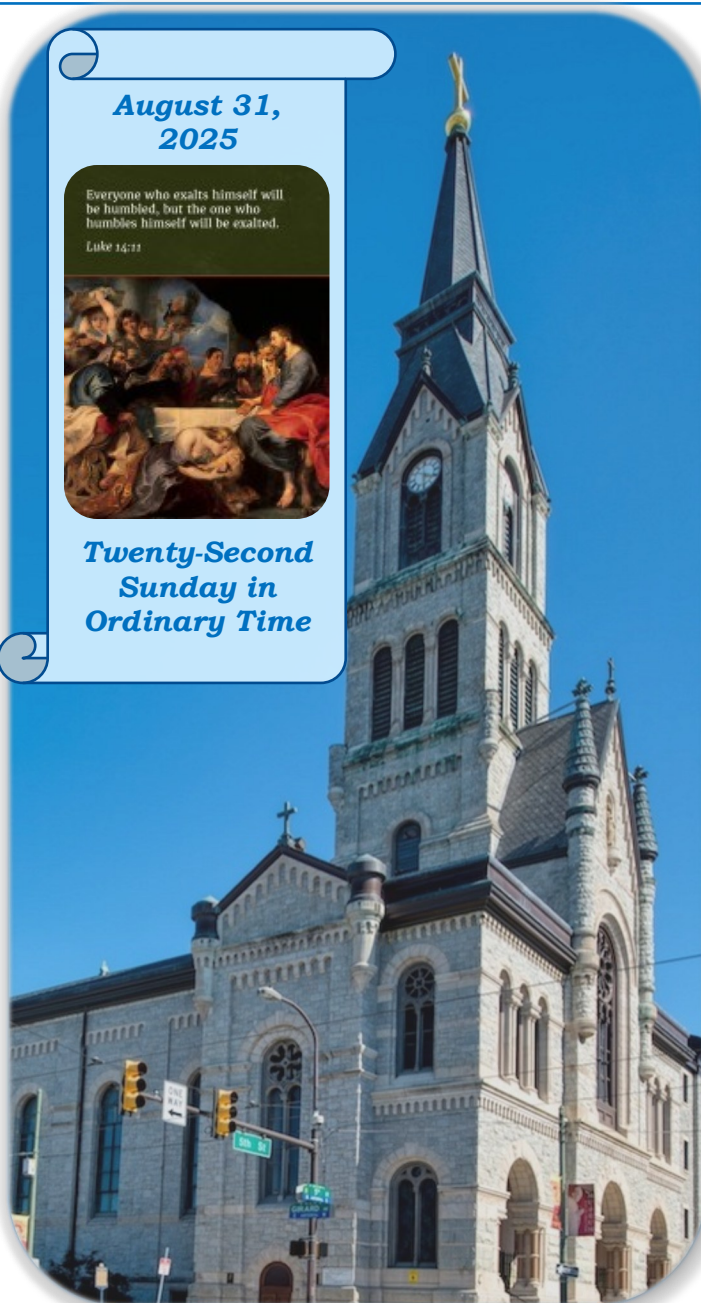


**August 31,  
2025**

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will be humbled, but the one who  
humbles himself will be exalted.  
Luke 14:11



**Twenty-Second  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**



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**Saturday:** 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m (Vigil).  
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**O.L.P.H. Novena:** 7:00 p.m. (Shrine) Filipino Sponsored

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**Sunday:** 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)

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**Monday - Friday:** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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**SICK CALLS:** Emergencies & Hospital Visitation: Please contact the Rectory office.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** The Sacrament of Baptism is administered monthly. Arrangements are made in advance at the Rectory. Sponsors must provide proof of eligibility by a letter from their respective pastors, and must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. Parents attend a Pre-Jordan meeting prior to Baptism, which is arranged at a mutually convenient time.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least six months before the date of the wedding. Pre-Cana instructions are required. Couples rather than parents or wedding coordinators should contact the church. If either party was previously married, an annulment must be granted prior to the selection of a future wedding date.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

5:30 PM † Agnes Giampietro - rb: Mary Giampietro

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society

9:30 AM † Mark Bogan - rb: Nancy Mola

11:00 AM Parish Family and † Christian Miranda – rb: Maria Miranda

12:30 PM Joseph Aguilante - rb: Marybeth Kilpatrick

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - *Labor Day*

9:30 AM Purgatorian Society

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Ladislaus Sukany – rb: Mary Giampietro

5:30 PM † Dominic & Maria Nguyen - rb: Le Nguyen

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGUE

5:30 PM † Celia Soto - rb: Daughter, Josie Santiago

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † José Rafael Peña Vazquez - rb: Olga Ventura

5:30 PM † Inocencia Rosa Barro - rb: Olga Ventura

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Neumann Guild

5:30 PM Carolyn Bennett - rb: Bernadette Breslin & Family

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGUE

## REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

In your prayers, please keep in mind our sick, homebound, and those in healthcare facilities including: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSsR, Jennifer Woods, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, Wayne Shaak, Michaela Breslin, June Ambrose, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martines, Juana Ortiz, Charles Ambrose, Donald Ambrose, Ann Pham, Richard Simpson, Danielle Sorrichillo, Jack Michael Little, Reinalee Colon, Donna Marie Simpson, Mary Ha, Tanya Rapone, Jane Kernan, Alicia Ann Chomo, Gayle Mulford, Betty Santos, Mary Zajac, Kathy Griffin, Michael Micciola, Jeanette Troutman, Linda Butter, and Ann Russo. *Please call the rectory office to add a name.*

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

On this twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Church calls our attention to a fundamental Christian virtue, humility. It is an attribute and quality of God that all his children must strive to possess and live. Therefore she encourages us to reflect deeply on this great virtue. Also, she calls us to imitate the humility of Jesus Christ, our Lord, the mediator of the new covenant.

The first reading of this Sunday is a piece of candid advice from the Preacher. He gives us the key to a successful fellowship with God, and of course, with one another. He advises us, “Behave humbly, and you will find favor with the Lord.” This is absolutely right. Humility was a distinctive mark of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, our Lord. So, it must also be for us as Christians. The Preacher also reminds us that pride is a disease. However, the good news is that it has a cure – the imitation of Christ’s humility.

The second reading reminds us that our destination is Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, and the city of the living God. In this city, only the humble like the Angels and Saints can dwell there. Indeed, the proud cannot because a proud heart cannot worship the Lord. Furthermore, in this city, “everyone is a firstborn and a true citizen.” Hence, as citizens of this city, we must clothe ourselves with humility like Christ our Mediator.

The gospel takes us to the climax of today’s good news. Christ exhorts us, “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.” Jesus teaches the importance of humility and simplicity in our Christian journey. In this regard, we have a lot to learn from the Blessed Virgin Mary, who humbled herself. Her humility was so remarkable that God exalted her to be the mother of his son.

Mary attested to this through her Magnificat: “My soul glorifies the Lord...for He has been mindful of the humble state of His servant...He has brought down rulers from their thrones and has lifted the humble” (Lk 1:47. 59). Therefore, there is no reason to wonder why Christ was humble. He had humble parents from whom he learned humility. Also, we must emulate the humility of Christ and Mary in order to be like them.

There is nothing to lose by being humble. The book of Proverbs tells us, “Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth, honor, and life” (Prov 22:4). On the contrary, pride results in defeat and shame. Any spiritual

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life not anchored on humility definitely will be an empty one. This is because such a Christian will only work for himself and without regard for others.

Finally, the church teaches us that: "Humility is the foundation of prayer." (CCC 2559). Only a humble heart can come and prostrate before God in prayer. Humble persons are always ready to ask for guidance from God and others. Also, they listen and learn from others. It takes humility to say please, and also to ask for forgiveness. So, let us humbly implore the Lord: "O Jesus! Meek and humble of heart, make my heart like yours. From the desire to be honored and esteemed deliver me!" written by Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp.,

Blessings,  
Fr Mike

### THE ROSARY

We invite you to join us each day at 11:55 a.m. in the Shrine as we pray the Rosary for peace. Please come and pray with us.



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### WEEKEND COLLECTION - 8/24/2025

|                                  |                   |
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| Masses                           | \$2,984.00        |
| Envelopes Mailed - Offerings     | \$90.00           |
| Electronic Giving -              | \$1,794.85        |
| <b>Total.....</b>                | <b>\$4,868.85</b> |
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### SANCTUARY CANDLES

This week, the candles in the sanctuaries will burn for the following intentions:

#### Blessed Sacrament Altar (Lower Church)

Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen

#### OLPH Shrine (Upper Church)

Little Family - rb: Nora Little

#### St. John Neumann Altar

Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen

#### Blessed Sacrament Altar (Upper Church)

All the faithful departed - rb: Patricia and Raymond Villanueva

#### Redemptorist Chapel

† Lorraine Kingsbury Miner



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### LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM Familia Parroquial Y † Christian Miranda –  
sp: Maria Miranda

### CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL

10:30 AM

### DONACIONES DE UNITED WAY

Si usted contribuye a United Way a través de su trabajo, favor considere designar a la **Escuela San Pedro, United Way #52989**, para que su donación ayude a nuestra escuela.

### VELA DEL SANTUARIO

Esta semana, las velas de los santuarios se encenderán por las siguientes intenciones:

*Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Abajo)*

*Familia Nguyen*

*- sp: Le Nguyen*

*Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro (Iglesia de Arriba)*

*Familia Little*

*- sp: Nora Little*

*Altar de San Juan Neumann*

*Familia Nguyen*

*- sp: Le Nguyen*

*Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Arriba)*

*Fieles almas fallecidas - sp: Patricia y Raymond*

*Villanueva*

*Capilla de los Redentoristas*

*Lorraine Kingsbury Miner*

### RECORDEMOS A LOS ENFERMOS DE LA PARROQUIA

En sus oraciones, por favor, tenga en cuenta a nuestros enfermos, confinados en casa, y aquellos en los centros de salud, incluyendo: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSsR, Jennifer Woods, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, Wayne Shaak, Michaela Breslin, June Ambrose, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martines, Juana Ortiz, Charles Ambrose, Donald Ambrose, Ann Pham, Richard Simpson, Danielle Sorrichillo, Jack Michael Little, Reinalee Colon, Donna Marie Simpson, Mary Ha, Tanya Rapone, Jane Kernan, Alicia Ann Chomo, Gayle Mulford, Betty Santos, Mary Zajac, Kathy Griffin, Michael Micciola Y Jeanette Troutman, Linda Butter, y Ann Russo. Favor de llamar a la rectoría para incluir un nombre en la lista.

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## DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Queridos Feligreses,

En este 22o domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, la Iglesia nos llama la atención sobre una virtud cristiana fundamental: la humildad. Es un atributo y una cualidad de Dios que todos sus hijos deben esforzarse por poseer y vivir. Por ello, nos anima a reflexionar profundamente sobre esta gran virtud. Además, nos llama a imitar la humildad de Jesucristo, nuestro Señor, mediador de la nueva alianza.

La primera lectura de este domingo es un consejo sincero del Predicador. Nos da la clave para una comunión exitosa con Dios y, por supuesto, entre nosotros. Nos aconseja: «Compórtate con humildad y encontraras favor ante el Señor.». Y es totalmente cierto. La humildad fue una característica distintiva de la vida y el ministerio de Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. Así debe ser también para nosotros como cristianos. El Predicador también nos recuerda que el orgullo es una enfermedad. Sin embargo, la buena noticia es que tiene cura: imitar la humildad de Cristo. La segunda lectura nos recuerda que nuestro destino es el Monte Sión, la Jerusalén celestial, la ciudad del Dios vivo. En esta ciudad, solo los humildes, como los ángeles y los santos, pueden morar. De hecho, los orgullosos no pueden, porque un corazón orgulloso no puede adorar al Señor. Además, en esta ciudad, «todos son primogénitos y verdaderos ciudadanos». Por lo tanto, como ciudadanos de esta ciudad, debemos revestirnos de humildad como Cristo, nuestro Mediador.

El Evangelio nos lleva al clímax de la buena noticia de hoy. Cristo nos exhorta: «Todo el que se enaltece será humillado, y el que se humilla será enaltecido». Jesús enseña la importancia de la humildad y la sencillez en nuestro camino cristiano. En este sentido, tenemos mucho que aprender de la Santísima Virgen María, quien se humilló. Su humildad fue tan extraordinaria que Dios la exaltó para ser la madre de su hijo. María lo atestiguó mediante su Magnificat: «Mi alma glorifica al Señor... porque ha considerado la humildad de su sierva... ha derribado a los poderosos de sus tronos y ha enaltecido a los humildes» (Lc 1,47-59). Por lo tanto, no hay razón para preguntarse por qué Cristo fue humilde. Tuvo padres humildes de quienes aprendió humildad. Además, debemos emular la

humildad de Cristo y María para ser como ellos.

No hay nada que perder siendo humilde. El libro de Proverbios nos dice: «La humildad y el temor del Señor traen riqueza, honor y vida» (Prov 22,4). Por el contrario, el orgullo resulta en derrota y vergüenza. Cualquier vida espiritual que no esté anclada en la humildad será, sin duda, vacía. Esto se debe a que un cristiano así solo trabajará para sí mismo y sin consideración por los demás.

Finalmente, la Iglesia nos enseña que: «La humildad es el fundamento de la oración» (CIC 2559). Solo un corazón humilde puede venir y postrarse ante Dios en oración. Las personas humildes siempre están dispuestas a pedir la guía de Dios y de los demás. Además, escuchan y aprenden de los demás. Se requiere humildad para pedir por favor y también para pedir perdón. Así que, imploremos humildemente al Señor: "¡Oh Jesús! Manso y humilde de corazón, haz mi corazón como el tuyo. ¡Líbrame del deseo de ser honrado y estimado!", escrito por el P. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp.

Bendiciones,  
Padre Mike

### EL ROSARIO

Les invitamos a unirse a nosotros todos los días a las 11:55AM en el Santuario a rezar el Rosario por la paz. Venga y únase a nosotros con el arma espiritual.



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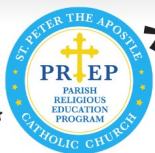
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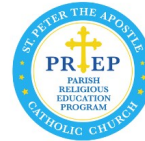
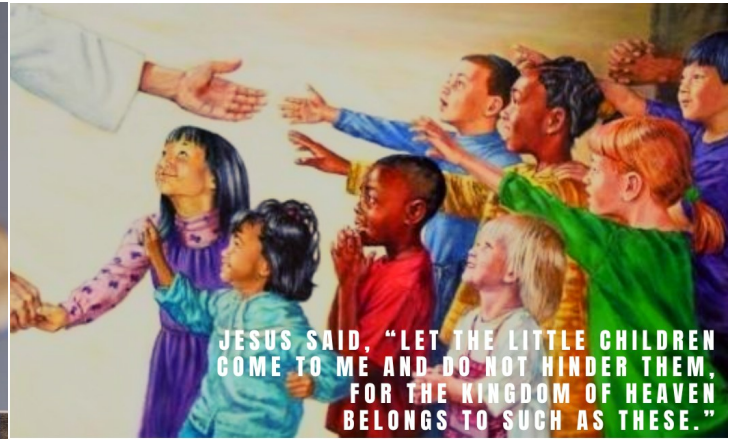
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