

# ST. PETER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 1, 2019



## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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*Sacramental Emergencies - 970-352-1060, press 1*

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### MASS TIMES

#### WEEKEND

#### SATURDAY

4:00PM (ANTICIPATORY)

#### SUNDAY

7:00AM, 8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM, 6:00PM

#### WEEKDAY

MONDAY - FRIDAY 12:10PM

SATURDAY 9:00AM

### CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 2:30PM

WEDNESDAY 11:30AM

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

MONDAY 12:45PM

To

THURSDAY 5:00PM

### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:00AM - 4:00PM

FRIDAY

8:00AM - 12:00 NOON

### ANGELIC ACCENTS GIFT SHOP

MONDAY - THURSDAY 10AM - 2PM

SUNDAY 8:00AM - 12:45PM



## We give thanks for you

All of the generous parishioners who donated turkeys and food for our Turkey Box Ministry; The Knights of Columbus, who generously support financially the ministry; Deacon Cesar, who with his family and friends cooked and served a Thanksgiving meal to all who didn't have anyone to share the holiday with. We are grateful to all of you! Thank you!

### Youth Group

Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:30pm

Come join us for men's and women's night  
All 6th—12th graders are welcome!



## Bear Catholic Campus Ministry



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, December 4

6:30pm Rosary Walk

Beyond Sunday at Campus Chapel:

7:00pm-8:00pm Adoration and Confession

8:00pm-9:00pm Mass

Thursday, December 5

4:45pm - 5:15pm Adoration and Confession

5:15pm - 5:45pm Mass at Campus Chapel

6:30pm Advent Penance Service at St. Peter

Friday, December 6

4:45pm - 5:15pm Adoration and Confession

5:15pm - 5:45pm Mass at Campus Chapel

7:00pm Christmas Party

Sunday, December 8

6pm Mass at St. Peter

7pm Dinner after Mass at St. Peter

UNC Catholic Campus Center

800 19th St. across from the President's Row Dorms.

## Women Growing in Christ

DECEMBER 14TH | 7:00 AM | PARISH HALL

FATHER TOMASZ

WILL BE GIVING A TALK ON MARY

All Women of our parish are invited to join us!  
Please bring a breakfast dish to share for the potluck.  
Please invite your friends and family!

Questions: Susan LaBonde at 970-353-3342

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

OBSERVED DECEMBER 9TH

12:10 pm Mass

(not a holy day of obligation)

## Advent Penance Services

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH 6:30 PM

St. Mary Catholic Church

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH 6:30 PM

St. Peter Catholic Church

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH 6 PM

Our Lady of Peace

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH 6 PM

Our Lady of the Valley



### First Saturday Devotion

Saturday, December 7th

8:30 AM Rosary

9:00 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary

## SPAGHETTI WITH ST. NICHOLAS

Friday, December 6th | 5-7pm | Parish Hall

\$5 per person | \$3 for 5 or under

We'll be serving: spaghetti, meatballs, meat sauce, alfredo sauce, marinara sauce, garlic bread, and dessert!

Your support will help our middle schoolers raise money to go to the Mountain Madness retreat

## COLD WEATHER SHELTER

We need your help serving about 80 guests per night!

This month's most needed items:

Winter gloves and socks

Toilet tissue

Pop Tarts

Bottled water

Granola/ fruit bars

You can bring your donations to the Guadalupe Center  
1442 North 11th Ave., Greeley

## Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

Sometimes in our lives we spend plenty of time on looking into the past and asking the "what if..." questions. We create in our heads various different scenarios, more or less probable. But in the end we cannot do anything more than that, this is the end, because the past has already happened, has become a fact, we cannot change it. The Gospel reminds us today: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. The thief is not going to announce his arrival. After all, it's not his nature – he acts by surprise. However, the host must be vigilant so as not to be surprised.

Advent is no surprise. It is a clear and concrete call: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. These words of the Psalm resound on the threshold of the joyful, four-week period of putting our consciences and lives in order, awaiting the encounter with the coming God. Jesus himself gives us specific instructions in the Gospel on how to do this.

First, He encourages us to give up a carefree and thoughtless life. We are given the example of people who lived before the flood as if they were to live forever, without much effort and commitment. These people made a basic mistake: they did not think about the future and did not draw conclusions from the clear and evident signs that God gave them. When Noah was building the ark they were indifferent. Today's care for worldly matters takes an excessive amount of time in our earthly life. Therefore, especially in Advent, those who love God and adhere to His word, must learn to balance the proportions between the temporal and eternal realities. Today we don't need to build the physical ark, but we need to create the "ark" of principles, ideas, good deeds and acts of mercy.

The second advice Christ gives us in the Gospel is a call to vigilance: Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. To be vigilant is to believe that Jesus will come. To be on the watch is to be ready to meet the Lord, to be aware that He is the one who wants this encounter so that we can receive through it what human reason cannot comprehend and human word cannot express. To be alert means not to miss the opportunity to meet the Lord. How important it is for us to know the time as we are encouraged in the Letter to the Romans. This important time is Advent, which is about alertness, readiness and attention. Let's watch carefully to see and not miss those situations where the Lord comes, here and now. We know from the experience of last years how quickly and irreversibly this time of Advent is passing by.

The word Advent should sound for us like a call: "Now it's the time to decide, so that you will not regret it later." Therefore, let us ask God for help with the words of the Gospel acclamation: Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. Let us prepare ourselves so that the Lord's coming will not find us distracted by the matters of little to no significance for our eternal.

### Service of Light and Carols Christmas Eve 7pm



This ancient service takes us back to the plight of the Israelites as they waited and yearned for the Saviour that God had promised to send when Adam and Eve were driven from paradise.

During Advent the readings should help us understand and feel the longing, the pain of the Israelites during the thousands of years of their waiting for a Saviour.

Our culture tells us it's time to celebrate. Our Church tells us to wait, to make room in our hearts for Jesus.

### END OF YEAR GIVING GIFTING THROUGH YOUR ESTATE

*Presented by The Catholic Foundation.*

**LEAVE A LEGACY OF FAITH FOR ST. PETER'S.**

**Wednesday, December 4th | 6:30 PM | Parish Hall**

Please RSVP to the Parish office by calling 970.352.1060

### **ST. PETER FOOD PANTRY**

*We are in need of the following items:*

Peanut Butter	Mac and Cheese	Jelly	Tuna
Spaghetti	Canned Chicken	Canned Stews	

	OBSERVANCES	READINGS	MASS INTENTIONS	CHURCH EVENTS
<b>Sunday December 1</b>	1st Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44	<b>7:00 AM</b> +Daniel and +Steven Pargas <b>8:30 AM</b> +Ron Springer <b>10:00 AM</b> +Charles and +Mildred Patrick <b>11:30 AM</b> People of St. Peter <b>6:00 PM</b> +Fr. Palmo Valente, S.F.	<b>8 AM - 12:45 PM</b> - Gift Shop Open
<b>Monday December 2</b>		Isaiah 4:2-6 Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Matthew 8:5-11	<b>12:10 PM</b> +George Betts	<b>10:00 AM-2:00 PM</b> Gift shop open <b>12:45 PM</b> Eucharistic Adoration begins <b>1:00 - 3:00 PM</b> Food Pantry - School
<b>Tuesday December 3</b>	St. Francis Xavier, Priest	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Luke 10:21-24	<b>12:10 PM</b> +Daniel Pierson	<b>10:00 AM-2:00 PM</b> Gift shop open <b>6:30 PM- 8:30 PM</b> Catholic Biblical School - Parish Hall
<b>Wednesday December 4</b>	St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church	Isaiah 25:6-10a Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Matthew 15:29-37	<b>12:10 PM</b> +Jack Dwyer	<b>10:00 AM-2:00 PM</b> Gift shop open <b>11:30 AM</b> Confessions <b>6:30-PM-8:00PM</b> Youth Group
<b>Thursday December 5</b>		Isaiah 26:1-6 Psalm 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Matthew 7:21, 24-27	<b>12:10 PM</b> Mike Cervi	<b>10:00 AM-2:00 PM</b> Gift shop open <b>1:00 PM-3:00 PM</b> Food pantry open <b>5:00 PM</b> Eucharistic Adoration Ends <b>6:30 PM</b> Advent Penance Service
<b>Friday December 6</b>	St. Nicholas, Bishop	Isaiah 29:17-24 Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 Matthew 9:27-31	<b>12:10 PM</b> +Stella Brown	<b>12:30PM-3:00PM</b> Quilters <b>4:30-7:30 PM</b> Spaghetti Dinner - Parish Hall
<b>Saturday December 7</b>	St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8	<b>9:00 AM</b> In Reparation <b>4:00 PM</b> +Tivi Castaneda	<b>8:30AM-9:30AM</b> 1st Saturday Devotion <b>10AM-12:00PM</b> Gift shop open <b>2:30 PM</b> Confessions
<b>Sunday December 8</b>	2nd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19	Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12	