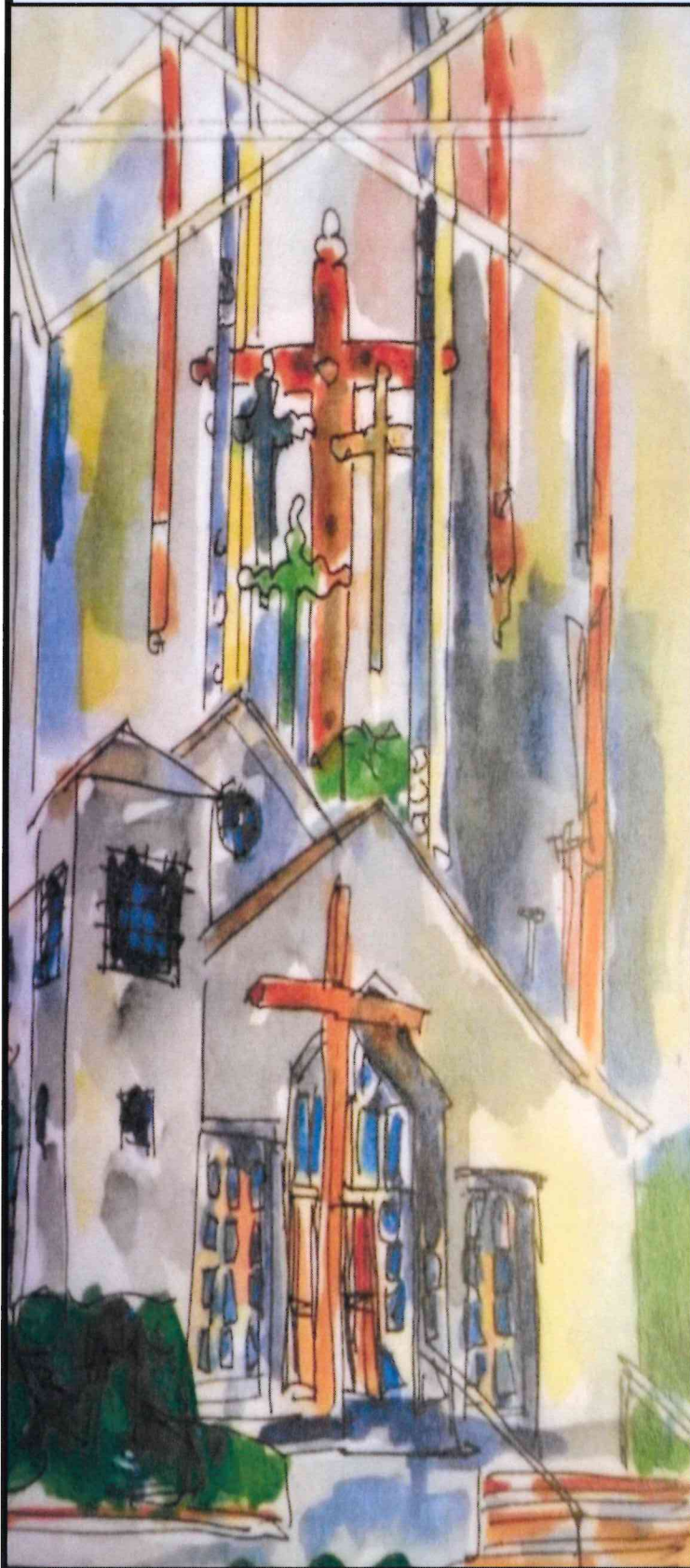


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Sacrament of Eucharist

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.

August 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the midst of our trials and tribulations, the Lord extends his hands to us and saves us. He calms our frightened hearts through his quiet presence. May our faith in the Lord draw God's chosen people to the new covenant in Christ.

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Mass Intentions

August 10-16, 2026

Readings

Mon 10 5:30 P.M. †Patrick & Stella Foley
Tue 11 8:30 A.M. †Elba Herrera
Wed 12 8:30 A.M. Claire De Souza
Thu 13 8:30 A.M. †Arlene Ryan
Fri 14 8:30 A.M. †Jorge Branco
Sat 15 4:30 P.M. People of St. Peter
Sun 16 8:30 A.M. †Rosemary Agnes Kalaw
11 A.M. †Mary Clark

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Saint Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr
Mon 10 Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-10
Responsorial Psalm 112:1-2,5-9
Gospel John 12:24-26

Saint Clare, Virgin
Tue 11 Reading Ezekiel 2:8—3:4
Responsorial Psalm 119:14,24,72,103,111,131
Gospel Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Wed 12 Reading Ezekiel 9:1-7;10:18-22
Responsorial Psalm 113:1-6
Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

Saints Pontian, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Thu 13 Reading Ezekiel 12:1-12
Responsorial Psalm 78:56-59,61-62
Gospel Matthew 18:21—19:1

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr
Fri 14 Reading Ezekiel 16:1-15,60,63
(Psalm) Isaiah 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6
Gospel Matthew 19:3-12

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Sat 15 Reading I Revelation 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab
Responsorial Psalm 45:10-12,16
Reading II 1 Corinthians 15:20-17
Gospel Luke 1:39-56

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 16 Reading I Isaiah 56:1,6-7
Responsorial Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8
Reading II Romans 11:13-15,29-32
Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

August 9, 2026 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Stewardship spirituality invites us to surrender control of our lives to God in grateful recognition that everything we have is a gift from Him.

Today's readings remind us that God is always in control of His creation and His people. They also reveal what can happen when we fully entrust our lives to Him — in other words, when we embrace the stewardship way of life.

When we take our eyes off God, we lose sight of the fact that all is gift. We begin to rely on ourselves instead of trusting in Him, and we fail to make our lives a grateful response to His generosity.

Peter experiences this in today's Gospel from Matthew. Jesus sends the disciples ahead of Him by boat. Later that evening, Jesus comes to them, walking on the water, and invites Peter to join Him. Peter steps out of the boat and begins walking toward the Lord. But when he notices the strong wind around him, instead of keeping his eyes on Christ, he begins to sink.

Imagine if Peter had never looked away from Jesus. What an extraordinary adventure he would have experienced walking on the water with his Lord. The same is true for us. When we take our eyes off Christ, His countless blessings, and His faithful love for us, we begin to sink as well.

But when we embrace the stewardship way of life, loosening our grip on our time, talents, and treasure and placing our trust in God, life becomes a great adventure rooted firmly in the One who never fails us.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 16, 2026 — MAINTENANCE

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GOD'S WILL INCLUDES COMPLEX PROCESS OF MAKING CHOICES

By Fr. Mike Schmitz

Q: What is the difference between drifting along in life and letting God do his will in your life? I have not really pursued a lot of my life goals because I love God and I want to please him by doing what he wants me to do in my life. Is this the wrong approach to goals in life and doing God's will?



One thing that it sounds like you are getting absolutely right is the concept of "God's will in all things." It is vitally important for us to understand a couple of key things regarding God's will.

The first is that not everything that happens is the result of "God's plan." Sometimes, when tragedy strikes, or a person experiences suffering, or a loved one dies, a well-meaning (but erroneous) person will say, "This was part of God's plan." Again, this is not necessarily true in all senses.

In creating a world outside of himself, God put certain laws in place. He created physics and chemistry and the material world, which operates according to the way he created it.

One consequence of this is that not everything that happens in this world is a result of God's having directly willed it. Because of this, we have to realize that God doesn't "cause" all

things to happen. In addition, human beings (and angels and demons) have free will and can choose things that are clearly contrary to God's will.

We need to understand the difference between God's "perfect will" and God's "permissive will."

God's perfect will is when God directly wills a thing to happen or not to happen. This is always immediately and ultimately for the good.

God's permissive will is when God allows a thing to happen. This is not necessarily immediately a good.

In fact, God often allows evil things to happen. He does this for a couple reasons (that we know of).

First, God allows evil things to happen in order to preserve the gift of free will that he has given us. Second, God allows evil because he knows that he can bring about a greater good.

At this point, it is important to note that God does not cause evil to bring about a good. (That would be evil and impossible for an all-good God to do.) Rather, God allows something to happen that is contrary to his will because he knows he can use this for an even greater good.

Trust in God

If this is true, it follows that we can trustingly submit to everything that happens to us as falling under God's will. Either it is a good that he directly willed or it is an evil that he allowed to happen, and he can bring about a good through this.

For this reason, your having let things in life happen to you is not a bad thing at all. In fact, many people would be greatly blessed if they began seeing the events of their day as falling under God's will more often.

Yet while we are able to say "yes" to God at any moment because of the fact that he is present in all things and either wills perfectly or permissively all things that are, we can also discern direction and goals.

There was an error in some Christian circles called "quietism" or "fatalism." The idea is that we ought not to take any action ourselves but just sit and wait for something to happen to us.

The attraction in this posture is that we will never make the wrong decision, because we aren't making any decisions. But not to decide is to decide.

The decision to be open to God's will is a decision, and the decision to choose to accept all things as they come as a gift from God is in no

way harmful or negative or a bad idea. But I believe that this decision should come from a place of trust and intentionality, not merely because a person is afraid to choose the wrong thing or doesn't like making decisions.

There is also something very "God-honoring" in the process of making goals. Part of that is rooted in the way that God has created us. He made us to have an intellect and reason. Because of this, we have the ability to discern the good in all of its complexity and to choose one road out of many. We can often choose any number of options, and this is good.

Part of conforming our will to God's will is the beautifully complex process of making choices. We get to cooperate (co-operate) with God, not merely as passive receivers but as active participants.

With this in mind, you could take a step and make a decision.

This decision could be toward or away from a relationship. It could be to discern a religious community or have a conversation with your pastor about being a consecrated single. But in each of these cases, you would be walking with God, using the gifts he has given you and learning even more clearly how to hear his voice.

Even more, in this process, you would be required to listen to God's voice along the way and learn when he is calling you to persevere, when to adjust your direction, or when to stop and go back. Think of how this dynamic interaction would bring an even greater closeness to you and the Lord.



Registration forms for **Religious Education** (Kinder-6th Grade) and **Confirmation** are available at the Church Narthex, the Religious Education Office, the Parish Office, and in the St. Peter, Pacifica Web-site, <https://stpeterpacific.org>.

Registration Fee as of August 1, 2026.

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

Religious Education Classes begin Tuesday, September 15 and Wednesday, September 16, 2026.

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 from 3:45 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 from 3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.

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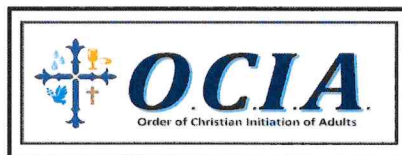
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Wednesday, September 16, 2026, First Year—Grade 7, from 3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.

Wednesday, September 16, 2026, Second Year—Grade 8, from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

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

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AUGUST 9, 2026 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Collection—August 2, 2026

Offertory	\$4,388.00
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Offertory	\$915.77
Maintenance Fund	\$248.90
Church Roof Fund	\$9.01
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Religious Education	\$47.38
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Parish Calendar August 10-16, 2026

Mon	10	3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
		5:30 P.M.	Evening Mass
Tue	11	8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
		3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Wed	12	8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
		3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Thu	13	8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
		3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Fri	14	8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
		3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Sat	15	3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
		3:30 P.M.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		4:30 P.M.	Mass
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