

ST. PETER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12TH, 2021



John answered them all, saying,
“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.”

Luke 3:16a

970-352-1060 (X1 FOR SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES ONLY)

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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY (ANTICIPATORY)

4:00 PM, 6:00 PM

SUNDAY

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM

WEEKDAY

MON - FRI 12:10 PM

SATURDAY 9:00 AM

CONFESSION

SATURDAY 2:00 PM

WEDNESDAY 11:30 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

MONDAY 1PM

THROUGH

THURSDAY 5PM

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

FRIDAY 8:00 AM - 12 NOON

ANGELIC ACCENTS GIFT SHOP

MONDAY-THURSDAY 10 AM-1PM

SUNDAY 8:00AM-12:15 PM

	OBSERVANCES	READINGS	MASS INTENTIONS	CHURCH EVENTS
Sunday December 12	3rd Sunday of Advent	Zephaniah 3:14-18a Psalm from Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18	7:00 AM +Ron Springer 9:00 AM +Ethel Martin 11:00 AM +Deacon Bill Hastings 6:00 PM People of St. Peter	8:00 AM-12:15 PM Gift Shop Open 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Religious Ed Classes
Monday December 13	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Matthew 21:23-27	12:10 PM ++Matthew & Nathan Braafhart	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Begins 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Food Pantry Open
Tuesday December 14	St. John of the Cross Priest and Doctor of the Church	Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 Matthew 18:12-14	12:10 PM All Souls Day Novena	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 6:00 AM-7:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 AM-8:00 PM Baptism Prep Class
Wednesday December 15		Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21b-25 Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Luke 7:18b-23	12:10 PM All Souls Day Novena	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 11:30 AM Confession 6:30 PM-8:00 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM-8:00 PM Adult Faith Formation
Thursday December 16		Isaiah 54:1-10 Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b Luke 7:24-30	12:10 PM +Bob & Jackie Rowe	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Food Pantry Open 5:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Ends
Friday December 17		Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Matthew 1:1-17	12:10 PM +Maria del Carmen Rodriguez	
Saturday December 18		Jeremiah 23:5-8 Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Matthew 1:18-25	9:00 AM All Souls Day Novena 4:00 PM People of St. Peter 6:00 PM +Ken Peterson	2:00 PM Confession - Church
Sunday December 19	4th Sunday of Advent	Micah 5:1-4a	Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19	Hebrews 10:5-10
				Luke 1:39-4

Last Chance to Register!

Advent Women's Retreat *Led by the Sisters of Life*

Saturday December 18th
8:30AM - 2:00PM

Begin with a rosary and Mass
Potluck lunch - bring a light dish
Share your favorite Christmas tradition

Register online stpetergreeley.org
or by calling the office. The cost is \$20.

Baptism PREPARATION

Tuesday December 14th
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

**Class for parents and godparents
of the child to be baptized**
Please call the office to register.

St. Peter's Giving Tree

Located in the gathering space

Pick up a Care Bag with a list of suggested
items for the Catholic Charities
Cold Weather Shelter.

Return your gift by December 20th
Thank you for your generosity.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to all who donated to the Turkey Box Drive for Thanksgiving as well as those who volunteered at the Thanksgiving dinner in the Parish Hall. We put together over 300 turkey boxes and fed over 300 people at the dinner. Thank you for your generosity!



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST

+Laura Archibeque, Staci Behne, +Mary Ellen Budd,
Joe Duenas, +Merle Gaspers, Victor Garcia, James
Gavin, NJ King, Jim Krenzel, Kelly Little, Helen
Lopez, +Peggy Martin, +Carla Martinez, +Florentina
Milhorne, Andrew Miller, Mary Neurerburg, +Tony
Perez, Penelope Robinson, Gil Romero, Anthony
Salazar, Pat Schultz, Mike Shovlin, +Stan Small, Ray
Sobieski, Juanita Vigil-Guy, Jeremiah Villnueva,
Jimmy Lee Villnueva, Teresa Villnueva, Joe Yates,
Jim Yates, Madeline Zuhlke



**AMERICAN
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Our meetings are Sundays
at 10:00AM in the School

Sunday, December 19th

We will be learning more about taking care of animals.

Our full schedule is available at
stpetergreeley.org/ministries/ahg

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

PRACTICES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Tuesday December 14th 6:00-7:00 PM

DRESS REHEARSAL

Tuesday December 21st 6:00-8:30 PM

Contact Tomoko Creed for more information
tomoko.creed@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP

December 15th 6:30 PM in the Youth Center

Restored and our Response

"Christ has come to His people and set them free...he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us ... to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace."-Luke 1:68-79

Father, I believe that out of Your infinite love You created me. I ask You now to flood my soul with the gift of the Holy Spirit to know my true identity as Your child. Help me to know that in Your eyes, I matter, and I'm worth dying for. Holy Spirit, re-create me to be the person You destined me to be and to accomplish the plan You have for my life. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Treating Others Well

In today's Gospel we hear the prophet John the Baptist being asked an insightful stewardship question: "What should we do?" Each group wants to know the appropriate response to John's call; each reply points to how they should treat others. John does not simply say, "Be baptized." Rather, he points them to their jobs and personal relationships. John's message is simple: judgment is near, and repentance includes treating others well. We should be willing to share what we have with those in need. To listen to John the Baptist is to be called to account. Do I give only of my excess, or am I the good steward who is willing to make daily sacrifices in order to help others?



Angelic Accents Gift Shop

MONDAY - THURSDAY
10:00 AM-1:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:00 AM-12:15 PM

Featured Items

- Children's books by Anthony DeStefano
- Lots of ornaments
- Products from our very own Raquel Kato Godsey: **The Little Rose Shop!**

The
CATHOLIC
FOUNDATION

CAN YOU MAKE A GIFT TO OUR PARISH FUND?

As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us over the past year. And it's a great time to thank God for these blessings by gifting to our parish fund. Gifts of appreciated stocks, IRA distributions, real estate and cash can fulfill your giving needs while helping grow our parish fund. To learn more or to make a gift, please reach out to our partners at The Catholic Foundation by calling 303-468-9885 or visit thecatholicfoundation.com.

ST. PETER'S SENIORS

No Seniors Meeting in December

**Christmas Tea on December 15th
at 1:00 pm**

(TICKETS FOR THE TEA ARE SOLD OUT)

Call Cathie for more information 970-412-8621



CATHOLIC
CHARITIES
ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER

**Second
Collection
Next Weekend**

December 18th and 19th, we will have a second collection for the Catholic Charities Cold Weather Shelter. Thank you so much for your generosity!



Chesterton Academy of
St. John Paul II
Annual End of Year Appeal

Building a Beacon of Light November 14th-December 31st

Because John Paul II High School is not attached to a particular parish, our operations are entirely funded by the generosity of individuals.

Please consider giving to this year's End of Year Appeal, which goes directly towards next year's operating costs. Any gift helps us to continue our mission of providing authentic Catholic high school education to families in northern Colorado.

Visit chestertonipii.org/donate to give today!

ST. PETER FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of the following items:

Crackers	Canned tomatoes	Dry beans
Rice	Canned chicken	Pasta sauce
Juice	Peanut butter	Soup
Snacks	Pancake mix and syrup	Flour
Onions	Potatoes	sugar

We are grateful for your continued generosity!

Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

John the Baptist is the equivalent of a modern day superhero: a man extremely righteous and devoted to doing what is good, an athlete of prayer and a champion of fights with evil spirits. However, unlike any superhero, he prepares the crowds in modesty for the coming of a real Titan – Jesus Christ, the Messiah – a character for whom he is unworthy to untie the thong of a sandal. In other words, for all his nobility, he has no strength to redeem even one man from Satan's power. Even himself.

The symbolism of taking off or undoing sandals has its ancient tradition in the religious customs of Israel. There was a certain practice in Israel concerning the right to a woman whose husband had died, called the Levirate Law. Under this law a woman became legally the property of the next brother or next of kin. This rule was referenced by the Sadducees who approached Jesus making the question about the resurrection. However, someone else could redeem her, if the person to whom she belonged allowed himself to take off his sandal in public. This gesture meant letting someone else acquire the right to her. John, by saying that he cannot remove the sandals from Jesus' feet, implies that he is not entitled to the Bride, that is, the New Israel, belonging only to the Son of God.

Jewish mystics saw in this gesture a truth much deeper than just a passing of the right to a woman. In the same way as a sandal protects and carries a foot on a journey, the human body is a vessel that carries and protects a soul on the journey of life. To take off your sandal is to reveal yourself or to expose your spiritual identity. When Moses stood on Mount Horeb in front of God revealing himself to him in the burning bush, he heard from him saying that he should take off his sandals. Moses took off his sandals, and in the nakedness of his soul he saw the exposed or revealed Creator, who manifested his love for Israel with a sign of fire.

John humbly admits that he cannot do anything for God's love to be revealed in him. He is saying that Jesus' mission of the redemption of human kind is impossible to be passed on to anyone else. Only Jesus, the God incarnate, is entitled to the New Israel, only in Christ the revelation of God's mercy towards our sins can take place, only Jesus can rescue mankind from being captured by Satan. Using the same analogy to the Jewish law, when a man took off his sandal and handed it over to the other party in the Levirate ritual, he was relinquishing his right to the bride. The bride of Christ is the Church, but all of us, through our sins, have become captured by the Enemy, and therefore we need to be rescued, just as a woman had to be rescued by another man from being owned by a closest relative.

John reveals to his followers that he cannot save even himself, let alone be the Messiah of the people; he states that he also needs to be rescued, and that the only one who is capable of making it happen is coming, and is close indeed.

Christmastime Schedule

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

12:00 pm Adoration Ends

Office and Gift Shop close until Tuesday December 28th

FRIDAY DECEMBER 24TH: CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4:00 PM in the Church (with the Children's Choir)

4:00 PM in the Parish Hall

8:00 PM in the Church

SATURDAY DECEMBER 25TH: CHRISTMAS DAY

12:00 AM Midnight Mass

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

No 4:00 PM or 6:00 PM anticipatory Masses

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

(not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

December 31st at 6:00 PM, and January 1st at 9:00 AM

The office will also be closed on December 31st and January 3rd

Permanent Mass Time Change

Beginning December 25th, there will no longer be a 6:00 PM Saturday evening Mass.

Sign ups will no longer be required for the 4:00 PM Mass, but Communion will continue to be distributed on hand only.

Rejoice!

Finding Your Place in the Advent Story



Videos to accompany the book available on our website.

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