



## MASS TIMES

### SATURDAY (ANTICIPATORY)

4:00 PM

### SUNDAY

7:00 AM

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

6:00 PM

### WEEKDAY

MON-FRI 12:10 PM

SATURDAY 9:00 AM

## OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY

8:00 AM-4:00 PM

FRIDAY 8:00 AM-12 NOON

## CONFESSION

SATURDAY 2:00 PM

WEDNESDAY 11:30 AM

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

MONDAY 1PM

THROUGH

THURSDAY 5PM

## ANGELIC ACCENTS GIFT SHOP

MONDAY-THURSDAY

10:00 AM-AFTER DAILY MASS

SUNDAY

8:00 AM-AFTER 11AM MASS

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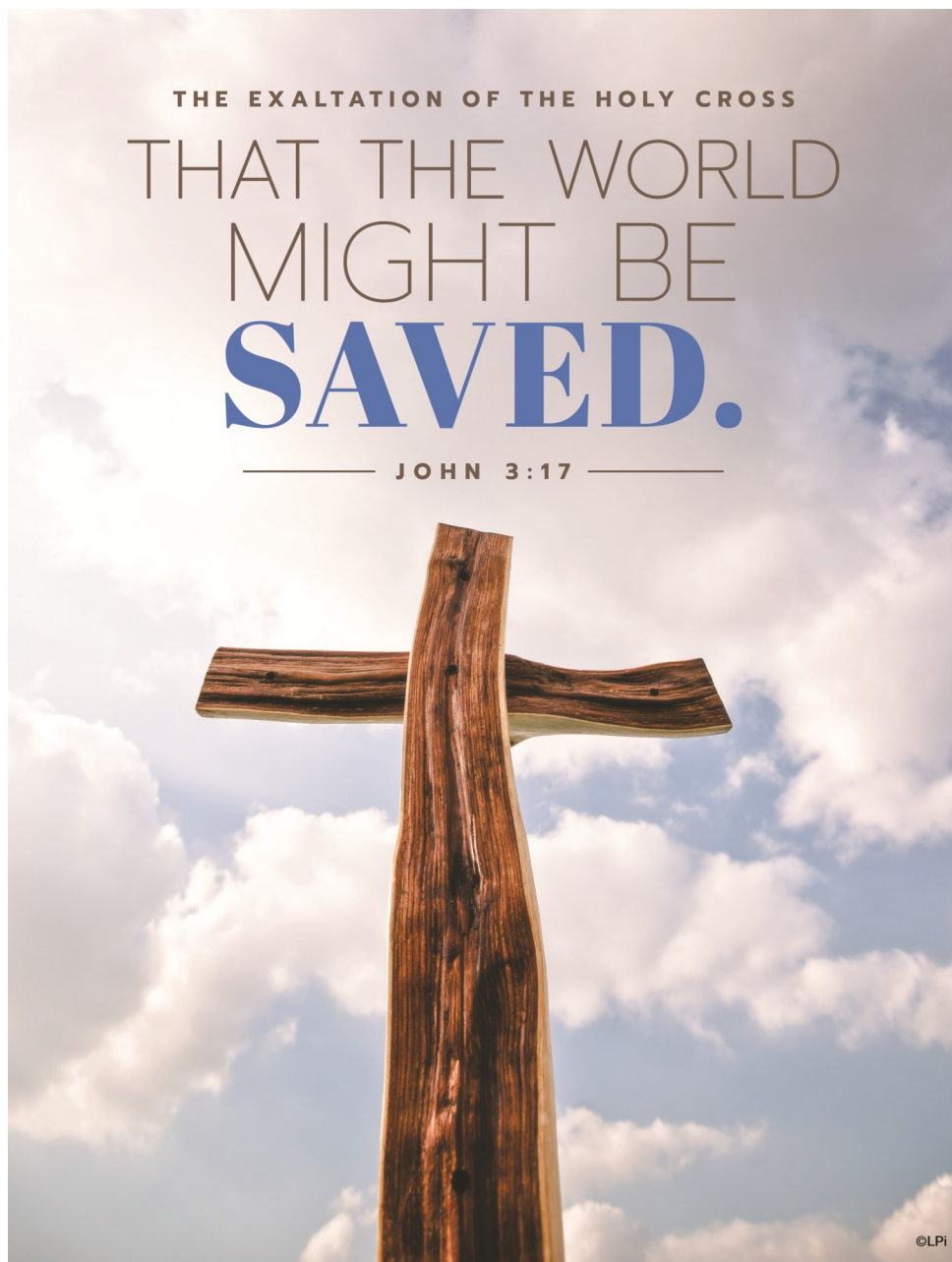


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	OBSERVANCES	READINGS	MASS INTENTIONS	CHURCH EVENTS
Sunday September 14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Numbers 21:4b-9 Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17	7:00 AM +Henry Hernandez 9:00 AM +Virginia Sorenson 11:00 AM Tony and Carol Landretti 6:00 PM People of St. Peter	8:00 AM-12:30 PM Gift Shop Open Faith Formation Classes
Monday September 15	Our Lady of Sorrows	1 Timothy 2:1-8 Psalm 28:2, 7, 8-9 John 19:25-27	12:10 PM +Mark Forgue	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Begins 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open
Tuesday September 16	Saints Cornelius and Cyprian	1 Timothy 3:1-13 Psalm 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 Luke 7:11-17	12:10 PM Dominic Tumaini	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 6:00 PM Adult Faith Formation
Wednesday September 17	Saint Hildegard of Bingen Saint Robert Bellarmine	1 Timothy 3:14-16 Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Luke 7:31-35	12:10 PM +Mary Reis	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 11:30 AM Confession 1:00 PM Seniors 55+ 4:30 PM NET Retreat 6th-12th grade 6:30 PM Lector Training
Thursday September 18		1 Timothy 4:12-16 Psalm 111:7-8, 9, 10 Luke 7:36-50	12:10 PM Cathie Sobieski	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open 6:30 PM Moms Group 6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group
Friday September 19	Saint Januarius	1 Timothy 6:2c-12 Psalm 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20 Luke 8:1-3	12:10 PM +Denis Baustert	1:00 PM Quilter's Group
Saturday September 20	Saints Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang and companions	1 Timothy 6:13-16 Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Luke 8:4-15	9:00 AM ++Al Gallegos, Francisco Enrigues-Rodriguez, Gene Sanchez, Mike Seery, Michael Gutterson Sr, Michael Gutterson Jr, Jose Gonzales, Baby Rios 4:00 PM Gavin Neff	2:00 PM Confession
Sunday September 21	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Amos 8:4-7      Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8      1 Timothy 2:1-8      Luke 16:1-13		

# Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

## Free Will

There's a moment in the desert when the Israelites are tired – not just physically, but spiritually. They've grown impatient with God, resentful of the journey, and bitter toward the manna that once felt miraculous. And in that moment, serpents appear. Not as punishment, but as revelation. The venom exposes their vulnerability. The bite reveals their need. And God's response? He doesn't remove the serpents. He tells Moses to lift up a bronze image of the very thing that afflicts them. Healing won't come by hiding from the wound – it will come by facing it. By looking up. By trusting.

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Centuries later, Jesus tells Nicodemus: *"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up."* And suddenly, the Cross is not a scandal – it's a mirror. It reveals the venom of sin and the antidote of mercy. It shows us what love looks like when it's nailed down and refuses to run. But here's the deeper mystery: the Cross is not inevitable. It's chosen. *Jesus, though He was in the form of God ... He emptied Himself.* He didn't stumble into Calvary – He walked there. Freely. Obediently. Lovingly.

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And that brings us to the question: are we destined, or do we have free will? The Cross answers: we are loved, and we are free. God's foreknowledge is not a rigid script. It is the perfect awareness of every possibility, every path, every choice we might make – and the consequences of each. He sees the full

landscape of our freedom, and yet He never forces our hand. His knowledge is not control – it is compassion. He knows our hearts, our wounds, our wanderings, and still, He waits for our 'yes'. Faith, then, is not surrender to fate. It is trust in a God who knows us fully and still invites us freely.

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And when we say yes, we say it to a Savior who is both divine and human. Not half of each. Fully both. The Son of God became the Son of Man – not to observe us, but to rescue us. Because only a true human could stand in our place. And only true divinity could conquer death. Jesus is the New Adam – not grasping at glory, but surrendering to love. Where Adam hid in shame, Christ hangs in mercy. Where Adam brought exile, Christ brings homecoming.

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So today, we are invited to look up. Not just with our eyes, but with our lives. To gaze upon the Cross and see not fate, but freedom. Not condemnation, but communion. Not inevitability, but intimacy. The Cross stands before us, not as a relic, but as a choice. Will we trust? Will we surrender? Will we let love lift us?

## Mass Intentions Guidelines

Our Mass Intention book for 2026 will open in mid-October

You may have 6 Masses per year said for a living person,  
and 12 Masses per year for a deceased person

You can have a Mass said collectively for all living or all deceased members of a family  
instead of individual Masses for each person

Saturday 9:00 AM intentions will alternate between living and deceased. Multiple individuals can be included in one Saturday Mass. If you want your intention to be published in the bulletin, please have your intention requested by the Tuesday before the Mass at 11:00 AM

## Parish Ministries

### PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST

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

### Lector Training

**Wednesday, September 17th  
6:30 PM-8:00 PM in the church**

Led by Deacon Andy

For new lectors and for current lectors who did not attend the update in August



## EMHC TRAINING

**Saturday, October 4th  
10:00 AM in the church**

Led by Fr. Tomasz

Learn how to become a Eucharistic Minister at Mass and to the homebound  
Current EMHCs should also attend

**Contact Susan LaBonde 970-353-3342  
Or Ariane Rowe-Denning 970-301-3024**

### Moms Group

Thursday, September 18th at 6:30 PM

In the parish hall

Stay and connect while your middle and high schoolers are at youth group!

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to join our contact list**

### Bear Catholic Campus Ministry For UNC and Aims Students



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## Youth Group

**Thursdays 6:30 PM-8:00 PM**

**All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us!**

**Free NET Retreat For 6th-12th Grades**

Wednesday, September 17th

4:30 PM-9:00 PM

Games, skits, prayer, and more!

Dinner provided

No need to sign up, just come!

## ST. PETER'S SENIORS

**Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 17  
1:00 PM in the church basement**

Call Cathie 970-412-8621 for more information

## Quilters Group

Friday afternoons 1:00-3:00 PM

In the church basement

All ages and skill levels are welcome!

Contact Carol Gittlein 970-506-2873



## The Knights of Columbus

OUR NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 25 AT 7:00 PM  
Knights Hall 2600 6th Ave, Greeley

If you would like more information  
about the Knights of Columbus,  
contact Jerry Steffen 970-978-7350  
or [thegreeley6@aol.com](mailto:thegreeley6@aol.com)



## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Sing

Sunday, September 21st at 11:00 AM

Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 16th at 5:45-6:45 PM

For more information contact Neil Chen  
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### Co-Ed Bible Study

Every other Monday at 7:30 PM at Zoe's Café

### Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6:15 PM

### Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6:45 PM

### Praise and Worship at St. Peter

Thursday, September 25th at 7:00 PM

Contact Katelyn Mendoza  
970-691-1449

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

## ST. PETER FOOD PANTRY

*We are in need of the following items:*

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Fresh Garden Vegetables ( <i>bring day of or night before</i> )	

*We are grateful for your continued generosity!*

## Around the Area

**The Business Plan I Never Made:  
When God Points You to the Surprise  
of Your Life, Will You Go?**

Thursday, September 25th, 2025  
5:30 PM-8:00 PM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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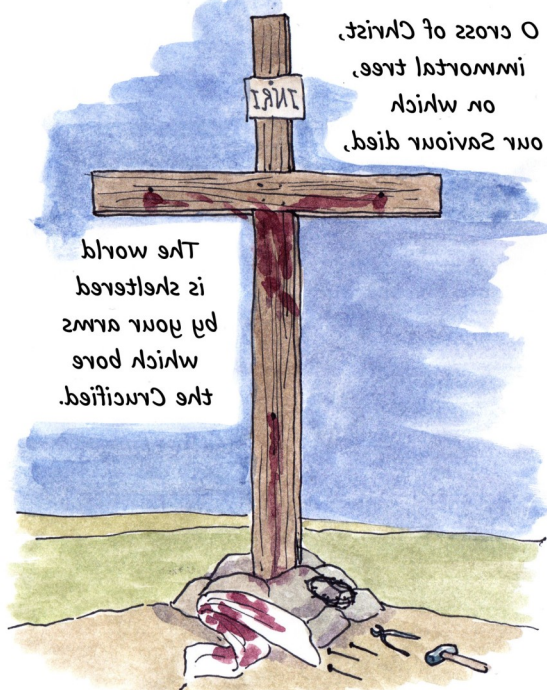


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Thursday mornings  
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St Mary Parish Hall

Contacts:  
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## Young Saints-in-Training



Today is a special feast day when we celebrate the cross on which Jesus died. Look in the mirror to find the words of a hymn that tells us about what the cross means to us.

### Word-find: The Holy Cross

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PCROSSSTHREE  
LADJESUSLITA  
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Find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

After ADAM and Eve sinned, the world needed a SAVIOUR who would FREE us from the punishment we deserved in HELL. JESUS, Who was the Son of GOD, LOVED us so much that He OFFERED His life to God the FATHER as a SACRIFICE for our SINS.

When the TIME came for Jesus to die, the HEAVY wooden cross was placed on His shoulders. He was forced to CARRY it to the top of the HILL. EVERY step was TORTURE. He FELL several times, and met His holy mother MARY along the way.

Finally He came to CALVARY, also called the PLACE of the Skull. The soldiers NAILED Him to the CROSS and lifted it up. The SKY became DARK as Jesus hung there for THREE hours. Finally He DIED. His soul went to God and He opened the GATES of HEAVEN.

Who found Jesus' cross after it had been buried for 300 years? \_\_\_\_\_

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Catholic Church History Today (Last Week)

## Liturgy of the Hours part 1

Liturgy of the Hours part 2 (Next Week)

## THE TAKE-AWAYS

- The Liturgy of the Hours is also known as the Divine Office or the Work of God.
- It is the daily prayer of the Church which marks the hours of each day with prayer.
- The Hours are “a meditative dialogue on the mystery of Christ, using scripture and prayer.”
- Clergy, religious, and lay people may pray the Liturgy of the Hours. The laity are encouraged to pray the Divine Office.
- There are five Hours of the Divine Office:
  1. **Office of Readings:** the readings proclaimed at Mass that day.
  2. **Morning Prayer:** one of the most important prayers of the Divine Office, includes a hymn, prayers from the Psalms, the Canticle of Zechariah, and intentions.
  3. **Daytime Prayer:** can be prayed at midmorning, midday, midafternoon, or all three. These are shorter prayers meant to be said during the work of the day, and the times also align with Christ’s Passion in the Gospels.
  4. **Evening Prayer:** the other most important prayer of the Divine Office, includes the Canticle of Mary (the Magnificat)
  5. **Night Prayer:** also known as Vespers, said before bedtime, even if it is after midnight

—source: usccb.org

## FOR DEEPER CONTEMPLATION

“The Divine Office is truly the voice of the Bride herself addressed to her Bridegroom. It is the very prayer which Christ himself together with his Body addresses to the Father.”

—CCC 1174

“The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God. In it Christ himself ‘continues his priestly work through his Church. His members participate according to their own place in the Church and the circumstances of their lives.’ —CCC 1175

“The Liturgy of the Hours, which is like an extension of the Eucharistic celebration, does not exclude but rather in a complementary way calls forth the various devotions of the People of God, especially adoration and worship of the Blessed Sacrament.” —CCC 1178

“The celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours not only harmonizing the voice with a praying heart, but also a deeper understanding of the liturgy and of the Bible, especially of the Psalms.” —divineoffice.org

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