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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 5, 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor:

Former American President Dwight David Eisenhower knew about the inner rest derived from submitting one's daily life to God. He had that rest even while he was the leader of armed forces in World War II. His every decision during that awful conflict had monumental consequences. How did he deal with the pressure? He shared with his former pastor, Dean Miller, that he didn't try to carry his burden alone. Some nights when the strain became too great, Eisenhower would simply pray, "*Lord, with your grace I've done the best I can. You take over until morning.*" And he understood very well Jesus' advice in today's Gospel: "*Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*" (Mt 11-28).

In the first reading, the prophet Zechariah consoles the Jews living in Palestine under Greek rule, promising them a "*meeek*" Messianic King of peace riding on a donkey, who will give them rest and liberty. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 145) praises and thanks a kind and compassionate God Who "*raises up those who are bowed down*" under heavy yokes.

In the second reading, Paul tells the first-century Christian community in Rome about two yokes, namely, the "*flesh*" and the "*Spirit*," and he challenges them to reject the heavy, fatal yoke of the flesh and accept the light, life-supporting yoke of the Spirit of Jesus. Christian spirituality, according to Paul, proceeds from the initiative of the Holy Spirit and means living in the realm of the "*Spirit*" as opposed to the "*flesh*."

In the Gospel, Jesus offers rest to those "*who labor and are burdened*," **IF** they will accept his "*easy yoke and light burden*." By declaring that his "*yoke is easy*," Jesus means that whatever God sends us is made to fit our needs and our abilities exactly. The second part of Jesus' claim is: "*My burden is light*." Jesus does not mean that the burden is easy to carry, but that it is laid on us in love, that it is meant to be carried in love, and that love makes even the heaviest burden light.

Life messages: We need to unload our burdens on the Lord. This "*unloading*" is the main purpose of our personal and family prayers and is one of the functions of Divine Worship in the Church. During our daily prayers in the evening, we ask God's forgiveness for the sins and failures of day and receive the consoling assurance that we are reconciled with God and our fellow human beings. During the Holy Mass in our church, we place our stress-filled lives on the altar and allow Jesus to cool down the overheated radiators of our hectic lives. We also unload the burdens of our sins and worries on the altar and offer them and ourselves to God during the Holy Mass.

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 04	5:00 p.m.	Marcon Family S.I.
Sun	July 05	10:00 a.m.	Our Children & Youth
Sun	July 05	12:30 p.m.	Maria Natividad Guillen Gonzalez+
Tue	July 07	12:30 p.m.	Anne Marie Meyer+
Thu	July 09	5:00 p.m.	Pedro and Leti Martinez+
Fri	July 10	12:30 p.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory+
Sat	July 11	5:00 p.m.	Gordan McDonald+

Parish Giving

June 28, 2026

Collection information was not available at the time of printing.

Collections

2nd Collection	Jul 05	Emergency Fund
3rd Collection	Jul 05	Lawncare Maintenance
2nd Collection	Jul 12	Helpers in Ministry

Mass Attendance

Mass attendance information was not available at the time of printing.

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

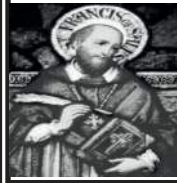
Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham
Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano
Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey

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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

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.

Knight of Columbus — Pork Loin Sales — July 2026

The Knight of Columbus will be selling tickets for Smoked Pork Loins after each Mass during the first (2) weekends of July. Each Pork Loin will weigh 4-5 lbs and cost \$25. Pork Loins are available for pickup on Saturday, July 18th from 4 pm to 7 pm. All proceeds will be used for supporting Prince of Peace activities, our Youth Group, Families, and the Community!

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.

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.

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.

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 21

Kids: a. For those who disobey Him
b. Jordan

Correctly answered by Zaya Monnen, Vicky and David Gutierrez.

Adults: a. For those who obey Him.
b. Law

Answered Correctly by Neri Gutierrez, Mimi Plumb, Carolyn Barrett, Andrea Gustafson, Linda & Leo Rossler, Theresa Cheatham, Jason Reed, Maria Gutierrez, Anali Gutierrez, Isaac Gutierrez, Nazaria Coralde and Glenda Means.

Congratulations for the 5 weeks' answers to Carolyn Barrett .

Questions for July 5 (Joshua 1-5)

Kids: a. How many spies were sent to Jericho by Joshua?
b. What is the name of the place where the men were circumcised and the Lord said that He had removed the reproach of Egypt from the Israel?

Adults: a. The Lord told Joshua, "You will successfully attain your goal" if they do what?
b. What was the symbol (meaning) of the twelve stones they collected from Jordan which they had to explain to their children later?

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