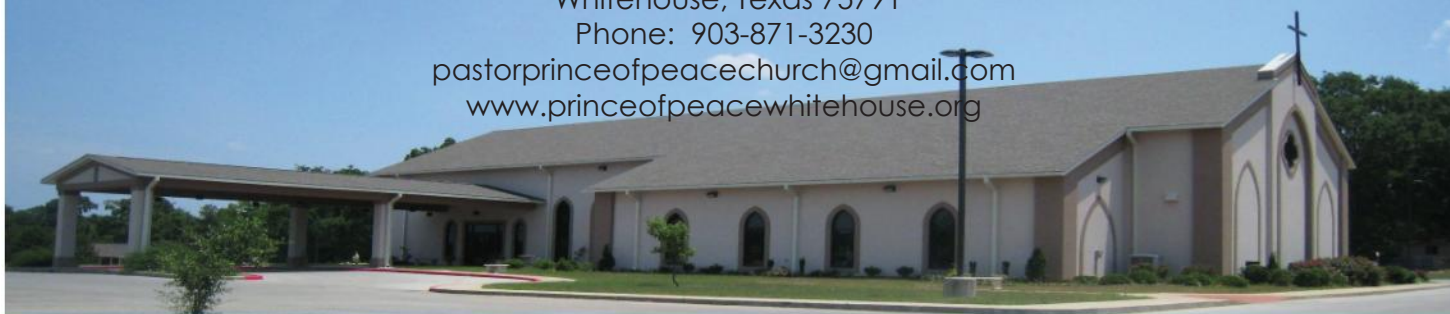


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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 10, 2025

From the Desk of the Pastor:

Once Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) was hoeing his garden when one of his brothers in Christ asked him, "Suppose you knew for certain that you were going to die and meet your Maker at the stroke of midnight tomorrow? How would you spend your time between now and then?" "Come what may, Francis answered, "I would finish hoeing my garden." In a sense, the Scripture readings for today invite each of us to become engaged in a similar reflection. What would you do if you knew that this day would be your last? What would you not do? How would you prepare to meet God? Where would you go? With whom would you spend your remaining hours?

The first reading cites the Faith-filled preparedness of the ancient Hebrew slaves in Egypt before their mass exodus to the Promised Land. Their trusting Faith in their God's promises gave them hope. We are told how their Faith and Hope resulted in their liberation. With expectant Hope, the Hebrews sacrificed the first Passover lamb and ate the first ritual meal, as prescribed by their God through Moses. They awaited their imminent release and were prepared for it. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 33) invites us to express our own confidence in God and to declare our trust in His Providence. In the Second Reading, taken from the last chapter of the letter to the Hebrews, the author defines Faith as "*the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen*" (Heb 11:1). He tries to bolster the Faith of the Jewish Christians, (the Hebrews), by appealing to the example of their ancestors, starting with Abraham, and reviewing the things they accomplished by Faith.

In the Gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples to trust the Father's promise to give them eternal happiness in His kingdom. But they are to be prepared at all times, because the Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour, either at the moment of their death or at the end of the world, whichever comes first. Using the master-thief parable, Jesus warns us to be on our guard so that the thief (the devil), may not steal our treasure of Divine grace or our relationship with God by his temptations. Using the master-servant parable, Jesus reminds us always to do the will of God by obeying Jesus' commandment of love and offering humble and sacrificial service to others.

Life message: We always need to be prepared to meet Our Lord as our judge: Let us always remember the words of the Book of Revelation: "*Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him and he with me*" (3:20). Since no one is sure about the time and circumstances of one's death, we must be ever prepared to face Jesus our Lord and Savior as our Judge at the moment of our death to give an account of our lives. Jesus wants to see that we have kept our personal relationship with him by growing in holiness. Such a growth is assisted by daily talking to him and listening to him in Bible reading; by asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit every day; by recharging our spiritual batteries through offering our lives on the altar and getting spiritual nourishment in Holy Communion during the Holy Mass; by getting reconciled with God every day, asking for His pardon and forgiveness with a repentant heart, and seeking His forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation for our sins; and by obeying Jesus' commandment of love by serving all the people around us, sacrificially sharing our blessings with them, and seeing the face of Jesus in everyone.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

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

Sunday
Rosary at 9:30 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
Wednesday - Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Oakbrook Healthcare

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

6:00 p.m. English
7:00 p.m. Spanish

Masses at Wellspring

Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m.; Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

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.

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, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Andrea Gustafson, Maria Gutierrez, Natalie Hayes, Fr. Joseph Jacobi, Judy LeBlanc, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Marcela Montenegro, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Shirley Stenklyft, Matthew Williams, Blanca Villatoro, Manuel Yañez

Mass Intentions

Sat Aug 09	5:00 p.m.	Chase Barnes+
Sun Aug 10	10:00 a.m.	Members of Our Parish
	12:30 p.m.	Matthew Williams S.I.
Tue Aug 12	12:30 p.m.	Jules & Jeanne Libolt+
Thu Aug 14	5:00 p.m.	Lucile Cook+
Fri Aug 15	6:00 p.m.	Susan King+
Sat Aug 16	5:00 p.m.	Jena Estoconing S.I.

Parish Giving

August 3, 2025

1st Collection	\$3,555.50
2nd Collection	\$ 705.50
3rd Collection	\$ 495.00
Children's Collection	\$ 51.00

2nd Collection	Aug 10	Helpers in Ministry
2nd Collection	Aug 17	Mission Fund
3rd Collection	Aug 17	Lawn Care/Maintenance

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 53
10:00 a.m. 135 and 12:30 p.m. 104

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Michael Morris
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 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.



When you come before the Lord, talk to Him
if you can; if you can't, just stay there,
let yourself be seen, and don't try
too hard to do anything else!

St. Francis de Sales

News and Notes

Holy Day of Obligation, Friday, August 15, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass times for the Holy Day celebration:
Friday at 6:00 p.m. in English and 7:15 p.m. in Spanish
There will be no 12:30 p.m. Mass. on Friday, August 15.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation begins on Wednesday, September 3, 2025. The parent's meeting is on Thursday, August 28, at 6:30 p.m. If you have not yet registered your child(ren), please register them before August 16 at which time the registration fee increases from \$20 to \$40. The materials fee remains \$10 per child. For new students not baptized at Prince of Peace, bring a copy of the child's Baptismal certificate or birth certificate, if the child has not yet been baptized. Register at the church office.

Helpers Food Pantry

The Helpers food pantry needs small jars of peanut butter and jelly, small bags of flour and sugar, cooking oil, and spaghetti sauce. If you need help from the food pantry, just call the office. Thank you for your support.

For Youth Affiliates: Stabat Mater Foundation to Host *Texas Needs Fatima* Monthly Rosary Prayers

On Sunday, August 24th from 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. the youth are invited to the *Texas needs Fatima* monthly Rosary at the Stabat Mater Foundation Studio and Gallery located at 410 South Broadway Ave., which is located right across from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. You are invited to join for an hour which includes our prayers for the artists and refreshments. You will have an opportunity to view this special Catholic Art School and see the finished works in the gallery. Robert Puschautz, Artist and Director, will be present to answer any questions regarding Catholic seminars, retreats, workshops, and the importance of prayer in supporting the artists. All are welcome and encouraged to come. For any further information, please contact Jeanne at 214 769-7540.

Prince of Peace Youth Fundraising

Support our amazing youth group as they kick off the school year with faith, fun, and fellowship!

Join us for our Back-to-School Burger Bash

Date: August 31, 2025

Time: Ready for pickup at 11:00 am to 2:00 pm (after 10 a.m. & 12.30 p.m. Masses)

\$10 per plate, \$18/2 plates and \$25/3 plates – includes a juicy burger, chips, drink, and dessert!

Pre tickets will be available for purchase after each weekend Mass of August 16/17 and 23/24.

Please keep your ticket and bring it with you on the day of the event —

it helps us prepare your meal quickly and ensures we serve everyone efficiently!

All proceeds go directly to supporting youth retreats, service projects, and other faith-based events throughout the year.

Come hungry and leave full — not just with food, but with joy knowing you're helping form the future of our Church!

Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC)

DCYC will be on Oct. 4, 2025 at the W.T. Brookshire Conference Center in Tyler. For more information and instructions on how to register go to: <https://www.dioceseoftyler.org/dcyc/>. DCYC is for high school teens (9-12 grades). For questions contact Sonia Escobedo at sonia.escobedo@catholicflint.org or (903) 894-7647, ext. 104.

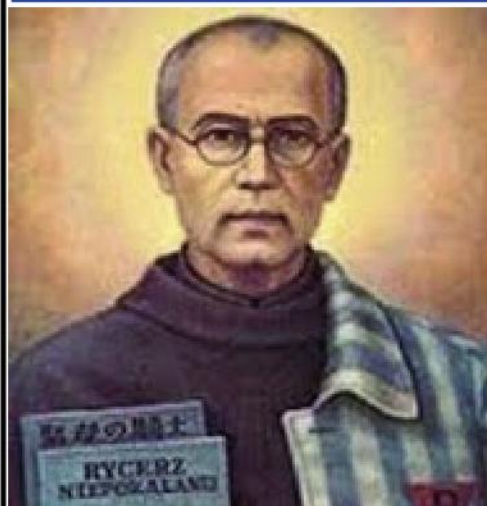
Safe Environment

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.



St. Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941)


Raymund Kolbe was born in Poland. As a child he was drawn to religious life, and at the age of 12, a conversion experience left him with a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and her mission to bring all souls to Jesus. In 1907 he entered religious life in the Conventual Franciscan seminary where his name was changed to Maximilian, and he professed his final vows in 1914. He later studied for the priesthood and was ordained in 1918. In 1917, while he was still in the seminary, he founded the movement "Knights of the Immaculate" to save as many souls as possible under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He and 800 friars evangelized by publishing free literature for the people. In the beginning of WWII, he provided sanctuary to 3000 Polish refugees; of these, 2000 were Jews. In a radio broadcast and a printed edition of his monthly magazine, Fr. Kolbe denounced the crimes of the Nazis. On February 17, 1941, the Gestapo arrested him. Numbered prisoner 16670, he went to the Auschwitz concentration camp, where he endured frequent brutal beatings. In July 1941, ten men were chosen to die by starvation because a prisoner had escaped. Fr. Kolbe was not chosen, but he volunteered to take the place of a man with a family. After two weeks, Fr. Kolbe and a few others were still alive. They were executed by lethal injection. The last one to be injected was Fr. Kolbe who calmly lifted his arm for the injection. His remains were cremated on August 15, 1941. Fr. Kolbe was canonized as a Martyr by Pope John Paul II in 1981.

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