

St. Peter Catholic Church

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 8th, 2024



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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Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
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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 7	5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass	Rosemarie Russo-Mika
December 8	8:15 a.m.	Steven Komanetsky +
	9:45 a.m.	Thomas Mika Sr. +
	11:30 a.m.	For all parishioners

Monday— THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 9	8:30 a.m.	Mandy Hain +
	11:15 a.m.	Pro Populo
	7:00 p.m.	Francis Chang +

Tuesday— Our Lady of Loreto

December 10	Private Mass	Travis Salter
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Wednesday— Saint Damasus I, Pope

December 11	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Olan Parr
	11:15 a.m.	Amy Edwards & Family

Thursday— Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Curley +
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Friday— Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

December 13	8:30 a.m.	Jim & Thelma Bowhay
	11:15 a.m.	DiNapoli Family

Saturday— Saint John of the Cross,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

December 14	8:30 a.m.	Rob Mordhorst & Family
	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
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 Gifts: Advent Giving Tree gifts will be delivered Monday, December 9.

Christmas M&M Wreaths and Parish Wreaths for our Cemetery – December 16:

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

Polishing Church Vessels – third week of December: We will be polishing the church vessels in the third week of December – date to be announced.

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 Meeting – Monday, December 16th: Our next meeting is Monday, December 16, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and rosary for parish needs. At this meeting, we will put Christmas wreaths into our cemetery.

For questions or to be put on our mailing list, contact Julia Neely (703-927-1811c) at julia.neely@verizon.net.

More Announcements

-Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$45,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA - SEEF." Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact the Office of Development at (703) 841-3819 with questions.

-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.

Advent Days of Reflection for Discerners

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out and enjoy some quiet prayer time this Advent. Men's Day of Reflection is Saturday, December 21, at the Dominican House of Studies, with diocesan seminarians and priests and Dominican brothers and priests; the Women's Day of Reflection is Sunday, December 22, with the Daughters of Charity. These events are for those 18-35 years old interested in deepening their prayer life and exploring their vocation. For more information and to register contact the Office of Vocations, 703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Deadline to register is Monday, December 16.

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.

Pastor's Piece

Dear Folks,

In our Gospel passage Saint Luke goes down a considerably sized list of who was in power at the time that our Lord's precursor, St. John the Baptist, began his public ministry. Clearly Saint Luke meant what he declared at the beginning of his Gospel, that he wanted to record history. It is so important for us to remember that the Incarnation happened. God entered into our world. We are not dealing in myths but actual fact. May this be for us a great consolation.

God bless!

-Fr. Beres