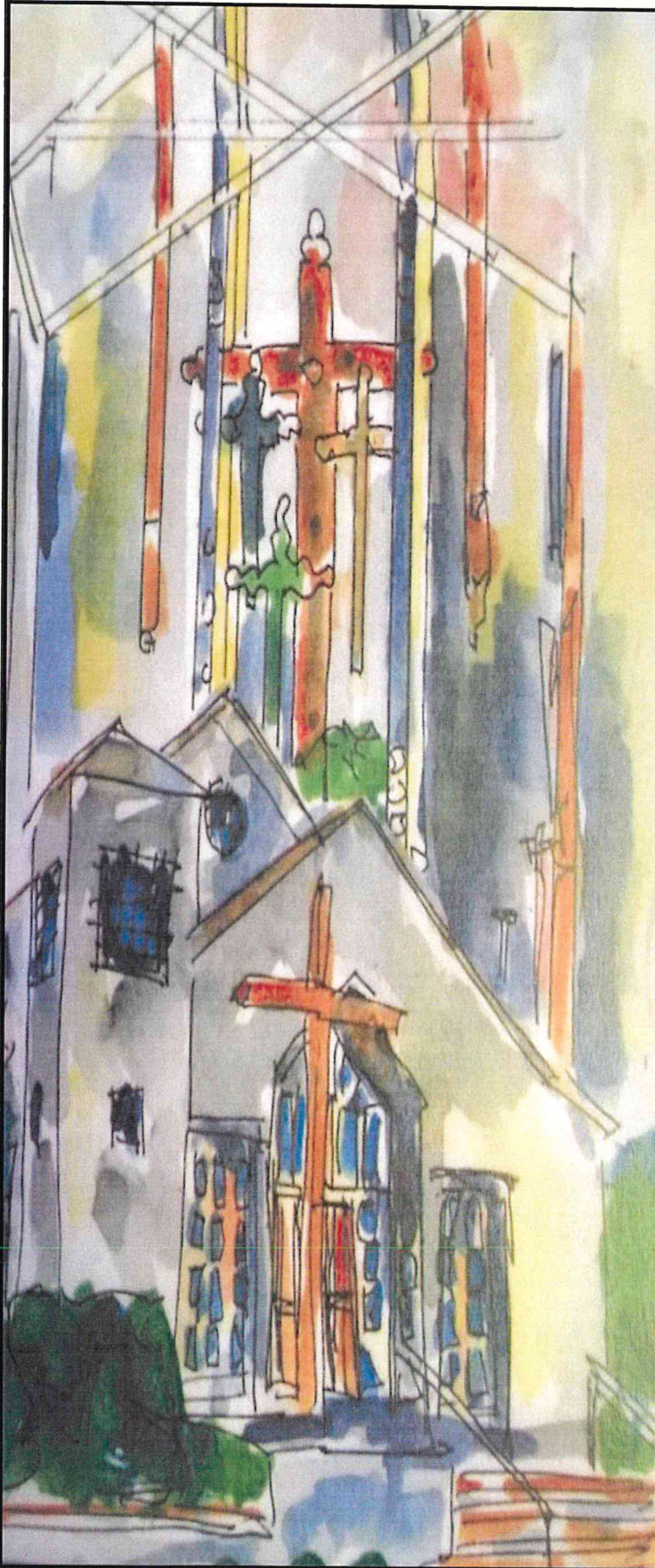


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Sacrament of Eucharist

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 5, 2026

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection
of the Lord**

*On this day of days we offer a joyful sacrifice
of praise to the Father who raised
his Son from the dead.*

*Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us,
Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.*

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MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 6 – 12, 2026

MASS READINGS

Mon	6	5:30 P.M.	†Lissette Wolff
Tue	7	8:30 A.M.	†Cathy Quinn
Wed	8	8:30 A.M.	†Gerald G. Foley
Thu	9	8:30 A.M.	†Dn. Robert Shauger
Fri	10	8:30 A.M.	†Manuel Trigueros
Sat	11	4:30 P.M.	People of St. Peter Parish
Sun	12	8:30 A.M.	†Linh Ngoc Nguyen
		11:00 A.M.	†Mary Clark

Mon	6	Reading <i>Acts</i> 2:14,22-23 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 16:1-2a,5,7-11 Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 28:8-15
Tues	7	Reading <i>Acts</i> 2:36-41 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 33:4-5,18-20,22 Gospel <i>John</i> 20:11-18
Wed	8	Reading <i>Acts</i> 3:1-10 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 105:1-4,6-9 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 24:13-35
Thu	9	Reading <i>Acts</i> 3:11-26 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 8:2ab,5-9 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 24:35-48
Fri	10	Reading <i>Acts</i> 4:1-12 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 118:1-2,4,22-27a Gospel <i>John</i> 21:1-14
Sat	11	Reading <i>Acts</i> 4:13-21 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 118:1,14-15b,16-21 Gospel <i>Mark</i> 16:9-15
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)		
Sun	12	Reading I <i>Acts</i> 2:42-47 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 118:2-4,13-15,22-24 Reading II <i>1 Peter</i> 1:3-9 Gospel <i>John</i> 20:19-31

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die."

– John 11:25



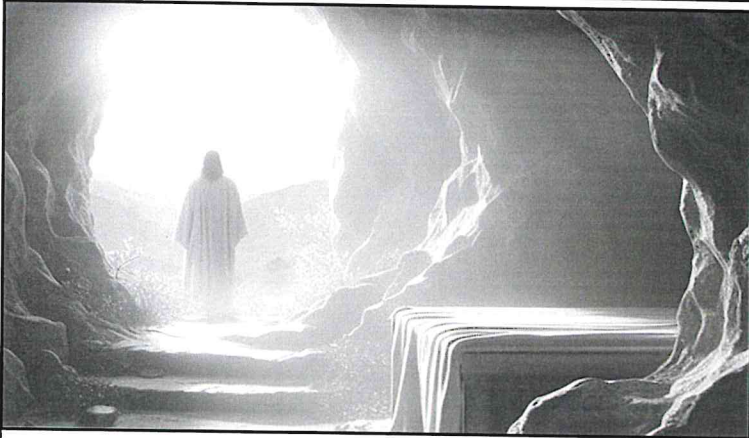
We thank God for you and your loving service to St. Peter Church and the Parish Community.

Thank you for your time, talent and treasure in preparation for this most Holy Easter Season

God Bless you for your generosity and thank you for being a blessing to so many.

Wishing you a Blessed Easter Season

April 5, 2026 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



The great feast of Easter has begun, Christian stewards. Let us rejoice and be glad! Just as we embraced the discipline and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting that the next 50 days offer. We are called to be good stewards of the Easter season.

Our first reading, from Acts, gives instruction on how to do this. Here, St. Peter says that our Lord, “commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead... that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.” How do we ordinary people preach and testify to all God has done? By the way we live our ordinary lives — through the intentional use of our time, talent, and treasure for the kingdom of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives is the most eloquent preaching we can do. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony.

Reflecting on today’s Gospel passage from John and studying the actions of the first witnesses to the Resurrection gives us further insight into how we should live the Easter season.

First, we learn of Mary Magdalene’s response. She “came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark.” Despite the trauma of just having witnessed the crucifixion of the Lord Whom she loved so much, Mary Magdalene remained focused on Him, not on

herself and her own sense of loss. In fact, forgetting herself entirely, she made her way to the tomb in the dark so she could be near Him. Once she realized that the tomb was empty we read that she “ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple...” to tell them this shocking news. In response, we read that “they both ran, but the other disciple ran faster and arrived at the tomb first.”

They ran to see all of this for themselves. These first witnesses of Christ’s mission and message, His death, and now His Resurrection were passionate. As stewards, we are called to this same devotion to our Lord, this same passion, and the same determination to remain near to Him no matter what.

This will look different depending on our own circumstances. Perhaps it will mean committing to a weekday Mass throughout the Easter season to rejoice in all that the Lord has done for us through His death and Resurrection. Perhaps it will mean getting up “in the dark” of the early morning to reflect on the daily Gospel. Perhaps we will gather our courage and finally speak to that friend or co-worker about what the Lord means to us and how they can have His grace in their lives, too. Maybe we will be inspired to host an Easter feast for friends and neighbors at some point during the next 50 days of celebration.

As Christian stewards, we are the modern-day witnesses of an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love — the death and Resurrection of our Savior for us. Let us rejoice and be glad, and let’s make sure our lives are a testimony to this amazing grace!

April 12, 2026 Second Collection 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.

SHOULD CATHOLICS TITHE 10%?

Shifting the mindset around money and generosity can help your family discern stewardship.

How should Catholics discern their giving?

By Jonah McKeown, February 5, 2026

Exactly how much money should Catholics be dropping into the collection basket each Sunday?

For many Catholics, especially those serious about fulfilling their duty to the Church while adhering to a household budget, a concrete, dollar-figure answer is important. It's easy to assume that Catholics are simply obliged — as biblical precepts suggest — to give 10% of their income to the Church.

As Christopher Warner and his wife discerned how much money God was calling their family to give away, they came to understand that any Catholic's financial generosity must be "ordered, rational, and rooted in vocation" — and not simply governed by a rigid percentage. Warner, a Ukrainian Greek Catholic deacon for the Eparchy of St. Nicholas of Chicago, wrote the book *Catholic Money: A Father Teaches His Son About Family Finances*.

"For our family, discernment around giving began with rejecting the idea that there is a single obligatory percentage — such as 10% — that applies to every household in every season of life," Deacon Warner, who lives in Michigan but is studying temporarily in Austria, told the Register in written comments.

"We also learned not to treat money as 'magic.' Paying God first as a rigid formula can obscure the real point, which is love and responsibility. Financial management is simply one way we practice charity — first toward our spouse and children and then outwardly to the poor and the Church."

10% TITHE? WHAT THE CHURCH REALLY TEACHES

The Old Testament precept of a fixed 10% gift — found primarily in the Books of Genesis, Leviticus and Deuteronomy — is not, and has never been, a strict mandate for Catholics. That said, the Church's Code of Canon Law states that the Christian faithful are "obliged to assist with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship, for the works of the apostolate and of charity, and for the decent support of ministers" (Canon 222).

While there's nothing inherently wrong with using 10% as a guideline, Deacon Warner noted that Church Fathers like Saints' Augustine and John Chrysostom exhorted the rich to give away even more than 10% of their income.

And while generous giving is a Christian duty, the poor and those who are burdened by debt or raising children should not feel guilty about giving less, Deacon Warner said. Parents, for example, do not have a moral obligation to give away much of their money if doing so compromises their primary responsibility to care for and educate their children in the faith, which is "not a failure of generosity, but an authentic work of the Church."

“Our children are not obstacles to charity; they are entrusted to us by God and are themselves part of the Body of Christ,” he explained.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH, NOT JUST DONATIONS

Many parishes and dioceses, rather than speaking about “donations” or “tithing,” have long ago adopted the language of “stewardship” over the gifts given by God — which naturally include, but are not limited to, financial assets.

Many lay Catholics, and even pastors, still hear the word “stewardship” and think only of fundraising, said Eric McArdle, president and CEO of Catholic Stewardship Consultants (CSC), which works with parishes and dioceses around the country to develop a generous culture. True stewardship, however, is about “our need to give back to God because of what he has given to us, not about the parish’s need to get from parishioners,” McArdle said.

He added that CSC offers counsel and strategies to help parishes encourage people to discern for themselves the time, talent and treasure that God is calling them to offer and take “realistic, manageable steps” to make it happen.

“We’re focusing on the individual parishioner and their relationship with God and trying to be more proactive in helping them grow as disciples of Jesus ... where he wants them to take a step, a realistic step, that they can live out over the course of the next year,” McArdle explained.

“If a parish just focuses on tithing and trying to get people to give and give at 10%, they’re very likely to be unsuccessful,” he continued.

“[Instead], look at stewardship in its holistic understanding and the spirituality of it and how it touches on ... every single area of our life.”

TRENDS AND DISPOSITIONS

Dan Cellucci, president of the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI), a Pennsylvania nonprofit that works with parishes and dioceses to help them grow and evangelize, explained that CLI’s “Disciple Maker Index,” which claims to be the largest study of parish life in the world, has for years asked parishioners how they give of not just their “treasure,” but also their time and talent.

Only about 1%-2% of all U.S. Catholics — regardless of their level of participation in Church — practice a 10% tithe, according to data. Those Catholics who “profess to having Jesus [at the] center of their life” tend to give far higher amounts, Cellucci said. There’s a big opportunity to increase volunteerism across almost all demographics of Catholics, he added.

Moreover, there are generational differences when it comes to financial generosity among Catholics. Many older practicing Catholics are in a season of life “where they have more liquid disposable income. But they also grew up in a generation that had more of a dutiful expectation to give,” Cellucci explained.

“The philanthropic trends of millennials and Gen Z are not tracking the same. There’s a lot more GoFundMe-type giving, or giving to my friend who’s in need, versus giving to an institution like a parish or a diocese.”

Cellucci said one of the things learned from the parishes that are doing stewardship well is that they don't speak about "scarcity," but rather "cast a vision," invite people to be a part of it, and then candidly communicate what is required, financially, to realize the vision. Open communication is key, as many parishioners are unaware just how much money it really takes to keep a parish running, he added.

"Stewardship is not just a strategy; it's not just finance. ... On this topic, we have a tremendous opportunity for catechesis and formation of all of our people. I hope that we seize it as a Church," Cellucci said.

"If we're not cultivating people's hearts toward the Lord and toward a deeper sense of vocation and connection to the Church universal, we're going to miss the opportunity to not only secure people's financial support, but to really change their lives."

STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

The Diocese of Wichita, Kansas, is often held up as the gold standard when it comes to stewardship culture. Developed beginning in the 1980s, Wichita's strong culture of tithing supports a notably fruitful Catholic ecosystem, including tuition-free Catholic schools.

Father Jarrod Lies, Wichita's vicar for stewardship and evangelization, explained that the diocese's success is not built on a series of disconnected fundraising programs but on a diocesan-wide "culture of stewardship" that provides the "fertile soil" for generosity to grow organically. Parishioners diocese-wide are explicitly asked to give at least 8% of their gross income to their parish and 2% to charities of their choice. As impressive and distinct as Wichita's stewardship model is — and McArdle, for his part, confirmed that no other U.S. diocese has yet managed to implement something so successful — it's important that dioceses and parishes discern a system that works best for them, rather than simply attempting to replicate Wichita.

The Diocese of Colorado Springs, Colorado, for example, working with CSC, has made major strides in recent years in implementing a stewardship way of life, leading to significant growth in personal and communal prayer, increased ministry commitments, year-over-year offertory increases, and large OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation) numbers.

"We're not trying to help the Diocese of Colorado Springs or any other diocese become another Wichita. We're trying to help them become the diocese God is calling them to be," McArdle said.

ABUNDANCE COMES AND GOES

Deacon Warner stressed that in Catholic parishes — like in biological families — not every member contributes in the same way, or at the same time: With respect to members' seasons of life and differences in vocation, some contribute money, while others offer time, prayer or expertise.

That said, even cash-strapped families are called to bring a "gift to the altar" of what they can, and, beyond that, it is good for children to see their parents being generous to the Church, even in financially hard times.

Deacon Warner added: "There is no shame in being on the receiving end of charity. Abundance is something that can come and go with the seasons of life."



APRIL 5, 2026 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY COLLECTION | MARCH 29, 2026

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2026 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

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5:30 P.M. Daily Mass

TUE 7

8:30 A.M. Daily Mass
3:00 P.M. Divine Mercy *Novena*

WED 8

8:30 A.M. Daily Mass
3:00 P.M. Divine Mercy *Novena*

THU 9

8:30 A.M. Daily Mass
3:00 P.M. Divine Mercy *Novena*

FRI 10

8:30 A.M. Daily Mass
3:00 P.M. Divine Mercy *Novena*

SAT 11

3:00 P.M. Divine Mercy *Novena*
4:30 P.M. Mass

SUN 12

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

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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