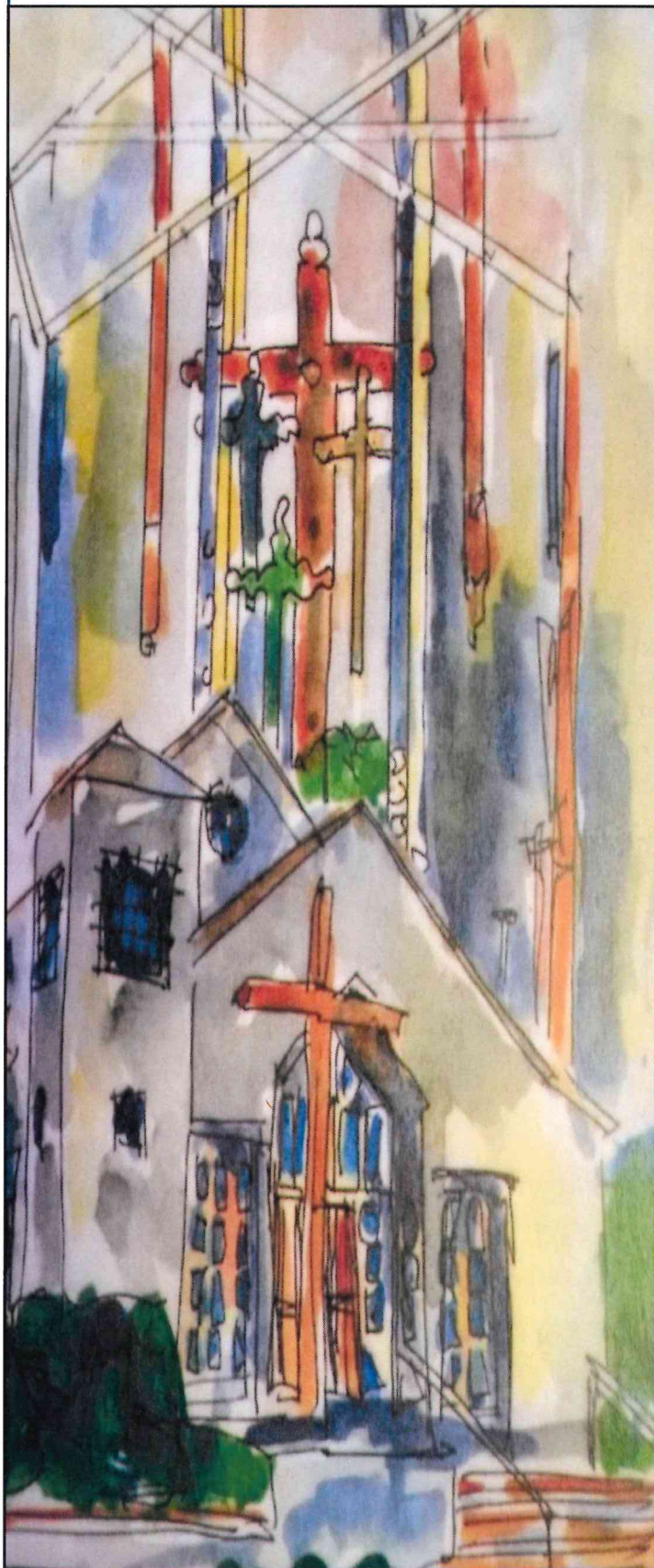


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Sacrament of Eucharist

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.

September 13, 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday in ordinary Time

As the Lord is kind and merciful, so should we be forgiving toward one another. Our forgiveness is to be without limit and so reflect Christ's eternal love. He alone is Lord.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Beginning the last week of September and continuing into October, the entire roof of the gymnasium will be replaced. After that work is completed, repairs to inside storage rooms, damaged by previous leaks, and mold will be undertaken. The cost will exceed \$100,000.00.

I will be meeting with CYO regarding a Girl's Basketball Coordinator for Jan/Feb 2027 league and with their direction proceed with the formation of the "Special League" CYO is requiring for sports programs for non-Catholic School teams.

Any updates will be in the Sunday Bulletin.

Mass Intentions September 14 – 20, 2026

Mon	14	5:30 P.M.	†Rev. Steven J. Davies
Tue	15	8:30 A.M.	†Arlene Ryan
Wed	16	8:30 A.M.	†Armando See
Thu	17	8:30 A.M.	†Donna Pagan
Fri	18	8:30 A.M.	†Martina Pada
Sat	19	4:30 P.M.	Rita Ramos
Sun	20	8:30 A.M.	†John Michael Grashof
		11:00 AM	People of St. Peter

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September 13, 2026 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Christian stewardship begins with the recognition that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We respond to His extraordinary generosity by offering our lives back to Him in gratitude. The stewardship of our time, talents, and treasure helps form us as disciples, but true stewardship also transforms our hearts.

Today's readings invite us to examine the state of our hearts — our thoughts, attitudes, and emotions.

In our First Reading from Sirach, we hear about the destructive power of anger: "Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight... Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?" All of us have been hurt by others at some point, some more deeply than others. While our emotions are gifts from God, we are called to steward them well rather than allowing them to control us.

How do we do that? Sirach gives us the answer: "Remember your last days, set enmity aside... Think of the commandments... remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults." Instead of dwelling on past hurts, we choose gratitude. We remember God's countless blessings, His unfailing mercy, and His faithful love, placing our trust in Him.

When we adopt this perspective, we discover real freedom. We remember that our lives belong to God, not to ourselves. St. Paul expresses this beautifully in today's Second Reading: "Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." Because everything we have comes from Him, we need not cling to anger or resentment. We can entrust every hurt and every injustice to the Lord.

In today's Gospel, Jesus deepens this lesson through the parable of the unforgiving servant. A king forgives a debt so enormous it could never be repaid, yet that same servant refuses to forgive a much smaller debt owed to him.

The story should sound familiar. God has given us life, forgiven our sins through His Son, and opened the way to eternal life. Like the servant in the parable, we could never repay such a gift. The only fitting response is to offer Him our whole lives and to extend the same mercy and forgiveness He has shown to us. As Jesus teaches, we are called to "forgive your brother from your heart."

That is the freedom and joy found in the stewardship way of life.

Second Collection for September 20, 2026 – 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.

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ENTITLEMENT WILL ROB YOU OF REST

Article by

Chelsea Patterson Sobolik



Many of my friends were recently invited on an all-expenses-paid international trip. Great for them — but I was left out.

Of course, my first reaction was *not* to rejoice in their good fortune, or delight that they got to enjoy an incredible experience. Initially, my heart was jealous, hurt, and stinging under a sense of entitlement.

I'm in my mid-twenties, and my generation is notorious for our attitudes of entitlement. We think we deserve more than we do, and when we don't get it, our entitlement siren starts blaring. And when it does, we often act irrationally — in a way that looks foolish from the outside.

So how can we recognize our own sense of entitlement, and take steps to surrender it to God? First, we need to understand what entitlement truly is.

From the Greatest to the Least

Entitlement is the belief that we inherently deserve privileges or special treatments, or that we have the right to something. Entitlement shows no partiality; it will reach for life's greatest gifts and claim its smallest pleasures. When it comes to the big parts of life, we can find ourselves thinking along these lines:

- "I deserve to have children, so why am I struggling with infertility? After all, aren't children a blessing from God?"
- "I'm tired of being single. I've remained pure and sought Christ, so why hasn't he brought a spouse into my life?"
- "I'm such a hard worker. I don't understand why I still can't manage to find a high-paying job."

But entitlement can also touch smaller issues:

- "I'm a good homemaker and work hard to keep the house clean and tidy. I deserve to have a nicer, bigger home."
- "I work so hard to provide for my family. I deserve to watch TV when I come home."
- "I've been good with my finances. I deserve to buy what I want for a change."

Of course, as sinners, the only thing we *deserve* is God's judgment. Therefore, we are not overstating matters when [we say with John Piper](#), "A sense of deservedness or entitlement will keep us from knowing Christ."

How to Fight Entitlement

If entitlement is so dangerous, and often so subtle, how can we fight it? I recommend three steps to move from a spirit of entitlement to a spirit of rest: diagnose your heart, remember your God, and imitate your Savior.

1. Diagnose Your Heart

The first step to letting go of entitlement is recognizing its presence in our hearts. To get there, we can ask ourselves questions that dig below the surface of our emotions. For example, we can ask ourselves questions like the following:

- In what areas of my life am I discontent?
- Why am I feeling so disappointed right now?
- What do I think I need in order to live an abundant life?
- How am I comparing my life to someone else's life?

Once we've evaluated our own hearts and found the shadows of entitlement lurking, we do not stay there. Instead, we get outside ourselves and remember our God.

2. Remember Your God

In [Psalm 23:1](#), David proclaims that the Lord is his shepherd, and he shall not want. How was David able to say this? Because he intimately knew the Good Shepherd's heart. He knew that God promises to always love his children ([Psalm 36:7](#)). He knew that God would never leave him or forsake him ([Psalm 139:7-12](#)). He knew that God would always sustain him ([Psalm 62:1-2](#)). He knew that God was enough ([Psalm 27:4](#)). Because he knew all those things, he was able to fully trust that God would take care of him — even in "the valley of the shadow of death" ([Psalm 23:4](#)).

If God really is good, then we have everything we need for life and godliness. We can rest content in what he chooses to give, and what he chooses to withhold. That doesn't mean we shouldn't pray and ask God for things. But it does mean that if he chooses to say, "No" or "Wait," we can trust that his answers are good and loving.

Cling to the promise that God loves you, even when you don't get what you desperately want. Use these feelings as a catalyst into prayer. We can't save ourselves from these feelings of entitlement. We can't make our hearts better. But God can, and he will do so as we pour out our desires and disappointments to him and hope in his promises.

3. Imitate Your Savior

Christ was the only one who's ever been *truly* entitled. He didn't deserve to bear our sins on the cross. Yet he chose to give up his own desires, his own comforts, and his own pleasures for our eternal good. Paul beautifully reminds us that Christ laid down his entitlements so that we might share in his glory ([Philippians 2:5-8](#)).

As Christians, we should not only trust God when we don't get what we want. We should also follow the example of our Savior and choose to give up what we think we deserve. The reward might not be immediate, but we'll become more like Christ, and that is always worth it.

Humility and the willingness to give up our rights are not prized virtues in our world, but they are stunningly beautiful to Christ.

Hearts at Rest

It's a good thing we don't get everything we want in this life. Those unfulfilled desires remind us of where our true satisfaction comes from: Christ and Christ alone. In the famous words of Augustine, "Our hearts are restless until they find rest in Thee."

May we trade our entitlement for a restful spirit in Christ. May we take our restless, entitled hearts to the throne of grace and surrender them to our loving Father.

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Weekday Readings September 14 – 20, 2026



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Mon 14 Reading I *Numbers* 21:4b-9
Responsorial *Psalm* 78:1b-2,34-38
Reading II *Philippians* 2:6-11
Gospel *John* 3:13-17

Our Lady of Sorrows

Tue 15 Reading I *Corinthians* 12:12-14,27-31a
Responsorial *Psalm* 100:1b-5
Gospel *John* 19:25-27 or *Luke* 2:33-35

Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Wed 16 Reading I *Corinthians* 12:31—13:13
Responsorial *Psalm* 33:2-5,12,22
Gospel *Luke* 7:31-35

Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

Thu 17 Reading I *Corinthians* 15:1-11
Responsorial *Psalm* 118:1b-2,16-17,28
Gospel *Luke* 7:36-50

Fri 18 Reading I *Corinthians* 15:12-20
Responsorial *Psalm* 17:1b-d,6-7,8b,15
Gospel *Luke* 8:1-3

Sat 19 Reading I *Corinthians* 15:35-37,42-49
Responsorial *Psalm* 56:10c-12,13-14
Gospel *Luke* 8:4-15

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun 20 Reading I *Isaiah* 55:6-9
Responsorial *Psalm* 145:2-3,8-9,17-18
Reading II *Philippians* 1:20c-24,27a
Gospel *Matthew* 20:1-16a

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