

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

DECEMBER 25, 2022



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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 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	MIDNIGHT +Rosa L. Jelinik 8:00 AM +Marybeth Gerkin 10:00 AM +Victor Gonzales	GIFT SHOP CLOSED NO Religious Ed Classes
Monday December 26	Saint Stephen, first martyr	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 Matthew 10:17-22	12:10 PM Sarah DeMaio	OFFICE CLOSED NO ADORATION GIFT SHOP AND FOOD PANTRY CLOSED
Tuesday December 27	Saint John, apostle and evangelist	1 John 1:1-4 Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 John 20:1a and 2-8	12:10 PM +Pat O'Connell	GIFT SHOP CLOSED
Wednesday December 28	The Holy Innocents	1 John 1:5-2:2 Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 Matthew 2:13-18	12:10 PM Bill and Ruth Callahan 67th Anniversary	GIFT SHOP CLOSED 11:30 AM Confession NO Adult Faith Formation NO Youth Group
Thursday December 29	Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and martyr	1 John 2:3-11 Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Luke 2:22-35	12:10 PM +Joe Dwyer	GIFT SHOP CLOSED 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open
Friday December 30	The Holy Family	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23	12:10 PM +Theodore Gutierrez	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday December 31	Saint Sylvester I, pope	1 John 2:18-21 Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 John 1:1-18	9:00 AM All Souls Day Novena 4:00 PM Katherine Bellendir	NO CONFESSION
Sunday January 1	Mary, Mother of God	Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21		

YouthGroup

No Youth Group December 28th

MOUNTAIN Madness

"IMAGO DEI"

February 17-19, 2023 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

RE CLASSES

No Adult Faith Formation on December 28th

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

Merry Christmas!

ST. PETER PRAYER LINE

For urgent prayer requests, please call our prayer line at 970-939-5869 or email prayers@stpetergreeley.org.

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

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Our parish recently earned \$99.48 from your purchases at Amazon Smile. Thank you!

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!

PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST

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

KEEP YOUR INFORMATION UP TO DATE

We will be sending out year-end statements soon; help us make sure you get yours!

If you changed your **phone number, email, or address**, remember to update your information with the parish office. 970-352-1060

Feed the Bears Spring 2023



Make a meal for our college students on Sunday evenings after the 6:00 PM Mass.

Dinners will be held from January 22-April 30 for the Spring Semester.

Sign up link can be found on our website under the Bear Catholic tab.

Come and spend an hour with the Lord in Adoration.



Contact Linda Gaspers
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Women Growing in Christ

Our next gathering is Saturday, January 7th
At 9:45 AM in the church basement

Questions? Contact Susan Labonde 970-353-3342



**THE GIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL
JANUARY 3RD, 2023. MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Gift of Christmas

Amidst the beautiful Christmas readings at today's Masses is a reading from a small New Testament letter from Saint Paul to his protégé, Titus, read at Midnight Mass. Saint Paul reminds Titus that God has given us a gift in the person of Jesus Christ. This gift represents God's active presence in our lives and in our world. This gift redeems us from evil and death. This gift purifies us as God's people. This is a gift that also comes with an expectation: that we receive it with thanksgiving, allow it to transform us into Christ's image; and from it, learn how to live a life "eager to do what is good." Take time the next few days to reflect on the marvelous gift we celebrate at Christmas, and how we might become better stewards of this gift.

Annunciation Heights Summer Camps

**Register now to receive 10% off
all summer camps!**

Use code summer23.

Discount ends December 31st.

Visit annunciation-heights.org for more info
and to register.



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)

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Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

The celebration of Christmas makes us meditate on how the Invisible God has become visible; God in Heaven has become Emmanuel, God with us. *The earth has seen its Savior*, because *the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us*. This moment in history is called the fullness of time, the key to understanding our lives. Christ – the Incarnate Word – is God's final answer to man's deepest and most fundamental desire of being loved. He is the fulfillment of all our needs, the answer to all our questions, religious and moral. The Son of God comes to reveal himself to us and show us the way to the Father.

For God so loved the world that He gave his only son, who became one of us. He came *to save his people from their sins*. What high dignity the Lord God has raised us to. He created us and shaped us – according to the flesh – in the image of his beloved Son and – according to the spirit – in the likeness of the Holy Ghost. In the light of this truth, Christmas is significant not only because it is a time of hope and tenderness, a time of peace and joy, a time of love and family, but most of all, because it is a time of encounter with God who has always looked for his people, guided and guarded them, promised that He would always be with them.

Christmas, the most beautiful family holiday, means nothing if we don't invite and encounter to our lives Jesus – Love Incarnate. We are invoking God in Christmas carols, in the cards we send, in our attendance at the Eucharist, but we need to make sure it doesn't end, like in Bethlehem, with many people closing the door before the Holy Family for their peace of mind. Bethlehem connects heaven and earth, but also brings God among people. If we confine our encounter with God only to the time when we pray, the time when we receive Sacraments or the time when we read the Scripture, but won't let him in to our homes, to our everyday lives, to our work places, to our schools, to our public life, we won't be able to look at each other with eyes filled with love. And in this way, we will not become true witnesses of a God's Love for us, unlike the shepherds, who returned to their flocks from Bethlehem *glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen*.

We too come today to Bethlehem, to Christ. But when we leave to return back to our lives, the encounter with *God among us* needs to continue, in our work, in our duties and responsibilities, in wherever God sends us together with His grace and blessing. If our encounter with the Emmanuel is genuine, it will make us start spreading the Good News with love and conviction. The encounter with the living Christ obliges us to this and relies on us. He surrendered to the laws of human life, surrendered to the laws of suffering, in order to be closer to us, more understandable, so that our life and our suffering would find their meaning.

Looking at Baby Jesus laying in a manger let us rejoice and worship God with all our hearts, because He wanted to live among us. But let us not leave Him in the church, but take Him home.

New Years Schedule

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

Office and Gift Shop Closed

No Adoration this week

TUESDAY-THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27-29

Office Hours | 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

GIFT SHOP CLOSED

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

Office Closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

No Confession

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST

Mary, Mother of God

Mass times as normal

MONDAY JANUARY 2ND

Office and Gift Shop Closed

2023 SATURDAY MORNING MASS INTENTIONS

If you have an urgent need for a Mass to be said for a living or deceased person, we have reserved the 9:00 AM Mass on Saturday mornings for this purpose.

Beginning on Saturday, January 7th, Masses can be requested for any living person, and on alternate Saturdays for the deceased.

Intentions need to be submitted by Tuesday morning to be included in the following Sunday bulletin. Please contact the office.

The
CATHOLIC
FOUNDATION

CAN YOU MAKE A GIFT TO OUR PARISH FUND?

As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us over the past year. And it's a great time to thank God for these blessings by gifting to our parish fund. Gifts of appreciated stocks, IRA distributions, real estate and cash can fulfill your giving needs while helping grow our parish fund. To learn more or to make a gift, please reach out to our partners at The Catholic Foundation by calling 303-468-9885 or visit thecatholicfoundation.com.