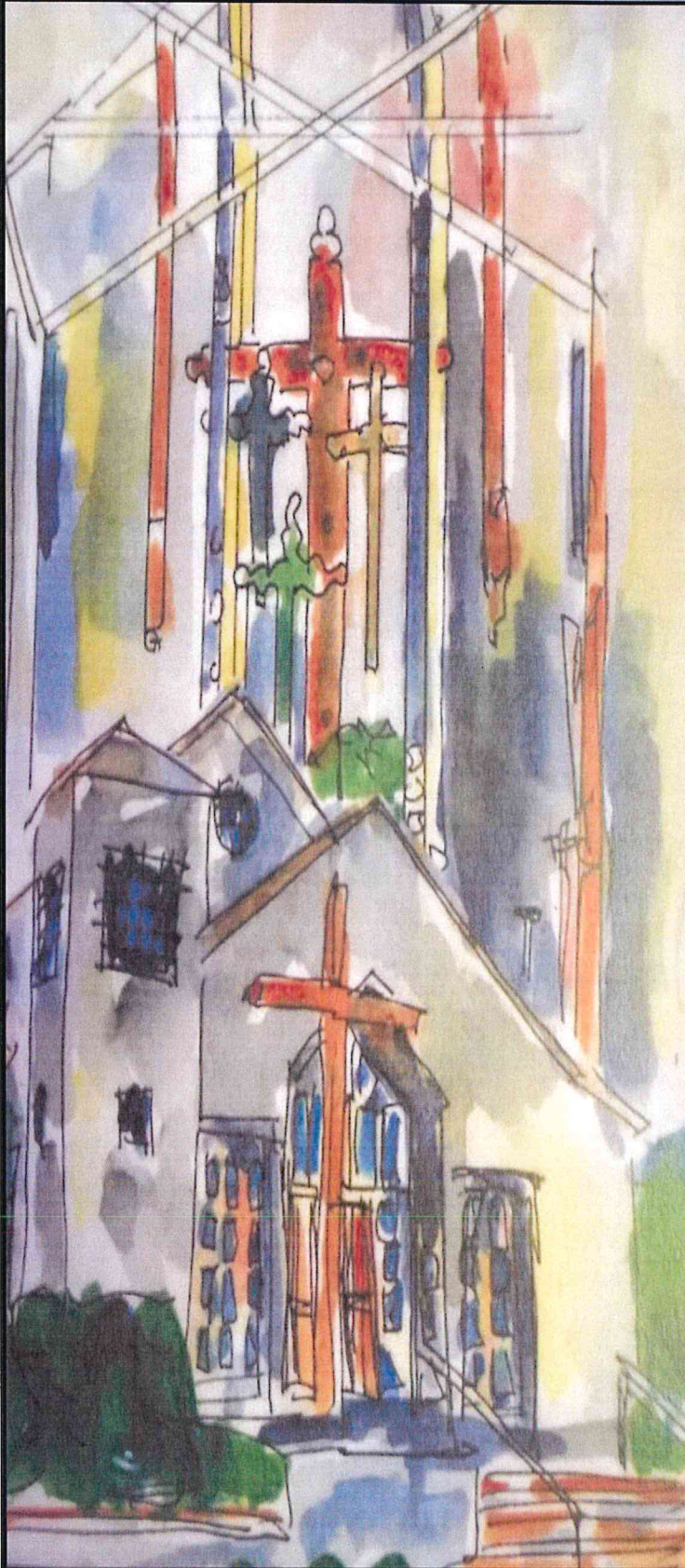


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### Mass Schedule

#### 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: 8:30A.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.

**May 17, 2026**

## **Ascension of the Lord**

*Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in his name, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit. Having ascended to his Father amid cries of gladness, we are to be his witnesses for we have been gifted with his Spirit of wisdom and revelation. Let us, therefore, live in a manner worthy of the call we have received.*

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May 18 – 24, 2026

Readings

Mon 18 5:30 P.M. †Jaime & Aurelia  
Vaquilar  
Tue 19 8:30 A.M. †Brother Dennis J.  
Fleming, CSC  
Wed 20 8:30 A.M. †William Vaquilar  
Thu 21 8:30 A.M. †William & Helen  
Dorwin  
Fri 22 8:30 A.M. †Darlene Brucia  
Sat 23 4:30 P.M. People of St. Peter  
Sun 24 8:30 A.M. †Reid Dorwin  
11 A.M. †Teodora Eleria

*Saint John I, Pope, Martyr*  
Mon 18 Reading *Acts* 19:1-8  
Responsorial Psalm *Psalms* 68:2-7  
Gospel *John* 16:29-33  
Tue 19 Reading *Acts* 20:17-27  
Responsorial Psalm *Psalms* 68:10-11,20-21  
Gospel *John* 17:1-11a  
*Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest*  
Wed 20 Reading *Acts* 20:28-38  
Responsorial Psalm *Psalms* 68:29-30,33-36b  
Gospel *John* 17:11b-19  
*Saints Christopher Magallanes, Priest, &  
Companions, Martyrs*  
Thu 21 Reading *Acts* 22:30;23:6-11  
Responsorial Psalm *Psalms* 16:1-2a,5,7-11  
Gospel *John* 17:20-26  
*Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious*  
Fri 22 Reading *Acts* 25:13b-21  
Responsorial Psalm *Psalms* 103:1-2,11-12,19-20  
Gospel *John* 21:15-19  
Sat 23 Reading *Acts* 28:16-20,30-31  
Responsorial Psalm *Psalms* 11:4-5,7  
Gospel *John* 21:20-25  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
Sun 24 Reading I *Acts* 2:1-11  
Responsorial Psalm *Psalms* 104:1,24,29-31,34  
Reading II *1 Corinthians* 12:3b-7,12-13  
Gospel *John* 20:19-23

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# May 17, 2026

## The Ascension of the Lord



Today we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord — that moment when Jesus, 40 days after His Resurrection, was lifted up into heaven as the apostles watched in stunned amazement. It is recounted in both our first reading from Acts and our Gospel from Matthew. It must have been an extraordinary thing to witness.

Yet the first reading makes clear that the apostles were not meant to remain there, simply gazing upward. “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?” In other words — do not just stand there. Do something.

This is a message for us as Christian stewards. We have been given countless graces — through the Mass and the sacraments, through the Word of God, and through the many gifts and blessings entrusted to us in daily life. We have been given our time, our talents, our material resources, and the opportunities God places before us each day. Like the apostles, we are not meant to simply receive these gifts and remain unchanged. We are called to put them into action in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us.

The Ascension, then, is not an ending, but a commissioning. Before returning to the Father, Jesus entrusts His mission to His disciples. “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” This call is not reserved for a select few — it is given to every Christian. In our homes, our parish communities, our workplaces, and our daily encounters, we are called to be witnesses to Christ. We do this not only through words, but through the witness of a life lived with faith, generosity, and love — offering our time, talent, and treasure in service to God and to others.

Our second reading reminds us of the greatness of the God we serve. St. Paul speaks of “the surpassing greatness of His power” — the same power that raised Christ from the dead and placed Him above all things. This is the God Who calls us to this mission. And He does not ask us to rely on our own strength alone. Stewardship is not simply about what we can accomplish — it is about cooperating with God’s grace at work within us.

Still, like the apostles, we may hesitate. We may feel uncertain, inadequate, or hesitant to respond fully. The Gospel tells us that when they saw Him, “they worshiped, but they doubted.” Even in their weakness, the Lord did not withdraw His call. Instead, He reassured them: “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” Their mission — and ours — rests not on human strength, but on His authority.

Then He gave them their mission — and ours. And He gave them a promise: “I am with you always, until the end of the age.” The One Who sends us also remains with us — strengthening us through His presence, His Word, and His grace.

On this feast of the Ascension, let us take time to “look up” and reflect on the greatness of our God and the many blessings He has entrusted to us. Then let us respond as good stewards — not by standing still, but by putting those gifts to work in grateful service to Him, confident that He is with us always.

### **Second Collection for May 24, 2026 — 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.

## BUILD YOUR SELF-ESTEEM BY SAYING "I'M A SINNER"

*"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:14)*

Fr. Dwight Longenecker

Some years ago I was doing some research on the self-help industry and listened to some tapes by a guy who said his recipe for self-esteem was to look in the mirror and repeat like a mantra, "I like myself, I like myself, I like myself." I thought if he needed that much convincing then building self-esteem was probably a lost cause.

The world offers all sorts of ways to build self-esteem. You can read books, go on retreats, listen to tapes, attend seminars and get therapy. You can make all kinds of efforts to like yourself and make yourself feel better about yourself, but if they are not a realistic assessment it's only going to make you feel worse.

To stand things on their head, the fact of the matter is that saying, "Have mercy on me, a sinner," is the best way to build true self-esteem. It's shallow but fashionable to complain about "Catholic guilt" and moan and groan about how the Catholic Church expects everybody to grovel in the mud and say, "I am a miserable worm and no man."

This is, of course, a lie from the pit. It is an abuse and a misunderstanding of the Catholic concept of both sin and mercy.

The Book of Romans defines sin, saying, "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." That's what sin is.

It's simple. It is to fall short of God's glory. God's glory is what we were created for. St. Irenaeus says, "The glory of God is a human being fully alive." Therefore to be a sinner is to be less than fully alive. To say, "I am a sinner" is simply to admit that we have missed the mark. We're a work in progress. We're still climbing the mountain. We're not there yet.

This brings huge self-esteem because it is a dose of reality. It doesn't mean we hang our heads and wallow in all the things we are ashamed of. It simply means we admit that we are not yet perfect. We need help. We are created good in God's image, but we are wounded and that wound needs healing. This is real self-esteem and this is real humility for humility also is reality. It is being honest about ourselves and our destiny.

So to say "I am a sinner" is actually a liberating and cheerful saying. Yep! It's true! I'm a sinner. It's a fact. So are you. So are we all. The next fact is that I can't be different on my own. I need help. I need the Mercy.

When we say "have mercy" we think of being caught at something, hauled before the judge and pleading for a shorter sentence. We think "Have mercy!" means "Let me off the hook. Let up. Take it easy!"

Well maybe, but there's more to it than that. The Mercy is simply God's radiating love. Pope St. John Paul says "Mercy is Love's second name"

Therefore, "Have mercy" means "Give me the Love. Give me the Divine Love. Give me the radiance of your goodness and grace dear God!" God's mercy is overflowing like his love. It is not so much that he gives mercy and love, but as St. John says, "God IS Love." God radiates love and mercy as the sun radiates heat and light.

This is the message of mercy that is most needed by humanity today. A message that God's love and power are available. They are there and we only need to ask. In fact, the Scriptures and the liturgy overflow with reference to the Mercy and give us the opportunity to ask for the Mercy.

Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison. Lord Have Mercy. The Jesus prayer of the Eastern Church is one continuous request for the Mercy. "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, Have Mercy on Me a Sinner."

But there's a rub.

Not only do we need to ask, but we need to obey. The greatest reason why we do not experience the Mercy is because we do not obey what the Merciful One has told us to do. It is only in living by faith and obedience that we walk in the light and know the light and experience the Mercy. If you live your own way in disobedience to God, then you will not experience the Mercy.

This is not because God is withholding the Mercy as some kind of punishment, but because the experience of the Mercy is linked intrinsically to the obedience of the Mercy. You know the Mercy as you obey the Mercy just as you gain nutrition from eating. The two are linked together. You cannot have one without the other.

Why do you not experience the Mercy? Why do you not know the joy of the Mercy fully? Because there is something in your life you will not or cannot give up. There is something in your life that you will not or cannot do — even though you know you should.

We've come full circle. Who have I met in life that has shown me the most amazing confidence, self-esteem, humility and power in the world? The saints. I've met saints and they never worry about self-esteem because their personalities are fused and infused with the Divine Mercy. On the other hand, the people I've met with the lowest self-esteem are those who are ignoring or disobeying the Divine Mercy.







They might have the kind of fake self-esteem (kind of like a fake sun tan or a facelift) the guy talking to the mirror had, but beneath that they loathe themselves.

Gift Card Calendar Raffle 2026

Drawings take place through May 31.

*Good luck everyone!*

All proceeds from the Gift Card Raffle benefit St. Peter Church.

May 1 \$35 	May 2 \$20 	May 3 \$50 	May 4 \$50* 	May 5 \$100 	May 6 \$10 	May 7 \$25 
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May 15 \$30 	May 16 \$25 Sourdough Co	May 17 \$150 AMERICAN EXPRESS	May 18 \$50 Chevron	May 19 \$20 Peet's COFFEE	May 20 \$25 TARGET	May 21 \$25 ROSS LESS FOR LESS
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SECOND LUCKY WINNERS!

May 8	Amazon	\$25.00	Fran Quartini
May 9	See's Candy	\$25.00	Sharon Rodriguez
May 10	Shell	\$50.00	Coty Gumm
May 11	Starbuck	\$30.00	Lori Gallagher
May 12	Burlington	\$25.00	Seung Lee
May 13	Grocery Outlet	\$100.00	Kari Totah
May 14	Amazon	\$25.00	Maria Barba

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

To all those who have participated in our 2026 Gift Card Raffle, we are so grateful for your support. Over \$5,000.00 in support of our *PAINT THE CHURCH FUND* has been collected! We have plenty of tickets available for purchase during the next two weeks, please see the volunteers in the narthex after Mass.

The last drawing will be on June 1st.

If you haven't done so already, please join in the fun in support of our Parish.

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Sunday Collection | May 10, 2026

Offertory \$4,370.00  
Catholic Charities \$1,146.00

2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

2026 Assessment: \$65,022.00  
Collected: \$10,743.00 Balance: \$54,279.00

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Religious Education Fund \$38.60  
St. Vincent de Paul \$48.20  
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal \$146.79

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Mon	3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
18	5:30 P.M.	Evening Mass
Tue	8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
19	3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	3:45 P.M.	Religious Education Class
	3:45 P.M.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 P.M.	OCIA Class
Wed	8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
20	3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	3:00 P.M.	Religious Education Class
	3:00 P.M.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 P.M.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 P.M.	Choir Practice
Thu	8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
21	3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Fri	8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
22	3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Sat	3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
23	3:30 P.M.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
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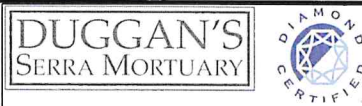


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