

# Prince of Peace Catholic Church

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## *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 19, 2026*

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

*The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* is a gothic novella by the Scottish author Robert Louis Stevenson first published in 1886. The work is also known simply *Jekyll & Hyde*. As a story, it talks about the concept of good and evil that exists in all of us. In the novel, Stevenson creates a hero in Dr. Jekyll, who, aware of the evil in his own being, and sick of the duplicity in his life, succeeds by way of his experiments on himself (using a self-made potion), in freeing the pure evil part of his being as Mr. Hyde, so that each can indulge in a life unfettered by the demands of the other. After taking the potion repeatedly, Jekyll no longer relies upon it to unleash his inner demon, i.e., his alter ego. Eventually, Hyde grows so strong that Jekyll becomes reliant on the potion to remain consciously himself. Finally, Dr. Jekyll kills himself in order to save his fellowmen from the evil of his alter-ego Edward Hyde. The Gospel teaches us that we are all a mixture of good and evil and hence that we should be patient and merciful with the evil ones in our families, parishes, and society, as well as with ourselves.

The first reading from the Book of Wisdom shows us a merciful and patient God, rather than the disciplining, punishing God presented in the book of Genesis. The second reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, reminds us that the Spirit of God constantly empowers us in our prayers and in our weakness. So, we should be patient with ourselves and with others. Finally, in the Gospel parable of the wheat and the weeds, Jesus presents a wise and patient God who allows the good and the evil to coexist in the world until the harvest and blesses the evil ones for the little good they may have done, so that they may come to conversion before their time ends: "*Let the wheat and the weeds [darnel] grow together till the harvest time.*" In other words, God is "*delaying*" the end of the world for repentant sinners, giving them more time and offering them the graces of strength and good will so that they may get reconciled with Him. God calmly recognizes that there is evil in the world, but He sees that evil is no excuse for the good people not to do good with the power of God at their disposal. Through the *Parable of the wheat and the weeds* in today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to be patient with those who seem to us to fail to meet the high ethical standard expected of a Christian.

**Life messages:** 1) We need to practice patience and show mercy. Let us patiently and lovingly treat the "*weeds*" in our society as our brothers and sisters and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to Heaven, especially by our good example, encouragement, and fervent prayer for their conversion. Let us remember that most of us have been "*weeds*" in God's field more than once, and God has showed us mercy. God is so merciful that He allows evil to exist in order that what is good may grow. He allows evil to exist also because He can turn it into good. Through the power of the Spirit, God can change even the ugliest thorn into a blossom of Faith. In God's field, we have two responsibilities: to grow in grace, God's favor, and to share His Word and love with others.

2) We need to grow up as healthy wheat in God's field, leaving the "*weeds*" for God to take care of. The Good News is that growth and maturity are probably the most effective forms of weed control. Our transparent and exemplary Christian lives will be a compelling challenge and a forceful invitation to evildoers to repent of their sinful lives and turn to a loving and forgiving God. Our acts of charity, kindness, mercy, encouragement, loving correction, and selfless service, can prompt the "*weeds*" in our society to reassess their lives, modify them, and grow into useful members of society.

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

### ***Mass Intentions***

|     |         |            |                        |
|-----|---------|------------|------------------------|
| Sat | July 18 | 5:00 p.m.  | Maria Magdalena Ortiz+ |
| Sun | July 19 | 10:00 a.m. | Members of our Parish  |
| Sun | July 19 | 12:30 p.m. | Enrique Olvera+        |
| Tue | July 21 | 12:30 p.m. | Darlene Nolan+         |
| Thu | July 23 | 5:00 p.m.  | Lupita Moreira+        |
| Fri | July 24 | 12:30 p.m. | Lucile Cook+           |
| Sat | July 25 | 5:00 p.m.  | Billie Maxwell+        |

## ***Parish Giving***

### **July 12, 2026**

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| 1st Collection        | \$3,511.00 |
| 2nd Collection        | \$ 451.00  |
| Children's Collection | \$ 16.47   |

### **Collections**

|                |        |                                      |
|----------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| 2nd Collection | Jul 19 | Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales |
| 3rd Collection | Jul 19 | Lawn care/Maintenance                |
| 2nd Collection | Jul 26 | Church in Africa                     |

### **Mass Attendance**

5:00 p.m. 66  
10:00 a.m. 122 and 12:30 p.m. 109

### **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 Fransalians 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).



### Church Office Hours

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



Like a good father who holds his child by the hand, God will accommodate His steps to yours and will be content to go no faster than you. Why do you worry?

St. Francis de Sales

## News and Notes

### Faith Formation

Faith Formation will begin on Wednesday, September 2, 2026. 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

### 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.

### 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.

### Altar Society Gift Shop News

**OUR GIFT SHOP HAS MOVED!** We are back inside our official "gift shop" area. Please remember that we are there, ready to meet the needs of your Catholic faith. For the rest of the summer (through September) we will be open after each Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month. We are happy to do special orders if you need something we don't have on hand. **SPECIAL OFFER:** Get a free holy card with every \$10 purchase.

Altar Society **Cookbooks** are still available. Purchase yours after Mass today - \$20 per copy.

### Catholic Family Adventure Club

Catholic Family Adventure Club, a homeschool social community, is now accepting families for the 2026-2027 programming year. Perks include field trips, community Masses, Liturgical events, youth ministry, activities for tiny tots and more. Register at [www.CATHOLICFAMILYADVENTURECLUB.COM](http://www.CATHOLICFAMILYADVENTURECLUB.COM). Registration closes on July 22.

### 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 - 8:00a.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 July 5

**Kids:** a. 2  
b. Gilgal.

**Correctly answered by** Vicky and David Gutierrez.

**Adults:** a. If they observe all that is written in the law.  
b. In remembrance of Israel crossing the Jordan on dry ground

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

**Congratulations for the 5 weeks' answers to** Glenda Means and Mimi Plumb.

#### Questions for July 19 (Joshua 11-15)

**Kids:** a. Who was the father of Anak?  
b. Israel did not destroy any of the cities built on raised sites, except \_\_\_\_\_, which Joshua burned. Which was that city burned by Joshua?

**Adults:** a. Why did Moses give no heritage to the tribes of Levi?  
b. Whose son was the soothsayer Balaam?

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