

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.

May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit. That same Spirit, the Advocate, was given as gift to the disciples to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, "to renew the face of the earth".

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Parish Staff

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Mr. Dale Fajardo, Chair

Mass Intentions

May 25 — 31, 2026

Readings

Mon 25 5:30 P.M. †Christine Booker
 Tue 26 8:30 A.M. †Epitanio & Miguela Olivas
 Wed 27 8:30 A.M. †Roberto Pio
 Thu 28 8:30 A.M. †Johny Pio
 Fri 29 8:30 A.M. †Bill & Gloria Shay
 Sat 30 4:30 P.M. †Kevin Kain
 Sun 31 8:30 A.M. People of St. Peter
 11 A.M. †Joseph Mocklin

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
 Mon 25 Reading *Genesis 3:9-15,20* or *Acts 1:12-14*
 Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 87:1-3,5-7*
 Gospel *John 19:25-34*
Saint Philip Neri, Priest
 Tue 26 Reading *1 Peter 1:10-16*
 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 98:1-4*
 Gospel *Mark 10:28-31*
Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
 Wed 27 Reading *1 Peter 1:18-25*
 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 147:12-15,19-20*
 Gospel *Mark 10:32-45*
 Thu 28 Reading *1 Peter 2:2-5,9-12*
 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 100:2-5*
 Gospel *Mark 10:46-52*
Saint Paul VI, Pope
 Fri 29 Reading *1 Peter 4:7-13*
 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 96:10-13*
 Gospel *Mark 11:11-26*
 Sat 30 Reading *Jude 17,20b-25*
 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 63:2-6*
 Gospel *Mark 11:27-33*

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

 Sun 31 Reading I *Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9*
 (Psalm) *Daniel 3:52-55*
 Reading II *2 Corinthians 13:11-13*
 Gospel *John 3:16-18*

Parish Office Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed
 Monday, May 25, 2026
 in honor of the
 Memorial Day Holiday.

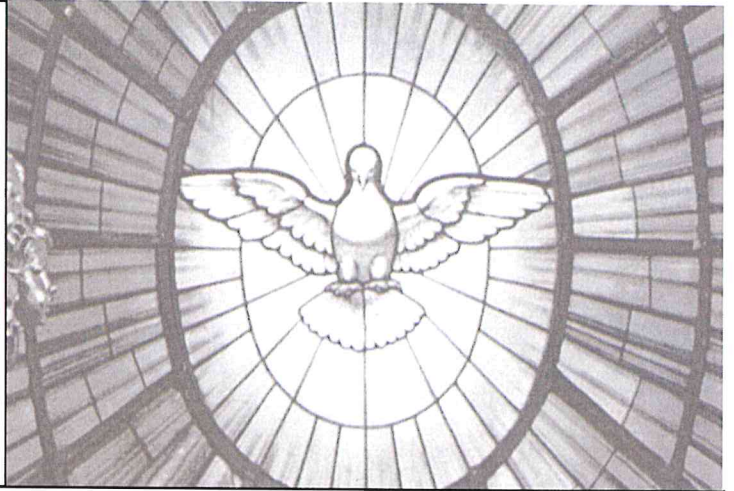
St. Peter Year-Round Gift Card Sales

Safeway 50.00 & 100.00	Amazon 25.00
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Chevron 50.00 & 100.00	Starbucks 10.00
Visa 50.00 & 100.00	Target 25.00
Union 76 100.00	

Sales take place after each weekend mass or at the Parish Office, Monday—Friday, 9A.M.—5 P.M.

May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday



Our Easter celebration reaches its fulfillment today as we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. Today, we focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church and in our individual lives.

In our first reading from Acts, we hear of the dramatic outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. A strong driving wind filled the house, and tongues of fire came to rest on each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues.

Notice how both communal and deeply personal this moment is. The Spirit filled the entire house, yet also came to rest on each individual. Each apostle was uniquely equipped to proclaim the Gospel. This is not just a moment in history — it is a model for how the Holy Spirit continues to work today.

The same Spirit has been given to us. Through Baptism and Confirmation, we have received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Each of us has been entrusted with a unique combination of gifts, talents, and opportunities — all meant for a purpose. As St. Paul reminds us, “To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.”

This is where the stewardship way of life comes in. Stewardship is the grateful response to what God has given us. It is the commitment to use our gifts — our time, our talent, and our treasure — for the building up of the Body of Christ.

In the Gospel, Jesus makes our mission clear: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” We are called to continue His work. This can feel overwhelming, but Jesus immediately offers reassurance: “Peace be with you.”

We are not sent out alone. The Holy Spirit is our guide, our strength, and our source of wisdom.

As this Easter season comes to a close, let us reflect on the gifts we have been given. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us recognize those gifts and to use them generously. And let us commit ourselves to living the stewardship way of life — relying on the Spirit to lead us each day.

Second Collection for May 31, 2026 — St. Vincent de Paul

The mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is “a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.”

Make check payable to St. Peter Church

THE CASE FOR SPIRITUAL CONFIDENCE

by Vinita Hampton Wright

One day I said to God, "Lord, I've been with you all these years. If I haven't been transformed by now, when honestly desiring and working toward that, then what's the point? This belief system is worthless to me."

I had a theological problem. Jesus stated in [John 14](#) that he would send the Advocate, who would teach believers. St. Paul said in [Romans 8](#): "If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you."

I had been walking with Jesus for decades, which meant that the Holy Spirit had been dwelling in me for decades. So why was I such a failure at spiritual growth? Had the Holy Spirit failed to work in my life? If the Holy Spirit and I had failed for decades, then it would make sense to give up the faith.

Or — and it took me a while to ask this question — had the Holy Spirit been working in my life all along, but I expected the results to look different? Was I so conditioned by a middle-class, white, American religious culture that I could not see my own spiritual progress? By cultural standards, my spirituality was not successful enough, happy enough or trouble free enough. It was not productive enough or attractive enough. My Christian character was not extroverted enough.

Maybe the spiritual failure was this: My awareness of God's work had been prevented by specific expectations and a perverted concept of humility. Perhaps in my habitual inclination to go running back to a place of fear and condemnation (again, hear Paul say, "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus"), I had equated humility with self-loathing, albeit clothed in self-righteousness, and with a refusal to acknowledge divine work in my life. Wasn't it wrong to speak well of myself, arrogant to claim myself transformed, a person within God's approval?

I can identify only a couple of Christians over the years who were willing and happy to celebrate their ongoing process of spiritual vitality and maturing. More typical is for people to rejoice in something going well only to quickly interject that they had nothing to do with it because they were just sinful humans and relied on God to do everything. If this was the way I saw myself — an empty human who must wait for God to send worthy contents by the day and hour — then it made sense that I not have confidence in myself as a holy work-in-progress.

Somehow, I had lost the concept that almighty God has, from the very beginning, invited humans to participate in divine deeds and Christlike character. How often I've quoted that we are "made in God's image"; yet how habitually I've acted like someone still in need of the divine stamp. From there it's a natural progression to spiritual passivity and helplessness.

Furthermore, it was lunacy to keep returning, in my perception, to a starting point of faith, as if every day I must begin all over again. We don't do this with school children, but keep building on what they have learned. We pass them into the next grade when it's time. As a writer, I need not review basic grammar when I sit down to write because decades of writing have made that unnecessary. Yet, in my spiritual life, I seemed to believe

that every experience must start with I-am-a-sinner-and-can-go-no-further-until-I-confess, that God insists on taking me through the baby steps although I was well past babyhood.

I chose to stay in the faith, but that meant that I must reject the former way of thinking. I'm still learning how to acknowledge and enjoy the wisdom that has grown in my life, the healthy qualities that become more developed every year I live. When I face a problem or hardship, I am more likely to ask, "Okay, Spirit, what have I already learned that I need to remember now? How have you prepared me for this moment?" than to send a desperate "Help! Give me something!"

I'm getting better at noticing my own spiritual growth. I'm getting better at trusting my spiritual growth, also my spiritual intuition. At any moment, I have far more interior resources than I need — because God has made a home in me.

I call this spiritual confidence. I trust that God's dwelling in me makes a difference every moment of every day. I continue to learn how to discern the best thing to do and to be free and willing to do it — that's my participation. But my capacity to learn is created by the Spirit already active in mind, heart, body and soul.

Spiritual confidence does not lead to arrogance — it leads to gratitude. I generally don't suffer an inflated view of my own importance because I don't have to try to be important. I am God's beloved, so why would I need to strive for importance or power or fame? In becoming more secure in that belovedness, I am simply grateful. Furthermore, I can look forward to this day, and the next. I don't have to fear failure or store up shame or generate false humility; my task is to pay attention and collaborate with the divine, who is faithfully at work in me.

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I'll take this a step further. Given that Jesus' life, death and Resurrection accomplished what God intended, and given that God dwells among us and in us through the Holy Spirit, why not expect that things will go well? Unless I rebel and actively turn away from God's ways, I should look forward to a life that both God and I enjoy. I can assume that I am always moving toward God's eternal perfection and peace. A mistake here and there, a rough patch because the world has its problems, some lost time because I stayed in a mood for a while — none of that budges the compass needle off true north.

Spiritual confidence is my trust that God is relentlessly at work. More specifically, I can be spiritually confident that the Holy Spirit is always speaking to me, working within me, developing all manner of wonderful spiritual qualities and enabling me to see all things with the eye of my soul. Within myself to live and grow wisdom, truthfulness, discernment, goodness, gentleness, righteousness and hope because this is what happens to a person in whom God's Spirit dwells.

When I speak as if I'm just a sinner and a constant spiritual failure, I insult the Holy Spirit. I count Jesus' work as nothing. I deny a profound truth grounded in healthy theology. I refuse to embrace what God has given me: the Advocate who teaches me, helps me remember what I have learned so far and continually builds character that is becoming a person in Christ.

Perhaps the most important confession I can make is that I have often failed to acknowledge this interior re-creation. I still grieve my capacity for self-centeredness. But now I confess how much I have grieved the Holy Spirit in me by remaining blind to the daily grace of indwelling. How sorrowful life becomes when I am silent and joyless in the presence of this stunning reality.

Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride.

Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,

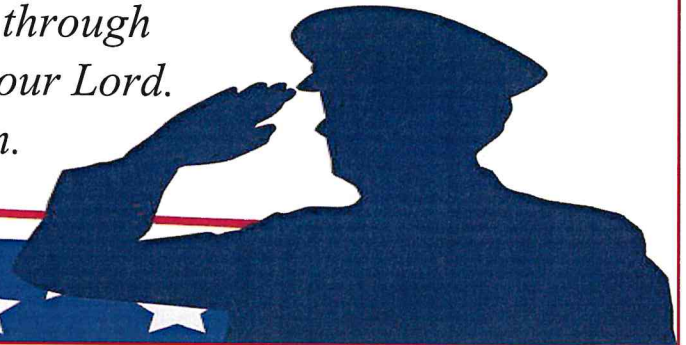
that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this through

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Raffle Drawings

Congratulations to the third Lucky Winners!

May 8	Ross	\$25.00	Eleanor Schulze
May 9	Target	\$25.00	Mary Duch
May 10	Peet's	\$20.00	Janice Gydesen
May 11	Chevron	\$50.00	Dave Weigel
May 12	American Express	\$150.00	Eileen Barsi
May 13	Sourdough & Co.	\$25.00	Maria Barba
May 14	Cold Stone Creamery	\$30.00	Mary Duch

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To all those who have participated in our 2026 Gift Card Raffle, we are so grateful for your support. Over **\$5,225.00** in support of our **PAINT THE CHURCH FUND** has been collected! We have plenty of tickets available for purchase during the next two weeks, please see the volunteers in the narthex after Mass.

The last drawing will be on June 1st.

If you haven't done so already, please join in the fun in support of our Parish.

May 24, 2026 Pentecost Sunday

Sunday Collection | May 17, 2026

Offertory \$3,524.77
Catholic Communication Campaign \$1,382.00

2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

2026 Assessment: \$65,022.00

Collected: \$12,910.00 Balance: \$52,112.00

The AAA helps in the Chaplaincy Program – Chaplaincy brings support, healing, and counseling to individuals and families during their times of greatest need, in the most vulnerable moments of their lives. They administer sacraments, provide spiritual guidance, and foster hope through their presence.

For the Young and Young Adult Ministry – Through leadership support, formation, partnerships, retreats, and gatherings, they walk with the young Church to foster a real encounter with Christ. We help them know they belong in the Church, engage more fully in its life, and become living witnesses of Christ’s love.

Parish Calendar May 25 – 31, 2026

Mon 25 9:00 A.M. Parish Office Closed
3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
5:30 P.M. Evening Mass
Tue 26 8:30 A.M. Daily Mass
3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
7:00 P.M. OCIA Class
Wed 27 8:30 A.M. Daily Mass
3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
7:00 P.M. Choir Practice
Thu 28 8:30 A.M. Daily Mass
3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Fri 29 8:30 A.M. Daily Mass
3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Sat 30 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
3:30 P.M. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 P.M. Mass
Sun 31 8:30 A.M. Mass
11:00 A.M. Mass

Online Collection | MAY 9 – 15, 2026

Offertory \$1,162.99
Maintenance Fund \$18.02
Church Roof Fund \$9.01
Additional Donation \$18.60
St. Vincent de Paul \$18.02
Catholic Charities \$74.99

Total \$1,301.63

55 Plus Club

Next meeting:
June 1, 2026 at 11:00 A.M.
In the Religious Ed Facility
Presenting
Captain Howard Brown
of Pacifica’s local Fire Department, Engine 72

He will be discussing Home Safety and will be open to questions. You are welcome!

There will be no meeting in July and August for the summer break.

Next meeting:
September 14, 2026 at 11:00 A.M.
In the Religious Ed Facility
Presenting
Cassie Villar from the
San Mateo County Department on
Aging and Disabilities

Ms. Villar will be discussing Scams targeting Seniors.

If you would like to attend the 55 Plus meetings, just come and enjoy the conversation.



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