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**SUNDAY  
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For Weekday Mass Times see  
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Second Sunday of Advent ❄️ December 8th, 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!*

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, December 11  
10:00AM Intentions David Rundle

Thursday, December 12  
At Lakeland 10AM For the Residents  
At Belvedere 11AM + Phyllis Ertel

Friday, December 13  
6:00PM Memorial Mass - Missa Pro Defunctis

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 14  
4:00PM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

Sunday, December 15  
9:00AM + Lucille Higgins  
11:00AM Intentions of Anthony Galea

TODAYS READINGS

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9  
2nd Reading: Phil. 1:3-6, 8-11  
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6



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Candlelight Vigil and Memorial Mass  
December 13th at 6pm

On Friday, December 13, everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate our Advent Candlelight Vigil starting at 6PM followed by the Memorial Mass. The Vigil will begin with meditative instrumental music and conclude with prayer. Celebrating the life of family members and friends is an important way to stay connected to those who pray for us as they head heavenward.

We ask for a donation of \$25 for the large candle that is yours to keep after the Mass! To reserve your candle, please visit the Welcome Desk after all weekend Masses or contact the Parish Office during the week. Registration deadline is December 12.

We hope that you can join us for this beautiful pre-Christmas tradition.

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

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**  
We are looking for children to be actors for the 4PM Mass on Christmas Eve. If you're interested (or know someone who might be), stop by the Welcome Desk or call the Parish Office. Rehearsals to start next weekend!

**LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST**  
We invite you to join us next Saturday, December 14th following the 4PM Mass as we turn on the lights of our outdoor Nativity Scene, have some hot chocolate and sing a few carols!

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**  
Sunday, December 15, after the 11AM Mass at the KofC Hall. Tickets are free and must be obtained in advance. You can get tickets at the Welcome Desk this weekend after all Masses. We ask that each family attending will either bring a salad or dessert, and the rest of the refreshments will be provided. Make sure if any children are attending that we get their age as Santa will be making an appearance.

**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**  
With the new liturgical year beginning this weekend, 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.

**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.

**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.

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS**  
"Last Chance" confessions before Christmas will be held Thursday, December 19th at 6PM with visiting priests assisting us. If it has been a while since you've been to confession, please consider this a gentle invitation. Come and experience the healing power of forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**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.

**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!

**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.

Celebrate Christmas with us!

Christmas Eve - December 24th

4PM - First Mass of Christmas  
(Children's Nativity Play starts at 3:40PM)

10PM - Solemn Christmas Mass (incensed used)

Christmas Eve - December 25th

10AM - Mass of Christmas Day

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