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Third Sunday of Advent ✝ December 15th, 2024

Welcome to St. Peter the Apostle!

May you encounter Jesus Christ in His church and in His sacraments through your participation in our Parish community. Visit our Welcome Desk before or after our weekend Masses for any information on our parish, it's ministries and it's community. *We sincerely welcome you and are so glad you're here!*

Gaudete Sunday - The Sunday of Joy



TODAYS READINGS

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18  
2nd Reading: Phil. 4:4-7  
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, December 18  
6:00PM Intentions of John & Melita Camilleri

Thursday, December 19  
School Mass 10AM + Saviour Galea  
6:00PM ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Friday, December 20  
12:10PM + Lilian Reck

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 21  
4:00PM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

Sunday, December 22  
9:00AM + Aaron Higgins  
11:00AM + Vern McLeod



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To arrange for a Mass to be offered, stop by the Welcome Desk on the weekend, contact the Parish Office or fill out one of the Envelopes located in the Church.

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CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS

Signed up for the Pageant? Rehearsals take place in the Church Saturday, December 14th at 10AM, Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30PM (following 6PM Mass) and Saturday, December 21st at 10AM.

CHURCH CLEANUP AND DECORATING

On Sunday, December 22nd at 1PM we will have our pre-Christmas Church Cleanup and Decorating. Sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Desk after all weekend Masses. Many hands make light work!

CHRISTMAS DÉCOR

Help beautify our sanctuary for Christmas with beautiful flowers. Envelopes are now available as you enter the Church. Write names of loved ones to remember during the Christmas season.

2025 SUNDAY MISSAL

The new Sunday Missals are also now in effect. Want to follow along with the readings and prayers? Be sure to get your copy for just \$5 while they still last.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Be reconciled to God and one another through the healing Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) before Christmas. Advent has been called a "smaller Lent," and is as important a season as the one leading up to the Resurrection. Our Advent Confession Service will take place this Thursday, December 19th at 6PM. Father will have visiting priests assisting.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Do you enjoy singing Christmas carols? Help us bring the joy of Christmas to life! Choir practice is being held on Thursdays at 7PM in the church. All voices are welcome. No sign-up, just show up.

TREE OF DREAMS

Your donation will provide a happy Christmas for the children living in the orphanage. Thanks to your generosity, gifts will be purchased in Honduras for the children on your behalf. Please return your donation in the envelope marked 'Friends of Honduran Children' to the Church. For tax receipts, also include your name and mailing address. Your commitment to invest in a child's future will change their lives forever! Tax receipts are issued for \$20 or more.

END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS & TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made to the parish in 2024 will be available in the new year. Parishioners making end-of-year donations are reminded that only those envelopes and online donations received by the parish on/prior to December 31st can be included on 2024 tax receipts. Online donations sometimes lag by several days as transactions are posted by banks, please keep this in mind when making your offering.

JUBILEE 2025 OPENING MASS

Jubilee Opening Mass will be on December 29th, 2024, 10:30 am at St. Peter-In-Chains, celebrated by Bishop Daniel Miehm. The faithful will be asked to gather outside the Knights of Columbus Hall (parking lot area) facing the veranda to hear the introductory remarks for the Jubilee Year. We will all 'pilgrimage' across the street to St. Peter's for the continuation of the celebration of Holy Mass. Plenary Indulgences available for the pilgrimage.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

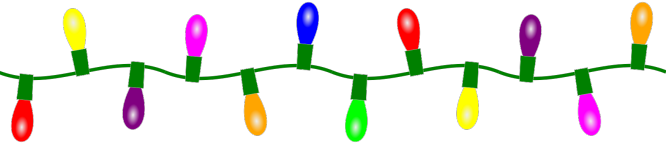
Offertory envelopes are ready for pick up in the Narthex this weekend, in alphabetical order, for those who used them this past year. If you're not currently using envelopes and would like to start, Kristen can set you up with a blank box, just go to the Welcome Desk and make sure to write your name and address on the first few envelopes. Alternatively, you can donate by credit card online or Automatic Giving (pre-authorized), which stops the worry of finding envelopes and gives the parish security knowing what is coming in each month. Thank you for your generosity in whatever form you support your parish. Tax receipts will be issued for any of these methods.

HAPPY RETIREMENT JOE!

Our Custodian and Maintenance person, Joe Ryman, retired at the end of November. Joe's hard work and commitment kept our worship space clean, welcoming, and beautiful for all who entered. We are deeply grateful for all he contributed to our parish!

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed December 19th to January 2nd. Our parish staff will have some much needed time off with their families.



Celebrate Christmas with us!

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24th  
4PM - First Mass of Christmas  
(Children's Nativity Play starts at 3:40PM)  
10PM - Solemn Christmas Mass (Incense used)  
(Carols begin at 9:30PM)

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25th  
10AM - Mass of Christmas Day

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