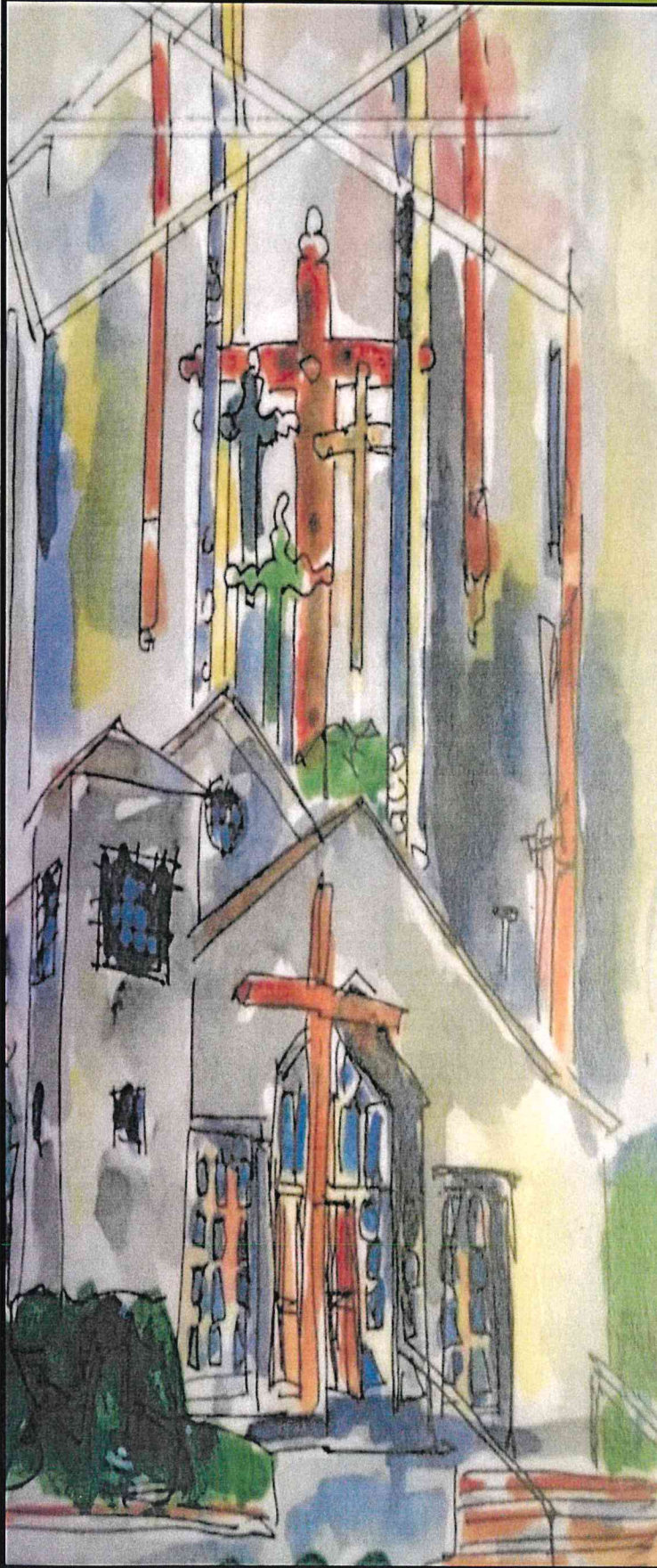


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Sacrament of Eucharist

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.

August 24, 2025

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

No one is excluded from the kingdom for all peoples are called to proclaim the praises of the Lord and confess his holy name. No ethnic or religious group possesses exclusive rights to the kingdom. Suffering and pain are part of the human condition.

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MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST 25-31, 2025

MASS READINGS

Mon 25 5:30 P.M. Bob & Anna May Mann

Tue 26 8:30 A.M. †Herb Rosen

Wed 27 8:30 A.M. †Wilba Lewis

Thu 28 8:30 A.M. †Mary Durkin

Fri 29 8:30 A.M. †Robert Sanders

Sat 30 4:30 P.M. Paul & Lauren Tolliday

Sun 31 8:30 A.M. People of St. Peter

11:00 A.M. †Rogelia Barba

Saint Louis

Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Mon Reading 1 *Thessalonians* 1:1-5,8b-10

25 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 149:1b-6a,9b

Gospel *Matthew* 23:13-22

Tue Reading 1 *Thessalonians* 2:1-8

26 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 139:1-3,4-6

Gospel *Matthew* 23:23-26

Saint Monica

Wed Reading 1 *Thessalonians* 2:9-13

27 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 139:7-12b

Gospel *Matthew* 23:27-32

Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Thu Reading 1 *Thessalonians* 3:7-13

28 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 90:3-5a,12-14,17

Gospel *Matthew* 24:42-51

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

Fri Reading 1 *Thessalonians* 4:1-8

29 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 97:1,2b,5-6,10-12

Gospel *Mark* 6:17-29

Sat Reading 1 *Thessalonians* 4:9-11

30 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 98:1,7-9

Gospel *Matthew* 25:14-30

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun Reading I *Sirach* 3:17-18,20,28-29

31 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 68:4-7,10-11

Reading II *Hebrews* 12:18-19,22-24a

Gospel *Luke* 14:1,7-14

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August 24, 2025 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God's constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be "trained" by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

Our Lord Himself speaks of the difficult path to the Kingdom of Heaven in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He is asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus responds, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Showing up for Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples. What's more, this approach to our faith is an unjust and unloving response to our good God who has given us all that we have and are.

Jesus does not want us to merely go through the motions of faith. He wants much more from us and for us. He wants to know us deeply and for us to get to know Him so that we become His holy disciples. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. But it does take discipline, the discipline of a stewardship way of life.

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LEARNING TO BE ALONE WELL IS PART OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Father Michael Schmitz

Q. I try to follow God in the way that it seems like he is calling me to, but I find that I am often walking alone. I am not surrounded by people who are pursuing God like I believe I am called to. Am I doing something wrong?

A. Thank you for this question. I think that your experience is not unusual. At the same time, there could be a number of reasons for this, and it is important to weed through “unnecessary loneliness” to what might be called “necessary loneliness.”

There are times when we are the cause of our own problems. This can easily happen with people who are pursuing Jesus above all. We might needlessly isolate ourselves from the rest of the world. We are called to be “in the world, but not of the world,” and that is a hard road to walk. It takes a good deal of wisdom to be able to navigate which parts of the world one ought to avoid and which parts one should not only tolerate, but also engage with. Often, this means a bit of trial and error. It also means seeking counsel from people who have walked this road before you.

There are also times when people will shut themselves off from certain elements of everyday life or popular culture for very good reasons. There are times when it is necessary to walk away from certain relationships for the sake of one’s soul. Those are very real decisions that many Christians will have to make, even to the point of walking away from family members if the situation calls for it. You would not fault an alcoholic for leaving behind his drinking buddies for the sake of his sobriety, or a teenager who leaves behind a destructive relationship for the sake of her well-being. In similar fashion, there might be relationships Christians need to leave behind for the sake of their souls.

Knowing when we need to “be different” or “walk away” is a difficult task, but it is important to learn. There are times when we need to see sin where no one else notices it, but it is not saintly to see sin where there is no sin.

But a Christian is going to be lonely, because being lonely is a part of the human experience.

WALK ALONE WITH CHRIST

Feeling loneliness is the result of two important factors. First, we are made in God’s image (a communion of love), which means that we are made for relationship. Second, we live in a fallen world where relationships are broken. Because of this, each person must carry their own interior cross in solitude. While we might walk in the midst of many other people, the deepest part of our very selves remains largely unknown by others. And so we often walk alone.

It is one of the duties of life to learn how to be alone, and to be alone well. There are many people who have learned to “cope” with being alone, but they have not learned how to do this well. Many of us will turn to television (or Netflix, can I get an “amen,” anybody?) or to a thousand other little distractions and diversions. We might turn to alcohol or the computer or fantasy football or gossip or over-work or being a busy-body.

And this is a serious problem. We don’t know how to be alone well. In fact, Blaise Pascal once noted, “All of humanity’s problems stem from man’s inability to sit quietly in a room alone.”

You can ask yourself: Do I need the TV on constantly? Do I need music playing in the background? Do I need someone to talk to always? Do I need to be constantly occupied? Can I just sit alone with my thoughts? Can I sit alone and talk with God?

One task we all have to accomplish is to learn how to walk alone with Christ.

This does not mean forced isolation, but it means learning how to be content with the isolation of the cross. It means learning how to find real communion with Jesus Christ. While there have always been those, like hermits, who are called to deep isolation, the Christian does not have to seek out isolation. But we must learn how to embrace it when it finds us.

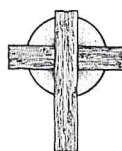
LONGING TO BE CONSOLED

You will never be happy until you learn how to be alone. Until then, we constantly fill ourselves with an abundance of things that are “almost good enough.”

Even Jesus had to walk this path. While he had significant relationships and deep friendships, there were times when he not only needed to be alone with his Father, but there were also times when his friends could not walk with him. Whether it was because they were too weak (in the Garden of Gethsemane) or because he had a specific Way of the Cross they could not walk (handing his Spirit over to the Father on the cross), Jesus knew isolation and loneliness. And while he still sought out his friends’ companionship, he did not abandon his mission in order to be consoled by their presence.

While his loneliness was painful, and he longed to be consoled, Jesus did not swerve from his path in order to console himself. As a follower of Christ, part of your own discipleship will involve this same resolve: the commitment to not swerve from your path in order to console yourself.

If you are human, you will walk alone. If you are a Christian, you will be called to certain journeys, which must be walked alone. If you are a saint, you will learn how to walk alone well.



Registration Forms for Religious Education (Kinder to 6th Grade) and Confirmation are available at the Parish Office, the Church Narthex, and on the St. Peter, Pacifica Website, <https://stpeterpacific.org>.

REGISTRATION FEE

One child \$195.00. Two children \$235.00. Three or more \$270.00.

Religious Education Classes begin Tuesday, September 16 and Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 from 3:45 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 from 3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.

Confirmation Classes begin Tuesday, September 16 and Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Tuesday, September 16, 2025, First Year—Grade 7, 3:45 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday, September 17, 2025, First Year—Grade 7, 3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.

Wednesday, September 17, 2025, Second Year—Grade 8, 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

For additional information regarding Religious Education please contact Sister Hilda Sandoval, M.F.P. at 650-359-5000 or by email at hilsandoval63@gmail.com and for Confirmation at 650-359-7178 or by email at Peterscoveyouth@gmail.com.

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PARISH CALENDAR AUGUST 25-31, 2025

Mon 25

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

Wed 27

8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Thu 28

8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Fri 29

8:30 A.M.	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
11:00A.M.	Mass

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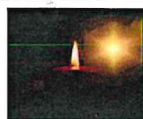
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