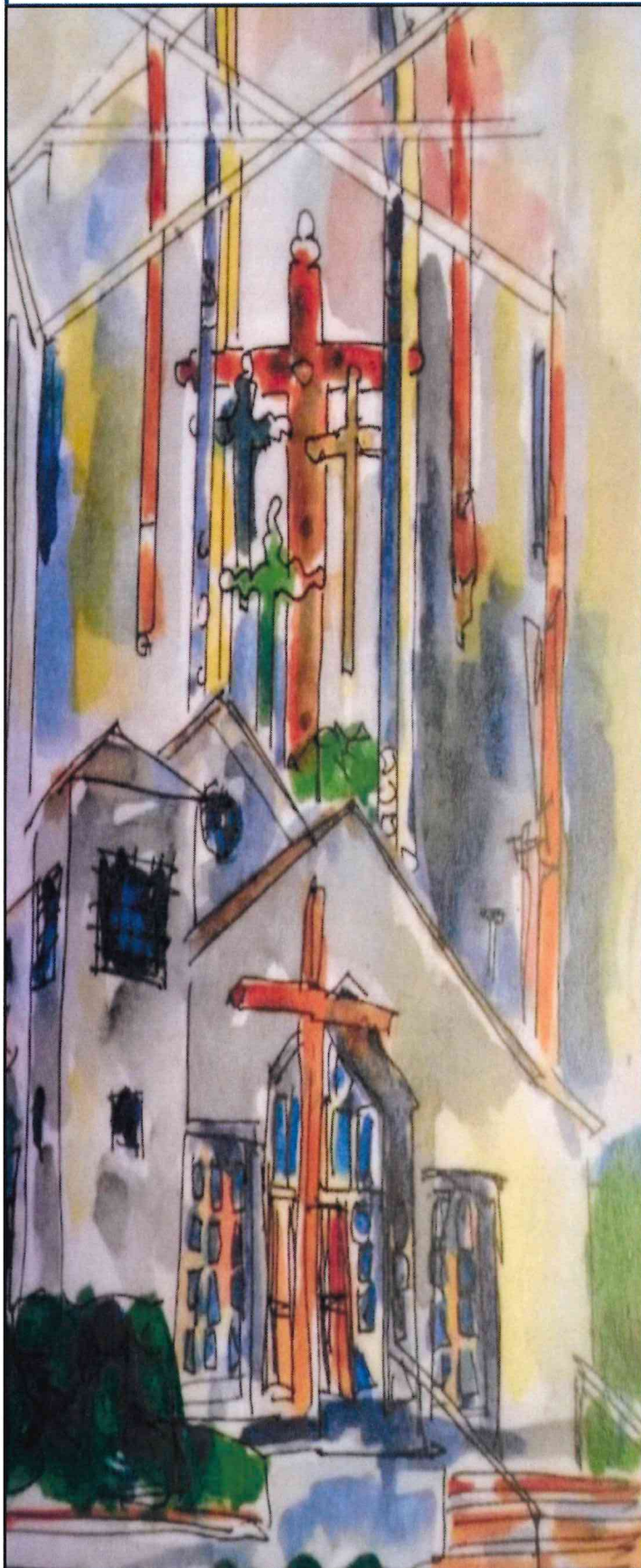


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Sacrament of Eucharist

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 11, 2026

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord invites us to a banquet, one of the favorite images of messianic times. The banquet is spread before us and can fully satisfy our needs, yet how often have we refused the Lord's invitation to share in the riches prepared for us?

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October 12 - 18, 2026

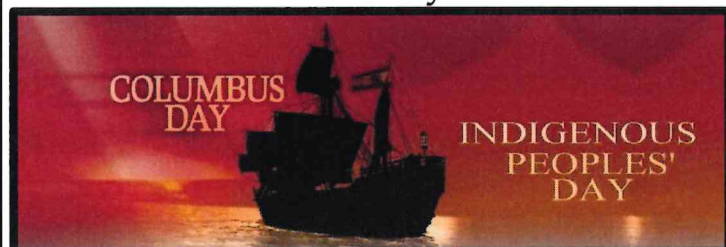
Mass Readings

Mon	12	5:30 P.M.	†Norma Hernandez
Tue	13	8:30 A.M.	†Arlene Ryan
Wed	14	8:30 A.M.	Andrew & Mairead Foley
Thu	15	8:30 A.M.	†Inez Kerr
Fri	16	8:30 A.M.	†Maria Barajas
Sat	17	4:30 P.M.	People of St. Peter
Sun	18	8:30 A.M.	Joyce Frawley
		11:00 AM	†Francisco 'Paco' Perez

Mon 12	Reading <i>Galatians</i> 4:22-24,26-27,31--5:1 Responsorial <i>Psalm</i> 113:1b-5a,6-7 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 11:29-32
Tue 13	Reading <i>Galatians</i> 5:1-6 Responsorial <i>Psalm</i> 119:41,43-45,47-48 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 11:37-41 <i>Saint Callistus I, Pope, Martyr</i>
Wed 14	Reading <i>Galatians</i> 5:18-25 Responsorial <i>Psalm</i> 1:1-4,6 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 11:42-46 <i>Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church</i>
Thu 15	Reading <i>Ephesians</i> 1:1-10 Responsorial <i>Psalm</i> 98:1-6 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 11:47-54 <i>Saint Hedwig, Religious</i> <i>Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin</i>
Fri 16	Reading <i>Ephesians</i> 1:11-14 Responsorial <i>Psalm</i> 33:1-2,4-5,12-13 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 12:1-7 <i>Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr</i>
Sat 17	Reading <i>Ephesians</i> 1:15-23 Responsorial <i>Psalm</i> 8:2-3b,4-7 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 12:8-12
	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 18	Reading I <i>Isaiah</i> 45:1,4-6 Responsorial <i>Psalm</i> 96:1,3-5,7-10 Reading II 1 <i>Thessalonians</i> 1:1-5b Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 22:15-21

Parish Office Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed
 Monday, October 12, 2026
 in observance the
 Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples
 Holiday



SECOND COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER 18, 2026 – WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

ST. PETER WELCOMES FATHER HUBERT KAVUSA MULEKYA

My name is Fr. Hubert Kavusa Mulekya. I was born and raised in the Democratic Republic of Congo, formerly named the “Belgian Congo”, and later “Zaire.” I am currently living and serving in Phoenix, Arizona, as a member of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers, officially known as the Canons Regular of the Order of the Cross.

The Crosier Order is one of the oldest religious orders in the Roman Catholic Church. We were founded by Blessed Theodore de Celles in 1210 in the diocese of Liege, today, in Belgium. Our mission is to touch suffering with hope by serving those most in need.

October 18th is World Mission Sunday. I am here to remind you that being a missionary does not necessarily mean traveling to another country. You can be a missionary without ever leaving your home. You can be a missionary by praying for the missions, encouraging missionaries, and sharing what God has given you with those who have fewer opportunities.

As a Catholic priest from the Democratic Republic of Congo, I know firsthand how important this support is. The Church is growing in Congo, but many communities still lack the resources to educate children, form seminarians, care for the sick, and proclaim the Gospel.

Three years ago, with support from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, my religious order built a K–12 Catholic school in Butembo, eastern Congo. Today, more than 1,000 children can receive a Catholic education. This is what your generosity can do.

A gift that may seem small can become something much greater in the hands of God. It can help educate a child, support a seminarian information for priesthood, help proclaim the Gospel in remote villages, or bring hope to a family in need.

Today, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, you can participate in the universal mission of the Church.

God has been generous to us. Let us, in turn, be generous to others. Through your generosity, you can become a missionary without ever leaving this place.



The beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen on September 24 was a great gift to the Church in the United States. While many know him best for his TV presence, books and charismatic eloquence, he repeatedly said, “My greatest love has always been for the missions of the Church.”

He is the greatest National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the history of the Church, helping raise \$200 million (in today’s money, 2.1 billion) to support the growth of the Church.

Under his leadership (1950-1966), World Mission Sunday became a defining moment in the life of the Church in the United States. We can surely count on his intercession for World Mission Sunday 2026, which will take place next week on October 18, as we together reflect upon, pray for and take a collection to support the missions. Blessed Fulton Sheen, pray for us.

HOW SHOULD WE THINK ABOUT OUR PAST?

By Father Mike Schmitz

Q: How much weight should I give to my past? I've been told that I need to forget the past and move forward, but it seems like there ought to be something more to it.



When it comes to the past, many of us are tempted to fall into one of two traps: Either we choose to ignore the past or we choose to live in the past. Yet both of these choices will prevent us from accomplishing one of the principle ends in life — becoming wise.

The pursuit of wisdom is an essential part of being human. Or let me restate that more accurately: Becoming wise is one of the goals of a well lived life. More important than pleasure, more lasting than fitness, and more attainable than wealth, wisdom is enduring, available to all and proper to the human person.

Historically however, wisdom has been seen as far more than technical know-how. Wisdom has been seen as the result of acquiring two things: truth and experience.

We ignore the past when we don't stop to evaluate and appreciate what we have experienced. When we fail to recognize the way our decisions have impacted our lives and the lives of those around us and when we fail to acknowledge the ways other people's decisions have impacted our lives, we are short-circuiting one of the essential ingredients for becoming wise.

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To ignore one's past can be absolutely devastating to a good life. We can see this in our own experience, or in the experience of the people around us. We all know the person who consistently dates one jerk after another. Rather than learning from their past, this person not only continues to date jerks but the same kind of jerk! To these people I like to reference the quote: "Everything happens for a reason. Sometimes that reason is you are foolish and make bad decisions." That might be harsh (although of course it is merely meant as a lighthearted way of pointing out our tendency to make unwise choices), but it is also often true of those who refuse to acknowledge the past.

If wisdom comes as a result of combining truth with experience, then in order to become wise, one must look at one's past and assess it. This is one of the incredible benefits from the practice of regularly examining one's conscience.

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Even more than an “examination of conscience,” I would recommend something called a “consciousness examen.” That may sound like the same thing, but they are significantly different. With a conscience examen, we will, at least once a day, stop and review our day. Beginning by asking the Holy Spirit for guidance, we go over our day looking for times God was present. Essentially, we are looking for the ways God had spoken to us through the day or blessed us during that day. After acknowledging God’s presence and action, we thank God. Then, we review our day again, being attentive to all of the times God was trying to speak to us or invite us to act, but we said no to God’s invitation. After looking at and assessing these times, we repent of them (we ask God to forgive us and resolve to turn to him more in the future).

This process, repeated on a regular basis, will help a person grow in wisdom. We avoid the first pitfall of tending to ignore the past by looking at the past, assessing the past, learning from the past and repenting where we need to repent. If we do this, we will certainly become wise. Rather than simply “going through the motions” and drifting through life, we will begin to move through life with intentionality and purpose. Our choices (both good and bad) will have the ability to become the necessary fuel for wisdom and will help us chart a course for the future.

We will avoid the incredibly silly trap of saying things like, “Don’t regret anything from your past. It has what made you into the person you are today.” That saying is absurd for a number of reasons. The first is that it assumes that you have learned from the bad and good choices and are actually a better person today! But all of us know that this is not necessarily the case. Often, our experiences can contribute to our becoming more evil and more foolish. It is only when we look at our past, assess our past, learn from our past and make corrections (aka repent) that we have the potential to become better and wiser.

The other trap many people fall into is to live in the past. I am not just talking about someone stuck in the “glory days” (although that is a real thing). I am also referencing those people who repeatedly beat themselves up over decisions long gone. There are those who, even after learning from the past and repenting where they needed to repent, choose to continue to define themselves by their failures (or by their successes). It is impossible to become wise when one chooses not to learn from the past and then leave it alone. This is because wisdom has to be practical. And practical wisdom is the ability to apply what one has learned to the current situation (the present) in order to move forward in the best way possible. This cannot happen if a person is stuck in the past.

If you can take yourself less seriously, you will be free to learn from the past, but not live in the past.

Last thing. There are people who just can’t seem to break free from the past. I have one piece of advice for them: laugh. Laugh at yourself. So many of us are stuck in the past because we take ourselves so seriously. Because of this, every time we remember something bad we have done in the past, we are crippled by it. It is possible that the only cure for this person is laughter. I am not saying that they should laugh at the errors or sins. I am not saying that they should laugh at how another has hurt them. What I am encouraging is something more personal: laugh at yourself. Christians are the ones who do not need to take themselves so seriously. We take God seriously. We take good seriously. We take other people seriously. We need to take sin seriously. But we do not need to take our “drama” so seriously.

If you can take yourself less seriously, you will be free to learn from the past but not live in the past.

October 11, 2026 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Life has a way of pulling our attention toward immediate concerns, making it easy to lose sight of what matters most — our call to live for the Kingdom of Heaven. The stewardship way of life helps us keep our priorities in order, teaching us to live each day with eternity in view.

How do we remain focused on that eternal goal? St. Paul shares the secret in today's Second Reading from Philippians. He writes, "I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance." Whether he had plenty or very little, Paul's confidence remained the same because it rested in Christ rather than in his circumstances.

His secret is simple: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." And he reminds us why that confidence is well placed: "My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

Living this way is not always easy. It requires trust, humility, and perseverance. But God never asks us to rely on our own strength. He provides everything we need to follow Him faithfully. Our task is simply to place our trust in Him each day.

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Donations Due by October 22, 2026

FY 2024 CALIFORNIA STATE NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (CSNSGP)

In July of 2024, St. Peter Church applied for a Nonprofit Grant to improve the security of our parish property. Since that time, we have been working with the California Office of Emergency Services Infrastructure Protection Grant personnel to secure approval.

Approval was granted September 4, 2026.

The grant will provide funds to update the video cameras and lighting as well as updating fencing at St. Peter Church. The projects are expected to get underway in October and November and be concluded by December 31, 2026

We are grateful for the assistance and support of Cal OES and the Archdiocese for this important program.

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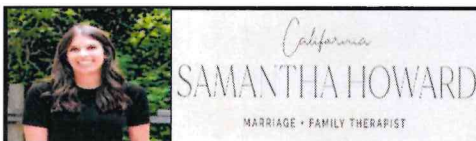
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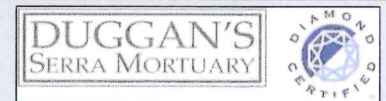


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