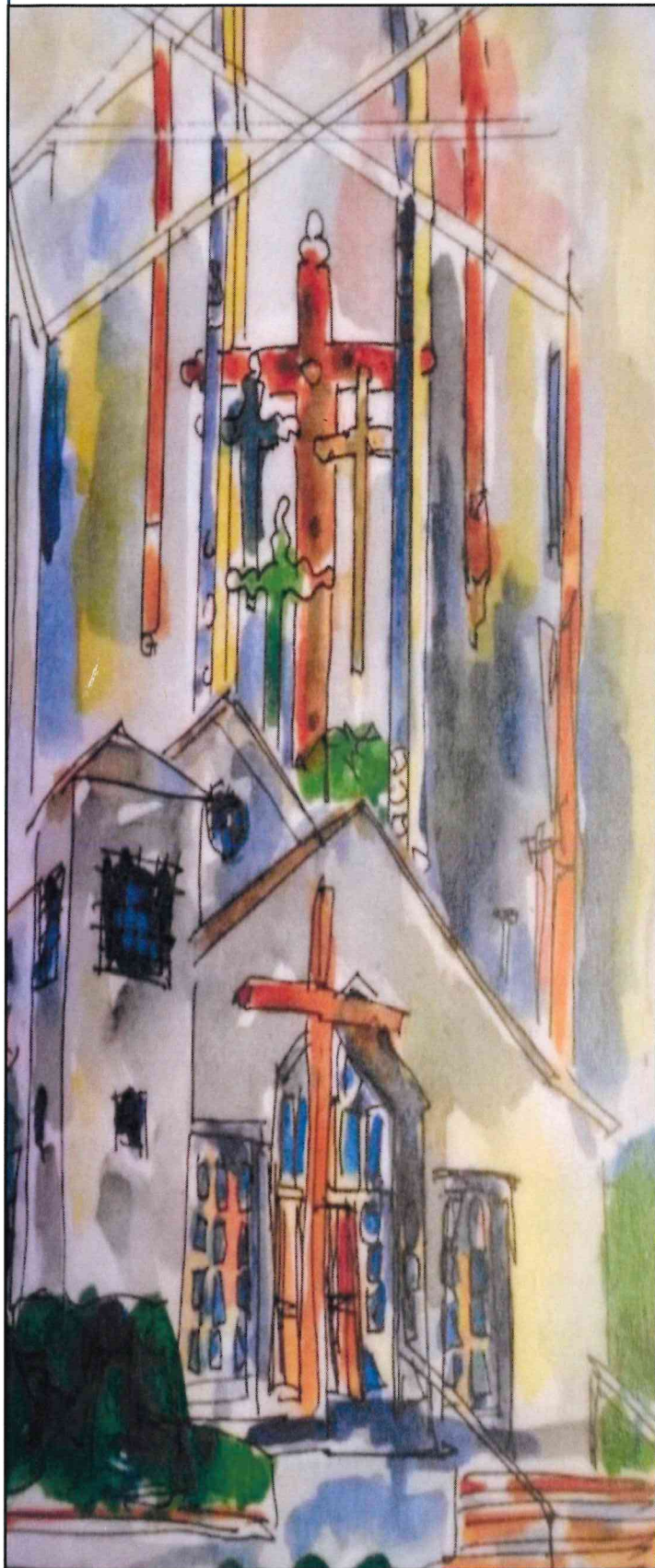


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Sacrament of Eucharist

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 20, 2026

Twenty-fifth Sunday in ordinary Time

*How different are the Lord's ways from our own!
Gracious and good to all, the Lord is equally generous
in compassion and love both to those who are quick to
respond to his invitation as well as those who are
slow to hear his call. May the Lord Jesus always be
our life.*

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

St. Peter Church was established in 1956 to provide for the spiritual needs of Catholics living on the coast. That was, and remains, the primary reason for its existence.

Originally, St. Peter was to have a Catholic Elementary School but given the close proximity to Good Shepherd, it was decided not to build a school and focus rather on the Religious Education of our Catholic youth.

I am unsure of the year St. Peter became involved with CYO sports, but I suspect that it was sometime in the late 70's because there was no gymnasium at St. Peter before 1975!

Originally CYO sports here at St. Peter was initiated to provide "a connection" for Catholic youth to their parish because we did not have a Catholic School.

How or why, it morphed into providing sports opportunity for the entire city of Pacifica and beyond, I do not know. I am not opposed to that, but it is not, and never has been, our primary mission!

Since CYO sports' inception, our Church's Worshipping Community (those who worship and support the church on a regular basis) have carried the total financial overhead of CYO sports here at St. Peter. Our gymnasium, which is the property of St. Peter Church, not the City of Pacifica nor its residents, is reserved for CYO basketball approximately 10 months of the year and is in use approximately 43 hours per week. Free of charge!

The Worship Community, not any other "communities" or outside organizations has paid all upkeep, maintenance and repairs, including \$120,000.00 for gas line repairs, over \$12,000.00 plumbing and water line replacement, as well as all utilities: lights, water, garbage, pest control, janitor, insurance, refrigeration, electrical, and furnace repairs.

The Worship Community of St. Peter had an outstanding mortgage for years up until 2016 when the Worship Community raised the funds to relieve the debt and we received NOTHING from CYO sports or any "communities" in Pacifica.

The gymnasium roof will be replaced beginning on the last week of September, and repairs inside will be made in October. Total Cost: over \$120,000.00. This, too, will be covered by our Worship Community.

In the almost 13 years I have been at St. Peter, I have taken \$8,000.00 in 2023 and \$25,000.00 in 2025 from the CYO account to begin to address this financial inequity, which has been allowed to continue for years! Last year almost \$30,000.00 in fees were paid to CCCYO Catholic Charities CYO Athletics, S.F., from basketball registrations.

The Parish Office does not receive or request any money directly from participants, sponsors or donors. I can very happily and confidently account only for the money we receive if it is deposited in the CYO checking account.

In order to assure that the needs of qualified students is met, it is critical that we continue discussions with CYO leadership, to ensure that new staff replacements are in place and eligibility standards are met.

I trust that this brief history will be helpful to clarify the true history of CYO sports here at St. Peter and correct any false narratives being circulated, in a most unchristian way.

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SECOND COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 – PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND

The blessings of a priest to the Catholic life of parishioners are boundless. Our priests have been there for the most special moments of life – baptism, marriage, illness, death – and have always been present in times of need. They preach the Gospel, help us follow the example of Christ, and provide invaluable counsel to help us overcome challenges.

Every aspect of the life and ministry of a priest – active or retired – is a gift from God; a gift that builds the communion of our Church; a gift that helps bring people closer to the Lord. It is with tremendous gratitude that we offer our thanks for their service in Christ.

Many of our retired priests continue to live a life of service, even in “retirement.” They celebrate Mass, perform baptisms, witness marriages, preside over funeral services, and hear confessions. In addition, younger priests and seminarians benefit from their years of experience in ministry and often come to them for spiritual direction.

We must ensure that they are cared for as lovingly and with much dignity as they have cared for others. Please reflect on the ways in which these men have been there for you and your family.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ST. PETER CHURCH

4 REASONS WHY ENTITLEMENT IS DESTRUCTIVE FOR THE CHRISTIAN

By Michael Kelley

Asaph, the writer of Psalm 73, had a near fall:

*Surely God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.*

*But as for me, my feet had almost slipped;
I had nearly lost my foothold (Psalm 73:1-2).*

Of course, the fall here was metaphorical. He was on the edge of despair. The edge of anxiety. The edge of unbelief. And the thing that pushed him to the edge was an issue of allocation. Asaph was not struggling with the age-old question of why do bad things happen to good people; he was struggling with the question of why good things seem to happen to bad people. But more so, he was struggling with the issue of entitlement:

*For I envied the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked (Psalm 73:3).*

It wasn't just a hypothetical question of why the wicked seem to prosper; rather, it was the sense that he, in his righteous and clean life, wasn't getting what others were. And surely we can relate to that.

Surely, we, too, look around at times and start to play the comparison. Surely, we also wonder why someone who is less holy, less righteous, less upstanding than we are seem to be getting the blessings that we feel are rightfully ours. We know what it feels like to be entitled. But do we know the true destructive nature of entitlement? Perhaps not. Here, then, are four reasons why entitlement is so destructive:

1. ENTITLEMENT IS A DENIAL OF THE TRUTH.

At a base level, we don't actually want what we deserve. And if we claim to want what we deserve, what we are really betraying about ourselves is that we have failed to fully grasp the true nature of sin and the human heart. Because what we really deserve – each and everyone of us – is hell. This is the payment we deserve for our sin – for our offenses against a holy God. Thank God that we don't get what we deserve! Living with a sense of entitlement, then, is living outside of the light of this truth. And once we begin to deny that truth – once we begin to convince ourselves that we were not actually dead in our sins and transgressions, that we were actually not alienated and separated from God, that we were actually not helpless and in need of rescue, then a multitude of other false ways of thinking follow.

2. ENTITLEMENT IS DESTRUCTIVE IS THAT IT ROBS US OF GRATITUDE.

Gratitude ought to be a way of life for us as a Christian. We are not the people who occasionally say "thank you," but we are the people who rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, rejoice! When you live in a posture of gratitude, you are also living in a posture of humility because gratitude is a recognition that we are constantly on the receiving end. This is, in fact, one of the ways we can actually and actively pursue humility – it's through the choice to be grateful because we are forcing ourselves to remember the opposite of what entitlement tells us – that we are receiving something because of the grace and generosity of someone else. When we live with a sense of entitlement, it is impossible for us to also live with a sense of gratitude because we are always expecting more.

3. ENTITLEMENT DESTROYS OUR RELATIONSHIPS.

Paul would later write a list of commands in Romans 12, one of which reads like this: Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep. But for a person of entitlement, those are two very hard things to do. It's very hard to rejoice with someone when you are comparing what you have to what they have because inevitably you will drift into the belief that you ought to have what they do.

Similarly, one can't weep alongside others when they are filled with entitlement because the entitled person sits in judgment over those who suffer, judging them because of the choices they think led the person to the situation they are in.

4. ENTITLEMENT IS DESTRUCTIVE AS IT ULTIMATELY PUTS US IN THE PLACE OF GOD.

When we look at the way portions are being dealt out and sit in judgment over it, what we are really doing – although it might be subtle – is calling into question the wisdom of God. We are saying, with our attitudes, that we know much better how these portions should be allocated. We are, in other words, more wise, more fair, and more equitable than God Himself.

In light of those things, no wonder Asaph the psalmist said his foot had almost slipped. No wonder he saw the precipice opening up before him. And yet, by God's grace, he was able to move back from the edge. So, what was the solution to this issue?

It was not that he made more money. Or got nicer things. Or even that he saw the wicked around him robbed of all the health and prosperity that he had. The solution only came when the psalmist entered God's sanctuary. And what did he find as he drew near to God? He found a God bigger than himself. A God bigger than his understanding. He found eternity. Eternity was the way he was able to reckon with the seemingly unjust blessing and prosperity of the wicked, for eternity waits for us all and judgment with it. When you accept eternity as a reality, you begin to place lesser and lesser importance on what is happening in the actual here and now. So in light of eternity, he saw that there is indeed a reckoning for the wicked.

But he also found something else, and the something else is what truly banished his sense of entitlement – and ours. He found that the Lord is our portion:

*Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever (Psalm 73:25-26).*

Entitlement is banished when the Lord is your portion. Consider, for a moment, just how exhausting it is to live with that sense of entitlement. You are constantly evaluating others. You are always dissatisfied with who and what you have. You long, incessantly, for more. Your relationships are strained to the point of breaking. Indeed, it is nearly impossible for you to enjoy any part of life because you are on the treadmill of chasing the ever elusive "else." Until, that is, you realize what Christ has bought for you at the cross.

Has he bought for you money? Power? Material blessings? No – none of that – none of those things that moth and rust destroy and thieves break in and steal. He has bought for us something better – He has bought for us God Himself as our portion. And with that, with God as our portion, we can rest. Not because we have learned to settle for what little we have, but because in light of eternity, we realize there is nothing else.

September 20, 2026 | Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Though we can never fully comprehend the perfection of God and His ways, Sacred Scripture reminds us that God's ways and priorities are often very different from our own. As Christian stewards, we are called to adopt His way of thinking rather than the world's.

Our First Reading from Isaiah begins with an urgent invitation: "Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near." Stewardship reminds us that time itself is a gift from God. The time to know, love, and serve Him is now. We cannot afford to waste the precious moments He has entrusted to us.

The world often tells us that success is measured by getting ahead, looking out for ourselves, or believing that time is money. God offers a different perspective: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways." As His disciples, we are called to see life from God's perspective, using our time, talents, and treasure with eternity in mind.

St. Paul models this way of thinking in today's Second Reading. He writes, "For to me life is Christ." Paul's life no longer revolves around himself. Everything is centered on Christ. The same should be true for every Christian steward.

In today's Gospel, Jesus illustrates this divine perspective through the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Some labor from early morning, while others are called only near the end of the day. Yet the landowner gives each worker the same wage. Those who worked the longest grumble because they are measuring fairness according to human standards rather than recognizing God's extraordinary generosity.

That same temptation can affect us. We may compare ourselves to others and wonder whether everyone else is contributing as much as we are at home, in our parish, or in our community. At those moments, we need to remember that it is a privilege simply to have been invited into the Lord's vineyard. The more opportunities we have to serve Him, the greater the gift.

Living the stewardship way of life, with Christ at the center of everything, fills our lives with meaning, purpose, and lasting joy. May we thank God each day for calling us to share in His work.

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