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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 4, 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor:

Recently the *New York Times Magazine* showed a series of photographs of a rock formation in Yosemite National Park near Bridal Veil Falls. A prominent sign in yellow plastic was attached to the rocks which clearly said: "**DANGER! Climbing or scrambling on rocks and cliffs is extremely dangerous. They are slippery when dry or wet. Many injuries and even fatalities have occurred.**" One picture showed a woman walking on the rocks in a tight dress and high heels. Another showed a couple walking on the rocks. The man was carrying his dog apparently because he thought it was too slippery for the dog. Another showed a man carrying a month-old baby in his arms while walking on the rocks. What causes us to ignore clear warnings? Why do folks rip the plastic cover off a pack of cigarettes, when all of us know the Surgeon General's warning by heart? Why do people remove the safety shield from power saws? Why do people ignore their doctor's warnings about being overweight and under-exercised? Today's Gospel tells us how the Jewish religious leadership ignored the even the final warning given by Jesus after Palm Sunday.

In today's first reading, called, *Isaiah's Song of the Vineyard*, the prophet describes God's care of, and expectations for, His Chosen People. God's Chosen People failed to bear fruit, in spite of the blessings lavished upon them by a loving and forgiving God. Further, they were poor tenants in the Lord's vineyard. Hence, God laments: "*I expected My vineyard to yield good grapes. Why did it yield sour ones instead?*" In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 80), the Psalmist pleads with God to look down from Heaven and to "*take care of this vine,*" knowing that if any good is to come of the vine, it will be the doing of God, not the people. In the second reading, Paul tells Philippians about the high expectations he has for them, reminding them that they need to become fruit-producing Christians by praying and giving thanks to God and by practicing justice, purity, and graciousness in their lives. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells an allegorical parable in which the landowner is God, the vineyard is Israel as God's special people, and the tenants are the political and religious leaders of Israel. The story emphasizes the failure of the tenants, the Chosen People of God and their leaders, to produce fruits of righteousness, justice, and mercy. Giving a theological explanation of Israel's history of gross ingratitude through the parable, Jesus reminds us Christians that, since we are the "new" Israel, enriched with additional blessings and provisions in the Church, we are expected to show our gratitude to God by bearing fruits of the kingdom, fruits of the Holy Spirit, in our lives, giving Him all the Glory.

Life messages: 1) Are we good fruit-producers in the vineyard of the Church? Jesus has given the Church everything necessary to make Christians fruit-bearing: a) The Bible to know the will of God; b) The Sacrament of Holy Orders to consecrate bishops, priests, and deacons to lead the people in God's ways; c) The Sacrament of Reconciliation for the remission of sins; d) The Holy Eucharist as our spiritual food; e) The Sacrament of Confirmation for a dynamic life of Faith; f) The Sacrament of Matrimony for the sharing of love in families, the fundamental unit of the Church; g) The Sacrament of (Last) Anointing to restore and strengthen spiritual life and bring mental emotional and physical healing as well, if that is what God wills; h) Role models in thousands of saints. We are expected make use of these gifts to produce fruits for God. **2) Are we fruit-producers in the vineyard of the family?** By the mutual sharing of blessings, by sacrificing time and talents for the members of the family, by humbly and lovingly serving others in the family, by recognizing and encouraging each other, and by honoring and gracefully obeying our parents, we become producers of "good fruit" for the Vine, Christ, in our families, and so give Glory to God.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday
Rosary at 4:30 p.m.
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
Rosary at 9:25 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday (Spanish)
Rosary at 12 noon
Mass at 12:30 p.m.

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. in English
7:30 p.m. in 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, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Rich Legler,
Kamica Luncford, 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	Oct 03	5:00 p.m.	Amelia Wong+
Sun	Oct 04	10:00 a.m.	Children and Youth
Sun	Oct 04	12:30 p.m.	John Kalarickal+
Tue	Oct 06	12:30 p.m.	Eliane Ziliox+
Thu	Oct 08	5:00 p.m.	Diane Gunter+
Fri	Oct 09	12:30 p.m.	Lucile Cook+
Sat	Oct 10	5:00 p.m.	Amelia B. Loder S.I.

Parish Giving

September 27, 2026

1st Collection	\$3,231.11
2nd Collections	\$ 665.00
Children's Collection	\$ 80.00

Collections

2nd Collection	Oct 04	Emergency Fund
3rd Collection	Oct 04	Lawncare/Maintenance
2nd Collection	Oct 11	Helpers in Ministry

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 86
10:00 a.m. 126 and 12:30 p.m. 146

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.



He who is able to preserve gentleness among pains and weakness and peace among troubles and a multiplicity of affairs is almost perfect.

St. Francis De Sales

News and Notes

Altar Society News

2026 Advent and Christmas Fund Raiser

The Altar Society's Advent and Christmas Fund Raiser will be held on the weekends of November 28/29 and December 5/6 after each Mass. Please help by donating good quality Christmas items and other items that would make nice Christmas gifts for the sale. Drop off your donations from October 1 through November 20: weekdays at the church office and weekends at the Gift Shop in the church. Include a suggested price for each donated item. Contact Mimi Plumb 903 316-3744 or Glenda Means 903 830-0926 with questions. We are grateful and thankful for your generosity.

Fall Gift Shop Hours

The Reflections Counter/Gift Shop will open after all Saturday and 10:00 a.m. Sunday Masses. For the 12:30 p.m. Masses, the gift shop will open on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Please stop by and visit our shop. We have many items to meet your Catholic personal devotional needs. Thank you for your patronage and support.

Nominations Needed

Each year Prince of Peace has a Christmas gift-giving project in which parishioners purchase Christmas gifts for families who struggle financially. Gift tags will be ready the weekend before Thanksgiving for parishioners to select one or more gifts to purchase. If you or a family you know would like to participate, please contact the church office no later than October 12. Families themselves will be responsible for picking up the gifts at the church office. Only a few families can be selected.

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil September 23 – November 1

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful all-day vigils. Forty days is a timeframe God consistently uses throughout salvation history to transform His people. The crisis of abortion is enormous. Abortion is the leading cause of death in the world, taking more than 50 million lives every year. The vigil location in Tyler is located outside the Chapel of Sts. Peter and Paul at 1435 E. Southeast Loop 323 @ Easy Street. Vigil hours are 7 am to 7 pm daily on weekdays. Learn more at: www.40daysforlife.com/Tyler, or contact Lars Gustafson at 281-782-6292.

2026 Prince of Peace KofC Citizenship Essay Contest Information

The Knights of Columbus at Prince of Peace are sponsoring the 6th Annual Citizenship Essay Contest for students in grades 8 – 12 who attend Prince of Peace. The essay theme is: **"The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God."** The 500-750 word essay will explain what this quote from former U.S. President and Knights of Columbus member John F. Kennedy's 1961 Inaugural address means and its importance for the flourishing of a nation. Essays must be typed and submitted to the Knights of Columbus at Prince of Peace by October 15, 2026. Parents, please encourage your children in grades 8 – 12 to enter this worthy contest. Contact Knights Lars Gustafson at 281-782-6292 or Steve King at 903-312-2879 with questions.

SERENITY RETREAT at Wellspring

You are invited to join Fr. Gus as he guides the continued study of Serenity on Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm at Wellspring, Fransalian Center for Spirituality, 16828 FM 2964, Whitehouse. Register at retreatsatwellspring@gmail.com

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. He will be meeting with the diocesan building committee soon and will get back with us with the result of the meeting. Thank you in advance for your support and prayers for the successful completion of this important project of ours.

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 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.

Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner

Questions for October 4 (Judges 1-5)

Kids: a. The city called Luz was built in the land of of _____?
b. Who was the general of Jabin's army?

Adults: a. How did the later generation of Israel offend the Lord?
b. Whose wife was Jael?



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