

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 2022



“She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21

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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 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	7:00 AM +Jerry Hernandez 9:00 AM Dorothy Peterson 11:00 AM +Maynard Gerkin 6:00 PM People of St. Peter	8:00 AM-12:15 PM Gift Shop Open 9:15 AM Religious Ed Classes
Monday December 19		Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Luke 1:5-25	12:10 PM +Marybeth Gerkin	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Begins 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open
Tuesday December 20		Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Luke 1:26-38	12:10 PM All Souls Day Novena	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 6:00-8:30 PM Children's Choir Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday December 21	Saint Peter Canisius, priest and doctor of the Church	Song of Solomon 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 11:30 AM Confession No Adult Faith Formation No Youth Group
Thursday December 22		1 Samuel 1:24-28 Psalm from 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8 Luke 1:46-56	12:10 PM Karen Trotter	OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Gift Shop Open FOOD PANTRY CLOSED
Friday December 23	Saint 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 +Terry Lynn Keberlein	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday 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	9:00 AM ++Jaber and Sobieski family members 4:00 PM ++Gigliotti family members, Tom Stevens 4:00 PM +Rita Brady Kiefer 8:00 PM People of St. Peter	NO CONFESSION
Sunday 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		

YouthGroup

NO YOUTH GROUP

December 21
December 28

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

December 20th (dress rehearsal) 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

For more information contact Tomoko
tomoko.creed@gmail.com

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.

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

ADORERS NEEDED FOR OVERNIGHT HOURS

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

Angelic Accents Gift Shop

25% OFF ENTIRE STORE!

THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

excludes sale items

PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST

Baby Barrs, Gary Bellendir, +Annette Sands Botello, +Shirley Dillarreal, Angie Garrette, +Angela Juarez, +Edwing Juarez, +Jeff Johns, NJ King, Dorothy Long, Cristin Lopez, +Rogello Lujan, Jerry McDonough, +Pete Moreno, +Rita Paukune, Penelope Robinson, Collette Roscoe, Jose Omar Sanchez, Sonny Unrein, Crystal Vasquez, +Bill White, Jim Yates, Joe Yates

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!

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!

Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend we will have a second collection to benefit Catholic Charities.
We appreciate your generosity!

RE CLASSES

No Adult Faith Formation
on December 21st and 28th

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

Merry Christmas!

Bear Catholic Advent Appeal



The season of Advent is a time of preparation, an opportunity to reorder our thoughts, actions, and hearts toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

This time of year is especially focused on the Holy Family. Just as the Holy Family relied on the gifts of many for their new life with Christ, Bear Catholic relies on your generosity to facilitate an encounter with Christ.

Please prayerfully consider participating in our Advent Appeal in preparation for the spring semester.

Scan the QR code or visit
www.bearcatholic.com/advent



St. John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

Building a Beacon of Light | End-of-Year Appeal
Support Northern Colorado's Only Catholic High School!

Prayerfully consider partnering with us this year to help keep Catholic high school affordable to all families!

Scan to Donate

Scan here to donate or visit
www.jprihs.com/donate



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.



It's time to return your gifts and care bags!

Thank you for your generosity!

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Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

Many people feel that their lives are empty. And that might be true. The fulfillment of life is not easy to find. There are those who try fill the void with chips and beer on a couch; others by watching Netflix or various TV series; still others by working out or obsessively saving money, or spending time on the Internet, or collecting diplomas, etc. What fills you? Or who fills you up?

In the description of Joseph's reception of the pregnant Mary, there is an indication that *all this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet*. It happened in Joseph's life that he finally fulfilled the words of the Scripture. Before that happened, however, he was experiencing nightmares in which he was pressured by an angel to do God's will. It wasn't easy for him, because the facts contradicted the dreams. It is easier to believe in the logic of facts than in dreams. Joseph finally accepted his Wife and the Child in her womb. He did it so that the Scriptures can be fulfilled. It can be very similar in our lives, when our ideas for life and our plans hardly ever agree with God's plans. If we do not work towards the fulfillment of the Word of God, sooner or later it will make us feel desolate.

Our life is God's project in which He has foreseen events, encounters, persons, and even dreams. We only need to exercise patience, an attitude that consists of calmly waiting for our personal growth and the fulfillment of God's plan. We need to equip ourselves with the realization that everything comes at the right time and that all untimely intervention is vain or empty. Nothing that happens to us is accidental. God has planned certain events along the path we walk, and it is easier for us to understand them individually if we see them as a part of a bigger plan. God gives us hints that should not be ignored. Destiny is not some kind of fate, nor is it a chaotic randomness. Everything leads to the fulfillment of the Scriptures.

To fulfill is to make complete, integrated, perfect. Ultimately, it is all about accepting Jesus into our lives, because only He can truly satisfy us, but – as today's Gospel reminds us – we cannot do it without accepting Mary first. Why? Just as the Son of God could not become a man without first becoming the son of this woman, so every Christian cannot start life in Christ without Mary. Growth of faith happens in stages, and the necessary first step is to consent to such a gradual plan of God.

Joseph, in order to receive the Son of God into his life, needed to first accept another human being, a woman, his wife, Mary, who became for him the carrier of the Divine Love. In the age of divorce this message has an enormous power: to accept a man is to accept Christ hidden in him. Since we say that loving God and loving our neighbor are the two sides of the same Commandment of Love, the more fully we receive another human being into our lives, the more fully we open ourselves to accept Christ. Only God can give us a complete happiness, true fulfillment. But before He is to be experienced in His fullness, He hides himself in another human being, to teach us that we only can learn to love God if we first see him in our neighbor.

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 hours are 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

"God is With Us"

In today's Gospel we hear of the coming of Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." We celebrate three Advents: the birth of Christ, his Second Coming, and his presence in the world today. Our daily lives are attended by God's presence. Indeed, "God is with us." The Good News of Christ's Incarnation is that we are the sign, the "sacrament," of Christ's presence in the world. People are supposed to see us, see how we love one another, see how we treat the stranger among us, see how we give comfort to the poor and afflicted, and share the Good News with joy. They see how good stewards are the light of Christ. And there can be no possible response except to say: "God is here!"