have to make your way to a less prestigious spot.

In sharing this parable, Jesus has in mind much more than an etiquette lesson. He is reminding us that all glory belongs to God. The visual image He offers in having to slink down to a lower seat at the table points out how silly we are when we forget to give God the credit for our blessings and talents. Jesus says, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." When we live in humility — recognizing that all we have is gift from God and using those gifts to serve Him and others, then God "exalts" us, by filling us with even more of Himself and His grace.

Jesus goes on to encourage us to actively seek to serve and share our blessings with people facing circumstances that would make it impossible for them to offer us any worldly advantage or prestige — people who are in poverty or have disabilities or infirmities of any kind. "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment.

Our attitude and how we serve and share should be centered on true humility — recognizing that we are all "little" ones in the eyes of God. We are all His children; brothers and sisters invited to our Father's heavenly banquet.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 SECOND COLLECTION | ARCHDIOCESE FOR MILITARY SERVICES

The Archdiocese for the Military Services is responsible for providing pastoral care and services to active-duty men and women serving in all six branches of the United States Armed Forces stationed at home and abroad, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - and their families.

For more information about the Archdiocese and its pastoral programs and services, visit www.milarch.org.

Am I a good person?

By Father Mike Schmitz

Q: I am writing because I keep coming back to the same question, "Am I a good person?" I am taking care of my husband who suffers from Alzheimer's, as well as my parents who need a lot of attention. I can't always find the time to pray the rosary every day (like St. John Paul II or St. Mother Teresa did), and I just can't escape the Catholic guilt that I feel all of the time.

A: Thank you for such a heartfelt question. I want to get to a clear and helpful answer to your primary question of "Am I a good person?" But before that, it might be helpful to note three things.

First, when it comes to "Catholic guilt," it might be helpful to cut through this right away. I'm sure that all of us have heard of "Catholic guilt." But is that really a thing? My mom used to say, "There is nothing 'Catholic' about guilt ... it's just guilt. If I've done something wrong, then I ought to feel guilty; there is nothing specifically 'Catholic' about it!" That always made sense to me.

Think about it: Guilt is a good and necessary thing. Try to imagine a person who never felt guilty. This would not be a healthy or emotionally balanced person. They might experience what psychologists would call antisocial personality disorder. A sociopath is someone who doesn't feel remorse when having done something wrong or when they choose to not do the right thing. I have the sense that we would not want that.

Guilt is good. Guilt is a sign that our conscience is working.

At the same time, there is "false guilt." False guilt is when I feel guilty for no real reason. This is not a virtue, and it is not at all helpful. It does not honor God, nor does it benefit anybody in the least. Therefore, one of the challenges of maturing in our emotional and spiritual development is discerning between true guilt and false guilt. What is God asking of me, and what is he not asking of me? Just because one person is called to pray a certain way or to live a certain way does not mean that God is asking that same thing of you. Mother Teresa was called to run a religious community of sisters who cared for the poorest of the poor; you are called to care for the people in your own family. One practice that might help a person in figuring out the difference between false guilt and real guilt might be to give yourself an honest assessment of what you are able to do and what you are not able to do. God does not expect us to do something we are incapable of.

Second, I wonder if a more accurate phrasing of your question is not "Am I a good person?" but rather "Am I good enough?" As a being made in God's image, it is good that you exist. Your very existence is a blessing. Beyond that, we hopefully all can recognize that there is both good and evil in us. As Alexander Solzhenitsyn stated, "The line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being." If we give ourselves even a cursory examination of conscience, I think that we will all quickly discover that we choose both good and evil regularly.

AUGUST 31, 2025 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Because of this, I think that the question we all want answered is, "Am I good enough?" I already know that I'm not as good as I could be. Even more, I already know that I am not as good as the Lord himself. So all I am left with is the hope, "Is there enough good in me that I can go to heaven?"

The answer is yes and no. Yes, you are made in God's image. If you are baptized, you are also an adopted child of God. Because of this, you are good. You also choose many good things: you serve, you pray, you love, you forgive. Therefore, you could be described as a good person. And yet, none of us is good enough. I could serve better, I could pray more, I could love more truly, I could forgive more fully. We are not "good enough." And we never will be.

Now, I know that some people will read this and condemn themselves. Some will read this and throw up their hands and say, "Then what's the point?" And that discouragement and despair would be valid, except for one significant reality: Jesus Christ. Because of Jesus Christ (the only truly good person who ever walked the earth), we always have hope. Even when we are not good enough, even when we do not love enough, even when we fail to be the people God has created us to be, we still have hope. Our problem is that we think that our hope lies in our goodness. It does not! Our hope is in Jesus and in what Jesus has done for us.

Because the Second Person of the Trinity took on our human nature and lived, suffered, died, and rose from the dead in our human nature, we have the possibility of experiencing new life. Because of what he has done, we can have eternal life. Because the good God has met us in our misery, we do not have to worry about being "good enough."

And this leads us to the third thing to remember: you are loved.

Your call is not to be good enough. Your call is to allow God to love you, and to respond to that love with love.

This might sound too "fluffy" or too basic. This might sound too easy! But I have discovered something in almost 20 years of being a priest and of trying to remind people about God's love for them. Most people I meet have heard that God loves them. But most people do not believe that God loves them, they believe that God tolerates them.

Most people have never given God permission to do the one thing that the entire Bible is building towards: to allow God to love you as you are.

When we allow God to love us as we are, we no longer ask the question "Am I good enough?" because we know that we are not. We simply keep coming back to the better question (truly, it is the only question): "Does God have my permission to love me as I am right now?" Because if he does, then everything changes. When we are succeeding, we do not become prideful because God is the one who loves us. When we are failing, we do not despair because God is the one who loves us. When we sin, we come back to him because God is the one who loves us. And when we are not good enough, we cast all of our weaknesses on him because God is the one who loves us.



O.C.I.A.

(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Do you or do you know of someone who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? •Would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer the opportunity to come together to learn more about the faith. Sessions focus on our experience of God, the teaching and experience of the church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter Season. You are welcomed to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For further information, or to register in this program, please contact Sister Hilda Sandoval, M.F.P. at 650-359-7178 or by email at hilsandoval63@gmail.com.

OCIA class begins Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.
Please register before program begins.

RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO SISTER HILDA SANDOVAL

REGISTRATION

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

FEE: One child \$195.00. Two children \$235.00. Three or more \$270.00.

Religious Education Classes begin Tuesday, September 16 and Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 from 3:45 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 from 3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.

Confirmation Classes begin Tuesday, September 16 and Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Tuesday, September 16, 2025, First Year—Grade 7, 3:45 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday, September 17, 2025, First Year—Grade 7, 3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.

Wednesday, September 17, 2025, Second Year—Grade 8, 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

For additional information regarding Religious Education please contact Sister Hilda Sandoval, M.F.P. at 650-359-5000 or by email at hilsandoval63@gmail.com and for Confirmation at 650-359-7178 or by email at Peterscoveyouth@gmail.com.

AUGUST 31, 2025 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 24, 2025 SUNDAY COLLECTION		PARISH CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 1-7, 2025									
Offertory \$3,420.00		<div><u>Mon 1</u> Labor Day/Parish Office Closed 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy 5:30 P. M. Evening Mass <u>Tue 2</u> 8:30 A.M. Daily Mass 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy <u>Wed 3</u> 8:30 A.M. Daily Mass 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy <u>Thu 4</u> 8:30 A.M. Daily Mass 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy <u>Fri 5</u> 8:30 A.M. Daily Mass 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy <u>Sat 6</u> 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:30 P.M. Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30 P.M. Mass <u>Sun 7</u> 8:30 A.M. Mass 11:00A.M. Mass</div>									
ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL											
Assessment: \$62,962.00											
Collected: \$25,896.00 Balance: \$37,066.00											
AUG. 16—22, 2025 WE SHARE ONLINE \$857.88											
<table><tr><td>Offertory</td><td>\$564.02</td></tr><tr><td>Maintenance</td><td>\$161.32</td></tr><tr><td>Church Roof Fund</td><td>\$27.61</td></tr><tr><td>Additional Donation</td><td>\$9.54</td></tr><tr><td>Arch. Annual Appeal</td><td>\$95.39</td></tr></table>				Offertory	\$564.02	Maintenance	\$161.32	Church Roof Fund	\$27.61	Additional Donation	\$9.54
Offertory	\$564.02										
Maintenance	\$161.32										
Church Roof Fund	\$27.61										
Additional Donation	\$9.54										
Arch. Annual Appeal	\$95.39										
<p>If you are looking for a convenient, fast, easy and safe way to donate to your parish, register with St. Peter We Share Online Giving. You can make a one-time donation or a recurring donation.</p> <p>This saves time writing out checks or making sure you have cash on hand.</p> <p>To sign-up for St. Peters’ online giving, <i>We Share</i>, please visit https://stpeterpacifica.org and go to the Donation Heading at the top bar.</p>											

FLOCKNOTE allows the parish to email regularly or text you on a moments notice. Our recent experience has taught us that our State and County can have emergency situations that require our attention and have people make changes with very short notice. Flocknote messages will not only keep you up to date but will also provide an opportunity for us to communicate with you quickly, when necessary, and to inform you of important information, such as mass time change or mass cancellation.

If you would like to receive Flocknote, please know that we will be very respectful of your contact information and we will not give or sell your contact information to any other organization. Your information will be secure. You will also have the ability to unsubscribe from these notifications quickly and easily if you ever find them to be annoying or irrelevant to you. These are three easy ways to stay connected through Flocknote.

1. Visit <https://saintpeter.flocknote.com> and provide your name, email address and mobile number using the form, **or**
2. Using your mobile phone, text the word **saintpeter** (one word, no spaces) to this number: **84576**. Within 30 seconds, you will get a reply with instructions on how to finish signing up, **or**
3. Simply legibly write your first and last name, email address and/or mobile number on a clean sheet of paper and mail it back to the Parish Office or drop it in the rectory front door mail-slot marked "Flocknote." (Please do not drop your information in the outside mail box.)



**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



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

HST 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



To Register at St. Peter Parish,
visit <https://stpeterpacifica.org>
and click on *Resources* and then
click on *Parish Registration*.

Print the Form, fill-out and re-
turn to the Parish Office.

Space Available

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.

AUGUST 31, 2025 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME