

St. Peter Catholic Church

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021



Mass & Confession Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5 p.m.
Sunday	8:15, 9:45(TLM), & 11:30 a.m.
Mon., Wed., & Fri.	8:30 a.m.
Saturdays (TLM)	8:30 a.m.
Mon., Wed., & Fri.	11:15 a.m.
Traditional Latin Mass (TLM)	
Tuesday (TLM)	6:45 a.m.
Thursday	7 p.m.
Holy Hour (Thursday)	7:30 p.m.
Adoration (Friday)	9 - 11 a.m.
Holyday of Obligation	8:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (TLM), & 7 p.m.

Confessions

Mon, Wed., Fri., Sat.	10 minutes after morning Masses
Thursday	7:30–8:30 p.m.
Saturday	4–4:45 p.m.

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Mass Intentions and Feasts

The Second Sunday of Advent

(Readings: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6 (6) Pss II)

December 4 5 p.m. Vigil Mass Orville and Willa Vittitow +

December 5 8:15 a.m. Marilyn Skowronski +
9:45 a.m. TLM Benefactors of Parish Books
11:30 a.m. For all parishioners

Monday— Saint Nicholas, Bishop

December 6 8:30 a.m. Paul Tester +
11:15 a.m. TLM Carneckis Family

Tuesday— Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

December 7 6:45 a.m. TLM Patricia Riebe

Wednesday— The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

December 8 8:30 a.m. Gloria Moskitis +
11:15 a.m. TLM Daiva Carneckis
4:00 p.m. Private Intention
7:00 p.m. TLM Isabel Brown +

Thursday— Saint Juan Diego

December 9 7:00 p.m. Tom Redding

Friday— Our Lady of Loreto

December 10 8:30 a.m. Anais Stewart +
11:15 a.m. TLM Rev. Eric Shafer

Saturday— Saint Damasus I, Pope

December 11 8:30 a.m. TLM Michael Peil
4 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Ellen Cameron +

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for the following parishioners and their relatives:

Elaine Viguerie
Nicholas Hovey
Walt Cybrowski
Joan Gannon
Eileen Hawkins
Theresa Carney
Edna Albaneze
Charlie Coble
Jim Haley
Dr. Richard Beargie
Gregory Brooks
Ben Shealy
Nico Hernandez
Kathy Eggers
Ronin O'Neill
Don and Kathy Davies
Hans Shankle
Walt Longyear
Robert Beattie
Bill Jarrett

Ministry of Mercy (M&M's)

"Growing in our Catholic Faith through the Works of Mercy"

The Ministry of Mercy is excited about our next Work of Mercy which will be visiting the Senior Center this Monday, December 6, for fellowship and a lunch. We will meet at 10:30 at St. Peter's to carpool to the Old Schoolhouse in Scrabble.

The Ministry of Mercy is a parish-wide group. Even if you are unable to come to weekly meetings on Mondays after the 8:30 Mass, you are welcome to join in any of its activities. Simply get on the mailing list or watch the bulletin for upcoming activities. For more information about something you would be interested in, contact Shirley Franey (540-827-9383) or Julia Neely (703-927-1811) or email us at julia.neely@verizon.net.

Our next M&M meeting will be on Monday, December 13, after the 8:30 am Mass in Fr. Albert Hall.

Upcoming Activities:

December 6 (St. Nicholas Feast Day) – Senior Center Visitation

December 13-14 – Gaudete Sunday, Distribute "Joy Luminary" after Masses

Legion of Mary

"The sole purpose of Mary's existence is to conceive and bring forth the whole Christ, that is the Mystical Body with all its members perfect, and fitly joined together, and one with its Head, Jesus Christ. Mary accomplishes this in cooperation with, and by the power of the Holy Spirit Who is the life and soul of the Mystical Body." (from the Legion of Mary Handbook).

All are welcome to join us in discussing such excerpts by Frank Duff at our weekly meetings on Mondays at 9:15am in the CCD room off of the Father Albert parish hall.

More Announcements

-**"Socks for Kids"** is a work of mercy that the M&M group is coordinating! Please bring in new socks for young kids and teens. What kinds of socks?? Colorful, plain white, athletic, fun, dressy, boys, girls, teens/adult (for big kids). Not many baby socks are needed this year. Please put the socks in the wrapped box or "Merry Christmas" bag in the vestibule. **We are collecting them through December 12.**

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception *Holy Day of Obligation*

Masses will be held on Wednesday, December 8th, at the following times:

8:30 AM (English)
11:15 (TLM)
4 PM (English)
7 PM (Sung TLM)

Rosary Rally

"Keeping Christ in Christmas" is the theme we will be praying for at our next Rosary Rally on Saturday, Dec. 11 at noon. Join us at the driveway to the church as we pray and sing hymns to keep the Christmas season a holy one.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Please mark your calendars for the Christmas Masses. We will have two Vigil Masses on December 24th in English at 4 PM and 7 PM. There will be a Sung Traditional Latin Mass at midnight and then a Mass in English at 9:30 AM. Please note that there will not be evening confessions or Mass on Christmas day.

Going Green: The Physical, Mental, and Emotional Problems Associated with Marijuana

By Ben Johnson, DailyWire.com -- Part 4 of 11

Although scientific studies indicate that marijuana is associated with profound mental illnesses, emotional problems, and physical diseases, a shocking number of Americans believe that weed is harmless or helpful — possibly even a natural cure for cancer.

...That should be concerning for a panoply of reasons, since numerous studies show that marijuana use can harm people in (at least) the following ways:

4: Anxiety and other psychological issues: Ironically, although many people use marijuana to reduce anxiety, it may make the problem worse. A 2017 study found, in the words of Psychology Today, that smoking marijuana "increased feelings of paranoia, anxiety, visual illusions, strangeness, inattention and slowed time, as well as poor performance on tasks related to memory and response inhibition" among people at high clinical risk for psychotic disorders. The culprit is THC, which "appears to decrease anxiety at lower doses and increase anxiety at higher doses," according to the University of Washington's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute. The potential for harm has increased, as the mean THC concentration of marijuana nearly doubled between 2008 and 2017.

Pastor's Piece

Dear Folks,

This week we will celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The easiest way to remember that although we are in Advent, about to celebrate the birth of Jesus, it is her conception we are remembering and not His is that it usually takes nine months from conception until birth. Mary's birthday is September 8th and so we celebrate her being conceived without original sin nine months earlier, December 8th. Jesus' conception is nine months earlier than December 25th on March 25th when we celebrate the annunciation. See you at Mass on Wednesday! God Bless!

-Fr. Beres



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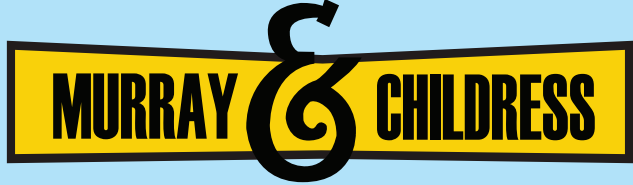
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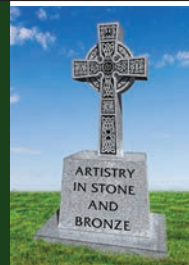
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