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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 12, 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor:

Outstanding among the heroic founders of the United States was Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790). Printer, author, publisher, inventor, scientist, businessman, thinker, statesman, and diplomat, Franklin was a great blessing to the U.S and to humanity. One day he received a gift of a whiskbroom from India. He noticed a few seeds fastened to wisps of the broom. Franklin planted them. When the first crop came up, he distributed the seeds among his friends and neighbors. Their crops flourished. Thus, Franklin was responsible for introducing broomcorn into the American colonies and starting the American broom manufacturing industry. -- Today's Gospel challenges us to do something like that, using the high yielding seeds of the word of God freely given to us.

In the first reading, Isaiah consoles the Jewish slaves in Babylon, assuring them that, like rain and snow which water the earth so that seeds may sprout and grow, God's word will accomplish His purpose, in this case by returning the exiles to their homes in peace as God has promised. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that just as seeds must fall into the earth and die to produce an abundant crop, the pain and sufferings God permits in our lives work in us for our redemption. Paul wants us to wait for our eternal reward while we continue sowing the word of God diligently and suffering for the Lord, as he did. Today's Gospel teaches us that the word of the Lord is the seed, and our hearts and minds are the soil. The seed's good spiritual yield in one's life depends on how fully one willingly accepts and responds to the word of the Lord. The yield arising from the positive response will be abundant beyond all imagining. The parable tells us to do our part by preparing fertile soil in our hearts in which the word of God can germinate, grow, and yield 30-, 60, or 100-fold.

Life messages: 1) We need to assess our use of the word of God. We need to **read the word of God every day**, starting with a prayer to the Holy Spirit for the gifts of attentive reading and the ability and willingness to **apply the message** we receive to our daily living. When we listen to the word of God as read and preached in the Church during the Holy Mass, or in a televised program, we need to **pay full attention to the message** given by God, Who uses the priest or preacher as His instrument.

2) We need to keep our spiritual soil free from weeds, fertile, and well-prepared for the word of God: First, we need to keep our **hearts open** to the word of God instead of closing it with pride, prejudice, fear, or laziness. Second, we also need to ask God's special grace to **remove all types of blocks which harden** our hearts, like laziness, anxiety, worries, hatred, jealousy, prejudice and the burden of un-repent/unconfessed sins, any of which can prevent the word of God from influencing and transforming our lives. Third, we have to remove from our hearts **the weeds** like evil habits and addictions, evil tendencies, hatred, jealousy, fear, and greed. Fourth, we should not allow the trials and tribulations of this world (the cares of this world, our ambitions, or our desires for worldly success and happiness), to **choke out** the messages that God gives through His word. Last, we have to keep the **soil of our hearts fertile** by our prayer life, repenting daily of our sins receiving the sacrament of reconciliation when necessary, and receiving the spiritual food of the Holy Eucharist by participating in the Holy Mass. When we receive Jesus, the Word of God and the Source of the word of God [Holy Scripture and Sacred Tradition] in Holy Communion, we need to ask him to transform our lives so that we may see Jesus in all of us (for we are all brothers and sisters in Him) and share with each Jesus' unconditional love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness.

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 or 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	July 11	5:00 p.m.	Gordan McDonald+
Sun	July 12	10:00 a.m.	Members of our Parish
Sun	July 12	12:30 p.m.	Blood, Mire & McGrew Families+
Tue	July 14	12:30 p.m.	Walter Cooper+
Thu	July 16	5:00 p.m.	Janeth & Alex Moreira S.I.
Fri	July 17	12:30 p.m.	Lucile Cook+
Sat	July 18	5:00 p.m.	Maria Magdalena Ortiz+

Parish Giving

July 5, 2026

1st Collection	\$3,244.11
2nd Collection	\$ 313.00
3rd Collection	\$ 447.00
Children's Collection	\$ 22.00

Collections

2nd Collection	Jul 12	Helpers in Ministry
2nd Collection	Jul 19	Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales
3rd Collection	Jul 19	Lawncare/Maintenance

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 71
10:00 a.m. 136 and 12:30 p.m. 88

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

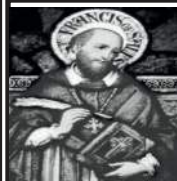
Committee Chairs

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.



Direct your thoughts to being very good at what you are and to bearing the crosses, little or great, that you will find there.

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

Knights of Columbus — Pork Loins Sales – July 2026

The Knights will be preparing smoked Pork Loins on Saturday, July 18, with pick up that afternoon from 4 to 7 pm. Buy your tickets (\$25.00) after all Masses this weekend. Each Pork Loin will weigh 4-5 lbs. All proceeds will be used for supporting Prince of Peace activities, our Youth Group, Families, and the Community!

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 1st and 3rd 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.

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. 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.

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.

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.

Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner

Answers for June 28

Kids: a. Joshua
b. Joshua

Correctly answered by Vicky and David Gutierrez.

Adults: a. Chapter 32, Moses and Joshua
b. Failing to manifest God's sanctity among the Israelites.

Correctly answered by Neri Gutierrez, Mimi Plumb, Carolyn Barrett, Andrea Gustafson, Linda & Leo Rossler, Theresa Cheatham, Jason Reed, Anali Gutierrez, Isaac Gutierrez, Zeny Williams and Glenda Means.

Questions for July 12 (Joshua 6-10)

Kids: a. Who was the father of Achan?
b. Adonizedek was the king of which city?

Adults: a. Why were Rahab the harlot and all her kin spared from the city of Jericho?
b. How many Amorite kings united and marched against Gibeon? Who won in the battle: Amorites or Israel?

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