

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Bulletin

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MASSES

*All masses will continue to be live streamed.
Masks are optional when attending mass.*

Monday - 9:00 am (English)
Tuesday - 9:00 am (English) & 6:30 pm (Spanish)
Wednesday - 9:00 am (English)
First Friday of the Month - 9:00 am (English)
Saturday - 5:00 pm (Bilingual)
Sunday - 7:00 am (Spanish), 9:00 am (English) &
12:00 pm (Spanish)

WELCOME!

What a beautiful place God has provided us here on the shore! Whether you're just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home or are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, we are happy to have you. We invite you to browse our website and come visit in person as you find your home within our growing community!

MISSION

We, the members of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, experience our faith as a worldwide community. Through our Baptism in Jesus, we are called to be ministers of the gospel, to become Eucharistic people, and to be people of service through the stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	September 12th	5:00 PM	(Available)
		7:00 AM	(Available)
Sunday	September 13th	9:00 AM	(Available)
		12:00 PM	(Available)
Monday	September 14th	9:00 AM	(Available)
Tuesday	September 15th	9:00 AM	(Available)
Wednesday	September 16th	9:00 AM	(Available)
Saturday	September 19th	5:00 pm	(Available)
		9:00 AM	(Available)
Sunday	September 20th	12:00 PM	(Available)

Please get in touch with the ushers before mass if you have asked for a Mass Intention to offer the offertory gift during the mass.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun, September 13th-Sir 27:30/Rom 14:7-9/Mttw 18:21-35
Mon, September 14th-Num 21:4-9/Phili 2:6-11/Jh 3:13-17
Tues, September 15th-1 Cor 12:12-14/Jh 19:25-27
Wed, September 16th-1 Cor 12:31/Lk 7:31-35
Thurs, September 17th-1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
Fri, September 18th-1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3
Sat, September 19th-1 Cor 15:35-37/Lk 8:4-15
Sun, September 20th-Isa 55:6-9/Phili 1:20-24/Mttw 20:1-16

Save the Date

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Eucharist Minister

Saturday, September 19th

5:00 pm - Colleen Daley, Giselle Reyes, Elder Isidro

Sunday, September 20th

9:00 am - Donna Custis, Jane Regan, Sarah Coleman, Mary Wardius, Alva Miguel

12:00 pm - Enedin, Irene Ambrosio, Benjamin Gutierrez, Lorenzo Alvarado, Elder Isidro, Hugo Velasquez

Lector

Saturday, September 19th

5:00 pm - Mary Catherine Langley

Sunday, September 20th

9:00 am - John Morrison and Henry Glowiak

Altar Servers

Saturday, September 19th

5:00 pm - Holly S, Lilian BP, Deily A, Nansi BR, Kimbirlyn RV, Mary catherine (MC)

Sunday, September 20th

7:00 am - Amairany SS MC, Jenaro S, Maria IS, Jose B, Natali VEL

9:00 am - Kimberly VV, Ashley VV, Brisa PM, Thania EV MC, Nahomy G, Brayan G

12:00 pm - Sarai MC, Nhyiraba O., Araiza T, Kenna LP, Dania LP, Nick SC MC, Mr. Ben

Tuesday, September 22nd

6:30 pm - Lilan BP, Keylandy C, Katerin RI, Lilian RI, Daila LJ

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Monday, September 14th

9:00 am - Mass

12:00 pm - AA Mtg (Hall)

6:00 pm - Hisp Youth Group Mtg (Hall)

7:00 pm - Luz Y Vida Ministry Mtg (Narthex)

7:00 pm - Rosary by Marian Ministry (Church)

Tuesday, September 15th

9:00 am - Mass

1:45 pm - Ladies Auxiliary Mtg (Hall)

NO MASS & HOLY HOUR

Wednesday, September 16th

9:00 am - Mass

6:00 pm - "Senaculo" por Hisp Prayer Ministry (Home)

Thursday, September 17th

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Friday, September 18th

6:00 pm - Hisp Youth Group Vigil (Hall)

Saturday, September 19th

8:00 am - Charismatic Prayer and Fasting (Hall + Church)

4:00 pm - Reconciliation

5:00 pm - Mass

6:30 pm - Charismatic (Hall)

Sunday, September 20th

7:00 am - Mass (Spa)

9:00 am - Mass (Eng)

12:00 pm - Mass (Spa)

REFLECTING THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness. The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison. A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another. There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

REFLECTIONS ON THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: First Reading

- Why do people cling to anger?
- How might the LORD take vengeance on the vengeful?
- What might the prayer of a vengeful person sound like?
- What might the prayer of a person who's struggling to forgive sound like?
- Why is it foolish for the unforgiving person to expect mercy from God?
- How could remembering death and decay help a person to let go of anger and forgive?
- What commandments might the author have in mind (v.7)?
- How might thinking of God's covenant help someone to forgive?
- What might have prompted Peter's question?
- Do you think the disciples were ever angry at each other?
- Place yourself in the parable. If you were the master...
 - Why do you plan to sell your indebted servant and everything connected to him?
 - Why do you forgive the loan rather than give the servant more time to pay it back?
 - Do you have any misgivings about forgiving the entire debt?
 - What do you feel when you hear how the servant treated someone indebted to him?
 - What will happen to that servant once he goes to the torturers? If you were the first servant...
 - How did you accumulate such a large debt?
 - What do you think of your master?
 - How do you feel when your debt is erased?
 - What all runs through your mind when you attack the man indebted to you?
 - How do you react when your master finds you and has you arrested?
- What might the disciples have said to one another privately about this story?
- What does the parable teach you about yourself?
- What does the parable reveal about God?
- How does this passage challenge you?

Gospel

- How readily do you forgive others?
- Are there any injustices that you find unforgivable?
- How does long-held anger affect a person?
- Do you tend to think of God as forgiving you or as holding you strictly accountable for your sins?

BAPTISM

We recommend parents to notify the parish 3 months in advance. Parents must be registered members of the parish and participate in preparation sessions prior to the celebration of the sacrament. To ensure proper record keeping, our office requires a pre-baptismal form and a copy of the child's birth certificate. Please call the Parish Office to attend the preparation session.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you or someone you know interested in learning about joining the Catholic Church?
Please contact the parish office.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Preparation sessions for children and parents begin in the fall. We encourage children to be at least in the 2nd grade. Parents must be registered members of the parish. To ensure the required sacramental record keeping, parents must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and baptismal certificate.

CONFIRMATION

Preparation sessions for children and sponsors begin in the fall. We encourage children to be at least in the 10th grade. Parents must be registered members of the parish. To ensure the required sacramental record keeping, parents must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and baptismal certificate.

MATRIMONY

We recommend couples notify the parish 6 months in advance. Couples must attend preparation sessions. The groom and bride must be registered members of the parish. To ensure the required sacramental record keeping, groom and bride must provide a copy of their birth certificate, baptismal, first communion, and confirmation certificates.

SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you know someone who cannot attend mass or desires the Sacrament of Anointing, please call the parish office.

FUNERAL

We highly encourage the family to follow up with the funeral home, so the parish office and funeral home can coincide with the most suitable date. We also ask the family to complete and deliver the funeral intake form to the parish office.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor - Fr. Michael Imperial
Parochial Vicar - Rev. Fr. Stephen Ofori Acheampong
Business Manager - Consuelo Gonzalez
Office Secretary - Giselle Reyes Hernandez
Bookkeeper - Lucille Parker

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

ADORATION

First Friday of the Month: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Every Tuesday: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm (Spa)

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday: 4:00 pm
By appointment for other day/time

MEMBERS OF PPC 2025

Fr. Micheal Imperial, Pastor

Joanne Boyko (Chair)	John Morrison
Henry Glowiak (Co-Chair)	Mark Eliot Nuckols
Esther Corpus	Vinicio Diaz
Donna Custis	Seberiano Ventura
John Lubniewski	Jack Wagner
Ronald L. McCabe	Jeffrey Barton (Bart)
	Weakley

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF September 10, 2026

Collections	Sept. 5-6	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	\$4,373.00	\$33,401.00	\$32,000.00
Plate	\$2,700.00	\$30,831.55	\$31,040.00
Total	\$7,073.00	\$64,232.55	\$63,040.00

*Thank
You*

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church (545 Randolph Avenue, Cape Charles, Virginia) is having our annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 11th from 1 – 5 pm.

Join us for a family-friendly Oktoberfest celebration with music, authentic food, beer and wine, kids' games, and a fabulous raffle and silent auction! All proceeds go to support Eastern Shore outreach ministries.

Tickets range in price from \$5-\$35 and may be purchased on Eventbrite or by using the QR code shown. A limited number of tickets will be available at the gate on the day of the event. For questions, please contact Tara Ashworth, stcharlesboktoberfest@gmail.com.



Knights of Columbus (KOC) Council 6963



We invite all men of the parish to join!

Meetings: 1st Thursday Each Month

7:00PM

Church Social Hall

Founded in 1882, all members of the Knights of Columbus are guided by principles that built lifelong relationships and empower Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community and country.

- Please join as we work together on exciting projects of service and put our faith into action.
- Pray for us as we seek to unite all men of this parish!

We look forward to sharing news about the upcoming events!

If you are interested in attending "The Laff For Life Dinner" sponsored by the Pregnancy Center on Friday, October 2, 2026, please contact Joanne Boyko at 757-787-1541. Join us for an evening of fun and laughter!