

St. Peter Catholic Church

The First Sunday in Advent
November 30th, 2025



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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Parish Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday
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Mass Intentions and Feasts

First Sunday in Advent

(Readings: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44 (1) Pss I)

November 29 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Charles Andrew Swindell +

November 30 8:15 a.m. Joe Reinboldt +

9:45 a.m. Robert Howard

11:30 a.m. For all parishioners

Monday— Advent Weekday

December 1 8:30 a.m. Edmund Pluta +

11:15 a.m. Felice Litterio +

Tuesday— Advent Weekday

December 2 Private Mass Knight Family

Wednesday— Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

December 3 8:30 a.m. Marie Balint

11:15 a.m. Mary Wingate

Thursday— Saint John Damascene,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

December 4 7:00 p.m. Cecilia Davidson+

Friday— Advent Weekday

December 5 8:30 a.m. Vince Braun +

11:15 a.m. Mary Bowes

Saturday— Saint Nicholas, Bishop

December 6 8:30 a.m. Reinboldt Family

4 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Catherine & Ed Monseur +

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for the following parishioners and their relatives:

Elaine Viguerie

Nicholas Hovey

Eileen Hawkins

Jim Haley

Lindy Klaus

Kathy Eggers

Ronin O'Neill

Neil and Bernadette O'Heir

Leigh Sargent

Ray Mifflin

Michelle Suess

Tara Cintorino

Gabrielle Barros

Stephanie DiNapoli

Shirley Franey

Robert B. Beattie

Mike Cioffi

Baby Kevin

Ministry of Mercy

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

Advent Giving Tree – Instructions for Return of Angel Gifts: St. Peter's Advent Giving Tree is in our entrance foyer with angels listing gifts for our Christmas families. Please choose your angel(s) from the tree and return your gifts UNWRAPPED with the ANGEL ATTACHED as soon as possible. At the Ministry of Mercy meeting on Monday, December 1, we will inventory and sort gifts for each family. All gifts will then be delivered to Social Services by their deadline of DECEMBER 5.

Feast Day of St. Francis Xavier – December 3: December 3 is the Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, one of St. Peter's patron saints, with a relic embedded in our altar. He is considered one of the greatest missionaries after St. Paul the Apostle. He is the co-founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) with St. Ignatius of Loyola and the co-patron of all foreign missions with St. Therese of Lisieux. We are blessed to have such an incredible saint as an intercessor.

Ministry of Mercy Meeting – Mondays, December 1 and December 15: After the 8:30 AM Mass and rosary for the parish's needs on Monday, December 1, we will organize, inventory, and prepare gifts received for our Christmas families for delivery to Social Services before the December 5 deadline. During the month of December, we will also polish vessels for Mass and place wreaths in the cemetery, dates to be announced.

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

More Announcements

-Mending Hearts: Have you experienced a significant loss of a loved one? "Mending Hearts" was formed by St. Peter's parishioners who share a similar sense of grief and loss. This informal group meets monthly for friendship and support with a potluck at local vineyards. For more information please reach out to moira.satre@gmail.com.

-Advent Candles and Wreathes: The Knight of Columbus will have Advent candles and wreathes available after Mass on November 29 and 30.

-Calling all 8th graders - John Paul's Priority Application Deadline is December 15th! If you are interested in applying to Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School, we encourage you to submit your application by our priority deadline - Monday, December 15th. Click here to start your application today! If you are interested in our tuition assistance opportunities (all tuition assistance applications due January 12th), please click on the following links: 1) Click here for Scholarship opportunities and 2) Click here for our Financial Aid application. Let us know if you have questions at 703-445-0246 or admissions@jpthegreat.org.

*"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."
(Matthew 24:42)*

God calls us to be vigilant, ready to respond to His invitation. Could He be stirring your heart toward priesthood or consecrated life, to serve His Church with unwavering dedication? Stay awake to His call through prayer. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Upcoming Second Collections

November 30: St. Peter's Local Outreach
December 7: Building Fund and Maintenance
December 14: Catholic Charities
December 21: St. Peter's Local Outreach

Married Couples Retreat

Retreat to our Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia. Join Father Stephen Vaccaro and Father Ed Guilloux as they team up to lead a retreat for Married Couples. With conferences on the lives and teachings of great saints, they'll help couples to incorporate a deeper spiritual life into their vocations. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday February 13th and concludes Sunday February 15th at noon. Retreat cost is \$499, and financial assistance may be available. For further information, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at: mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org. Visit our website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat for more information about San Damiano and retreats being offered in the months ahead.

Pastor's Piece

Dear Folks,

We begin this Sunday the season of Advent. I want to invite you to use it in a special way to remove distractions to make time for prayer. Only do social media stuff for a few minutes a day and stay away from movies and TV shows. Our Lady spent this time meditating with her reborn Son. Let us make it a time for doing the same.

God Bless!

-Fr. Beres