

# Prince of Peace Catholic Church

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*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 18, 2026*

## From the Desk of the Pastor:

Dr. Madison Sarratt taught Mathematics at Vanderbilt University for many years. Before giving a test, the professor would admonish his class, *"Today I am giving two examinations—one in trigonometry and the other in honesty. I hope you will pass them both, fulfilling your obligations to your teacher and to your God. If you fail, fail for trigonometry. There are many good people in the world who can't pass trigonometry, but there are not many people in the world who cannot pass the examination of honesty, the debt we owe to God."* -- This piece of advice sounds like what Jesus said in today's Gospel: *"Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar -- and to God what belongs to God."*

In the first reading, Isaiah the prophet foretells how, without the great Persian Emperor Cyrus' intention, his policies would be made part of God's saving plan for His chosen people. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 96) reminds us that when people put God's Kingdom first, everyone benefits. In the second reading, Paul praises his converts in Thessalonica for their fidelity to God and to Christ His Son, *"our Lord Jesus Christ,"* and for their practice, with the help of the Holy Spirit, of the Theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity. In the Gospel, Jesus escapes from the trap in the question, *"Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"* by instructing those who questioned him, *"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."* With this answer, Jesus reminds his questioners that, if they are so concerned and careful about paying taxes to the state, they should be much more concerned and careful about their service to God and their obligations to Him as their Creator and Lord. We fulfill our duties to our country by loyally obeying the just laws of the State and working for the welfare of all citizens. We become good Heavenly citizens by obeying God's laws.

**Life messages:** 1) We need to "give to Caesar what is Caesar's." How? It is the duty of Christians, as citizens of the country, to pay for the services and the privileges that government provides, like paved roads, police and fire departments, banks, schools, and other necessities. If we refuse to pay taxes, how will these needs be met? Another way of *"giving to Caesar what is Caesar's"* is to participate actively in the running of the government and electing the most suitable candidates. 2) We must submit to the civil authorities and respect the just laws of our country in order to live in peace. 3) We need to "give to God what is God's." How? Since everything is God's, we must give ourselves to Him 100%, not just 10% on Sundays. We should be generous in fulfilling our Sunday obligations, and we should find time every day for prayer and worship in the family, for the reading of the Bible and the proper training of our children in Faith and morals. We are invited each year to make a stewardship pledge of our financial offering to the local Church for the coming year. Mission Sunday is specially set apart for supporting the universal Church, especially those involved in mission works. Our contribution to the parish church should be an expression of our gratitude to God, giving back to God all that He has given us. Active participation in the various ministries of the parish is an offering to God of our time and talents, yet another way of giving to God His due, our whole self.

*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 17 | 5:00 p.m.  | Amelia Wong+            |
| Sun | Oct 18 | 10:00 a.m. | Members of Our Parish   |
| Sun | Oct 18 | 12:30 p.m. | Diane Gunter+           |
| Tue | Oct 20 | 12:30 p.m. | Fr. George Gorree+      |
| Thu | Oct 22 | 5:00 p.m.  | The Rossler Family S.I. |
| Fri | Oct 23 | 12:30 p.m. | Lucille Cook+           |
| Sat | Oct 24 | 5:00 p.m.  | Maria Elena Soon+       |

## *Parish Giving*

### **October 11, 2026**

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| 1st Collection        | \$2,896.00 |
| 2nd Collection        | \$ 405.00  |
| 3rd Collection        | \$ 475.00  |
| Children's Collection | \$ 44.00   |

### **Collections**

|                |        |                                         |
|----------------|--------|-----------------------------------------|
| 2nd Collection | Oct 18 | World Mission Sunday                    |
| 3rd Collection | Oct 18 | Lawn care/Maintenance                   |
| 2nd Collection | Oct 25 | Missionaries of St. Francis<br>de Sales |

### **Mass Attendance**

5:00 p.m. 69  
10:00 a.m. 97 and 12:30 p.m. No count

### **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 Fransalians Missionaries, an  
international religious order with headquarters in Rome and the Provincial House in  
Atlanta, Georgia. for more information, visit [www.fransaliansusa.com](http://www.fransaliansusa.com) or [www.wellspringcommunity.net](http://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.



All are called to perfection, since our Lord was speaking to all when he said, "Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect."

St. Francis De Sales

## News and Notes

### All Souls Remembrance in November

Please submit the names of your deceased loved ones who you want to be included in the *All Souls Book of Remembrance*. Please use the All Souls envelopes and print legibly. Thank you.

### Holy Rosary in October

Remember, October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. You are all invited to cultivate the devotion to the Holy Rosary and try to recite it every day, and if possible, more than one during this month.

### Altar Society 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.

### Knights of Columbus Pork Loin Sales – October 2026

This is the last weekend to purchase your smoked pork loin tickets. Each Pork Loin will weigh approx. 3 lbs and cost \$20. Pork Loins are available for pickup on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm to 7 pm. All proceeds will be used for supporting Prince of Peace activities, our Youth Group, Families, and the Community.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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

### Answers for October 4

**Kids:** a. Hittites  
b. Sisera

**Answered correctly by:** Natalia Gutierrez, David and Victoria Gutierrez, Gabby and Josiah Gregg.

**Adults:** a. By worshiping Baals  
b. Wife of Heber

**Answered correctly by:** Neri Gutierrez, Maria Gutierrez, Eriselda Gutierrez, Kevin Ramsy, Carolyn Barrett, Omar and Fatima Gutierrez, Linda and Leo Rossler, Mimi Plumb, and Andrea Gustafson.

**Congratulations for the 5 weeks' answers to Carolyn Barrett and Mimi Plumb.**

### Questions for October 18 (Judges 11-15)

**Kids:** a. Who won the fight between Jephthah and Ephraim?  
b. Who was the father of Samson?

**Adults:** a. How many Ephraimites fell in the battle between Jephthah and Ephraim?  
b. How many years did Samson judge Israel in the days of Philistines?

  
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