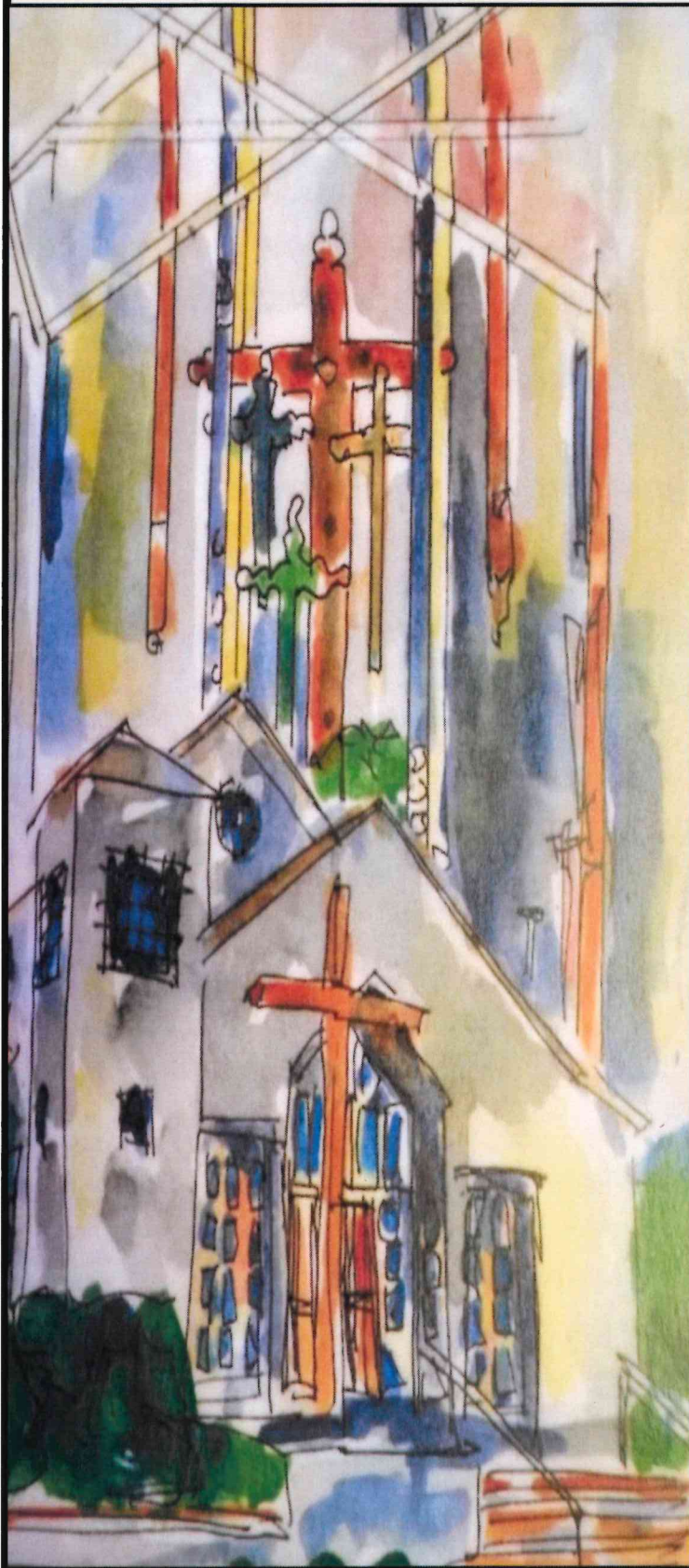


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Sacrament of Eucharist

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 12, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"The seed that falls on good ground will
yield a fruitful harvest."**

**May the soil of our hearts be receptive
to the Word and carry it out
through the presence of the Spirit.**

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Mass Intentions

July 13 — 19, 2026

Readings

Mon 13 5:30 P.M. †Arlene Ryan
Tue 14 8:30 A.M. †Patrick & Stella Foley
Wed 15 8:30 A.M. †Susan Hernandez
Thu 16 8:30 A.M. †Robert Shauger
Fri 17 8:30 A.M. †Peter da Roza
Sat 18 4:30 P.M. †Matt Horton
Sun 19 8:30 A.M. Paul Russell Griffin
11 A.M. People of St. Peter

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Saint Henry
Mon 13 Reading *Isaiah* 1:10-17
Responsorial Psalm 50:8-9,16b-17,21,23
Gospel *Matthew* 10:34—11:1
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin (USA)
Tue 14 Reading *Isaiah* 7:1-9
Responsorial Psalm 48:2-8
Gospel *Matthew* 11:20-24
Saint Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Wed 15 Reading *Isaiah* 10:5-7,13b-16
Responsorial Psalm 94:5-10,14-15
Gospel *Matthew* 11:25-27
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Thu 16 Reading *Isaiah* 26:7-9,12,16-19
Responsorial Psalm 102:13-14b,15-21
Gospel *Matthew* 11:28-30
Fri 17 Reading *Isaiah* 38:1-6,21-22,7-8
(Psalm) *Isaiah* 38:10-12d,16
Gospel *Matthew* 12:1-8
Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest (USA)
Sat 18 Reading *Micah* 2:1-5
Responsorial Psalm 10:1-4,7-8,14
Gospel *Matthew* 12:14-21
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 19 Reading I *Wisdom* 12:13,16-19
Responsorial Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16
Reading II *Romans* 8:26-27
Gospel *Matthew* 13:24-43

July 12, 2026 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus shares the familiar Parable of the Sower. It is a powerful image for the stewardship way of life, demonstrating the gradual but transformative effect that a life centered on God can have on us over time.

In the parable, some seed falls on a path where birds quickly carry it away. Other seed falls on rocky ground, where it begins to grow but cannot develop deep roots. Still more seed falls among thorns that eventually choke the young plants.

Finally, some seed falls on rich, fertile soil and produces an abundant harvest. Jesus explains that the seed is the Word of God, generously scattered for all to receive. The question is whether our hearts are prepared to receive it and allow it to take root. This is where the stewardship way of life comes in. When we offer our time, talent, and treasure to God and place Him first in our lives, we help create the "good soil" needed for the Kingdom to flourish within us.

Stewardship removes the "rocks" of mistrust as we grow in confidence that God will provide for our needs. It clears away the "thorns" of worldly concerns that can distract us from what matters most. Through prayer, the sacraments, and generous service, the soil of our lives is continually nourished and renewed.

Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the Divine Sower to do His work within us. In time, He will produce an abundant harvest through our lives.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR JULY 19, 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.



THE FOCUS ON FUNERALS

By Father Mike Schmitz

Q:

We recently had a funeral for a family member. I was a bit annoyed by how much the priest talked about Jesus and how little he talked about the person who had died. Isn't the funeral supposed to be more of a celebration of the person's life?

You bring up a phenomenal point. Most funerals are exactly what you were expecting.

They are either crafted to be a "celebration of life" or as a way to "formalize" one's goodbye...but this isn't what a funeral is primarily about.

Don't get me wrong. A family that wants to celebrate the life of their deceased relative is doing something right in wanting to remember the one they love. And of course it is very important to have the opportunity to say our goodbyes to those who had died. Those are good things; remembering who they were and saying goodbye are both significant things to do in the midst of pain, loss, and sorrow.

But they are not the only things. In fact, they are not even the most important reasons why we celebrate Catholic funeral Masses. One might say that there are four principle reasons for a funeral Mass.

At the funeral Mass for his father, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, his son, Father Paul Scalia, stood up to give the homily and after a few words of introduction and thanks, began by stating, "We are gathered here because of one man. A man known personally to many of us, known only by reputation to even more. A man loved by many, scorned by others. A man known for great controversy, and for great compassion. That man, of course, is Jesus of Nazareth."

Obviously, everyone in the church had originally thought that Father Scalia was talking about his own father. But Father Scalia was cognizant of who the real focus of the funeral Mass is: God. The first reason for a funeral Mass is the worship and praise of God.

The funeral Mass is not where the priest or deacon gets to "canonize" the deceased, although the temptation is very strong to offer that kind of false consolation.

All of us are tempted to say things like, "So-and-So is in Heaven now...". But we can't possibly know that! There might be a lot of good things to say about someone, but we are most often in the dark regarding the state of their soul. So, while we may reference the deceased, it is always in relation to Jesus.

The funeral Mass, like everything we do as Catholics, is all about Jesus.

1. THE FUNERAL MASS, LIKE EVERYTHING WE DO AS CATHOLICS, IS ALL ABOUT JESUS.

I think that we might have a bit more clarity if we realized that this is the case for every celebration in the Church.

Baptism isn't about the person getting baptized. It's about how Jesus is making that person a new creation.

First Holy Communion is not about the young people coming forward. It's about how Jesus is nourishing them with his very Self.

Confirmation is not about the person "taking a step". It is about how Jesus is commissioning them and filling them with the Holy Spirit.

A wedding is not about the couple apart from Jesus; it is about the couple being united in Christ for the mission of Christ.

An ordination is not about the man being ordained, it is about Jesus.

2. THE SECOND PURPOSE OF THE CATHOLIC FUNERAL MASS IS TO THANK GOD FOR HIS ENDLESS MERCY.

Before he died, Justice Scalia wrote these words, "Even when the deceased was an admirable person, indeed especially when the deceased was an admirable person, praise for his virtues can cause us to forget that we are praying for and giving thanks for God's inexplicable mercy to a sinner." Consider that the next time you are invited to attend a funeral: you are there to thank God for the inexplicable mercy he has given to the sinner whose body is in the casket.

3. THIRD, WE ARE CALLED TO PROCLAIM AND RENEW OUR OWN FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.

Whenever we celebrate the Eucharistic sacrifice, we "proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes again". This is eminently true when it comes to the funeral liturgy. We profess that Jesus Christ has conquered death by his own death and resurrection. And we renew our own participation in that great mystery.

4. LASTLY, AND ABOVE ALL, THE PRIMARY REASON WHY WE CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST FOR THE DECEASED PERSON AT THEIR FUNERAL IS TO PRAY FOR THEM.

The Mass is the most powerful and life-giving prayer God has ever given to us. When someone has died, unless they have chosen Hell, they are most likely in need of purification before entering Heaven. This purification can be difficult and painful; the Mass aids the person for whom we are praying.

There is great grief and sorrow when it comes to death, especially when the one who has died is someone we love. Have you ever been in that situation where you just wish that they would come back so that you might be able to help them in some way? Have you ever wished that you could do something to demonstrate your love for them that would be meaningful? You can.

We offer Masses for our deceased loved ones because we believe that this actually does something. It accomplishes something! It makes a difference for them. When we pray for someone who has died, we are assisting them in their process of purification en route to Heaven. In what way could you possibly love them more?

The funeral Mass is a chance to say goodbye and to celebrate the life of the person you've loved. But it is also far more. It is the chance to worship God and to thank him for his inexplicable mercy, to proclaim and renew our faith in Jesus Christ, and to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that will immensely bless the person who has died.

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>.

*"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.

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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Tuesday, September 15, 2026, First Year—Grade 7, from 3:45 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

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.

RETURN REGISTRATION FORMS TO SISTER HILDA SANDOVAL BY JULY 31, 2026



Do you or do you know of someone who...

- ◇ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ◇ Would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith?
- ◇ Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

*Classes begin in September.
Exact date to be Determined.*

We offer the opportunity to come together to learn more about the faith. Sessions focus on our experience of God, the teaching and experience of the church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter Season.

You are welcomed to participate in the process with your questions,
your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For additional information, or to register in this program, please contact Sister Hilda Sandoval, M.F.P. at 650-359-5000 or by email at hilsandoval63@gmail.com.

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Sunday Collection — July 5, 2026

Offertory \$5,072.00
Annual Appeal \$2,691.00

Online Collection | June 27 — July 5, 2026

Offertory	\$1,415.49
Maintenance Fund	\$118.34
Church Roof Fund	\$9.01
Religious Education	\$47.38
Additional Donation	\$18.60
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Parish Calendar July 13 — 19, 2026

Mon 13	3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy 5:30 P.M. Evening Mass
Tue 14	8:30 A.M. Daily Mass 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Wed 15	8:30 A.M. Daily Mass 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Thu 16	8:30 A.M. Daily Mass 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Fri 17	8:30 A.M. Daily Mass 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Sat 18	3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:30 P.M. Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30 P.M. Mass
Sun 19	8:30 A.M. Mass 11 A.M. Mass

2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

2026 Assessment: \$65,022.00
Collected: \$21,007.00 Balance: \$44,015.00

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