

ST. PETER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19TH, 2021



“And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears,
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.”

Luke 1:43-44

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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 19	4th Sunday of Advent	Micah 5:1-4a Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45	7:00 AM +Jerry Hernandez 9:00 AM +Bob and Jackie Rowe 11:00 AM +Victor Gonzales 6:00 PM +Mike Ruzyla	8:00 AM-12:15 PM Gift Shop Open 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Religious Ed Classes
Monday December 20		Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Luke 1:26-38	12:10 PM Dorothy Friedl	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 21	St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Song of Songs 2:8-14 Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Luke 1:39-45	12:10 PM +Felix Galindo	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 6:00 PM-8:30 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday December 22		1 Samuel 1:24-28/ 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Luke 1:46-56	12:10 PM Eddie and Terry Keberlein	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 11:30 AM Confession No Youth Group or Adult Faith Formation
Thursday December 23	St. John of Kanty, Priest	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Luke 1:57-66	12:10 PM Dorothy Peterson	10:00 AM-12:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Food Pantry Open 12:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Ends 12:00 PM Office Closes
Friday December 24	Christmas Eve	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 89: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Matthew 1:1-25	4:00 PM +Gigliotti Family and +Tom Steven 4:00 PM +Virgil Landretti 8:00 PM Dorothy Peterson Midnight Shirley Johnson	Office Closed
Saturday December 25	The Nativity of the Lord	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18	8:00 AM +Thomas Hodge 10:00 AM +Robert Burkholder	
Sunday December 26	The Holy Family	1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28	Psalm 84: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10	Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52

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!**

**Our store closes at noon on Thursday,
December 23rd.**

Don't leave your shopping until the last minute.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**DRESS REHEARSAL
FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

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

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

Women Growing in Christ

**Our next gathering is Saturday, January 8th
at 9:45 am in the church basement.**

We will be discussing the Christian meaning of death and
the resurrection of the body.

Read your book so you can engage in a great discussion!

Questions? Contact Susan LaBonde 970-353-3342



Second Collection This 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!*

PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST

+Mary Ellen Budd, Joe Duenas, +Merle Gaspsers,
James Gavin, Angela Herrera, NJ King, Kelly Little,
Helen Lopez, +Peggy Martin, Sirous Moreno, Mike
Neighbors, Mary Neurerburg, Penelope Robinson, Gil
Romero, Anthony Salazar, Pat Schultz, , +Stan Small,
Pat Smith, Ray Sobieski, Juanita Vigil-Guy, Jeremiah
Villnueva, Jimmy Lee Villnueva, Teresa Villnueva,
Madeline Zuhlke



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

Our next meeting is Sunday, January 16th

**Nick S., a real life firefighter,
will teach us about fire safety.**

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



**TOMORROW
IS THE LAST DAY
TO RETURN YOUR
GIFTS AND CARE
BAGS!**

*Return to the office
or place under the
giving tree.*

***Thank you for your
generosity!***

PERMANENT MASS TIME CHANGE

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

Sign-up will no longer be required for the 4:00 PM Mass,
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.

stpetergreeley.org

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Behold, I come to do your will.”

As we draw close to the great Feast of the Nativity, we hear the bold stewardship proclamation twice in today's second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: “Behold, I come to do your will, O God!” Who is this Jesus? Who are we that A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT we should follow him? Many want him as a friend, a guide, a king, an advocate. We long to see the face of God. Jesus reveals the nature of God, the servant sent to give us new life in Him. Take time to ponder: Do we have the courage to follow Jesus? To show others the face of God? To say to the Lord: “Behold, I come to do your will?”



Spiritual Adoption

Congratulations, I am here! As you know though, my birth was not the beginning of my life. My life began nine months ago when my parents contributed their love to each other to



form this unique human being. At that miraculous moment I also received my soul from God making me an immortal being. God's plan for me is to live my life on earth then join Him in my heavenly home forever. Thank you on behalf of all babies and their mothers for your loving prayers that helped to bring us to birth “so that they might have life and have it to the full!” (John 10:10)



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 chestertonjpil.org/donate to give today!

GIVE YOUR PARISH A GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS

The Catholic Foundation, our planned giving partner, has launched a limited-time challenge that provides \$1,000 unrestricted grants to our parish. Anyone can participate and this is how. Leave any charitable planned gift in your will through The Catholic Foundation and our parish will receive a \$1,000 grant to our parish. To learn more, please contact The Catholic Foundation by calling 303-468-9885 or visit TheCatholicFoundation.com

The
CATHOLIC
FOUNDATION

YOUTH GROUP

No Youth Group until January 5th

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

**Today, December 19th, is the last day
of RE classes until January 9th**

**The next Adult Faith Formation class will be
on Wednesday, January 5th**

Merry Christmas!

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
through the year of 2021.
Thank you for being the messengers of Christ's hope
and love to those most in need.*

Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah. Before Jesus learned to walk, before He spoke his first word, before He performed his first miracle, He was already carried to another person by his Mother. She made it possible for Him to reach and move John in Elizabeth's womb, before He was fully formed in her own womb. She responded to the mission that God gave her by becoming the first apostle. It remains like that till this day. As Luke points out, she did it all *in haste*, she didn't wait to do what she needed to do: the message of an angel moved her to not waste any time and to go immediately. This is why we turn to her so often in our prayers, because she never hesitates to bring them before her Son.

When Mary entered Elizabeth's house and greeted her, she did it in response to the greeting she heard from the angel in the moment of Annunciation. She acted exactly like the angel Gabriel. Her personal encounter with Gabriel made her act in the same way towards those she comes across, and to whom she brings Jesus.

Perhaps there is someone in our lives, like Elizabeth, who hopes for an encounter that will change their lives entirely. Elizabeth's attitude has changed noticeably after seeing Mary; she was filled with the Holy Spirit. To be filled is not to be empty inside. We were created by God to always experience this longing for fulfillment, until we are filled with God himself. When the Holy Spirit came upon Mary, she was filled with God's presence, with His overflowing Grace, and she couldn't keep it to herself. Her own satisfaction prompted her to go and fill others.

Many of us experience this impatience; we cannot wait for things to happen in our lives, we are frustrated because of the delayed train, bus or plane; Christmas or other celebration cannot come soon enough; the solution to many world problems is desperately expected. But how many of us rush to respond to God's call? St. Augustine is known for his expression: *O Lord, make me pure and holy: but not yet*. Mary doesn't fall for that temptation, and becomes holy and pure immediately. And she doesn't keep it to herself. The Holy Spirit allows her to accomplish it.

In this season of Advent we have been reminded about the most fundamental aspects of our relationship with God: He Created us, but we have been Captured by the Enemy; He Rescued us and He wants us to carry this message to others, just like Mary carried the Rescuer of human kind to Elizabeth. Each and every one of us baptized have been filled with the Holy Spirit, just like Mary was. So...What are we waiting for?

O Come All Ye Faithful

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
January 1st at 9:00 AM

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

Grand Auction Dinner Thank You!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR
YOUR GENEROSITY AT THE GRAND
AUCTION DINNER IN OCTOBER.
WE BROUGHT IN \$53,075 FOR THE
YOUTH CENTER!