

# Prince of Peace Catholic Church

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## *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 28, 2026*

### **From the Desk of the Pastor:**

The Russian author Leo Tolstoy once wrote a story about a shoemaker who was making his way home one night when he found a poor man shivering and poorly clad. Moved by pity, the shoemaker took the man home. His wife was not pleased. She complained about the cost of feeding another mouth. As she continued to complain, the stranger grew smaller and smaller, shriveled and wrinkled with every unkind word. But when she spoke kindly to the stranger and gave him food, he grew and became more beautiful. The reason was that the stranger was an angel from Heaven in human form and could live only in an atmosphere of kindness and love. [Fulton J. Sheen, *The Power of Love* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1964).] -- The writer of Hebrews tells us that we are to be hospitable to "strangers for thereby, some have entertained angels unawares" (Heb 13:2).

In our first reading, we see the welcome given to the prophet Elisha by an elderly, childless couple who lived in Shunem. The wife recognized the holiness of Elisha. She showed him reverence and hospitality by inviting him to dine with her and her husband and by arranging an upper room of their house so that Elisha might stay with them when he visited the area. In response, Elisha promised her, "*This time next year you will be fondling a baby son.*" The promise was fulfilled by God. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 89) reminds us that we are the children of God Who tells us, "*My mercy [kindness] is established forever.*" The second reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, explains why those who care for the followers of Jesus are caring for Jesus himself, and those who show hospitality to any one of them are eligible for a reward. By our Baptism, we have been baptized into Jesus' death and buried with him, and we look forward to our resurrection with him (Rom 6:5). Since Baptism is our entrée into this new life, it makes us part of the Body of Christ, and Christ is truly present in us. That is why the one who welcomes us welcomes Christ and becomes eligible for a reward. Today's Gospel lesson concludes Jesus' great "missionary discourse" in which he instructs the twelve apostles on the cost and the reward of the commitment required of a disciple. The first half of these sayings of Jesus details the behavior expected of his disciples, and the second half speaks of the behavior expected of others towards the disciples. Jesus assures his disciples that whoever shows them hospitality will be blessed. Those who receive Jesus receive the One who sent him. Also, those who help the "little ones," (believers) and the poor, the sick, and the needy will be amply rewarded.

Our take away: We need to be hospitable and generous: Hospitality means acknowledging the presence of God in others and serving Him in them, especially those in whom we least expect to find Him. We, as individuals and as a community, are to look for opportunities to be hospitable--and, of course, there are plenty of ways of offering hospitality. Maybe hospitality is offered through a kind word to a stranger - or even a smile. A kind smile or a "hello" to someone waiting with us in a grocery line may be the only kindness that person encounters all day. We become fully alive as Christians through the generous giving of ourselves. What is more important than the sending of checks for charitable causes is the giving of ourselves to people, primarily in the way we think about them, for from that spring will flow the ways we speak to them and about them, forgive their failings, encourage them, show them respect, console them, and offer them help. Such generosity reflects warmth radiating from the very love of God.

*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.

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](http://www.fransaliansusa.com) or [www.wellspringcommunity.net](http://www.wellspringcommunity.net).

## *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, Rich Legler, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Matthew Williams, Manuel Yañez.

### Mass Intentions

Sat	Jun 27	5:00 p.m.	Felisa Brillantes+
Sun	Jun 28	10:00 a.m.	Members of Our Parish
Sun	Jun 28	12:30 p.m.	Lucio Garcia Cruz & Lucio Nava+
Tue	Jun 30	12:30 p.m.	Jules and Jeanne Libolt+
Thu	July 02	5:00 p.m.	Anil D'Souza+
Fri	July 03	12:30 p.m.	Julie Becker & Jaden Family S.I.
Sat	July 04	5:00 p.m.	Marcon Family S.I.

## *Parish Giving*

### June 21, 2026

1st Collection	\$3,469.11
2nd Collection	\$ 479.00
3rd Collection	\$ 359.00
Children's Collection	\$ 45.00

2nd Collection Jun 28	Pontifical Collection for Peter's Pence
2nd Collection Jul 05	Emergency Fund
3rd Collection Jul 05	Lawncare Maintenance

### Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 80  
10:00 a.m. 120 and 12:30 p.m. 110

### 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



### Church Office Hours

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



**Charity is a bond and a bond of perfection.  
A person who has more charity is more  
closely united and joined to God.**

*St. Francis de Sales*

## News and Notes

### July 3rd is First Friday

First Friday Holy Hour will follow the 12:30 p.m. Mass from 1 - 2 p.m. and from 6 - 7 p.m.  
Come and spend an hour with our Lord

### Support one another by our participation in Mass at Prince of Peace

Prince of Peace misses those of our parishioners who miss Mass in our parish church. Let us try to support one another by our participation in our own church together as members of one family, except when a particular circumstance leads one to attend in another church. Every individual in our parish is precious and indispensable, and your presence is very much comforting and encouraging.

### Faith Formation

Register your child(ren) for Faith Formation in the church office beginning on Monday, July 6. Baptismal certificates are needed at the time of registration for new students who were not baptized at Prince of Peace. Fees are due at the time of registration.

#### *Fees*

July 6 - August 14 - Family fee - \$20 plus \$10 per child  
After August 14 - Family fee - \$40 plus \$10 per child

### RETREAT at Wellspring on July 11

Father Gus Tharappel will guide a retreat on Serenity on Saturday, July 11, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., at the Wellspring Fransalian Center for Spirituality, 16828 FM 2964, Whitehouse. Register at [retreatsatwellspring@gmail.com](mailto:retreatsatwellspring@gmail.com).

### 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 fulfilling our pantry needs. Your contributions help meet the nutritional requirements of our neighbors. If you or someone you know needs food assistance, please contact the church office.

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

*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. For more information contact: [dcycregistration@dioceseoftyler.org](mailto:dcycregistration@dioceseoftyler.org).

### 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 14**

**Kids:** a. Parapet  
b. Stone him to death.

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

**Adults:** a. From a foreigner  
b. Bury it on the same day.

**Answered Correctly by** Neri Gutierrez, Issac Gutierrez, Anali Gutierrez, Mimi Plumb, Carolyn Barrett, Nazaria Coralde, Andrea Gustafson, Linda & Leo Rossler, Theresa Cheatham, Maria Gutierrez, Zeny Williams, and Glenda Means.

**Congratulations for the 5 weeks' answers to Linda Rossler.**

**Questions for June 28 (Deuteronomy 31-34)**

**Kids:** a. Among Moses, Aaron, and Joshua who was able to enter into the Promised Land?  
b. Who succeeded Moses in leading the Israelites?

**Adults:** a. God gave Moses a song that narrates the works that the Lord did to the Israelites, their iniquities, and the Lord's punishment on them. In which chapter do we find this song and who recited it for the people?  
b. What was the sin Moses and Aaron committed at the waters of Meribath-kadesh?

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