

# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 2022



**“This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.”**

Matthew 11:10

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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 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	7:00 AM ++Ron and Robbie Dumas 9:00 AM ++Roberta Hirl and Jolene Heiden 11:00 AM +Letiticia Lyons 6:00 PM +Marybeth Gerkin	8:00 AM-12:15 PM Gift Shop Open 9:15 AM Religious Ed Classes
Monday December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Zechariah 2:14-17 Psalm from Judith 13:18, 19 Luke 1:26-38	12:10 PM +Ethel Martin	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Begins 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open
Tuesday December 13	Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr	Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 Matthew 21:28-32	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 14	Saint John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church	Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25 Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Luke 7:18b-23	12:10 PM +Marybeth Gerkin	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 11:30 AM Confession 1:00 PM Senior Luncheon 6:00 PM Adult Faith Formation 6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group
Thursday December 15		Isaiah 54:1-10 Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b Luke 7:24-30	12:10 PM +Rita Brady Kiefer	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open
Friday December 16		Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8 Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 John 5:33-36	12:10 PM +Jeanette Powers	
Saturday December 17		Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Matthew 1:1-17	9:00 AM Maria Mercer 4:00 PM +Dorothy Friedl	2:00 PM Confession
Sunday December 18	4th Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 7:10-14    Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6	Romans 1:1-7    Matthew 1:18-24	



# Youth Group ©LPI

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

No Youth Group on December 21st and 28th

## 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)

## 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

## Angelic Accents Gift Shop

### 25% OFF ENTIRE STORE!

THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

\*excludes sale items\*

## ADORERS NEEDED FOR OVERNIGHT HOURS

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

## Giving Tree ©LPI

Return your gifts and care bags by  
Next Sunday, 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!*

## RE CLASSES

No Adult Faith Formation  
on December 21st and 28th

No Sunday Classes  
on December 25th and January 1st.

**Merry Christmas!**

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

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)

## Jeans Drive

Please bring your new or gently used jeans  
to the office to donate to Catholic Charities.

The drive will end at noon  
on Thursday, December 22nd.

Thank you for your generosity!

# 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*

## TUESDAY-THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27-29

Office will be open from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

Office Closed

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

No Confession

## MONDAY JANUARY 2ND

Office and Gift Shop Closed

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### Sharing Christ with Others

From the loneliness of his prison cell John the Baptist asks of Jesus: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" The weeks before Christmas offer much to be joyous about, celebrating with family and friends, the glitter of seasonal decorations, the excitement of gift giving and receiving. But in our midst there are the lonely and neglected, the poor, the hospitalized, the wayward, the shut-ins. There are those who feel that they have no hope. To whom should they look? Discipleship in the Lord includes being good stewards of others. Are there those in our family, our neighborhood, our community to whom we can reach out to show them a sign of Christ's presence in their midst?

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## Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

Two words are important to us today – joy and conversion. Today these two words have a special meaning, because the 3rd Sunday of Advent, called *Gaudete* – Sunday of Joy (and for the symbol of joy today's liturgical color is rose), refers us to the joy of waiting, expecting the coming of the Emmanuel. In order to experience this expectation in a joyful manner we have to first experience a conversion.

The call to conversion should not be perceived as a lesson or a warning, but rather as our invitation and openness to hearing the words, watching the gestures and experiencing the deeds of Christ, who leads us to himself, to his loving heart, to the heart that teaches us to overcome division by the most perfect love. This openness signifies our trust in God, because as we read in the first reading, *then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing*, and therefore the joy comes not from what has already happened, but rather from what will happen, what we expect, what we desire.

How to prepare for God's coming, how to convert? Saint James in his letter gives us this advice: *You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand*. Each of us will interpret these words slightly differently, in our own way, just as each of us will look for our own example of conduct, one that works for ourselves. James suggests: *Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord*. So let's ask ourselves a few questions: Who is God really for my thoughts, for my heart, for all my life and actions? As a follower of Christ, do I not only believe in Him, but also trust in Him? Do I tell others about Him? Do I bear witness to Him in the family, work, school?

The disciples of John the Baptist asked Jesus himself, *are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?* They acted like those who seek enlightenment first in prayer, and only then in books and other documents. I think on the contrary, most of us ask theologians, historians, priests, catechists, or even professors of Catholic universities about who Jesus is or was. We forget that, like the disciples of John the Baptist, we should ask the Lord Jesus Himself: ask this question in prayer, during Holy Mass, after receiving the Holy Communion. If the Lord Jesus had said to John's disciples: I am the Messiah, it would have caused a misunderstanding, because of the expectations towards the Messiah that the Jews had. And if he said: I am God, it would have caused a cognitive dissonance, because no one has ever seen God. Jesus' answer was different. It meant: you will get to know me when you will see what I do. This is an important tip for us. Theological statements and catechism definitions are important, but we will get to know Jesus best when, amongst the noise of this world, we will see what He has done and continues to do for us, for people. The ability to discover the true Jesus, his love for us and not just a dictionary definition, is what brings us true and full joy.

Much has been done in the history, and is still being done, to surround Christ with a shroud of conspiracy of silence, to deny his existence and mission, or at least to diminish and distort it. Therefore, this question that John's disciples asked only once, we should ask and answer ourselves many times, again and again. The answer will bring us more joy each time we ask, because each time it will remind us how much God loves us. Therefore let us convert our hearts to the love with which God has loved us, *so that God's joy may be in us and our joy may be complete*.



Thank you to: Deacon Cesar, David and the youth group, everyone who donated to and helped assemble our Turkey Boxes, and everyone who helped set up, serve, or clean up at our Thanksgiving Dinner. Thank you for your generosity and service!

### 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.

### Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend, December 17-18, we will have a second collection to benefit Catholic Charities. We appreciate your generosity!

The  
**CATHOLIC**  
FOUNDATION

We often express thanks to God by giving to others. As you consider your charitable gifts before the end of the year, remember that gifts made now could generate income tax deductions. If you would like to explore your possibilities of bequests, visit [www.thecatholicfoundation.com](http://www.thecatholicfoundation.com).