

St. Peter Catholic Church

The Holy Family
December 28th, 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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Mass Intentions and Feasts

The Holy Family (Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 (17) Pss Prop)

December 27 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Janis Lyn Rudy +
December 28 8:15 a.m. Robert Ilagan
9:45 a.m. Suzanne Cunningham+
11:30 a.m. For all parishioners

Monday— Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

December 29 8:30 a.m. Kathryn Reinboldt
11:15 a.m. Jeffery John Chin

Tuesday— Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas

December 30 Private Mass Rev. Kevin J. Beres

Wednesday— Saint Sylvester I, Pope

December 31 8:30 a.m. Rachel Bejarano-Brooks
11:15 a.m. Miles Shealy

Thursday— MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(Holy Day of Obligation)

January 1 8:30 a.m. Nancy A. Arnold+
11:15 a.m. Adam Dunn
7:00 p.m. Pro Populo

**Friday— Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

January 2 8:30 a.m. Manuel "Manny" Bejarano+
11:15 a.m. Ezra Shealy

Saturday— The Most Holy Name of Jesus

January 3 8:30 a.m. Linda "Lindy" Klaus
4 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Caleb Sheads

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

Jerry Bowerman

Joanne Sellors

First Saturday Rosary

Jan. 3rd is the first Saturday of the month. It was Our Lady who said to Sr. Lucia, one of the Fatima visionaries, "Tell them that I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary."

All are welcome to join the Knights of Columbus every first Saturday of the month to pray the Rosary following the 8:30 a.m. Mass —about 9 a.m.

Special graces are attached to this first Saturday devotion!

Upcoming Second Collections

January 11: Building Fund and Maintenance

January 18: St. Peter's Local Outreach

January 25: Church in Latin America

February 1: Diocesan Newspaper

TOUGH TOPICS

Feeling unsure of what to say when faced with the topic of abortion? Tough Topics offers free video programs, sample scripts, and a wealth of resources to bolster your confidence and give you the tools to speak the truth about abortion and related issues. You'll find the Church's teaching supported by reason and experience and presented with kindness. Visit www.toughtopics.life to learn more.

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.

-Jan. 1st, the feast of Mary the Mother of God, is the culmination of the do-it-yourself retreat ("33 Days to Morning Glory"). On New Year's Day, Thursday, please recite the Consecration prayer which is in the back of the book or booklet, and may Our Lady shower God's blessings upon you!

Ministry of Mercy

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

Wishing You a Very Blessed Christmas! The Ministry of Mercy wishes everyone a joyful and blessed Christmas and New Year! Our parish is truly blessed by all the generous ways you have shown the love of Christ to others this past year. May God continue to bless us and guide us in loving Him more each day!

Important Liturgical Dates – January 1 and January 4: Thursday, January 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation, honoring Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This special day celebrates Mary's unique and essential role as the Mother of Jesus Christ, who is both fully God and fully man. Through her unwavering faith and obedience, expressed in her "Fiat," Mary accepted God's will and became the vessel through which Christ entered the world. On this solemnity, the Church also invites us to renew our devotion to Jesus, the newborn Prince of Peace. We take this opportunity to pray for peace throughout the world, seeking the grace and guidance of both Mary and her Son as we begin the new year.

Sunday, January 4, is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, a day when we celebrate the manifestation of Jesus Christ as God's Son to the entire world, not just to the Jewish people. This is symbolized by the visit of the Magi, who came to worship the newborn King and Light of the World. Traditionally, on this day, we bless our homes by gathering as a family and praying the Epiphany Blessing at our front doorway. We write in chalk the initials 20+C+M+B+26 on the outside top door frame (for this year) while reciting the Epiphany Blessing and sprinkling holy water. These initials have two meanings: they represent the names of the Wisemen—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar—and also the first letters of the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat," which means "May Christ bless this house." The crosses we write symbolize our salvation in Christ.

Ministry of Mercy Meetings: Mondays, Jan. 5th and 19th, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and rosary.

Pastor's Piece

Dear Folks,

Holy Mother Church places before us today the wonderful example of the Holy Family. May we notice the way in which they have many challenges to face but do so with a trust in God and a sincere desire to meet the needs of the other members of the family. We should not elevate their example as being unachievable but recognize that Jesus is offering us the same graces to carry out that level of charity. May God bless you in the new year!

God Bless!

-Fr. Beres