

# Prince of Peace Catholic Church

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## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 28, 2025

### From the Desk of the Pastor:

On the last Sunday of the year, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Today we are invited to offer our own families and all the members on the altar for God's blessing.

Ben Sirach in the first reading has many good things to say about living properly according to Torah. Sirach reminds children of their duty to honor their parents – even when it becomes difficult. He also mentions the two-fold reward which God promises to those who honor their father and mother. The first reward is "riches," and the second long life: "Whoever reveres his father will live a long life." He reminds children how God blesses them if they obey, revere, and show compassion to their father.

Paul in the letter to the Colossians advises us that we should put on love and remain thankful in our relationships with one another. Paul's advice is part of the "Household code" – the rules for members of the Christian family. Though it is dated, belonging to Paul's time in its details, the underlying message of being careful with one another – being full of care – is timeless. Paul teaches that children should learn and practice noble qualities like compassion, kindness, forgiveness and sharing in the warmth of the family. In a truly holy family all members are respected, cherished, nurtured, and supported, united through the bond of love.

Today's gospel describes how Joseph and Mary protected the Child Jesus from the sword of King Herod by escaping with Him to Egypt.

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

### Masses at Wellspring

Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 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, Barbara Dean, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Natalie Hayes, 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, Shirley Stenklyft, Matthew Williams, Blanca Villatoro, Manuel Yañez.

### Mass Intentions

Sat	Dec 27	5:00 p.m.	Jim Plumb+
Sun	Dec 28	10:00 a.m.	Members of our Parish
		12:30 p.m.	Grace Levy +
Thu	Jan 01	10:00 a.m.	Gertrude Schuster+
		12:30 p.m.	Alma and Roosevelt Roy+
Sat	Jan 03	5:00 p.m.	Leland Barnes+
Sun	Jan 04	12:30 p.m.	Bertha and Josef Rossler+

Fr. Luke will offer weekday Mass intentions during his private Masses while he is away.

## Parish Giving

### December 21, 2025

Collection information was unavailable at the time of printing.

2nd Collection	Dec 28	Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales
2nd Collection	Jan 04	Emergency Fund
3rd Collection	Jan 04	Lawn Care/Maintenance

### Mass Attendance

Mass attendance 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

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.fransalianusa.com](http://www.fransalianusa.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.



It is right that you should begin again every day. There is no better way to complete the spiritual life than to be ever beginning it over again.

St. Francis de Sales

## News and Notes

### Father Luke Traveling to India

Father Luke will be in India, beginning with travel to India on December 30. He will return on February 4. While he is away, there will be no weekday Masses at Prince of Peace. Visiting priests will celebrate Saturday and Sunday's Masses at the regular times. Fr. Luke will offer all scheduled weekday Mass intentions during his private Masses in India. Let us pray for Fr. Luke that he may travel safely and remain in good health.

### Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, January 1, 2026

Masses: 10:00 a.m. in English and 12:30 p.m. in Spanish

### Church Office Holiday Closures

The church office will be closed on

December 31 - January 1 for the New Year's holiday.

### First Friday Holy Hour

January 2nd is First Friday. Holy Hour is from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. only.

### Faith Formation

Faith Formation is on a Christmas/New Year's break & will resume on Wednesday January 7, 2026.

### Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner

Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner will pause while Father Luke is away.

### 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 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.



**Mary is our most esteemed saint.** Through her willing obedience to God the Father, Mary conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and gave birth and human nature to the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

Through God's grace, Mary herself, daughter of Joachim and Anne, was conceived without the stain of Original Sin. Saint Augustine wrote that next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Through her willing obedience to the Father, Mary became the mother of God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the Messiah, the Savior of the world. Mary remained without sin all her life, and after she died, her body and soul were taken up into Heaven.

Mary Mother of God now reigns as Queen of Heaven and Earth, and her greatness lies in her willingness to continue to bring Jesus to the world. She never wants attention for herself; she always points to her son, Jesus. Mary is our mother because she gave birth to Jesus, our brother, and was given to us by Jesus before he died on the cross.

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