

# Prince of Peace Catholic Church

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## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 21, 2026

### From the Desk of the Pastor:

In March 1933, the newly-elected President Franklin Roosevelt said: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself -- nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance." Fear can paralyze, whether that fear is based in reality or whether it exists only in our own mind. Listen to Jesus: "*Do not fear!*" "*Do not be afraid!*"

The first reading tells us how the prophet Jeremiah trusted in the power of God while he faced opposition for his prophetic ministry. He was intimidated by attacks upon his character, but he was unafraid to speak out in the name of the Lord. The psalmist in today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 69) trusts in *God* when he is misunderstood and ill-treated even by his brothers and relatives. In the second reading, Paul assures the Christians in Rome that they need not be afraid of opposition both because they share in the death of Jesus and because they are united with Christ, the new Adam, in his Resurrection.

Today's Gospel passage is taken from the end of Jesus' instruction to his disciples as he sends them forth to carry on his mission of preaching and healing. He asks them to live simple lives and to expect opposition and rejection. After having foretold future opposition and persecution, Jesus encourages his disciples to stand firm. Three times they are urged, "*Do not fear!*" "*Do not be afraid!*" Instead of shrinking from their task, they are to proclaim the Gospel boldly because they will be protected, just as Jeremiah was assured of God's protection. Hence, Jesus commands his disciples not to fear their persecutors. He presents before them the image of the sparrow to reinforce the disciples' trust and hope in God. The readings hint at the opposition we future Christians will encounter as we carry on the work of Jesus in the world, and they encourage us to persevere in doing the work of Jesus. They assure us that we will be successful, despite the opposition we encounter.

**Life messages:** 1) We need not be afraid because our life is in the hands of a loving God. Sometimes we are afraid that we will make a wrong decision. At other times, we are afraid of what others will think when we speak up for Jesus. We are afraid of what the future will bring to our children. We are also afraid of growing old. Sometimes we are afraid of what declining health will bring us. At the root of these fears is the fear of loss. Every fear we have is grounded in the knowledge that we have something or someone to lose. I can lose my job, family, house, money, reputation, health, and even life itself. Rejection and loss are the basis of our fears. But we forget one thing: whatever trouble or crisis affects us, we know that God understands it better than we ourselves do. Our Heavenly Father knows exactly what is happening. What a release from fear it is to know that God is with us; that our life is in the hands of a loving God! The next time fear grips us we need to remember that being faithful to Christ wherever we meet him in this life is much more important than our fear of loss or rejection by others. Also, let us take a moment to recall some of the great promises of God. Let us remind ourselves that God cares – we are each a dear child of His, and He cares for each of us. "*Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.*" The last verse of Psalm 27 sums it up nicely: "*Trust in the Lord. Have Faith; do not despair. Trust in the Lord.*"

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, Rich Legler, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Matthew Williams, Manuel Yañez.

### Mass Intentions

Sat	Jun 20	5:00 p.m.	Imi Christine Opstedal S.I.
Sun	Jun 21	10:00 a.m.	Members of Our Parish
Sun	Jun 21	12:30 p.m.	Lucio Garcia Cruz+
Tue	Jun 23	12:30 p.m.	Joseph and Louise Meyer+
Thu	Jun 25	5:00 p.m.	George NeJame+
Fri	Jun 26	12:30 p.m.	Earlis & Shirley Vidrine & Family+
Sat	Jun 27	5:00 p.m.	Felisa Brillantes+

## Parish Giving

### June 14, 2026

1st Collection	\$3,636.00
2nd Collection	\$ 368.00
Children's Collection	\$ 17.00

2nd Collection	Jun 21	Diocesan Priest Pension Fund
3rd Collection	Jun 21	Lawncare/Maintenance
2nd Collection	Jun 28	Pontifical Collection for Peter's Pence

### Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 74  
10:00 a.m. 129 and 12:30 p.m. 81

### 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

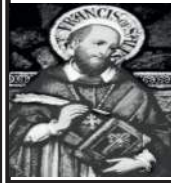
**Pastoral Council Chair:** Theresa Cheatham  
**Finance Council Chair:** Lou Napolitano  
**Maintenance Committee Chair:** Rick Downey

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## Church Office Hours

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



**Persevere in overcoming yourself in the little everyday frustrations that bother you. Let your best efforts be directed there.**

St. Francis de Sales

## News and Notes

### Youth Group Retreat

Members of our Youth Group, along with youth leaders and chaperones, will be on retreat next weekend in Alexandria, Louisiana. Let us pray for safe travels and a blessed time for all.

### Altar Society News

**New Gift Shop Summer Hours:** Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, our Altar Society Gift Shop will be open after every weekend Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks of each month. We stock many products in support of our faith, in addition to doing special request orders. We have gifts for all ages and stages of your faith journey. The Altar Society thanks you for your support of our mission, and we look forward to serving you.

### Bible Questions

We are just finishing one part of the Bible – the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible, which talks about the creation, Abraham, Moses and how God led the Israelites from Egypt to the Promised Land. We are now beginning the next part – Joshua, which talks about how they entered into the Promised Land, how God helped them to conquer their enemies, etc. Soon we will begin the Historical books. For those who haven't started or have discontinued in between, it's a good opportunity to begin/resume this beautiful program. It is a great opportunity for education, Bible study, and praying at your pace and leisure.

### Food Pantry

Thanks to those who have generously responded to filling our pantry needs. Your contributions help meet the nutritional requirements of our neighbors. The pantry still needs additional macaroni and cheese and canned items such as spaghetti/boeufaroni, stews, and fruits. If you or someone you know needs food assistance, please contact the church office.

### From the Diocese of Tyler - Catechist Conference - Youth Conference - World Youth Day

Diocesan Formation (Catechist) Conference - August 8, 2026 - Register at [dioceseoftyler.org](http://dioceseoftyler.org).

DCYC Youth Conference - all high school students - 8a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Saturday, October 10, 2026 - JAMA Global Campus, Lindale. Students must be registered with a parish to attend DCYC. Early bird registration ends on May 31. For more information contact: [dcycregistration@dioceseoftyler.org](mailto:dcycregistration@dioceseoftyler.org).

### WYD Information Session & Young Adult Gathering

The Office of Faith Formation is hosting a World Youth Day Information session and Young Adult Gathering (ages 21-35) on **Sunday, June 14, 2026**, from **3:00-5:00 pm** in the St. Paul Meeting Room at the Diocesan Chancery. Come to learn more about the diocesan pilgrimage to Korea for WYD 2027 and meet other Catholic Young Adults! Learn more about the diocesan pilgrimage for WYD 2027 at [www.dioceseoftyler.org/wyd](http://www.dioceseoftyler.org/wyd). For questions about WYD or about this information session and gather contact Rita Martinez at [rmartinez@dioceseoftyler.org](mailto:rmartinez@dioceseoftyler.org) or 903-534-1077 x158.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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.

**Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner**

**Answers for June 7**

**Kids:** a. Booths  
b. They should not cut down.

**Correctly answered by** Zaya Monnen, Vicky and David Gutierrez.

**Adults:** a. Animal with any serious defect.  
b. First offer it terms of peace.

**Correctly answered by** Neri Gutierrez, Mimi Plumb, Carolyn Barrett, Andrea Gustafson, Linda & Leo Rossler, Glenda Means, Theresa Cheatham, and Maria Gutierrez.

**Congratulations for the 5 weeks' answers to** Neri Gutierrez, Leo Rossler, Andrea Gustafson, and Theresa Cheatham.

**Questions for June 21 (Deuteronomy 26-30)**

**Kids:** a. The Lord promises blessings and curses to people. For whom are the curses?  
b. On the day you cross the \_\_\_\_\_ into the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you (the land flowing with milk and honey). Fill in the blank.

**Adults:** a. The Lord promises blessings and curses to people. For whom are the blessings?  
b. Moses told the people, "On the stones you shall inscribe all the words of this \_\_\_\_\_ very clearly."

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