

Prince of Peace Catholic Church

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Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor:

Reasons why we believe in the Resurrection of Jesus:

(1) Jesus himself testified to his Resurrection from the dead, giving it as a sign of his divinity. (*Mk 8:31; Mt 17:22; Lk 9:22*). “Tear down this temple and in three days I will build it again” (*Jn 2:19*).

(2) The tomb was empty on Easter Sunday (*Lk 24:3*). Although the guards claimed (*Mt 28:13*) that the disciples of Jesus had stolen the body, every sensible Jew knew that it would have been impossible for the terrified disciples of Jesus to steal the body of Jesus from a tomb guarded by an armed, 16-member Roman Guard detachment.

(3) The initial disbelief of Jesus’ own disciples in Jesus’ Resurrection, despite His repeated apparitions, serves as a strong proof of his Resurrection. Their initial disbelief explains why the Apostles started preaching the Risen Christ only after receiving the anointing of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the 50th day after the Passover and Jesus death and burial.

(4) The transformation of Jesus’ disciples: Jesus’ Resurrection and the anointing of the Holy Spirit transformed men who were hopeless and fearful after the crucifixion (*Lk 24:21, Jn 20:19*) into men who now were confident, bold witnesses to the Resurrection (*Acts 2:24, 3:15, 4:2*), powerfully preaching the Risen Lord.

(5) Neither the Jews nor the Romans could disprove Jesus’ Resurrection by presenting the dead body of Jesus.

(6) The Apostles and early Christians would not have fearlessly preached Christ as Savior and faced martyrdom if they were not absolutely sure of Jesus’ Resurrection.

(7) The Apostle Paul’s conversion from a persecutor of Christians to a zealous preacher of Jesus supports the truth of Jesus’ Resurrection (*Gal 1:11-17, Acts 9:1, Acts 9:24-25, Acts 26:15-18*).

(8) The sheer existence of a thriving, empire-conquering early Christian Church, bravely facing and surviving three centuries of persecution, supports the truth of the Resurrection claim.

(9) The New Testament witnesses do not bear the stamp of dupes or deceivers. The Apostles and the early Christians were absolutely sure about the Resurrection of Jesus.

Life Messages: 1) Let us live the lives of Resurrection people: We are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, dangerous addictions, despair, discouragement or doubts. Instead, we are expected to live joyful and peaceful lives, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord Who loves us in all the events of our lives and amid the boredom, suffering, pain, and tensions of our day-to-day living out of our Faith. 2) The conviction of the real presence of the Risen Lord with us, within us, and all around us, enables us to lead disciplined Christian lives. This conviction of Faith will help us to control our thoughts, desires, words, behavior and actions. 3) We need to become transparent Christians, radiating the Risen Lord around us in the form of selfless, sacrificial *agape* love, mercy, compassion, and the spirit of humble service. Each time we try to practice Christian charity, mercy, and forgiveness, and each time we fight against temptations, we share in the Resurrection of Jesus.

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
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.

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	Apr 04	8:30 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+
Sun	Apr 05	10:00 a.m.	Members of Our Parish
Sun	Apr 05	12:30 p.m.	Victor, Aldo, & Ernesto Huerta+
Tue	Apr 07	12:30 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+
Thu	Apr 09	5:00 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+
Fri	Apr 10	12:30 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+
Sat	Apr 11	5:00 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+

Parish Giving

March 29, 2026

1st Collection	\$ 3,223.00
2nd Collection	\$ 551.00
Children's Collection	\$ 101.00

2nd Collection	Apr 12	Emergency Fund
2nd Collection	Apr 19	Helpers
3rd Collection	Apr 19	Lawn Care/Maintenance

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m.	<u>82</u>
10:00 a.m.	<u>174</u> and 12:30 p.m. <u>189</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.



Every moment comes to us pregnant with a command from God, only to pass on and plunge into eternity, there to remain forever what we have made of it.

St. Francis de Sales

News and Notes



He is Risen! Happy Easter !!

Church Office Holiday Closures

The church office will be closed Easter Monday, April 6.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 12

Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Confessions from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please go through the insert that informs you of the spiritual practices and indulgences granted on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Easter Lilies

For those who donated money for the purchase of Easter lilies, you may take an Easter lily home with you after Mass next weekend, April 11/12. On April 18/19, lilies on the table in church foyer will be available to anyone who wants them.

Easter House Blessings

A sign-up sheet with Fr. Luke's available dates and times for Easter House Blessings is on the table in the church foyer. It is a special blessing with the water blessed at Easter Vigil. Those who wish to have their house blessed please sign up, selecting an available slot as early as possible.

Lay Ministers

Lay Ministers are needed for all Masses. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Training will be provided.

Knights of Columbus - Donations for Newborn Babies

The Knights of Columbus are asking for donations of baby bottles in March, diapers in April and baby wipes in May. Your donations will be given to the Gabriel Project for distribution to mothers and babies in need. Boxes for donation items are in the church foyer and inside the north entrance to the Church. All donations are very much appreciated.

Spring Fest 2026 - May 2

Volunteers are Needed

Contact Paul Bibeau at bibeau3636@yahoo.com or use the sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

Silent Auction Items are Needed

Our Spring Festival will include a Silent Auction in the Parish Hall from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Needed are donations of any special items or treasures that will help make the Silent Auction a successful event. Bring your items to the church office or the Parish Hall from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday-Friday until Wednesday, April 15. There will be a sheet there for your name, the item you are donating, and your telephone number. Please pick up a Silent Auction flyer located in the foyer of the church. If you have any questions, contact Mimi Plumb 903-316-3744.

Raffle Tickets are on Sale

Purchase a raffle ticket and you may win a \$1000 gift card, a hand-made quilt, or other items. Tickets may be purchased after the Mass - \$5 per ticket or \$10 for 3 tickets. Drawing will be at 1:30 pm on May 2. You do not have to be present to win.

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 March 22

Kids: a. 50th year
b. For the Israelites

Answered by Victoria Gutierrez, David Gutierrez, Scarlett Bennett, Elijah Rivera, Emily Briones, Amy Briones and Steven Rocha.

Adults: a. Mount Sinai
b. 30 Shekels

Answered by Adelia Jones, Theresa Cheatham, Andrea Gustafson, Glenda Means, Neri Gutierrez, Jason Reed, Linda Rossler, Leo Rossler, Mimi Plumb, and Bacilia Velazquez.

Questions for April 5 (Numbers 6-10)

Kids: a. Who was the father of Nahshon?
b. Whose brother-in-law was Hobab?

Adults: a. Nahshon's father was the prince of which tribe?
b. Where did the Israelites celebrate their 2nd Passover?