

THE TWENTIETH 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

(L) Heal of Lupe Medina, (L) Heal of Victoria Perez, (L)

Eilena Quintero, (L) Healing for all the sick

Saturday	August 15th	5:00 PM	
		7:00 AM	(Available)
Sunday	August 16th	9:00 AM	(L) Heal of Lupe Medina, (L) Heal of Victoria Perez,
		12:00 PM	(L) Eilena Quintero, (L) Healing for all the sick
			(Available)
Monday	August 17th	9:00 AM	† Robert Keeney (Birthday)
Tuesday	August 18th	9:00 AM	(Available)
Wednesday	August 19th	9:00 AM	(Available)
Saturday	August 22nd	5:00 pm	(Available)
		9:00 AM	† Albert Tyree
Sunday	August 23rd	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, August 16th-Isa 56:1/Rom 11:13-15/Mttw 15:21-28

Mon, August 17th-Eze 24:15-23/Mttw 19:16-22

Tues, August 18th-Eze 28:1-10/Mttw 19:23-30

Wed, August 19th-Eze 34:1-11/Mttw 20:1-16

Thurs, August 20th-Eze 36:23-28/Mttw 22:1-14

Fri, August 21st-Eze 37:1-14/Mttw 22:34-40

Sat, August 22nd-Eze 43:1-7/Mttw 23:1-12

Sun, August 23rd-Isa 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mttw 16:13-20

Save the Date**NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTRIES****Eucharist Minister**Saturday, August 22nd

5:00 pm - Colleen Daley, Dawn Erato, Vinny Erato

Sunday, August 23rd

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

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

LectorSaturday, August 22nd

5:00 pm - Joan Dize

Sunday, August 23rd

9:00 am - Elaine Brehm & Joey Chamberlin

Altar ServersSaturday, August 22nd

5:00 pm - Daniel P, Mason S, Ailyn L, Lily R, Lilian BP, Mr. Lou

Sunday, August 23rd

7:00 am - Danny MC, Larry MC, Dalia ALJ, Kimbirlyn RV, Arianny P MC

9:00 am - Brisa PM, Nick SC, Perla V, Kimberly VV, Ashley VV, Mr. Lou

12:00 pm - Kenna LP, Dania LP, Thania EV, Cindy BV, Darel FG, Mr. Ben

Tuesday, August 25th

6:30 pm - Lilian BP, Katerin RI, Lilian RI, Cindy BV, Kaylandy C

EVENTS & MEETINGS**Monday, August 17th****9:00 am - Mass**

12:00 pm - AA Mtg (Hall)

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

Tuesday, August 18th**9:00 am - Mass**

6:30 pm - Mass & Holy Hour

6:30 pm - Food Sale

Wednesday, August 19th**9:00 am - Mass**

9:00 am - Altar Server Fun Day

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

7:00 pm - Emmaus Men Mtg (Hall)

Thursday, August 20th**Friday, August 21st****All Day - Emmaus Men Retreat (Camp Occohannock)**

2:00 pm - Emmaus Men Retreat (Hall)

Saturday, August 22nd**All Day - Emmaus Men Retreat (Camp Occohannock)**

4:00 pm - Reconciliation

5:00 pm - Mass

6:30 pm - Charismatic (Hall)

Sunday, August 23rd**All Day - Emmaus Men Retreat (Camp Occohannock)**

7:00 am - Mass (Spa)

9:00 am - Mass (Eng)

12:00 pm - Mass (Spa)

6:00 pm - Mass (Spa)

REFLECTING THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean. Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone. The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter. Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world. Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern. The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

REFLECTIONS ON THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Reading

- Why are the hearers told to do what is right and just?
- In what ways might people join themselves to the LORD?
- How will God further change the lives of those who join themselves to him?
- How might non-Jews have felt about these words?
- How might these words have changed the way non-Jews acted?
- How might the Jewish people have felt about these words?
- How might these words have changed the ways Jews saw themselves?
- What do you think life is like for the woman?
- How close do you think the woman first comes to Jesus and his disciples?
- What all does the woman believe about Jesus?
- How do you think the woman reacts when Jesus initially ignores her?
- How do the disciples react to the woman?
- Do you think Jesus speaks to the disciples or the woman when he says he's been sent only to the lost sheep of Israel?
- What all do you think the woman is feeling as she comes still closer to Jesus?
- How do you think Jesus treats the woman?

Gospel

- Who do you expect to find in God's kingdom?
- Who do you think will be excluded from God's kingdom?
- Do you think God brings into his kingdom the same people and groups that you would?
- What does this story leave you thinking about?

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 August 11, 2026

*Thank
You*

Collections	August 8-9	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	\$2,460.00	\$21,110.00	\$19,200.00
Plate	\$3,817.00	\$19,097.55	\$18,624.00
Total	\$6,277.00	\$40,207.55	\$37,624.00



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Hello everyone. I am preparing for our 2026-2027 CCD year.

Unfortunately due to lack of volunteers to teach I have to make the following changes.

1. This year, we will not offer the non-sacrament CCD classes. We are only offering baptism, first communion and confirmation.
2. This year some classes will be on Sundays and some will have to be on weeknights. When you sign up with me, you will be asked about availability so I can make classes. I ask that you could please think about some weeknights that will work.

We will have two signup dates for CCD and signups can only go through me (Amber). Those dates are Sunday August 16th and Sunday August 30th. The signups will take place in the ed building right after the 7:00, 9:00 and 12:00 masses. CCD will officially begin September 13th. Please sign up on one of these two dates so I have time to organize the classes. I ask that you please bring exact change for the CCD fee as we do not have change. The fees are as follows.

1 student is \$25.

If you sign up 2 or more students it's \$15 each. The fee is used to help pay for curriculum we need and other supplies.

Please also bring copies of baptism and birth certificates. If you need us to make copies, we can do that for you.

Now if anyone would like to volunteer to teach, please contact me so I can meet with you. We will also be in need of Virtus observers and if you are a parent who would like to help us, just let me know as we could use your help.

Thank you, Amber Fisher, Religious Education Director

Socail Ministry August 2026

Report

We have received \$6,500.00 from three quarterly collections and many individual donations and the poor box.

Last January we were awarded a grant from Richmond Diocese for \$10,000 to be disbursed for utilities, rent and food.

From January to August, we gave \$10,188.00 to 55 individuals in need for utilities, rent and food.

Many thanks to all our parishioners in helping us reach out and assist those in crisis. We have also given \$3,000.00 in contributions to the pregnancy center, Dos Santos, Love INC, and a church in Exmore that distributes free lunches.

(Total expenses - (\$13,088.00))

In addition, we cooperated with Catholic Charities by hosting a Financial Education Class and Diaper Distribution in June.

If anyone has any questions or would like to help out in this Ministry please contact Christan or the parish office.

As for LOVE INC we are looking to hire an Executive Director, I have placed information sheets for anyone interested in the foyer.