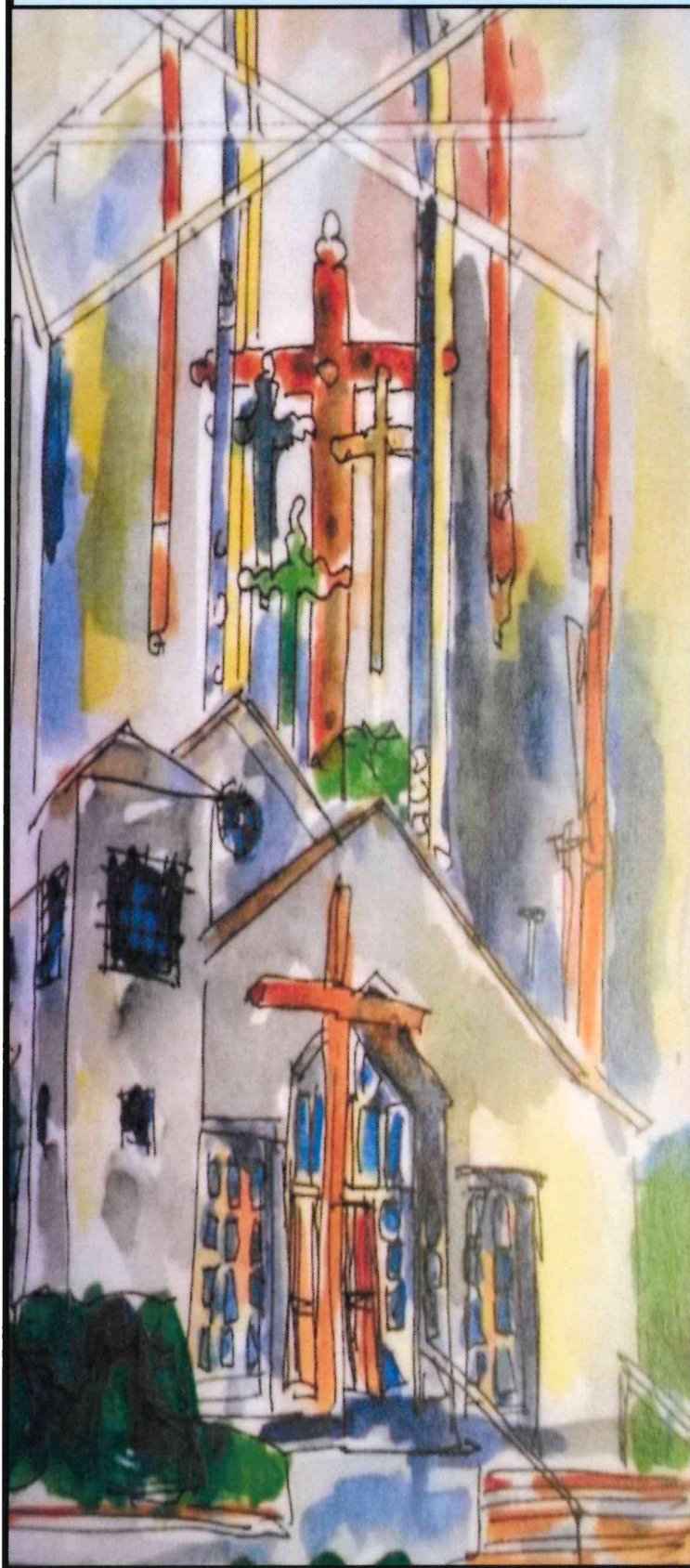


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Sacrament of Eucharist

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.

July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In his patience, the Lord allows both weeds and wheat to grow together, both saints and sinners to respond to salvation in the Kingdom. This Lord is good and forgiving, lenient to all, desiring repentance for our sins. May the Spirit assist us in our weakness.

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Mass Intentions

July 20 — 26, 2026

Readings

Mon 20 5:30 P.M. †Patrick & Stella Foley

Tue 21 8:30 A.M. †John Ortega

Wed 22 8:30 A.M. †Mark J. Foley

Thu 23 8:30 A.M. †Darlene Brucia

Fri 24 8:30 A.M. †Bob & Mary Durkin

Sat 25 4:30 P.M. People of St. Peter

Sun 26 8:30 A.M. †John Michael Patterson

11 A.M. Loren & Christine
Giacometti

Saint Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr

Mon 20 Reading *Micah* 6:1-4,6-8
Responsorial Psalm 50:5-6,8-9,16bc-17,21,23
Gospel *Matthew* 12:38-42

St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Tue 21 Reading *Micah* 7:14-15,18-20
Responsorial Psalm 85:2-8
Gospel *Matthew* 12:46-50

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

Wed 22 Reading *Song of Songs* 3:1-4b
Responsorial Psalm 63:2-6,8-9
Gospel *John* 20:1-2,11-18

Saint Bridget, Religious

Thu 23 Reading *Jeremiah* 2:1-3,7-8,12-13
Responsorial Psalm 36:6-7b,8-11
Gospel *Matthew* 13:10-17

Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

Fri 24 Reading *Jeremiah* 3:14-17
(Psalm) *Jeremiah* 31:10-12d,13
Gospel *Matthew* 13:18-23

SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE

Sat 25 Reading *2 Corinthians* 4:7-15
Responsorial Psalm 126:1b,2-6
Gospel *Matthew* 20:20-28

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun 26 Reading I *1 Kings* 3:5,7-12
Responsorial Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-130
Reading II *Romans* 8:28-30
Gospel *Matthew* 13:44-52

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July 19, 2026 *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Today's readings offer both encouragement and challenge for the Christian steward. They remind us of God's justice and mercy, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the often hidden yet powerful growth of God's Kingdom.



Our first reading from the Book of Wisdom reminds us that God is both all-powerful and infinitely merciful. "Though you are master of might, you judge with clemency." God's justice is perfect because it is always joined to His love. As Christian stewards, this is an important reminder. A day will come when each of us will give an account of how we used the gifts God entrusted to us — our time, our talent, and our treasure. We will answer for the role we played in building up His Kingdom and serving His people.

At the same time, we can take comfort in knowing that God judges with mercy. He desires our salvation and continually offers us opportunities to grow closer to Him and to become more faithful disciples.

In our second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we are not left to accomplish this mission on our own. "The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness." How reassuring those words are. The Holy Spirit dwells within us, guiding us, strengthening us, and interceding for us even when we do not know how to pray as we ought.

Christian stewardship is not merely a human effort. It is a response to God's grace. The Holy Spirit reveals the unique mission God has entrusted to each of us and provides the wisdom and strength necessary to carry it out. The more we rely on Him, the more fruitful our lives become.

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses several parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. First, He compares it to a field where both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. Only then are they separated. It is a sobering reminder that our choices matter and that God, in His justice, will ultimately judge all things.

Yet the Gospel is also filled with hope. Jesus compares the Kingdom to a mustard seed, the smallest of seeds, which grows into a large plant. He compares it to yeast that quietly works its way through the dough until the whole batch is transformed.

These images are especially encouraging for Christian stewards. So often, our efforts can seem small compared to the immense needs around us. The prayers we offer, the ministries we serve in, the sacrifices we make, and the gifts we share may appear insignificant in the moment.

But Jesus assures us that God is at work in ways we cannot always see. He takes our small offerings and uses them to accomplish far more than we could imagine. What seems small in our eyes can bear tremendous fruit in His hands.

God sees every act of generosity, every sacrifice made in love, and every effort to serve Him faithfully. Nothing offered to Him is ever wasted.

In gratitude for all He has given us, let us remain faithful to the mission entrusted to our care. Trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the power of God at work within us, let us continue building His Kingdom one faithful act of stewardship at a time.

MEANING OF SUFFERING

By Father Mike Schmitz

Q:

I've been hurting a lot lately. Not only physically, but emotionally and spiritually as well. It seems like no matter what I do, nothing changes. If God has been trying to teach me a lesson, I think I've learned it by this point.



Thank you so much for writing. Before anything else, I need to make one brief note: when a person is in the midst of pain, there are virtually no arguments or formulae or explanations. There is often just the hurt.

Because of this, I know that my words might sound hollow. Nothing I write here is meant to be trite or dismissive; there is no simple answer to the problem of human suffering. In fact, the Catechism states that there is no element of the Christian story that is not, in part, an answer to the problem of pain. There are no simple answers.

But there are some things that might be able to help us approach pain. And we all need to learn these things. Because all of us will experience pain and suffering. Everyone of us will lose everything that we have at some point. If we don't know "why" or where God fits into all of this, not only could we easily fall into the trap of allowing our pain to drive a wedge between ourselves and God, but we will miss out on the power in the suffering.

One of the first things we need to understand is that God does not directly will suffering. He did not make evil, and God cannot will evil. In fact, evil is not even considered a "thing". That fact is not a random "side point".

Evil is either the absence of a good that God wills, or a distortion of a good that God has willed.

God only wills the good. Evil is either the absence of a good that God wills, or a distortion of a good that God has willed. For example, the physical evil of blindness is not a "thing" in and of itself; it is the lack of a good thing: sight. Likewise, gluttony is evil because it is the distortion of a good thing that God has willed (food and eating).

The moment that God created a world outside of Himself, He allowed the possibility of evil. Further, the moment that God freely created beings outside of Himself who have free will, He allowed for the possibility that those free beings could choose evil. But God never directly wills evil.

But He allows evil. I understand if this doesn't seem to be any better. We still suffer and evil still happens. What does it matter if God has directly willed it or merely "allowed" it?

God has the ability to bring good out of evil. You already know this.

You know the story of how God was able to use to evil of Joseph's brothers selling him into slavery to bring about the good of saving the people of Israel.

You know how God allowed Saint Paul to be thrown into jail, but Paul said that it offered him the chance to proclaim Jesus (Phil. 1:13).

And it sounds like you know that the Bible has revealed that there are a number of possible reasons why God would allow us to suffer.

These reasons are not always present in every suffering. For example, there are times we suffer as a consequence of our decisions.

In Bible-terms, this is called "reaping what you sow". I have brought suffering upon myself (or another has brought suffering upon me) due to their bad decisions.

Another reason for suffering is that it is a potential "remedy". There are times when God allows us to experience of the Fall now in order to "wake us up" and draw our attention to Him.

C.S. Lewis put it this way, "We can ignore even pleasure. But pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks to us in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

Pain can also bring us wisdom. Suffering can be a Teacher. This is one of those things that is revealed in the Bible but almost all of us have noticed it in people of great wisdom; they have suffered and have allowed their suffering to bring them to a depth and understanding of themselves and the human experience that would have been impossible without it.

But what if a person has corrected all they know to correct and has learned all they think they can have learned? To them, and to you, Saint Paul writes, "I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake. And in my body I am making up for what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ for the sake of His Body, the Church.

...God didn't take away suffering...he transformed it.

This reveals that there is another meaning to suffering. You know that God could have saved the world through a single word. But he didn't. God saved the world by taking on a human body, living a real life, and experiencing real suffering and death. He rose in that body. In doing so, God didn't take away suffering...he transformed it.

God's willingness to embrace suffering out of love has given suffering a meaning and a power that it did not have. Even more, Jesus has called every person who belongs to him to share in this power.

He has invited all who love him to share in his mission.

What this means is that God is on the side of those who suffer. Even further, the New Testament and the story of the Church reveals that suffering does not reveal a lack of God's love.



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://stpeterpacifica.org>.

"Early Bird" Registration Fee for Religious Education and Confirmation until July 31, 2026.

One child \$170.00. Two children \$210.00. Three or more children \$250.00.

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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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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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Your gifts to the Appeal also support the Archdiocese's Life Giving Wounds ministry. Life Giving Wounds is a retreat ministry that helps heal, restore, and provide peace of mind to adults whose parents' divorced when they were children.

Through tears, a participant at one of the retreats said, "...my parents' divorce was so traumatic that I didn't even know if I believed in love. It feels good to know that I'm not alone in feeling this way." Another commented, "This is probably the best thing the Church has done for me and my siblings,"

Our Appeal takes place every first Sunday of the month, (possibly the second Sunday) however, a gift may be made at any time.

Please continue to prayerfully consider your gift and respond as you are able.

Parish Calendar July 20 — 26, 2026

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