

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## 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 - 4:00 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

Saturday	December 6th	4:00 PM	(Available)
		7:00 AM	(Available)
Sunday	December 7th	9:00 AM	† Carol Spahn
		12:00 PM	(Available)
Monday	December 8th	9:00 AM	(Available)
Tuesday	December 9th	9:00 AM	† Helen McDonough
Wednesday	December 10th	9:00 am	(Available)
Saturday	December 13th	4:00 pm	(Available)
Sunday	December 14th	9:00 AM	(Available)
		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, December 7-Isa 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mttw**

**3:1-12**

**Mon, December 8-Gen 3:20/Eph 1:3-6/Lk 1:26-38**

**Tues, December 9-Isa 40:1-11/Mttw 18:12-14**

**Wed, December 10-Isa 40:25-31/Mttw 11:28-30**

**Thurs, December 11-Isa 41:13-20/Mttw 11:11-15**

**Fri, December 12-Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38**

**Sat, December 13-Sir 48:1-4/Mttw 17:10-13**

**Sun, December 14-Isa 35:10/Ja 5:7-10/Mttw 11:2-11**

## Save the Date

### NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

#### Eucharist Minister

Saturday, December 13th

4:00 pm - Judy Manning, Giselle Reyes, Miliania Gabriel

Sunday, December 14th

9:00 am - Jane Regan, Jonathan Garcia, Sarah Coleman, Donna Curtis, Peter Regan

12:00 pm - David Perez, Irene Ambrosio, Darias Vasquez, Giselle Reyes, Ingrid Vasquez

#### Lector

Saturday, December 13th

4:00 pm - Esther Corpus

Sunday, December 14th

9:00 am - Elaine Brehm & Joey Chamberlin

#### Altar Servers

Saturday, December 13th

4:00 pm - Sulamita G, Benny G, Natalia M, Daniel P, Mary Catherine, Mr. Lou

Sunday, December 14th

9:00 am - Thania EV, George GB, Aiden L, Roy P, Araiza T, Mr. Lou

12:00 pm - Perla V, Dylan JR, Dominick JR, Sofia JR, Jose B, Mr. Ben

Tuesday, December 16th

6:30 pm - Daniel P, Mr. Ben

### EVENTS & MEETINGS

#### Monday, December 8th

9:00 am - Mass

12:00 pm - AA Mtg

7:00 pm - Mass

#### Tuesday, December 9th

9:00 am - Mass

6:30 pm - Mass & Holy Hour

6:30 pm - Food Sale by Hisp. Eucharist (Hall)

#### Wednesday, December 10th

9:00 am - Mass

7:00 pm - Novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe

#### Thursday, December 11th

8:00 pm - Our Lady of Guadalupe Vigil by Marian Ministry (Church)

#### Friday, December 12th

4:00 am - Our Lady of Guadalupe Walk (Church to Tasley)

6:00 am - Mass

9:00 am - Mass

#### Saturday, December 13th

8:00 am - Charismatic Ministry Prayer & Fasting (Hall & Church)

12:00 pm - Filam Choir

4:00 pm - Mass

5:00 pm - Reconciliation

6:30 pm - Charismatics (Hall)

#### Sunday, December 14th

##### Food Sale by Hispanic Choir (Outside)

7:00 am - Mass (Spa)

9:00 am - Mass (Eng)

10:00 am - Religious Education (McNulty & Library & Hall)

10:30 am - Children's Ministry

12:00 pm - Mass (Spa)

2:00 pm - Emmaus Men Convivio (Hall)

6:00 pm - Posada (Hall)



## REFLECTING THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance.**

In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century. John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11). In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

## First Reading

- What all might God's people have wanted from their rulers?
- How does God empower this ruler?
- What will this ruler do?
- How will this ruler's actions be different from those who ruled before him?
- How is the rest of creation affected?
- Why will other nations be drawn to Israel?
- How might God's people have reacted to this prophecy?
- What Old Testament stories are set in the desert and/or by the Jordan River?

*Imagine that you lived at the time of John the Baptist.*

- What are people saying about John?
- Do you want to go out to hear John? Why/ Why not?
- What is your impression of John?
- Do you go to be baptized? Why/Why not?
- Who do you think John is talking about when he speaks of one mightier than I?
- What do you think about John's reaction to the arrival of the Pharisees and Sadducees?
- Why do you think the Pharisees and Sadducees show up?
- How do you react to what John says to these religious leaders?
- What do you think is going to happen?
- What do you hope will happen?
- What all do you feel?

## Gospel

- What part of the passage stands out to you? Why?
- What are all the ways life would be different in a world like this one?
- How does Jesus fulfill this prophecy?

**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 Jane & Peter Regan by email at [twinoakst@verizon.net](mailto:twinoakst@verizon.net) or through the 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  
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 December 7, 2025**

Collections	Nov 29 & 30	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	\$2,298.00	\$68,512.48	\$66,000.00
Plate	\$4,010.22	\$66,809.57	\$66,088.00
Total	<b>\$6,308.22</b>	<b>\$135,322.05</b>	<b>\$132,088.00</b>

*Thank  
you*





# ANNOUNCEMENTS



We have mass at 9 am in english and 7 pm in spanish to celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

A lifetime of service deserves care in return. “Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community,” says Sister M.

Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week.



The Knight of Columbus Council #6963 is looking for good men to join our council, please contact Henry Glowiak at 757-787-3250 or 302-258-4734.



Join us for a community walk in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will begin at 4:00 PM, starting from the church, walking to the Tasley roundabout, and then returning to the church.

We will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with two Masses:

6:00 AM (Spanish)

9:00 AM (English)

All are welcome!



Simbang Gabi will be Tuesday Dec. 16 starting with mass at 5pm followed by dinner.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Charles Flynn	Bill Taylor	Perkins Family	Patricia O'Donnell	† Matías Félix Juan
Maricela Carmona	Carolina S Brizuela Pérez	Hernan Enrique	Tom & Jan Perkins	† Richard LaMontagne
Maria Ross	Carolyn Love	Caceres	Dot Reynolds	† Ma Concepcion Soto
Melissa Melody	Barbara Hargis	Veronica Natalia	Stacey Reynolds	Quintero
Karen Paglia	Charles Kyles	Chavez	Gerald Bono	Mary Fabricatore
Andrew Pic	Donagh McDonough	Luz Alejandra Bringas	Peter Manfredonia	Victoria Riggin-Bundick
Troy Reynolds	†Martha Martinez Palacios	† Anthony Palio	Robert Manfredonia	Steve Bendick
Ruth Kiks	† Janiszewski Michael	† C. Shirley Hirsch	Michael Belmorla	Ann Marie Parmenter
	Sister Margaret	†Judy Maher	† Shirley Cristian	Joan Riggin
	Ines and Juan Manalansan	Steven J. Hughes	Norma Tolentino	
	Remy Manalansan	Willie Z, Rocas	+ Wesley E Hughes, Jr	

*If you would like to add or remove someone from our prayer list, please feel free to send us an email at [StPeterOnley@gmail.com](mailto:StPeterOnley@gmail.com)*

## In Memory of Brother Knights

Trent Serini	George Faustino	Ron Kromer	Don Williams	Al Grez
Terry Mullins	Steve Beshak	Paul Braunstein	Joseph M. Kelly	James Kimidy
George O'Brien	Frank Conway	Bruce Paone	H Bruce Arnold	John Kauffman
Harry Cockey	Peter Setaro	Charles Moscatello, Sr.	John Remis	Domenic Sollitto
Ted Warczynski	Dennis Caccioppo	Paul Kennedy	John Chrzanowski	Jack Pierson
Tom Hirsch	Bob Storherr	Richard Hugh McCarthy	Gregory Coleman	Tomas Elis Skeel
Joe Paranzino	Paul Sulik	Arthur Matthews, Jr.	Gordon Muise	Henry Willke
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Gerlald W. Chick	Michael Janiszweski			

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