

# St. Peter Catholic Church

The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 19, 2021



## Mass & Confession Schedule

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

### Confessions

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

Art Credit: *The Annunciation*

Bartolome Esteban Murillo, circa 1670

## Parish Contact Information

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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday  
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## Mass Intentions and Feasts

### **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

(Readings: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 (12) Pss IV)

**December 18** 5 p.m. Vigil Mass Joseph and Noelle Miller  
**December 19** 8:15 a.m. Daniel Callahan & Sean Callahan +  
9:45 a.m. TLM Robert Davies  
11:30 a.m. For all parishioners

### **Monday— Advent Weekday**

**December 20** 8:30 a.m. Bernard T. Renzy +  
11:15 a.m. TLM Fr. Jonathan Fioramonti

### **Tuesday— Saint Peter Canisius,**

#### **Priest and Doctor of the Church**

**December 21** 6:45 a.m. TLM Dorothy Masiello +

### **Wednesday— Advent Weekday**

**December 22** 8:30 a.m. Paul Miterko  
11:15 a.m. TLM Mary Bowes

### **Thursday— Saint John of Kanty, Priest**

**December 23** 7:00 p.m. Paul Miterko

### **Friday— Advent Weekday**

**December 24** 8:30 a.m. TLM Private Intention  
4:00 p.m. Vigil John B Sheehy +  
7:00 p.m. Vigil Catherine and Frank Young +

### **Saturday— THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**December 25** 12:00 a.m. TLM Emilia Storey  
9:30 a.m. Vigil Mass Ellen and John G. Finnegan +

## 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**  
**Ray Mifflin**

## Ministry of Mercy (M&M's)

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

The Ministry of Mercy has had many wonderful opportunities to celebrate this very special time of Advent this year. On December 6, we visited the men and women at the Senior Center in Scrabble to sharing a meal and stories together. We also raffled prizes and gave out gifts. It was a joyful and fun visit and Darby Canton was a wonderful host.

After all the Masses on December 11-12, we gave out "Joy Luminaries" to parishioners as a reminder to "rejoice in the Lord always" for all His many blessings. In each pink gift bag was also a holy card for Our Lady of Gaudalupe (feast day December 12) with the beautiful Mystical Rose prayer on the back.

Contributing to the Parish Advent Tree, the Sock Box, the Rapp-at-Home Angel Tree for seniors, and to a family in need with three small children, have been some other ways we have enkindled the Christmas spirit in our lives for others. May the Joy of Christmas, who is Jesus, enkindle your hearts with his love and peace. Merry Christmas from all of us with the Ministry of Mercy.

Our next Ministry of Mercy meeting will be Monday, January 3, after Mass in Fr. Albert Hall to plan for the new year. For more information, contact Shirley Franey (540-827-9383) or Julia Neely (703-927-1811) or email us at [julia.neely@verizon.net](mailto:julia.neely@verizon.net).

**Please note that January 1st is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.** There will only be the usual 8:30 AM Traditional Latin Mass for the feast. There will be the usual evening confessions at 4 PM and the 5 PM anticipatory Mass for Sunday.

## More Announcements

- **Sign Up For the Diocesan E-Newsletter!** Receive special video messages from our bishop, learn about unique opportunities to get involved, and be the first to know the news about our Diocese - straight to your inbox. Sign up here: [arlingtondiocese.org/email](http://arlingtondiocese.org/email)

### **Parish Collection Envelopes**

Offertory envelopes for 2022 are in the church foyer. If you would like to have a box of envelopes, please contact the office and they will be set out for you. Envelopes assist the weekly teams of volunteer money counters by streamlining the counting process. You do not need to be a registered parishioner to request a set of envelopes. Thank you for your generosity!

### **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.

### **Parish Collections**

#### ***Sunday, December 5, 2021***

General Collection: \$2,313 / \$3,857 online  
Building Fund: \$912 / \$405 online  
Local Outreach: \$50 / \$115 online  
Mass Stipends: \$270  
Renovation Campaign: \$1,650 / \$506

*"He gave power to become children of God."*

If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother, call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, or write:  
[michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org).

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

*By Ben Johnson, DailyWire.com -- Part 6 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:

**6: Lung diseases like asthma and bronchitis:** "Marijuana smoking is associated with large airway inflammation, increased airway resistance," according to a synthesis of scholarly research produced by the U.S. government's National Institute on Drug Abuse, "and those who smoke marijuana regularly report more symptoms of chronic bronchitis than those who do not smoke." NIDA also cited studies showing that marijuana may suppress the body's immune system, increasing the chances of developing pneumonia and chronic bronchitis.

## **Pastor's Piece**

**Dear Folks,**

I want to wish all of you a very blessed and merry Christmas! As we prepare now to see the Christ child born for us in Bethlehem let us remark especially on His poverty. Saint Joseph was unable to find the Child and His mother any place to rest that night other than a poor stable where animals were feeding. Only shepherds and foreigners came to greet Him when it should have been a royal procession. Let us then not be afraid to go to Him in the poverty of our sinfulness and brokenness. He was born to set us free from our sins and death. We have but to go to Him through the sacraments and our prayers to enter into the heavenly kingdom that He has brought down to our world. God's blessings be upon you!

**-Fr. Beres**



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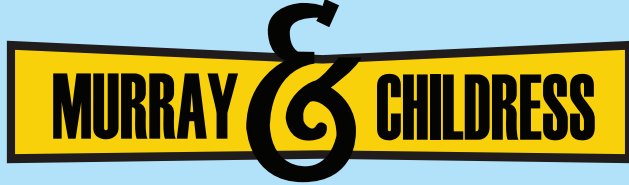
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