

# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

## Sunday OF ADVENT



“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Matthew 24:44

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### MASS TIMES

SATURDAY (ANTICIPATORY)  
4:00 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  
10:00 AM-1:00 PM  
SUNDAY 8:00 AM-12:15 PM



	OBSERVANCES	READINGS	MASS INTENTIONS	CHURCH EVENTS
Sunday November 27	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	7:00 AM +Marybeth Gerkin 9:00 AM Neil Johnson 11:00 AM +Susie Martinez 6:00 PM People of St. Peter	8:00 AM-12:15 PM Gift Shop Open <b>No RE Classes</b>
Monday November 28		Isaiah 2:4-6 Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Matthew 8:5-11	12:10 PM +Jonny Hergenreter	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Begins 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open
Tuesday November 29		Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Luke 10:21-24	12:10 PM All Souls Day Novena	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 6:00 PM Children's Choir Christmas Auditions
Wednesday November 30	Saint Andrew, apostle	Romans 10:9-18 Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Matthew 4:18-22	12:10 PM +Michele Caterina	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 11:30 AM Confession 6:00 PM Adult Faith Formation 6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group
Thursday December 1		Isaiah 26:1-6 Psalm 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Matthew 7:21, 24-27	12:10 PM +Rita Brady Kiefer	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open
Friday December 2		Isaiah 29:17-24 Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 Matthew 9:27-31	12:10 PM +Fr. Palmo Valente, S.F.	
Saturday December 3	Saint Francis Xavier, priest	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8	9:00 AM ++Manuel Herrera, Fernanda and Jess Fernandez 4:00 PM People of St. Peter	9:45 AM Women Growing in Christ 2:00 PM Confession
Sunday December 4	2nd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10    Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17    Romans 15:4-9    Mathew 3:1-12		

# ST. PETER'S SENIORS

DECEMBER 1ST

GOVERNOR'S MANSION, CHEYENNE, WY

"Tinsel Through Time", holiday decor  
from present to past. Lunch at the Albany.  
Signup by November 28th.

DECEMBER 14TH

DECEMBER LUNCHEON

Reservation required by December 12th.

Call Cathie to RSVP 970-412-8621

 **Angelic Accents Gift Shop**

**25% OFF ENTIRE STORE!**

**THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

\*excludes sale items\*

**GET YOUR 2023 SUNDAY MISSALS!**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST

Terri Alitz, Baby Barrs, Gary Bellendir, Jean Baustert, Annette Sands Botello, Kim Cecil, +Shirley Dillarreal, JoAnn Gifford, Theresa Gifford, Christopher Griego, Florence Hammond, Shirley Hergenreter, +Jeff Johns, NJ King, Cristin Lopez, Jerry McDonough, +Pete Moreno, +Rita Paukune, Penelope Robinson, Collette Roscoe, Jose Omar Sanchez, +Eric Stevens, Sonny Unrein, Crystal Vasquez, Bill White, Deborah Woody, Jim Yates, Joe Yates

**Bear Catholic Campus Ministry**

*Across from the Presidents' Row*

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# CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Auditions for solo parts for Christmas Eve Mass  
**Tuesday, November 29th at 6:00 PM**

## REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

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

December 13th 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

December 20th (dress rehearsal) 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

For more information contact Tomoko  
[tomoko.creed@gmail.com](mailto:tomoko.creed@gmail.com)

## ST. PETER FOOD PANTRY

*We are in need of the following items:*

Crackers	Soup	Canned chicken
Spaghetti sauce	Rice	Canned vegetables
Peanut butter	Tuna	Mac and cheese
Ramen noodles	Flour	Eggs
Sugar	Individual oatmeal packets	

*We are grateful for your continued generosity!*

## Women Growing in Christ

**Our next gathering is December 3rd**

At 9:45 AM in the church basement

We will discuss the previous Sunday's  
Gospel and share Advent reflections.

Questions? Contact Susan Labonde 970-353-3342

## Baptism Class

For Parents and Godparents

**Saturday, December 10th at 10:00 AM**

Call the office to sign up.

**Youth Group**

**Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 PM in the youth center**



# Thank You

Thank you to everyone who  
donated, attended, and gave to the  
Grand Auction Dinner.

We raised \$27, 272 for our youth  
center and church restoration!

## ST. PETER PRAYER LINE

If you have an immediate need for prayer,  
please call our prayer line at 970-939-5869  
or email [prayers@stpetergreeley.org](mailto:prayers@stpetergreeley.org).

Sign up to receive prayer requests,  
text PRAYERLINE to 84576.



Pick up a gift tag for a resident of the  
Guadalupe Apartments in the gathering space.

“Care Bags” are needed for our neighbors in need.  
Pick up a suggested list at the Giving Tree.

Return your gifts by December 18th.

Thank you for your generosity!

## First Saturday Rosary and Chaplet

Saturday December 3rd

Rosary begins at 8:20 AM

Divine Mercy Chaplet immediately following  
Mass begins at 9:00 AM

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### Are We Prepared?

On this first Sunday of Advent Jesus urges his disciples to stay awake and prepare themselves for the Lord's coming. Good stewards prepare themselves and await Christ's judgment in joyous expectation. This attitude requires genuine spiritual maturity, of course; the kind that is cultivated by prayer, participation in the sacraments, loving attention to family and one's communion of faith, and love for one's neighbor. Are we prepared for the Lord's second coming? Are we ready to receive Christ? Are we ready to look joyously for Christ's judgment?



### Spiritual Adoption

**I am 8 months old.**

Now I am just gaining weight  
and I am probably starting  
to make my mother uncomfortable with my size.

In a short time, I will be born.

On behalf of mom and me, thank you  
for your prayers for the past eight months.  
They have given her the grace she needed  
to make the right choices.

## ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Sacramental Emergencies only 970-352-1060 x1*

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## NEEDED

**FOR OVERNIGHT HOURS**



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or the office 970-352-1060**



## Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

Sometimes in our lives we experience moments of unproductive looking into the past and examining the so-called “what ifs”. We wonder what would happen if ... We usually form in our minds our own scenarios, more or less probable. 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.* Is the thief supposed to announce himself? After all, it's a part of his “profession” to act by surprise. The host, on the other hand, must be vigilant not to be surprised.

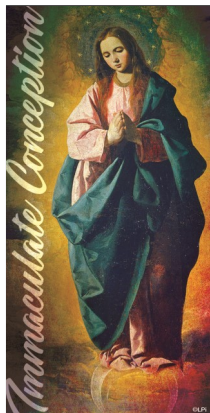
Advent is no surprise. It is a clear and concrete call: *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.* These words of the Responsorial Psalm resound on the threshold of the four-week period, designated to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Emmanuel, God with us. We need to be prepared to receive God's love, and Advent is the time to embark on a journey towards our personal growth in charity.

But Jesus knows that the enemy does everything in his power to distract us on that journey. Because of that, He himself gives us specific instructions on how to make this time a fruitful one. First, He encourages us to abandon our carefree and thoughtless lives. One of the main enemies of charity is sloth, not understood only as a synonym to laziness, but rather as a laziness because of sorrow. Jesus shows us the example of people who, before the flood, lived their lives as if without much effort and commitment they would live forever, they lived in sloth. And that sloth has made them reject the objective goodness of God, who in clear and obvious signs called them to conversion. In sloth the enemy projects the objective good as something negative, which leads us to inaction, as we self-pity ourselves.

Another way the enemy prevents our growth in charity is by injecting in us the sin of envy. Today's concerns about worldly matters occupy us more than our eternal life. Our focus on our temporal life often leads us to a negativity towards others because of their possessions. Therefore, especially in Advent, those who love God must learn to balance the proportions between what is temporal and what is eternal. Today, God doesn't need us to build a wooden ark, but rather an ark of principles, ideas, good gestures and acts of mercy.

Finally, the advice to be vigilant in today's Gospel: *be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come,* is a warning against the sin of pride. Pride that can make us think that we don't need to be ready for the coming of Christ. Pride is the reliance on our human strengths, while to be vigilant is to be aware that it is God who desires this encounter more than we, so that through this encounter we may gain what the human mind cannot comprehend and the human word cannot express. Watching means not focusing on ourselves, but rather on who we're waiting for.

It is important that we *know the time*, as St. Paul writes in the Letter to the Romans. This important time is called Advent, which is the period of vigilance, readiness, and attention. Let us be aware of the enemy's traps of sloth, envy and pride set up for us to fall into during this time, and may God's charity inspire us to act in the way we won't regret it later.



### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

#### Masses

**Wednesday, December 7th**

(Anticipatory) 6:00 PM

**Thursday, December 8th**

7:00 AM, 12:10 PM, 6:00 PM

### Advent Penance Service



**FRIDAY DECEMBER 9TH, IN THE CHURCH**

**6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

*Priests will be available to hear confessions.  
All are welcome to attend!*