

# St. Peter Catholic Church

The First Sunday of Advent  
December 1st, 2024



## Mass & Confession Schedule

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	5 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	8:15, 9:45(Latin), & 11:30 a.m.
<b>Mon., Wed., &amp; Fri.</b>	8:30 a.m. & 11:15 am
<b>Saturdays</b>	8:30 a.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	No Public Mass
<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., & 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: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 (3) Pss I)

**November 30** 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Brother John Baptist Joseph  
**December 1** 8:15 a.m. Edmund Pluta +  
9:45 a.m. Felice Litterio +  
11:30 a.m. For all parishioners

**Monday— Advent Weekday**

**December 2** 8:30 a.m. Lorainne McGuire & Family  
11:15 a.m. Dr. Olan Parr

**Tuesday— Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**

**December 3** Private Mass Ralph Monroe

**Wednesday— Saint John Damascene,  
Priest and Doctor of the Church**

**December 4** 8:30 a.m. Jim & Thelma Bowhay  
11:15 a.m. Steve Odom

**Thursday— Advent Weekday**

**December 5** 7:00 p.m. Charmaine Graves & Family

**Friday— Saint Nicholas, Bishop**

**December 6** 8:30 a.m. Our Lady's Intentions  
11:15 a.m. Herzig Family

**Saturday— Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**December 7** 8:30 a.m. Roxanna Laughlin & Family  
4 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Rosemarie Russo-Mika

## 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**  
**Lindy Klaus**  
**Kathy Eggers**  
**Ronin O'Neill**  
**Hans Shankle**  
**Bernadette O'Heir**  
**Leigh Sargent**  
**Ray Mifflin**  
**Michelle Suess**  
**Tara Cintorino**  
**Gabrielle Barros**  
**Stephanie DiNapoli**  
**Shirley Franey**  
**Robert B. Beattie**  
**Benny May**  
**Col. John R. Bourgeois, USMC**  
**(Ret.)**

### Ministry of Mercy

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

**Advent Giving Tree – A Fast Turn-Around – DUE**

**DECEMBER 6:** You are invited to take an angel from the Advent Giving Tree. Each angel lists an item for a needy family in our area. Please return your gifts, UNWRAPPED, WITH ANGEL ATTACHED, to the church by Friday, December 6. Gifts will be sorted by family and delivered on Monday, December 9.

**Save the Date – M&M Winter Luncheon, Tuesday, January 7**

**at noon:** The M&Ms will have their Winter Luncheon at noon on Tuesday, January 7, at the Dark Horse in Flint Hill. This luncheon is open to anyone interested in attending. If you would like to join us, please let us know by January 3 so we can update our reservation.

**Ministry of Mercy Meetings Through the Holidays –**

**December 2nd and 16th:** Our next meeting is Monday, December 2, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and rosary for parish needs. At this meeting, we will prepare our Christmas wreaths, set a date for polishing church vessels, and plan for delivery of the gifts from the Advent Giving Tree on December 9th.

### Christmas M&M Wreaths and Parish Wreaths for our Cemetery

Parishioners are invited to join us on Monday, December 16, after the 8:30 am Mass and rosary (about 9:45) as we gather to say a prayer for the souls in purgatory and place Christmas wreaths in our cemetery.

### Mass Intentions

The Ministry of Mercy has a Mass said for those from St. Peter's parish who have taken vows. A Mass will be offered for Sr. Maria Neri on Sunday, December 15 at the 8:15 a.m. Mass.

## More Announcements

-The weeks before Christmas can be hectic and busy! To help us focus on what is indeed important, a do-it-yourself retreat (33 Days to Morning Glory) will be offered. St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Teresa of Calcutta and Pope St. John Paul II have much to teach us about Our Lady in this retreat. Retreat booklets will be provided at the entrance to the church so that you can begin on Nov. 29 and finish by Jan. 1, 2025. It is a very worthwhile way to start the New Year! If you have already engaged in this retreat in the past, do it again for more blessings!

-If you would like prayer candles at home, free blessed altar candles are in a basket at the entrance to the church.

### **Parish Buffet Breakfast**

*Sunday December 8*

Come support our Knight of Columbus charities and enjoy a scrumptious buffet breakfast in the parish hall on Sunday, December 8 from 9:00 a.m. until noon.. We will be serving Scrambled Eggs, Potatoes, Sausage, Bacon, Pancakes, Biscuits and Gravy, and more!

Suggested donation: Adults \$12, Youth (ages 5 - 16) \$6, Children (4 and under) free.

### **The Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Since the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception(December 8) falls on the Second Sunday of Advent in 2024, the observance of the Solemnity is transferred to Monday December 9. The faithful are still required to attend Holy Mass on December 9.

The faithful may fulfill their obligation to attend Mass for the Sunday and for the Holy Day by attending Mass on Sunday, **and** by attending Mass on Monday December 9. It is obligatory for the faithful to attend Mass for both days. One Mass does not fulfill the obligation for both days.

### **Rosary Rally**

Keeping Christ in Christmas is the theme for the Rosary Rally in December. We will gather at the driveway to the church outdoor for a rosary and other prayers and hymns at noon (the same time of the miracle of the sun in 1917 at Fatima). Participate in this event on Saturday, Dec. 14th.

### **Legion of Mary Auxiliaries at St. Peter's**

We are being transferred to the Ark of the Covenant praesidium.at St. John the Evangelist in Warrenton. Mary Bowes is the president of this Legion of Mary group which will contact you to check that you can be counted as an auxiliary in the annual Bishop's report. Please continue your valuable Tessera prayers to help the active legionaries evangelize and bring souls to Christ through the Blessed Mother!

## **Pastor's Piece**

**Dear Folks,**

With this Sunday we begin the penitential season of Advent. I know that our culture has developed such that the celebrations usually begin beforehand and for such a joyous celebration that is understandable but let us try to remember to have some penances and self-denial during these weeks leading up to Christmas. We must remember that our Lord came into this world to save us from sin and when He came the religious authorities were uninterested and the civil authorities tried to kill Him. Extra prayers and some fasting will help our hearts to be a welcome home for the infant Christ when He manifests Himself.

**God bless!**

**-Fr. Beres**