

# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022



**John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist.  
His food was locusts and wild honey.**

Matthew 3:4

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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 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	7:00 AM +Henry Hernandez 9:00 AM +Jack Dwyer 11:00 AM +Merle Gaspers 6:00 PM +Lupe Morado	8:00 AM-12:15 PM Gift Shop Open 9:15 AM Religious Ed Classes
Monday December 5		Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Luke 5:17-26	12:10 PM +Art Milner	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Begins 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open
Tuesday December 6	Saint Nicholas, bishop	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 Matthew 18:12-14	12:10 PM All Souls Day Novena	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 6:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday December 7	Saint Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church	Isaiah 40:25-31 Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 Matthew 11:28-30	12:10 PM +Nancy Hammond 6:00 PM Abigail Ralston	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 8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38	7:00 AM Andrezej Czarnecki 12:10 PM +Marybeth Gerkin 6:00 PM +Merle Gaspers	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open
Friday December 9	Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin	Isaiah 48:17-19 Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Matthew 11:16-19	12:10 PM +Merle Gaspers	6:30 PM Penance Service-church
Saturday December 10		Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Matthew 17:9a, 10-13	9:00 AM +Elisa Haro 4:00 PM People of St. Peter	10:00 AM Baptism Class-basement 2:00 PM Confession
Sunday December 11	3rd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10      Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10      James 5:7-10      Matthew 11:2-11		



 **Angelic Accents Gift Shop**  
**25% OFF ENTIRE STORE!**  
**THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**  
 \*excludes sale items\*

**Youth Group**  
 Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 PM in the youth center  
**Mountain Madness 2023**  
 February 17-19 at YMCA of the Rockies  
**For all 6th-8th Graders**  
 Contact David for more info or click the link on our website to sign up. [www.stepetergreeley.org](http://www.stepetergreeley.org)

**ST. PETER'S SENIORS**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH**  
**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**  
 Reservation required by December 12th.  
 Call Cathie to RSVP 970-412-8621

**RE CLASSES**  
 No Adult Faith Formation  
 on December 21st and 28th  
 No Sunday Classes  
 on December 25th and January 1st.  
**Merry Christmas!**

**Bear Catholic Campus Ministry**  
 Across from the Presidents' Row  
[info@BearCatholic.com](mailto:info@BearCatholic.com)  
**December 5th-9th Finals Week**  
**Enjoy Your Christmas Break!**  
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**PRAYER REQUESTS**  
 PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST  
 Baby Barrs, Gary Bellendir, +Annette Sands Botello, +Shirley Dillarreal, Angie Garrette, +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, Jim Yates, Joe Yates

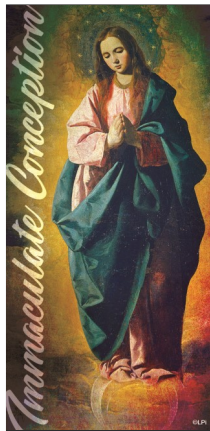
**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**  
**REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**  
 December 6th 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
 December 13th 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
 December 20th (dress rehearsal) 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
 For more information contact Tomoko  
[tomoko.creed@gmail.com](mailto:tomoko.creed@gmail.com)

  
**Giving Tree**  
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 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!

**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!*



## 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

## Christmas Schedule

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

Adoration ends at 5:00 PM

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

Office Closes at Noon

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

Office Closed

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

No confession

### Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 PM (in the church and in the parish hall)  
8:00 PM with caroling at 7:00 PM

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

Masses at 12:00 AM (midnight)

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

*No 6:00 PM Mass*

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

Office and Gift Shop Closed

*No Adoration this week*

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

Office Closed

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

No Confession

### MONDAY JANUARY 2ND

Office and Gift Shop Closed

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## 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.

## Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

In today's Gospel St. John the Baptist cries out in the desert, to *prepare the way of the Lord*, and to *make straight his paths*. This is a reiteration of Jesus' encouragement to stay awake. We are to do all we can to overcome the obstacles of sloth, presenting itself in the sinful pursuit of pleasure; pride, manifested in idolizing our own choices over God's will; and envy, experienced in an obsession with comparing to others. We need to do it in order to meet Jesus, not to sleep through the time of His coming.

St. John the Baptist, with his life and words, demonstrates how to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord: through penance, by overcoming our sinful tendencies, by rejecting the darkness and entering into the fullness of the light of Christ's saving grace. God constantly comes out to meet us and to give us Himself. He wants us to receive Him, so that we can become more like Him. Advent, as the beginning of the Liturgical Year, is a good time for that spiritual quest. John encourages us to abandon the comfortable apathy of laziness, indifference and mediocrity, and to put on the shoes of an active wanderer, a pilgrim, a person with a clearly defined goal in life, and to set off on a journey that leads through the desert of conversion to the green pastures of heaven. It is important to make this continuous effort to convert, because it is not enough to just hear the voice of the prophet, but one must also consciously and intentionally respond to it.

If we want to prepare the way for the Lord, we must truly believe in God's power. And to truly believe is to entrust ourselves to Him along with everything that constitutes our everyday life, our individual vocations, the world in which we live and work. If we want to truly believe, and not just think piously about Jesus from time to time, we have to integrate true faith in Christ with our lives.

To have true faith is to open ourselves to the realization that Jesus is not coming to us because we are already perfectly prepared for Him, without sin, living in perfect harmony and love. We need to strive for it, but the time when *the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them* is not here yet. To have true faith is to understand that it's the coming of the Messiah that will bring the opportunity to reconcile not only with God, but also with others. This is one of the most important effects of the manifestation of the Son of God among us.

The Love of God for men creates the platform for understanding above sociological, temporal, and historical divisions and introduces the bond of reconciliation. The full experience of the Church is not when people are united by mutual appreciation, but rather when, despite their differences, they are able to pray to the same God. The Church is not a romanticized community of flatterers and complimenters, but a Communion with God, which is experienced in simple acts of charity, motivated only by the knowledge of being loved, and the desire to share this love.

*Prepare the way of the Lord* means to open ourselves to be transformed by the Love of God, and to act on this Love towards others.



### 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!*

**ADORERS  
NEEDED  
FOR OVERNIGHT HOURS**

**Call Linda 970-381-7567  
or the office  
970-352-1060**

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### The Call to Conversion

In today's Gospel reading John the Baptist warns his listeners: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" The Church's yearly Advent herald is a call to repentance. The season of Advent urges us to be open to a conversion of heart. Christian stewards heed this call daily, and take the need for conversion in their lives seriously. As a family of faith, do we hear this call to conversion amidst the massive holiday spending? The increase in credit card debt? The urge to buy things that are not necessary? The incivility on the roadways during the holidays? Are there patterns in our own lives that need to be converted?

## Baptism Class

For Parents and Godparents  
**Saturday, December 10th at 10:00 AM**  
Please call the office to sign up.