

# 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.

**April 12, 2026**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

*(Sunday of Divine Mercy)*

Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus.  
Although we have never seen him, we believe in him.  
We give thanks to the Lord for this gift of faith,  
especially when we gather for the breaking  
of the bread and the prayers.

# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

## PARISH STAFF

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### PARISH COUNCIL

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Mr. Dale Fajardo, Chair

## MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 13-19, 2026

## MASS READINGS

Mon	13	5:30 P.M.	†Arlene Ryan
Tue	14	8:30 A.M.	†Mary Clark
Wed	15	8:30 A.M.	Tim Durkin
Thu	16	8:30 A.M.	Joshua & Geri Baar
Fri	17	8:30 A.M.	†Kathleen Skirra
Sat	18	4:30 P.M.	†Cathy Quinn
Sun	19	8:30 A.M.	People of St. Peter
		11:00 A.M.	†Donna Pagan

Mon	13	Reading <i>Acts</i> 4:23-31 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 2:1-9 Gospel <i>John</i> 3:1-8
Tues	14	Reading <i>Acts</i> 4:32-37 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 93:1-2,5 Gospel <i>John</i> 3:7b-15
Wed	15	Reading <i>Acts</i> 5:17-26 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 34:2-9 Gospel <i>John</i> 3:16-21
Thu	16	Reading <i>Acts</i> 5:27-33 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 34:2,9,17-20 Gospel <i>John</i> 3:31-36
Fri	17	Reading <i>Acts</i> 5:34-42 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 27:1,4,13-14 Gospel <i>John</i> 6:1-15
Sat	18	Reading <i>Acts</i> 6:1-7 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 33:1-2,4-5,18-19 Gospel <i>John</i> 6:16-21

### Coming This Weekend!

St. Peter Church Calendar Gift Card Drawing

St. Peter will again hold the popular  
Calendar Gift Card Raffle  
April 11 through May 31.

Ticket sales will begin Saturday, April 11 and  
drawings will take place in May.

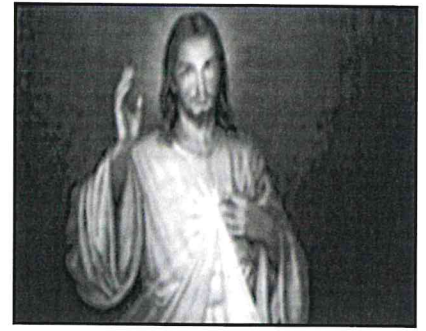
Tickets, in groups of 5, will be distributed at all  
Masses this weekend, for those participating, and  
drawings will begin May 1 through May 31.

Please help support St. Peter Church through  
this fun event—and ask your friends and  
family to participate!

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

		Reading I <i>Acts</i> 2:14,22-33
Sun	19	Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 16:1-2,5,7-11
		Reading II <i>1 Peter</i> 1:17-21
		Gospel <i>Luke</i> 24:13-35

The Christian steward approaches life with an “Easter vision,” rooted in gratitude for and confidence in the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today’s readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday show how that vision is lived out in daily life and remind us that we can place complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step by step, toward heaven.



Our first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, describes this beautiful way of life as practiced by the first Christians: “They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.” And, “They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.” This is a snapshot of the first community of Christian stewards living daily stewardship — embracing prayer through the breaking of the bread, formation through the teaching of the apostles, hospitality through communal life and joyful fellowship, and service through their care for one another. What an inspiration for us as modern-day stewards.

The Easter season is not a time to relax in the practice of our faith now that Lent is behind us. Rather, it is a time to live our faith with even deeper joy and gratitude as we celebrate our Lord’s victory over sin and death. St. Peter captures this Easter outlook beautifully in our second reading: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is ... kept in heaven for you.” This should shape the way we live each day. At the same time, St. Peter acknowledges that the Christian life is not without hardship: “In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials.”

Certainly, it can be difficult to keep our eyes fixed on heaven when earthly concerns — job stress, family struggles, health worries, political division — loom so large. At times, we can find ourselves becoming cynical like the Apostle Thomas in today’s Gospel, before his encounter with the merciful Savior. Not present when Jesus first appeared to the other Apostles after the Resurrection, Thomas refused to believe their witness that they had “seen the Lord.”

He insisted he would not believe unless he placed his finger into the nail marks and his hand into Christ’s side. Yet his doubts did not repel our Lord — they drew Him near in an extraordinary way. Beneath Thomas’ stubborn words, Jesus saw pain, disappointment and fear. Our Lord, who is mercy itself, did not condemn him. Instead, He calmed his doubts, invited him closer, and allowed him to touch those Sacred Wounds.

What amazing grace.

When we are tempted to doubt, for whatever reason, we need only seek the Lord — in prayer, in the sacraments, and through the encouragement of our Christian community. Just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.

## ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH



God has forgiven me; how do I forgive myself?

*By Father Mike Schmitz*

**Q: I messed up in some pretty big ways in my life. I made some decisions that have wrecked relationships and have done significant damage to myself. I've been to confession, and I know that God in his mercy has forgiven me. But I can't seem to be able to forgive myself. What do I do?**

**A:** This is a fantastic question. Not only are you asking about something that nearly every person who takes sin and the effects of sin seriously experiences, but you also have clearly taken God's mercy seriously. You noted that you know that God has forgiven you; this is so critically important. Too often, one of the obstacles to receiving forgiveness is the fact that we miss how much forgiveness has cost God.

Before looking at your question, I think that it might be worth it to look at this a little more closely. I will often speak to people who observe that going to the Sacrament of Confession is "too easy." All a person has to "do" is show up, name all of their sins, and Christ forgives us through the ministry of the priest. It isn't painful (usually), and it rarely costs a person more than the slight discomfort of coming face-to-face with our sins and admitting them to the priest.

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But we realize that truth. Being forgiven by God is easy — for us. It costs Jesus everything. The only reason we can be forgiven is because Jesus Christ willingly embraced his suffering, death, and resurrection for our sakes. It is this Mystery (what we call the “Paschal Mystery”) that makes forgiveness possible. Without Christ’s allowing himself to be overwhelmed by death and conquering it, we would still be dead in our sins. Therefore, when someone experiences God’s mercy as coming a bit “too easily,” they do not understand what they are saying. God’s mercy is free, but it is not cheap. It was purchased at a price. You were purchased at a price.

And you understand this. You know that it is not your resolution to do better that makes you better. It is not your desire to be made new that makes you new. And it is not you who has to be the first to forgive, it is God himself who forgives us first.

But now it is your turn. You now need to forgive yourself. But how?

The Second Great Commandment is: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is quite a bit to unpack in this commandment (it is, after all, “Great”), but I want to highlight two aspects. First, when Jesus affirms the command to love your neighbor as you love yourself, he is implying that you would first actually love yourself. In many ways, the first step to being capable of loving our neighbor is the capacity to love ourselves. And yet, there are a great number of very normal people who do not actually believe that they are worth being taken care of. I came across the observation that many people are more likely to give their pets medication on a regular and consistent basis than they are to take important medicines themselves. This seems to indicate that these people are capable of caring — for others — but that they find it somewhat difficult to care for themselves.

Could it be that you need to grow in this area? Could it be that God is inviting you to begin seeing yourself as someone worth taking care of?

Second, you are being called to love yourself (and others). What is love? The classic definition of love is “willing the good of the other.” In this case, we could alter the definition to include yourself: willing your own good. We don’t always like the person we’ve become. We definitely do not always like what we’ve done. But we must love ourselves. This is to say that you must will your own good. How would you treat yourself if you a) were someone worth caring for and b) truly chose the good for yourself?

At times, the most important way to move forward is to make whatever restitution we possibly can. If I can pay back what I’ve cost, I need to try that. If I can heal what has been hurt, I need to try.



# St. Peter Church 55 Plus Club News

Cassie Villar of San Mateo County Aging and Disability Services, was the guest speaker March 2, 2026 at the 55 Plus meeting and discussed Adult Protective Services (APS). APS handles individuals aged 60 and over living in the community.

They assist in helping people live independently and safely in their homes. She discussed abuse, which can mean Financial abuse, abuse by a Caregiver, abuse by Adult children and Self Neglect due to mental and physical health, which can be determined by weight loss, abnormal bruising, missing appointments, mismanaging medications, poor hygiene, etc. APS helps people with Downs Syndrome or those recovering from stroke.

Cassie Villar stated that APS usually takes about 10 days to check on someone, but to call 911 if urgent. San Mateo Co. has a task force that includes Social Workers for investigations, Police to prosecute and Detectives to investigate suspicious reports. If you know of someone who needs help call **APS Hotline @ 844-868-0938**.

## ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

San Mateo Co. provides the **TIES Line** to connect older adults to needed services and serves as the main entry point for adult services including Adult Protective Services (800)675-8437 or TTY (800)994-6166.

The **Community Information Handbook**, which is updated and published annually by the **County of San Mateo Human Services Agency** and available **online**, is a comprehensive resource providing contact information for all human and social services in San Mateo County.

Dialing **2-1-1** within area code 650 also offers information and referral to San Mateo County social services. Each California County has an Adult Protective Services (APS) agency to help elder adults (60 years and older) and dependent adults (18-59 who are disabled), when these adults are unable to meet their own needs, or are victims of abuse, neglect or exploitation. County APS agencies investigate reports of abuse of elders and dependent adults who live in private homes, apartments, hotels, hospitals, or who are, or soon will be, experiencing homelessness.

**To report abuse**, call this number 1-833-401-0832 and when prompted enter your 5-digit zip code to be connected to the Adult Protective Services in your county, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

APS staff also provides information and referral to other agencies and educates the public about reporting requirements and responsibilities under the Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Reporting laws. Cross reporting APS agencies, law enforcement agencies and the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (OSLTCO) have the responsibility to cross-report allegations of abuse with consent from the victim or the victim's representative to the appropriate law enforcement agencies, public agencies, and licensing entities having jurisdiction over these cases. These agencies include:

- The California Department of Health Services (DHCS), Licensing & Certification, handles cases of alleged abuse by a member of a hospital or health clinic. County APS staff evaluates abuse cases and arranges for services such as advocacy, counseling, money management, out-of-home placement, or conservatorship.
- The OSLTCO, which is administered by the California Department of Aging (CDA) has jurisdiction for investigating reports of abuse that occur in nursing homes, residential care facilities for the elderly, adult residential facilities, intermediate care facilities, adult day health care facilities, and adult day programs. With consent from the resident or the resident's representative Long-Term Care Ombudsman representative's investigations are completed by certified staff and volunteers at the local Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs (LTCOP).
- The California Department of State Hospitals has jurisdiction for investigating reports of alleged abuse at California State Mental Hospitals.

These services are available free to any elder or dependent adult regardless of income.

For your information: **Second Harvest Food Bank** - Distributes food through local networks throughout San Mateo County. You must self-certify that your household meets income guidelines based on the Federal Poverty Level. To formally enroll in the program, please contact the **Pacifica Resource Center**. The **Pacifica Resource Center's** food pantry is available by appointment. Please call 650-738-7470 for appointment and information.

**APRIL 12, 2026 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

EASTER COLLECTION   APRIL 2-5, 2026	PARISH CALENDAR APRIL 13 – 19 , 2026												
Holy Thu. \$522.00    Holy Land \$1,203.00 Easter \$14,155.00    AAA2026 \$2,180.00	<p><u>MON 13</u>                      3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy                      5:30 P.M. Evening Mass</p> <p><u>TUE 14</u>                      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</p> <p><u>WED 15</u>                      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</p> <p><u>THU 16</u>                      8:30 A.M. Daily Mass                      3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy</p> <p><u>FRI 17</u>                      8:30 A.M. Daily Mass                      3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy</p> <p><u>SAT 18</u>                      3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy                      3:30 P.M. Sacrament of Reconciliation                      4:30 P.M. Mass</p> <p><u>SUN 19</u>                      8:30 A.M. Mass                      11:00A.M. Mass</p>												
<p align="center"><b>2026 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL</b></p> <p align="center">Assessment: \$65,022.00</p> <p align="center">Collected: \$7,558.00    Balance: \$57,464.00</p>													
<p align="center"><b>PARISH SOFT ONLINE COLLECTION</b>  <b>MARCH 28 – APRIL 3, 2026   \$1,727.16</b></p>													
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St. Peter Parish was unable to reach its financial responsibility for the 2025 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. We were \$12,000 short. In order to fulfill our obligation, we “borrowed” money from the donations we had received in 2026. Our appeal in this fundraiser is to restore the amount we borrowed.

If you are able to contribute to this effort, please ensure that your envelope, check, or online donation includes a reference to **AAA2025**.

Thank you for your generosity.

We will continue including a second collection option for the AAA on the first Sunday of every month and offer an option for you to donate at any time convenient for you. Please be sure to select St. Peter Parish Pacifica. Donations may also be made online through St. Peter’s Parish Soft Program (formerly WeShare). Please identify that your gift is for AAA2025.



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