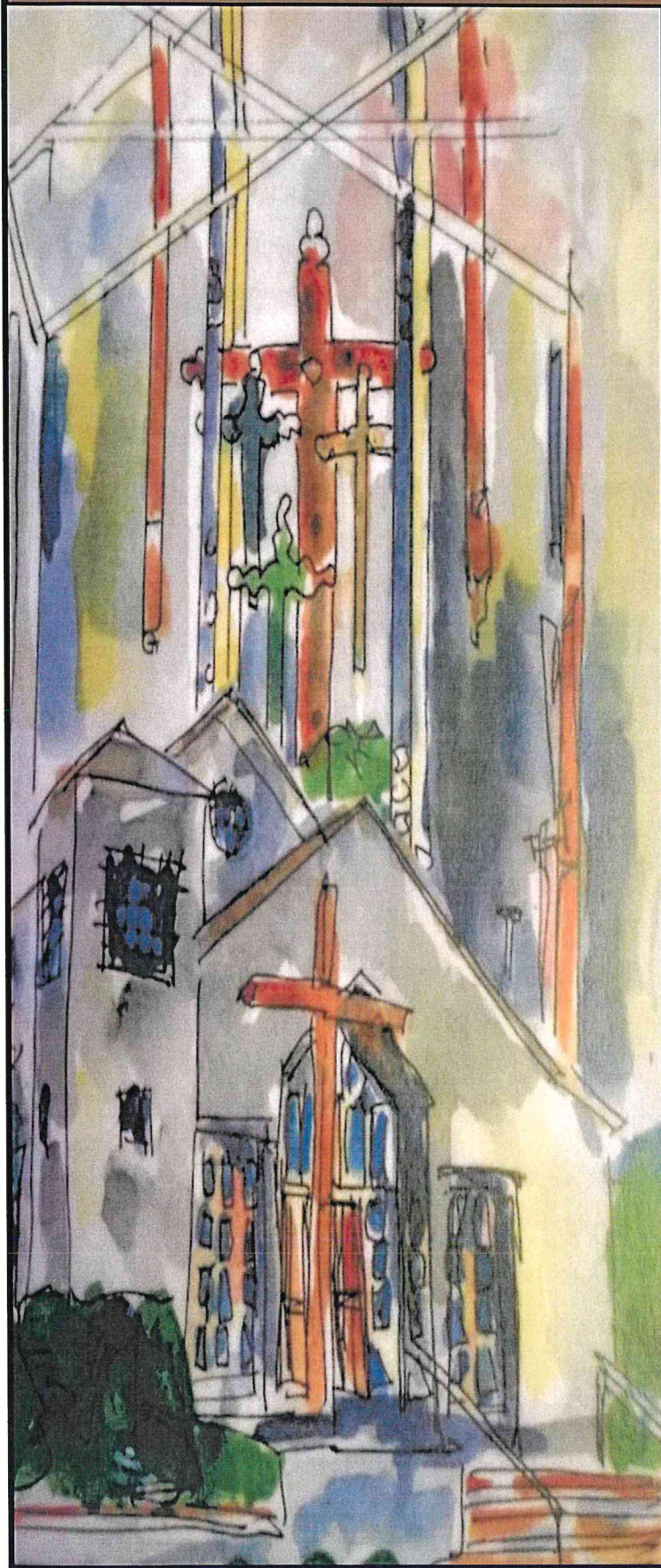


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Sacrament of Eucharist

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 27, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In bargaining with God, Abraham demonstrates a real persistence in prayer. Jesus invites us to persist in prayer as well, to "ask...seek...knock". May our prayer open us to God's will, and so build up his strength within us. In baptism we have died with Christ and have been raised to life with him.

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MASS INTENTIONS

JULY 28 — AUGUST 3, 2025

MASS READINGS

Mon	28	5:30 P.M.	†Arlene Claire Ryan
Tue	29	8:30 A.M.	†Arlene Claire Ryan
Wed	30	8:30 A.M.	†Wilba Lewis
Thu	31	8:30 A.M.	†Jose Guadalupe Barba
Fri	1	8:30 A.M.	†Arlene Claire Ryan
Sat	2	4:30 P.M.	People of St. Peter
Sun	3	8:30 A.M.	†Jerry & Susan Trecroci
		11:00 A.M.	†Mary Clark

Mon	Reading <i>Exodus</i> 32:15-24,30-34
28	Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 106:19-23
	Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 13:31-35
	<i>Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus</i>
Tue	Reading <i>Exodus</i> 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28
29	Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 103:6-13
	Gospel <i>John</i> 11:19-27 or <i>Luke</i> 10:38-42
	<i>Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>
Wed	Reading <i>Exodus</i> 34:29-35
30	Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 99:5-7,9
	Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 13:44-46
	<i>Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>
Thu	Reading <i>Exodus</i> 40:16-21,34-38
31	Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 84:3-6a,8a,11
	Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 13:47-53
	<i>Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>
Fri	Reading <i>Leviticus</i> 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37
1	Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 81:3-6,10-11b
	Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 13:54-58
	<i>Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop</i>
	<i>Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest</i>
Sat	Reading <i>Leviticus</i> 25:1,8-17
2	Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 67:2-3,5,7-8
	Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 14:1-12
	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sun	Reading I <i>Ecclesiasticus</i> 1:2;2:21-23
3	Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 90:3-6,12-14,17
	Reading II <i>Colossians</i> 3:1-5,9-11
	Gospel <i>Luke</i> 12:13-21

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JULY 27, 2025
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In our Gospel reading from Luke, some disciples of Jesus ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus instantly offers them the beautiful prayer which we, of course, call the Our Father.

The Our Father is truly a steward's prayer. In it, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, everything is His, and our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own. Then we ask Him to supply our needs (to give our daily bread), forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. That is, we proclaim our complete trust in His provision for us and mercy towards us. We, too, commit to extending mercy ourselves (as we forgive those who sin against us).

As we pray the words of the Our Father, we recognize this basic truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father, and we are beloved and infinitely blessed to be His children. This is the basis of a stewardship way of life.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus encourages us to pursue a relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door!

He can hardly wait to bless us, His children. Remember that this week, then go, be a blessing to others!

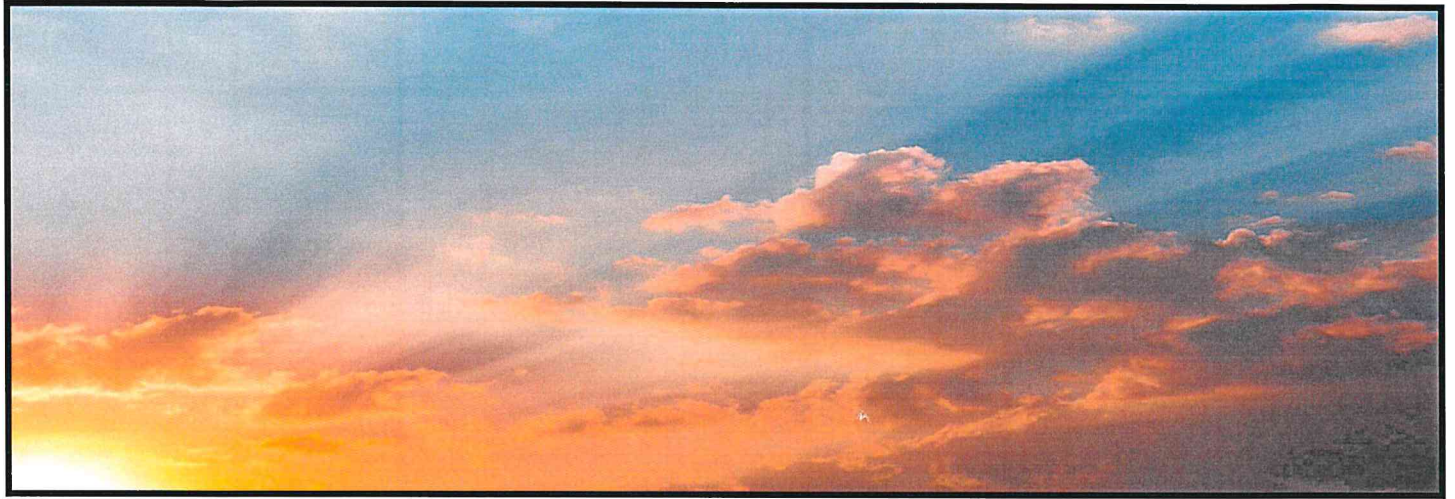
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CLOUD OF WITNESSES: WHY CATHOLICS PRAY FOR THE DEAD



By Aaron Lambert, November 3, 2023

Life is filled with uncertainties, but it brings with it one certainty that's inescapable: death. The old saying "memento mori" – "remember you will die" – seems a somber principle of the spiritual life, but at the same time it brings a certain hope for those with the right disposition of heart. For as people of faith, we know that while our earthly bodies will die and wither away, death no longer has any sting for those who profess the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who conquered death once and for all.

Despite this reality, losing a loved one is not easy. While our faith reassures us that we will be reunited in heaven, we still mourn for those we've lost and cherish the memories that remain in our hearts. More than that, however, as Catholics, we also pray for the souls of those who have died. The Church recognizes the month of November as a time to remember departed souls in our prayer intentions and pray for those who, as the priest prays during the Liturgy of the Eucharist, "have gone before us with the sign of faith." When Catholics talk about praying for the dead, fellow Christians will often scratch their heads at the notion, and some may raise accusations that such a practice is akin to the practice of conjuring and communicating with dead spirits that's associated with pagans and occultists. This is not what the Church means when she calls upon the faithful to pray for the dead.

The Church's tradition of praying for the dead is inextricably linked to her teaching on purgatory. The concept of purgatory is quite misunderstood by Catholics and non-Catholics alike, and rightly so. It can be a bit confusing at first glance. At best it's described as a celestial train station where souls wait to go to heaven, and at worst it's seen as a spiritual halfway house. In truth, it's neither of these.

The catechism describes it as such: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1030-1031).

To use an earthly image, think of how when camping in the woods, it is best to boil the river water before drinking it so as to purify or cleanse it, as it were, of any harmful bacteria. Purgatory is best thought of as a "purifying fire" (CCC 1031) where souls go to become pure enough to then enter the perfect and untainted splendor that is heaven. In many ways, it is an extension of God's grace even into the finality of death. As the souls in purgatory undergo this purification, the prayers of the faithful can help to expedite the process and deliver them from their sins. This is the chief reason why Catholics pray for the dead. It is an act of charity and mercy, not only for our loved ones who have died but for all those departed souls who have no one else to pray for them. It's important to note that this tradition finds its basis in sacred Scripture, as it further explains in the catechism: "This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in sacred Scripture: 'Therefore Judas Maccabeus made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.' From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God" (CCC 1032).

In addition to praying for the souls in purgatory, that they might be purified to enter the presence of God, we also ask those who have died to intercede for us. Again, this is not an attempt to communicate with dead spirits; rather, as St. Paul alludes to in Hebrews 12, this "cloud of witnesses" spurs us on in our own race here on earth through their prayers to the Father. Just as we do with the saints, asking for intercessory prayer is also a beautiful way to remember and remain connected to those we have lost.

All of this finds its culmination in the holy sacrifice of the Mass, where heaven and earth collide. We offer Masses for the dead because it is in the Eucharist that our sacrifice is united to that of Christ and all those who have died. We also remember the dead in a special way during the Mass because each time a Mass is celebrated, the merits of the sacrifice of Christ's cross are applied to those souls who have gone before us. The beauty of the Church is that even after death, we remain in communion with the souls of those who professed Christ as Lord during their time on earth. It is Christ who binds all Christians together, and our prayers to him and for those who have died transcend time and space. Therefore, we can be confident that our prayers for the dead are not without merit, nor do they fall upon deaf ears. The Lord hears them and grants his everlasting grace to those who have died.

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH | RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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>.

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

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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.

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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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Start Date to be Determined

JULY 27, 2025 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 20, 2025 SUNDAY COLLECTION		PARISH CALENDAR JULY 28—AUGUST 3, 2025	
Offertory	\$4,299.00	<u>Mon 28</u>	
Maintenance	\$1,875.00	3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL		5:30 P. M.	Evening Mass
Assessment: \$62,962.00		<u>Tue 29</u>	
Collected: \$23,233.00	Balance: \$39,729.00	8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
JULY 5-11, 2025 WE SHARE ONLINE \$1,915.95		3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Offertory	\$941.46	<u>Wed 30</u>	
Maintenance	\$313.63	8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
Church Roof Fund	\$27.61	3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Undesignated	\$97.84	<u>Thu 31</u>	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$56.39	8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal	\$479.02	3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
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		8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
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		<u>Sat 2</u>	
		3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
		3:30 P.M.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		4:30 P.M.	Mass
		<u>Sun 3</u>	
		8:30 A.M.	Mass
		11:00A.M.	Mass

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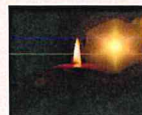
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