



October 5th 2025 | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORSHIP - MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday 7:00am

Saturday 6:00pm* in English

Sunday

8:00am°, 10:00am*° in English

5:00pm+ at San Pablo Chapel

7:00pm°* in Spanish

° Live-streamed

+ San Pablo Chapel - 1st, 2nd, 5th Sundays in English, 3rd & 4th Sundays in Spanish

* Fisher Kids Liturgy of the Word for children 5-12yrs.

CONFESSIONS:

Monday - Friday by appointment

Thursday 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

Saturday 4:00 - 5:30 pm



YOUTH: Life-Teen is a movement that leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. For more information contact: **Ms. Esther Galeano** at **+501 623-8652**

Life Teen: Fridays 7:00—9:00PM

Edge: Saturdays 4:00-6:00PM

SACRAMENTS: The seven Sacraments instituted by Christ are powerful encounters with God that transform, nourish, heal and strengthen us. To learn more about Baptism, the Eucharist, Confirmation, and Marriage please contact the church office **611-8648** or sacraments.sprcc@gmail.com

WE CARE. No matter what struggles you're facing in life, we want you to know you don't have to walk through them alone. We are here to offer hope, help, and healing to guide you through tough times. For more information contact **Ms. Rhia Elizabeth** **609-0902**

spiritualhealing.sprcc@gmail.com.

DONATIONS FOR THE POOR. Please consider contributing to the "Poor". All donations go directly to the care of those in need. We are requesting education scholarships to help our Casita Children. We continue our request for hosting donors to support our Charity Days which are held every two weeks here at our beach courtyard. For more information: Mrs. Josie Nunez 611-8642 or Casita.sprcc@gmail.com.

FIRST TIME HERE? We would love to connect with you and help you with any next steps. Please tell us a bit about you by filling out the card, "First Time Visitor?" available at each entrance.

Contact us:

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San Pedro Catholic Gift Shop offers a variety of religious articles, prayer cards, religious books and Bibles to gift, adorn your home and to lead you on a path to holiness.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Student Ministries resume:

- **Life Teen (High School students):** Fri. 7:00—9:00PM at St. JP II Youth Center.
- **Edge (Primary School students):** Sat. 4:00—6:00PM at Church Beach Courtyard.
- **Finding Jesus (4-6yrs):** Sat. 10:30 –11:30AM at St. JP II Youth Center
- **Blessed First Communion (Std 2+):** Sat. 9:00-10:30AM at Parish Hall
- **Chosen Confirmation (Std 5+):** Sat. 11:00AM –12:30PM at Parish Hall

Baptism Classes (RCIA): Discover the Joy of Baptism and enter the family of God. Ready to take this meaningful step? Join our Baptism (RCIA) Classes and receive Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation next Easter. Held weekly at the **Parish Hall** starting on:

- **Youth 8-14yrs:** Thu. 6:30pm –7:45pm
- **Adults in Spanish:** Mon. Oct 6th 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- **Adults in English:** Sun. Oct 12th 11:30am—1:00pm

Call the Church Office 501 624-4215 or just show up.

New Marriage Preparation Course: Continues at St. JP II Youth Center at 7:00PM.

- **Session 3: Wed. Oct 15th**

Neo-Catechumenate: Come and listen to talks for adults and youths about the Word of God. Christ has Risen to give you his joy and peace and to provide an answer to your sufferings. Every **Monday & Thursday from 7:00—8:00PM at San Pablo Chapel** WhatsApp +1 (954)9974990 for more information.

Pastoral Statement on the Caye Caulker Marijuana

Referendum: Please read this statement from the Diocese found on Page 2 of the Bulletin.

October Birthday Blessings: A birthday blessing will be done for all celebrating a birthday in October.

OUR STAFF:

Pastor: Fr. Eduardo Montemayor, SOLT (pastor.sprcc@gmail.com)

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Roman Catholic Diocese of Belize City and Belmopan

PRESS RELEASE

October 3, 2025

PASTORAL STATEMENT ON THE CAYE CAULKER MARIJUANA REFERENDUM

Belize City, Belize – As the people of Caye Caulker prepare for the upcoming referendum on the legalization of marijuana, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Belize City–Belmopan offers this guidance. The voice of the Church remains steady: as Christians and citizens, we are called to protect life, defend families, and pursue the common good in our beloved nation, Belize. The Catholic tradition reminds us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

Pope St. John Paul II warned that drug abuse *“impoverishes every community where it exists.”* Pope Francis has spoken just as clearly against attempts to legalize recreational drugs, declaring that *“drug addiction is an evil, and with evil there can be no yielding or compromise.”* He warned that legalization is “highly questionable” and fails to solve the problem. Instead, he urged us to say *“yes to life, yes to love, yes to others, yes to education, yes to greater job opportunities.”*

For this reason, Belize cannot afford to legalize marijuana. Experience in other countries shows the harm that follows. If legalized, marijuana will:

- **Harm our youth** – making drugs seem normal, lowering learning ability, and increasing dropouts.
- **Damage families** – impairing parents, fuelling violence, and weakening bonds of love and care.
- **Threaten health** – leading to more addiction, depression, accidents, and mental illness.
- **Undermine tourism** – driving away family visitors and replacing them with drug-seekers.
- **Strengthen crime** – giving cartels and black markets more opportunities to profit.
- **Corrode moral values** – sending the message that intoxicants are acceptable, even desirable.

As followers of Christ, we are called not to escape life but to embrace it. Marijuana does not build Belize up; it tears Belize down. For these reasons, the Diocese calls on all Catholic faithful and people of goodwill in Caye Caulker to form their consciences and to **vote “No”** in the referendum. This is a civic duty and a moral responsibility to protect our children, preserve our families, and keep Belize a jewel, not a casualty of drug culture.

Let us pray together for wisdom and unity in this moment of decision.

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