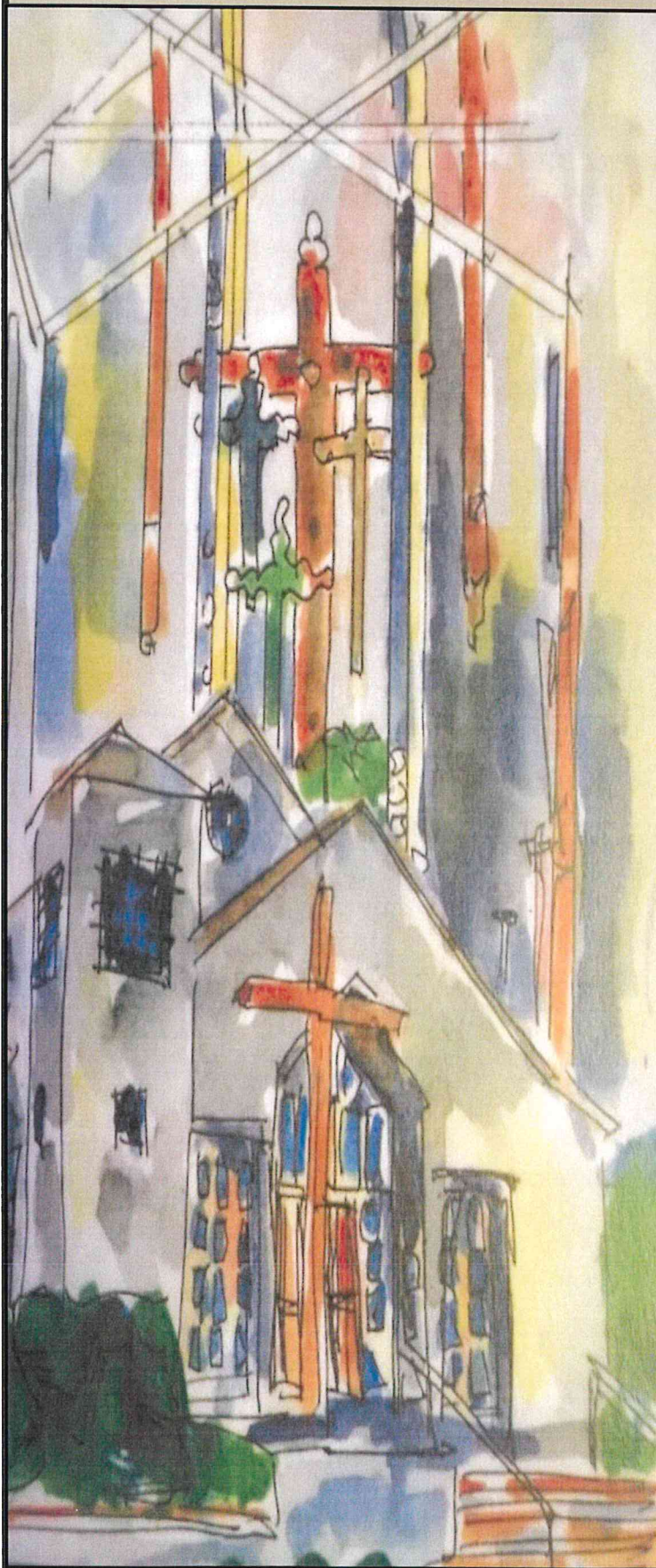


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Sacrament of Eucharist

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 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Humility is the recognition that no matter what our accomplishments, we still stand in need of the Lord. God hears the cry of the poor and the oppressed, especially those who acknowledge their dependency upon him. Having heard Paul's cries for help, the Lord crowned him with eternal salvation.

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MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 27—NOVEMBER 2, 2025

MASS READINGS

Mon	27	5:30 P.M.	†Leandro V. Castro
Tue	28	8:30 A.M.	Vera Gonzalez
Wed	29	8:30 A.M.	†Richard Ochoa
Thu	30	8:30 A.M.	†Mark Ochoa
Fri	31	8:30 A.M.	†Castulo Robles
Sat	1	8:30 A.M.	Our Family & Friends
		4:30 P.M.	Eileen Barsi
Sun	2	8:30 A.M.	People of St. Peter Parish
		11:00 A.M	†Mary Clark

Mon	Reading <i>Romans</i> 8:12-17
27	Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 68:2,4,6-7b,20-21 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 13:10-17
	SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES
Tue	Reading <i>Ephesians</i> 2:19-22
28	Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 19:2-5 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 6:12-16
Wed	Reading <i>Romans</i> 8:26-30
29	Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 13:4-6 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 13:22-30
Thu	Reading <i>Romans</i> 8:31b-39
30	Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 109:21-22,26-27,30-31 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 13:31-35
Fri	Reading <i>Romans</i> 9:1-5
31	Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 147:12-15,19-20 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 14:1-6
	ALL SAINTS DAY (Not holy day of obligation this year)
Sat	Reading I <i>Revelation</i> 7:2-4,9-14
1	Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 24:1b-4ab,5-6 Reading II 1 <i>John</i> 3:1-3 Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 5:1-12a
	THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)
Sun	Reading I <i>Wisdom</i> 3:1-9
2	Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 23:1-6 Reading II <i>Romans</i> 5:5-11 Gospel <i>John</i> 6:37-40

BAKERS NEEDED!

If you love to bake and would like to bake for the Holiday Boutique, Saturday, November 8th and/or Sunday, November 9th, please contact Sister Hilda Sandoval at 650-359-5000 or the Parish Office at 650-359-6313.



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October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the wonderful aspects of stewardship spirituality is its balanced approach to all areas of life. We see this balance in play as we continue to explore the Pillar of Prayer. As stewards, aware of our total dependence on God for everything, we come to Him in awe and gratitude. At the same time, we approach God with an awareness of the great dignity He has given us, creating us in His own image and likeness and calling us to join Him in the work of advancing His kingdom.

In last week's readings, we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today, we focus on the proper attitude of a steward at prayer.

The first reading, from the Book of Sirach, gives us the confidence to turn to God with all our needs, assuring us that "the Lord is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed." Whether rich and powerful or poor and obscure, our loving Father delights in hearing from all His children. We are all His favorites!

But we learn that a particular attitude in our approach to prayer will make our prayer lives more effective: "the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal." When we pray with a humble attitude, God will respond.

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus Himself gives further instruction on the humble attitude we must have as we approach God in prayer, as He tells a parable of two praying men. One is a Pharisee, a man with respected status, theological training, and all the right credentials. He marches right up to the front of the temple to speak a prayer "to himself," thanking God for making him just a little bit superior to everyone else!

The other man is a tax collector, known by all those of his day to be a cheater and a sell-out to his fellow Jews. In contrast to the Pharisee, he stands near the back and cries out to God in a simple and honest way: "Be merciful to me a sinner."

Jesus tells us that it is the tax collector and not the Pharisee who leaves the temple justified. Why?

The Pharisee was full of self as he approached God. He felt no real need for God as he rattled off his resume of good works and spiritual practices. He was simply going through the motions of prayer. His lack of humility prevented him from entering a real dialogue with the Father. He was not transformed by his time of prayer because he was so full of himself that He left God no space to enter in.

The tax collector, by contrast, emptied himself as he approached God. He recognized who he truly was (a sinner) and asked simply for mercy, leaving all the rest up to God. This is the kind of attitude that God can work with! This is how a good steward prays — with trust, with complete openness to God's will, with a listening mind and heart, ready to serve as God leads.

The good steward knows he needs God, and that God has chosen to need him in advancing the Kingdom. His prayers pierce the clouds, and God is glorified!

SECOND COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

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All Saints Day

The Feast of All Saints is celebrated
Saturday, November 1, 2025.
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Mass will be celebrated
Saturday, November 1, 2025 at 8:30 A.M.

ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES

All Souls Day *Remembrance Envelopes* will be available in the church narthex. Write the names of all those to be remembered on the envelopes. You may drop them in the offering basket during Mass or drop them in the Parish Office door mail-slot.

THE ENVELOPES WITH THE NAMES OF YOUR LOVED ONES TO BE
REMEMBERED WILL BE PLACED ON THE ALTAR DURING NOVEMBER.

Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

The Feast of All Souls is celebrated on
Sunday, November 2, 2025

The All Souls Mass will be celebrated in conjunction with the
Sunday Mass, November 2nd at 11:00 A.M.

For those mourning the loss of a loved one
this **past year**, you may participate in the

Lighting of the Candles

IF A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY HAS DIED THIS PAST YEAR,
PLEASE PROVIDE SPECIFIC NAMES OF DECEASED TO THE
PARISH OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH.



Dear Fr. Joe: What does it mean to be a practicing Catholic?

Q: What does it mean to be a practicing Catholic? Do I have to believe everything the church teaches, or just most of it? And if I don't go to Mass every single Sunday, am I still Catholic?

A: It's wild, but as much as we throw around the phrase "practicing Catholic," it's a hard concept to nail down... so, great question! Let's get right to it.

First of all, many times, in questions like this, the easiest thing to do is slap down some guidelines and say, "Stick with these and you'll be fine." That's the temptation, because it's so easy to track. The problem is, when we talk about faith, we are talking about relationships. When we talk about relationships, we lose something very special when we start explaining it as a list of what we must do and what we shouldn't do.

Think of it this way: Imagine your best friend approached you with a pad of paper and a pencil. Then she asked you to sit down and says, "Listen. I want to be your friend. I know I should. Tell me, what is the minimum I can do and still be considered your friend?"

If that sounds crazy, that's because it is. In the same way, when we look at our relationship with God, if our question is "What is the minimum I can do and still be Catholic?", then we've got to stop and look at the core of the question.

God wants a relationship with you. How intense is that? All our theology, all our sacraments, everything we do is all rooted in our belief that what God desires is a personal relationship with us, lived out in a community of believers. Take some time and ponder that, because it's pretty intense and perhaps takes us out of minimalist thinking.

Yet, even with all this, we do need a list, don't we? Part of the role of the church is to show us precisely what is needed. If we don't hold ourselves to the standard that the Catholic faith gives us, it is way too easy to fall into self-deception. Ultimately, then, after a lot of looking around, I have a list that I'll share with you. While researching this, I read a letter that Bishop George Wiesner wrote for the Diocese of Prince George. It was a great source of information.

Anyway – here's what we've got. Please don't see this list as infallible or perfectly extensive. There's really no way to cover it all.

In terms of the sacraments, a practicing Catholic has an active sacramental life. He or she goes to Mass a minimum of once a week and lives the Communion they receive by being in union with the church and her teachings. Since we are talking Communion, we need to remember that the sacrament of reconciliation is a huge part of this. Anytime we have committed a mortal sin, we must get to confession as soon as possible before we attempt to receive Communion. We also need to hit our holy days of obligation.

Besides public prayer, a practicing Catholic prays every day in private. Each day, a Catholic responds to God's call to personal communion through quiet time and reflection. A practicing Catholic prays with his family every day and never lets a schedule get in the way of that.

The personal and communal prayer of a practicing Catholic compels her to go into the world and spread the Gospel of Jesus in the way she lives and loves. In terms of the social issues of our day, a practicing Catholic dedicates his financial, emotional and physical resources to those things that reflect the Kingdom of God on earth: We help our parish continue to function and minister effectively. A practicing Catholic votes and lives pro-life – we do not support abortion under any circumstances or in any form. We oppose capital punishment and unjust wars. We support initiatives that help the poor and downtrodden and give our time and treasure to helping the "least among us." In short, her every action, political or social demonstrates a firm conviction that every person is a gift from God and must be treated in the same way that we would treat Jesus.

Well, I'm out of space, but not ideas! Perhaps you can use this article as a jump off point for a discussion among your family and friends. See where God wants to challenge us to redefine what it means to be a practicing Catholic. Enjoy another day in God's presence.

OCTOBER 26, 2025 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY COLLECTION | OCTOBER 19, 2025

Offertory	\$3,416.00
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OCTOBER 1 — 17, 2025

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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
3:45 P.M.	Religious Education
3:45 P.M.	Confirmation
7:00 P.M.	OCIA

WED 29

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

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

8:30 A.M.	Mass
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
11:00 A.M.	Mass

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