

St. Peter Catholic Church

The First Sunday of Advent
December 3rd, 2023



Mass & Confession Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5 p.m.
Sunday	8:15, 9:45(Latin), & 11:30 a.m.
Mon., Wed., & Fri.	8:30 a.m. & 11:15 am
Saturdays	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday	No Public Mass
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., & 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 First Sunday of Advent (Readings: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37 (2) Pss 1)

December 2 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Thomas F. Lloyd +
December 3 8:15 a.m. Albert A. Knight +
9:45 a.m. Paul Sledz
11:30 a.m. For all parishioners

Monday— Saint John Damascene,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

December 4 8:30 a.m. Jon Schnur
11:15 a.m. Rev. Stephen Schultz

Tuesday— Advent Weekday

December 5 Private Mass Zach & Rose Brittain

Wednesday— Saint Nicholas, Bishop

December 6 8:30 a.m. Emilie Marion Paget +
11:15 a.m. Stephanie Sandoval +

Thursday— Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

December 7 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Ted Pechie & Family

Friday— THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 8 8:30 a.m. Mandy Hain +
11:15 a.m. Mary Bowes
7:00 p.m. Pro Populo

Saturday— Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

December 9 8:30 a.m. Stephen Curley +
4 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Ken Feng +

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for the following parishioners and their relatives:

Elaine Viguerie
Nicholas Hovey
Eileen Hawkins
Theresa Carney
Charlie Coble
Jim Haley
Ben Shealy
Kathy Eggers
Ronin O'Neill
Don Davies
Hans Shankle
Bernadette O'Heir
Leigh Sargent
Ray Mifflin
Michelle Suess
Tara Cintorino
Gabrielle Barros
Stephanie DiNapoli

Ministry of Mercy

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

Advent Giving Tree: Stop by in the foyer and take your tag for this year's Advent Giving Tree. Tags will be for a needy family and food items for Care Bags for the homeless. Please return items with their tags by December 10. Do not wrap food items.

Sale of Ornaments as Fundraiser: Wax ornaments made from St. Peter's leftover candles will be sold after all the Masses on the weekend of December 9-10 as a fundraiser to support the Ministry of Mercy projects.

MASSES OFFERED: The Ministry of Mercy is having a Mass said for Emilie Paget on Wednesday, December 6, at 8:30 am.

Christmas Wreaths for St. Peter's Cemetery: Wreaths will be placed in the cemetery at the gravesite of all who were buried this past year in St. Peter's Cemetery on Friday, December 15, at 12:30 pm.

Next Ministry of Mercy Meeting – Monday, December 11: The next Ministry of Mercy Meetings will be held on Monday, December 11 (Christmas Wreaths prep work) after the 8:30 am Mass and rosary for the needs of the parish.

Legion of Mary

*"Place yourself in
Mary's hands, she will think
of everything and provide
for the needs of soul and
body. Therefore, be at
peace, be at complete
peace, with unlimited
confidence in her."*

(St. Maximilian Kolbe).

This quote is from Maria Legionis, the Legion of Mary magazine. Discover how to work with Our Lady by joining us at our weekly Monday meetings at 9:30 am in the CCD room off of the Father Albert parish hall.

More Announcements

-Rappahannock Food Pantry Monthly Donation Request:

December – Socks (all sizes)

-Help is needed in cleaning the church for the third or fourth Saturday of every month.

Individuals, couples or families can sign up for this service to God. **Please contact J. Beattie** (540-987-8315) or email at jarbb474@gmail.com for more information.

2023 Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe **led by Bishop Burbidge**

You are invited to join Bishop Burbidge in a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, offered for the intentions of couples struggling with infertility, miscarriage or early infant death. The Novena starts on Monday, December 4 and concludes on Tuesday, December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A private Mass will be offered by Bishop Michael Burbidge for this intention during the Novena. Sign up here to receive the Novena and submit your intentions: OurFruitfulLove.com/Novena.

"Like a man away on a journey, he assigns each of us a task; be on the alert."

Being chosen to serve as a priest or religious is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."

Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

Please Consider a Generous Gift **to Those in Need**

Through a gift to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, you are serving the poor, protecting the vulnerable, and welcoming the newcomer. Your support helps maintain ministries that serve neighbors in need throughout the 21 counties and seven cities of our diocese. If donating with check or cash, use the special bulletin insert/contribution envelope. You may also make an online gift at ccda.net/Christmas.

Pastor's Piece

Dear Folks,

As we begin this Sunday the penitential season of Advent let us ponder the case of John the Baptist's father Zachariah. Like him we have sinned in many ways such that we are anxiously waiting for the coming of our savior. His time of preparing was a divinely imposed silence in which he could not speak until the forerunner was born. I believe that we will benefit greatly if we make this Advent a time of silence towards the world.

God Bless!

-Fr. Beres