# St. Peter Catholic Church

## The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
## February 1, 2026

### Mass & Confession Schedule

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| **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**

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| Mon, Wed., Fri., Sat. | *10 minutes after morning Masses* |
| Thursday | 7:30–8:30 p.m. |
| Saturday | 4–4:45 p.m. |

Art Credit: *Presentation in the Temple,* Pietro Perugino, 1497

### Parish Contact Information

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## Mass Intentions and Feasts

**The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** *(Readings:* Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a (70) Pss IV*)*

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| **January 31** | 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass | Baby Julie Marie Kapolka |
| **February 1** | 8:15 a.m. | Jacob Long |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Rev. Kevin Beres |
| | 11:30 a.m. | For all parishioners |
| **Monday— The Presentation of the Lord** | | |
| **February 2** | 8:30 a.m. | James Adams+ |
| | 11:15 a.m. | Mary Smith |
| **Tuesday— Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop** | | |
| **February 3** | Private Mass | Daniel Butters |
| **Wednesday— Weekday in Ordinary Time** | | |
| **February 4** | 8:30 a.m. | Kevin Riedel+ |
| | 11:15 a.m. | Mike Butters |
| **Thursday— Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr** | | |
| **February 5** | 7:00 p.m. | Kohake Family |
| **Friday— Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs** | | |
| **February 6** | 8:30 a.m. | Delmare Family |
| | 11:15 a.m. | Virginia Koelzer |
| **Saturday— Weekday in Ordinary Time** | | |
| **February 7** | 8:30 a.m. | Emma Mooney |
| | 4 p.m. Confessions | |
| | 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass | Nicolas "Nico" Hernandez+ |

## 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**

## Ministry of Mercy

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

**The Presentation of the Lord/Candlemas Day – Monday, February 2:** The Presentation of the Lord is described in Luke 2:22-40, where Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the Temple for a purification ceremony. This event is also commemorated when we pray the fourth Joyful Mystery of the rosary. Another name for this day is Candlemas Day, when candles (traditionally made of beeswax) are brought to Mass to have them blessed.

It is customary on this day to eat pancakes, as their golden discs symbolize the sun and remind us of Jesus as the light of the world. In Mexico, it is traditional to celebrate with tamales, while in France, crepes are the dish of choice.

**Ministry of Mercy Winter Social - RSVP:**We are excited to announce that our highly anticipated M&M Winter Social will take place on Friday, February 13, at 1:00 PM. The venue is New Iberia in the Sperryville Marketplace. If you have not yet submitted your RSVP, please email it to julia.neely@verizon.net so that we can notify New Iberia. Thank you!

**Ash Wednesday, First Day of Lent – Wednesday, February 18**

**Ministry of Mercy Meetings – Monday, February 2nd and February 16th:** Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 2nd , after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and rosary for parish needs. The Ministry of Mercy meeting will include plans for library renovations and Lenten preparations.

## More Announcements

**-St. Peter's Parish Girls Club - Magnolia Girls:** A virtue leadership club serving St. Peter's parish girls from 1st Holy Communion (2nd Grade) to 6th Grade. Run by mothers of the parish, we believe in the importance of instilling a spirit of service, striving in practice of good habits, and fostering personal discipline in young women. We are of the Parish, for the Parish! Magnolia Girls gives young women an opportunity to fulfill their feminine role of prayer, service, beauty and leadership! For questions contact Myla Beasley at myilagan@gmail.com.

-All are encouraged to pray for the protection of human life throughout the month of January, including during the 9 Days for Life Novena (January 16-24) and the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (January 22).

## Urge Voters to Reject Virginia's Abortion Ammendment

*Abortion Tourism*

Virginia will become the abortion capitol of the south. Since Dobbs, there has already been a 30% increase in out-of-state abortions occurring in Virginia.

*Parental Rights Undermined*

Eliminates the right of parents to know about or consent to their young child's invasive abortion surgery.

## Virginia March for Life

Be sure to save the date for the Virginia March for Life, which will be held on April 22nd, 2026!

## Upcoming Second Collections

February 1: Diocesan Newspaper

February 8: Building Fund and Maintenance

February 15: St. Peter's Local Outreach

## Parish Buffet Breakfast Sunday February 15

Come support our Knight of Columbus charities and enjoy a scrumptious buffet breakfast in the parish hall on Sunday, February 15 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. We will be serving:

Scrambled Eggs, Potatoes, Sausage, Bacon, Pancakes, Biscuits, Gravy, and more!

Suggested donation: Adults $12, Youth (ages 5 - 16) $6, Children (4 and under) free; $40 Family maximum.

## Warrenton Pregnancy Center 2026 Baby Bottle Drive

Please support the Warrenton Pregnancy Center by participating in our annual baby bottle drive. Take a bottle as you exit and fill it with change, paper currency, a check, or credit card information. Bottles should be returned to the church by Sunday, February 8th. This faith based center serves those in our community who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Free services include pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, classes, post-abortion counseling, men's mentoring, and material goods.

# Pastor's Piece

## Dear Folks,

Saint Paul writes of how the Lord God calls those who are humble. The only thing that we are to boast of is the Lord's love for us that alone makes us worthy of Him. We must strive to rid ourselves of all comparisons with others. Rather than strife let us seek to be peace makers and the servant of others. In many cases this will be done by praying for those who wrong us. Our desire should be to see everyone converted to Christ and a member of His church. This is the path of beatitude.

**God Bless!**

**-Fr. Beres**