

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY (ANTICIPATORY) 4:00 pm

SUNDAY

7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 6:00 PM

WEEKDAY

Monday, September 1: 9:00 am Mon-Fri 12:10 pm Saturday 9:00 am

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Sept 1-Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm Friday 8:00 am-12 noon

Confession

Saturday 2:00 pm Wednesday 11:30 am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tues Sept 1: 1pm Through Thursday 5pm

ANGELIC ACCENTS GIFT SHOP

Monday-Thursday 10:00 am-After Daily Mass Sunday 8:00 am-After 11am Mass Closed Monday, Sept 1

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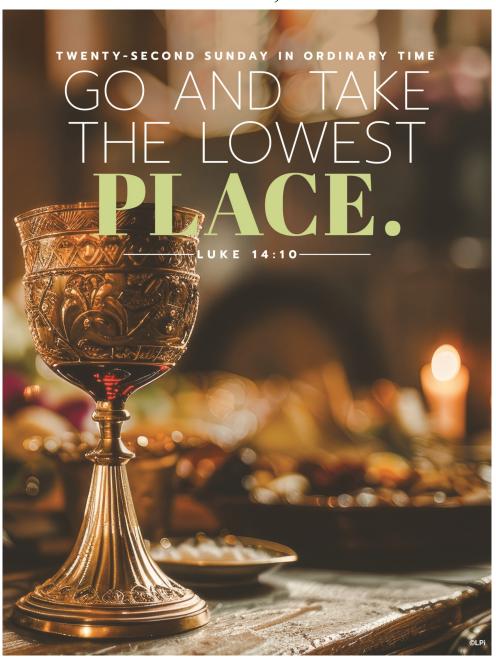


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	OBSERVANCES	READINGS	MASS INTENTIONS	CHURCH EVENTS						
Sunday August 31	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a Luke 14:1, 7-14	7:00 AM Cathie Sobieski 9:00 AM David & Susanna Johnson 11:00 AM Dyrno & Lorena Koffler 6:00 PM People of St. Peter	8:00 AM-12:30 PM Gift Shop Open						
Monday September 1	Labor Day	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Psalm 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 Luke 4:16-30	12:10 рм Dominic Tumaini	OFFICE, GIFT SHOP, FOOD PANTRY CLOSED						
Tuesday September 2		1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 Luke 4:31-37	12:10 рм +Mary Reis	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Begins						
Wednesday September 3	Pope Saint Gregory the Great	Colossians 1:1-8 Psalm 52:10, 11 Luke 4:38-44	12:10 PM +Michael Guttersen, Jr.	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 11:30 AM Confession						
Thursday September 4		Colossians 1:9-14 Psalm 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Luke 5:1-11	12:10 рм +Al Gallegos	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open						
Friday September 5	Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta	Colossians 1:15-20 Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Luke 5:33-39	12:10 рм +Fr. Roger Lascelle							
Saturday September 6		Colossians 1:21-23 Psalm 54:3-4, 6 and 8 Luke 6:1-5	9:00 AM ++Patrick, Sophia, Owen Domisch; Msgr. Thomas Perry; William Jones; Jean Koch; Michael Guttersen, Jr; Michael Guttersen, Sr; Raul Loma Ramos 4:00 PM Dan Lauters	9:45 AM Women Growing in Christ 2:00 PM Confession						
Sunday September 7	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wisdom 9:13-18b Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Luke 14:25-33								

Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

Today's reading from Sirach offers a quiet but profound insight: *The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs*. It's not dramatic like Sinai or radiant like Zion, but it unlocks the heart of today's readings – and the way God speaks. Scripture is full of proverbs, parables, and sayings because wisdom isn't imposed; it's invited.

A proverb is a doorway – narrow, simple, leading into depth. A parable is a seed – small, yet capable of growing into a tree that shelters the soul. A fable – like those tales of foxes and grapes or tortoises and hares – is deceptively simple, yet unforgettable. These forms don't just inform; they form. They shape the heart by engaging the imagination.

Jesus knows this. In today's Gospel, He doesn't rebuke the Pharisees for their pride. He tells a story: "When you are invited, go and take the lowest place..." It's a parable, but also a proverb in motion — a living fable. It echoes Sirach's wisdom: Humble yourself the more, the greater you are.

Jesus doesn't just teach humility – He performs it. At a banquet, He chooses not to dominate but to observe. He sees the scramble for status and, instead of condemning, crafts a story that invites reflection. He teaches like a sage, not a tyrant.

Hebrews adds depth, contrasting Sinai's terror with Zion's joy: You have not approached a blazing fire... but Mount Zion... the city of the living God. Jesus is the teacher of Zion. He whispers in parables, not thunder. And He fulfills Sirach's wisdom: Water quenches a flaming fire, and almsgiving atones for sins. Even that line is a proverb — simple, elemental, profound. Not a treatise, but a truth you can carry in your pocket.

So, what does this mean for us? We must become sages – not by accumulating knowledge, but by cultivating humility. The Gospel ends with a challenge: "Invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind..." It's not just about who we welcome. It's about who we become. The poor in spirit. The humble in heart. Those who trust that God will raise them up.

Let us love proverbs. Teach with stories. And live the parable of humility – so that when the Lord comes to the banquet, He may say: "Friend, move up higher."

Are You Registered?

Registering is the formal and official way to be a part of our parish community. It is also important for scheduling sacraments, attaining sponsor certificates, and receiving donation statements for your taxes.

We have registration forms available in the office and at the church entrances. You can bring them to the office or put them in the offertory basket.

You can also register on our website.

stpetergreeley.org/parish-registration

Why Is It Important for Me to Give Money to My Parish?

Not only is charitable giving a Precept of the Church that is required of us (see CCC 2043), it is also one of the primary ways in which we give back to God for what he has given to us. We are not required to give a specific amount of our money (tithing 10% is not required), but we are expected, from our hearts, to give back to God from the blessings that God has given us.

"Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work."

—2 Corinthians 9:6-8



Monday, September 1st

Office, Gift Shop, and Food Pantry Closed Mass at 9:00 AM

Adoration begins on Tuesday, September 2 at 1:00 PM

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Parish Ministries



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Next Sunday September 7 after the morning Masses Join us for food and fellowship!

Moms—Stop by and pick up a flyer about Moms Group!

Moms Group For Moms with Kids of All Ages!

2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM (confession is available at 11:00 AM)

1st Meeting: Wednesday, September 10th In the church basement

3rd Thursday of the month during youth group (6:30 PM-8:00 PM) Drop your kids at youth group and join us for fellowship with other moms!

1st Meeting: Thursday, September 18th In the parish hall

Moms are welcome to come to one or both meetings. Children are always welcome!

Text STPETERMOMS to 84576 to join our contact list on flocknote

Baptism Class



If you are a parent or godparent of a child to be baptized, our next class is

Saturday, September 13th at 10:00 AM The class is offered for fluent English speakers.

Spanish classes are offered at Our Lady of Peace.
Call the office to sign up 970-352-1060

Women Growing in Christ

Our next gathering is Saturday, September 6th At 9:45 AM in the church basement

Women of all ages are welcome! Bring a friend! Questions? Contact Susan LaBonde 970-353-3342

PRAYER REQUESTS

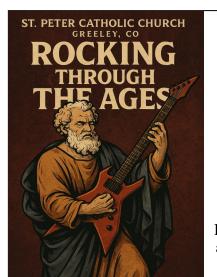
PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST

Brian and Matthew Berning, Lenora Bocock, Francisco Botello, Jr., +Miles Flagg, Marcella and Jeanene Gallegos, Cathy Gigliotti, Kevin Keberlein, NJ King, Rob Minner, +Arthur Morel, Michael Morel, Gene Sanchez, Chris Schneller, Ruben Sendejo, Luis Temblador, +Mia Torrez, Karen Trainer

Youth Group

Fall Kick-Off

Thursday, September 11th | 6:30 PM-8:00 PM
At the rectory
All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us!



Annual Auction Dinner

Saturday, October 18th

Online ticket sales begin September 13-14

In-person ticket sales after Masses starting September 20-21

Altar Servers and Adult Sacristans Wanted

Kids: Would you like to have a front row seat to the most beautiful miracle on earth? Learn how to assist Father and build up your knowledge of all aspects of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Adult Sacristans: Learn how to set up for Mass, the names of items used during Mass, and assist as a server at Mass when needed.

Contact Andy Martinez 970-539-3565 or 970-534-5486

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenged the social structure of the Pharisees and teaches his hosts and their guests some profound lessons in humility. Pharisees maintained deep social divisions between who they considered "holy" and "unholy," rich and poor, honored and despised. They didn't invite someone to a banquet or dinner who couldn't reciprocate. And the lowly, the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind had no capacity to reciprocate. Good stewards realize that if they embrace a humility that allows them to be generous to those who cannot repay them, they give evidence of having the kind of heart that will enjoy the Lord's intimate friendship. This week let's reflect on our attitude towards those who cannot repay our generosity. What is the extent of our hospitality toward others? Are we generous with those who cannot repay us?

Bear Catholic Campus Ministry For UNC and Aims Students



← View our calendar

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First Saturday Rosary and Chaplet

This Saturday September 6, the rosary will be said at 8:20 AM with the Divine Mercy Chaplet immediately following.

Mass begins at 9:00 AM

Young Adult Group

Co-Ed Bible Study
Every other Monday at 7:30 pm at Zoe's Café
(No meetings on Sept 1 or 8)

Contact Katelyn Mendoza 970-691-1449 katelyn.mendozaweiss@outlook.com

Text STPETERYA to 84576 to join our contact list on Flocknote.

St. Peter Food Pantry

We are in need of the following items:

Spaghetti

Spaghetti Sauce

Fruit Cups

Apple Cups

Cooking Beans

Canned Vegetables

Instant Oatmeal (Single Packets)

Fresh Garden Vegetables (bring day of or night before)

We are grateful for your continued generosity!

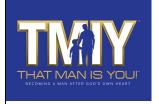


Bear Catholic Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 13

Register at bearcatholic.com/golf-tournament

Around the Area



That Man is You

Thursday mornings 6:00 AM-7:00 AM

Starts September 11th

St Mary Parish Hall

Contacts:

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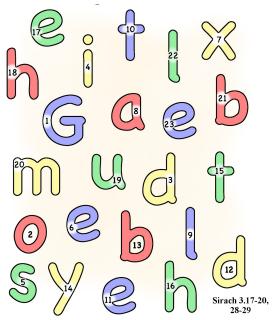
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Faith Formation

Answers: front page: God is exalted by the humble. True or False: 1.false 2.true 3.true 4.true. 5.false 6.true 7.false

Young Saints-in-Training



What can we learn from today's first reading? Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks.

1	2	3		1	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	3 14	4	15	16	17	1	8 1	9 20	2	- - 22	2 23	_·

True or False: How to be Humble

What did Jesus say? Some of these are true and some aren't. Can you figure out which is which?

- 1. If you know that you are an important guest then you should sit in the place of honour. True or False?
- 2. If you go to a wedding feast and sit in a place of honour, someone more important might come and you will have to move to a lower place. True or False?
- 3. If you sit in a lower place, then the one who invited you will tell you to sit in a more important place and you will be honoured. True or False?
- 4. Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and everyone who humbles himself will be exalted. True or False?
- 5. When you have a dinner, you should invite the most important people so that they will invite you back. True or False?
- 6. If you are having a banquet or dinner, you should invite the poor and crippled people who can't invite you back. True or False?
- 7. If you invite the poor and crippled people to your dinner, you will never be repaid. True or False?



Modern Church History part 3 (Last Week) **All About Vatican II**

The Catholic Church Today (Next Week)

- The Second Vatican Council was called by Pope Saint John XXIII in 1962. During the council, he died, and the council was continued by Pope Saint Paul VI. It ended in 1965.
- The primary purpose of Vatican II was "to present the teachings of the Church for modern man. It addressed relations between the Church and the modern world, as well as the Church's relationship with other Christians and non-Christians, and the Church's relationship with herself.
- 16 documents were issued by Vatican II, including Apostolicam Actuositatem, Lumen Gentium, and Gaudium et Spes.
- Vatican II primarily emphasized the "universal call to holiness" and the importance of the laity in evangelizing the Gospel to the world. Everyone, not just priests and religious, are called to be saints.
- Contrary to popular belief, while Vatican II did allow for the vernacular (common languages) to be used in the Liturgy, it actually emphasized the importance of using Latin. "This permission for some use of the vernacular was taken well beyond the stated will of the council fathers."
- Future popes Paul VI, John Paul I, John Paul II, and Benedict XVI participated in Vatican II.
- Vatican II remains controversial because "there are those who do not like what it yielded. This is complicated by the fact that, in many ways, what the council yielded is not what the council fathers had in mind."
- Liturgical practices that changed after Vatican II, such as the priest facing the people, the Tabernacle being moved to the side of the church, and the sole use of the vernacular at Mass, were not intended by the council fathers. The council actually emphasized the importance of Latin and of Gregorian chant in the Liturgy.
- Those who implemented these changes used the term the "Spirit of Vatican II," which "insists on a reading of the council's objectives and directives that are not explicitly detailed in the documents...[they] look beyond the texts themselves to support their agenda."
- "Throughout the Church's history, we have seen many, many instances of groups who did not accept a given council's teaching. This problem persists down to our own day and is no less serious an ecumenical problem. Such an attitude does damage to the Body of Christ, and we must continue to strive to heal those wounds."

—source: Church Councils: 100 Questions and Answers by Paul Senz

www.thekidsbulletin.com

Carlo Acutis and Pier Giogio Frassati to be canonized September 7th



Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 and grew up in Italy. He died at age 15 of leukemia. Like any modern child, he loved video games and computers. He taught himself how to code and build websites. He was also very charitable toward his peers. Carlo had a great love for the Eucharist and created an

online database of Eucharistic Miracles, miracolieucaristici.org.

Pier Giorgio Frassati was born in Italy in 1901. He was involved with Catholic youth groups, and also had a heart for social reform and acts of charity. He opposed fascism and was once arrested for protesting it. He founded a newspaper called *Memento*



which espoused his views on social reform. He died of polio at age 24. His funeral was attended by many who were drawn to him and his life.

Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati, pray for us!

Did You Know We Have a Library?



Our parish library is located next to the Gift Shop. Check out our selection and borrow a book to take home and read. Don't forget to return it when you are done so that others may also enjoy it.

NEED PRAYERS?

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