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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 30, 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor:

There is an ancient legend about Peter, which became the basis for a famous novel and motion picture. At the time of the great persecution under Nero, the Christians of Rome told Peter to leave. "You're too valuable," they said. "Get out of town! Find your safety! Go to another place and preach the Gospel." Peter hastily hurried out of town as fast as he could. But as he hurried along the Appian Way, away from the Eternal City, he was met by Christ, going toward the city. Peter said to him in Latin, "*Quo vadis, Domine?*" "Where are you going, Lord?" To which Jesus replied, "Back to Rome, to be crucified with my people. Where are you going, Peter?" Peter's eyes filled with tears of remorse, as he turned and walked back to Rome, where, according to tradition, he was crucified head downward, feeling that he was not worthy to die in the same manner as had his Lord. Jesus' question to Peter comes to us also. "Where are you going?" Are we going with Christ, or away from him and from his cross? That's the really important question. It doesn't matter how far we have traveled. What does matter is the direction in which we are going.

Today's readings explain how we should practice true, dynamic Christian discipleship. Jeremiah, in the first reading, is certainly a prototype of the suffering Christ. In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 63), the Psalmist manifests his profound trust in God, just as Jeremiah himself does. In the second reading, Paul advises the Romans and us (Rom 12:1-2): to "*offer our bodies as a living sacrifice*" to God by explicitly rejecting the ungodly behavior of the world around us and by discerning and doing the will of God. In today's Gospel, Jesus takes his disciples by surprise when, after Peter's great confession of Faith, Jesus announces that he "*must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.*" After correcting Peter's protest, Jesus announces the three conditions of Christian discipleship: "*Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me.*"

Life messages: # 1: We need to be "extremophiles" for Christ. True disciples of Christ are: a) *truly compassionate*: they are willing to visit and help the infected and the sick in hospitals, the incontinent elderly, the handicapped and those who suffer dementia in nursing homes, and AIDS patients in hospices; b) *truly humble*: they are able to see that every good gift comes from God alone, and that His gifts to us of time, personal talents, and resources should inspire gratitude, not pride; c) *truly patient*: they are committed to working with challenging children, adolescents with problems, young adults who are struggling with their Faith, with the intellectually challenged and with those suffering dementia; d) *truly forgiving*: they are willing to forgive not just once, or twice, but again and again, because they know that God has forgiven them again and again; e) *truly loving*: they willingly visit people in prisons, in retirement homes, and in homeless shelters; and f) *truly faithful*: they are living out a committed, trusting relationship with God, with spouse, with family and friends. **# 2: We need to ask these questions as we examine our conscience.** A true disciple examines his or her conscience every day, asking three questions about discipleship: a) Did I sacrifice a part of my time, talents and income for my parish and the missionary activities of the Church? b) Did I practice self-control over my thoughts, words, deeds and use of mass media, and put loving restriction on the cell phone and internet activities of my children? c) Did I train my children in my Faith in a loving, providing, redeeming God by encouraging them as we spend some time together as a family, praying and reading the Bible, and by teaching them through example and word to pardon each other, to ask for God's pardon for our own sins and failures, to thank God for His blessings and to participate in the Sunday school classes and youth programs?

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday

Rosary at 4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Rosary at 9:25 a.m.

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon

12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. &
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:30 p.m. English

7:30 p.m. Spanish

Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Rosary

The Rosary will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Organizations/Groups Monthly Meetings

Altar Society - 1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm (Sept - May)

Knights of Columbus - 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Men's Group - 3rd Thursday at 6:45 p.m.

Women's Group - Last Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Group - Every Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community....

Pray for: Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Barbara Dean, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Natalie Hayes, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Luncford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Rich Legler, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Matthew Williams, Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Aug 29	5:00 p.m.	Marcon Family S.I.
Sun	Aug 30	10:00 a.m.	Members of Our Parish
Sun	Aug 30	12:30 p.m.	Bishop John Gomez S.I.

Weekday Mass Intentions will be offered by Fr. Luke:
Ciro Garcia Payan+(4) & Julie Becker & Jaden Family S.I.

Sat	Sep 05	5:00 p.m.	Cesar Brillantes+
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Parish Giving

August 23, 2026

1st Collection	\$3,521.48
2nd Collection	\$ 606.00
Children's Collection	\$ 39.00

Collections

2nd Collection	Aug 30	Mission Fund
2nd Collection	Sep 06	Catholic University of America
3rd Collection	Sep 06	Lawn care Maintenance

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m.	<u>84</u>
10:00 a.m.	<u>131</u> and 12:30 p.m. <u>108</u>

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.

Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock

Acolytes: Rick Downey; Felipe Segura;
Alberto Robledo

Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez

Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham

Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano

Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey

The administration and pastoral care of Prince of Peace Parish is entrusted to the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales (M.S.F.S.), also known as Fransalian Missionaries, an international religious order with headquarters in Rome and the Provincial House in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, visit www.fransaliansusa.com or www.wellspringcommunity.net.



Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



Gentleness towards ourselves makes us moderate in our emotions and feelings toward ourselves and regulates all violent and impetuous thoughts.

St. Francis De Sales

News and Notes

September 4 is First Friday

Next Friday, September 4, is First Friday. Holy Hour will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Come and spend an hour with our Lord.

Fr. Luke Away

Fr. Luke is in India until September 11. Please keep him in your prayers. During his absence we will have Mass on weekends but not on weekdays. For any emergency our office will contact the cathedral. Bible questions/answers will be paused until Fr. Luke's return.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation will begin next Wednesday, September 2, 2026. Parents and children will first gather in the church for prayer and an informational meeting at 5:45p.m. The basics of attendance, as well as parent involvement and responsibilities, will be presented. Catechists will be introduced, after which time the children will go to their respective classrooms until 7:30 p.m.

Prince of Peace Youth Group Burger Bash on September 13

Support our amazing youth group as they kick off the school year with faith, fun, and fellowship! On Sunday, September 13, join us for our Back-to-School Burger Bash. Burgers will be ready for pickup from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 per plate that includes a juicy burger, chips, drink, and dessert! Tickets will be available for purchase after Masses this weekend and again on September 5-6. All proceeds go directly to supporting youth retreats, service projects, and other faith-based events throughout the year!

SERENITY RETREAT at Wellspring

Fr. Gus Tharappel invites you to join him as he continues to guide the study of Serenity on Saturday, September 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Wellspring, Fransalian Center for Spirituality, 16828 FM 2964 (Rhones Quarter Rd), Whitehouse. Register at: retreatsatwellspring@gmail.com.

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil - September 23 – November 1

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful all-day vigils. Forty days is a timeframe God consistently uses throughout salvation history to transform His people. The crisis of abortion is enormous. Abortion is the leading cause of death in the world, taking more than 50 million lives every year. The vigil location in Tyler is located outside the Chapel of Sts. Peter and Paul at 1435 E. Southeast Loop 323 @ Easy Street. Vigil hours are 7 am to 7 pm daily on weekdays. Learn more at: www.40daysforlife.com/Tyler, or contact Lars Gustafson at 281-782-6292.

Safe Environment

As a reminder to parents with young children through school age, your child must be in your line of sight in church or on church grounds. A parent must accompany their children to the restroom, wait, and return to the pew with them.

Building Expansion

Based on the survey received from our parishioners in which most of our members felt the need of and were in favor of expanding our current community hall and adding a few classrooms, Fr. Luke had several discussions with parish councils, those experienced in construction, and the previous contractor. A final but a preliminary plan and estimates were given by the contractor. Fr. Luke is also in contact with the diocese as part of the process. Once more information with detailed plans and actual costs are available, they will be communicated to you eventually. Thank you in advance for your support and prayers for the successful completion of this important project of ours.

Ethics and Integrity - Church Personnel Certification / Recertification (CPC)

All clergy, employees, and volunteers who work with minors up to age 18 and vulnerable adults must have a CPC - Church Personnel Certification (Ethics and Integrity). If you currently have a CPC, remember that this certification lasts for three years, at which time you must recertify through VIRTUS. recertification training. **If any of these modules has expired, you will not be allowed to participate in any ministry in which certification is mandatory.** If you have any questions, contact Linda Rossler at the church office.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.



Saint Augustine of Hippo - Feast Day August 28 Priest, Bishop, and Doctor of the Church

In the late second and early third centuries, Saint Augustine was a defender of the faith and shepherd to his people. Even today, his writings on Church doctrine are undisputable. However, his early years were spent far away from God and the Church. He was born in North Africa in 354 A.D. His sainted mother Monica gave him a Christian education, but he did not have a sincere attraction to the Church. At the age of 16, he became self-absorbed, pleasure-seeking, and filled with lustful desires. He partied, he drank, and he pursued women. Augustine lived debaucherously for thirteen years in. At age of 20, he embraced Manichaeism, a religion that combined facets of all the different religions known at the time. Monica was devastated over his sinful living and new religion, and she prayed to God for his conversion. At the age of 29, Augustine's life was beginning to change. He traveled to Milan for a teaching job, and Monica followed him and met him there. Both were attracted to the preaching of Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, who became their spiritual advisor. Bishop Ambrose guided Augustine and encouraged him to read Holy Scripture. After three years Augustine came to the conclusion that Jesus Christ is the source of all salvation. He was baptized in 387, ordained in 391, and in 396 he became Bishop of the See of Hippo that lasted for 34 years. He died on August 28, 430 A.D.

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