



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

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY

8:00 AM-4:00 PM

FRIDAY 8:00 AM-12 NOON

CONFESsION

SATURDAY 2:00 PM

WEDNESDAY 11:30 AM

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

NO ADORATION
THIS WEEK

ANGELIC ACCENTS GIFT SHOP

CLOSED

DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 6TH

REOPENS ON JANUARY 7TH

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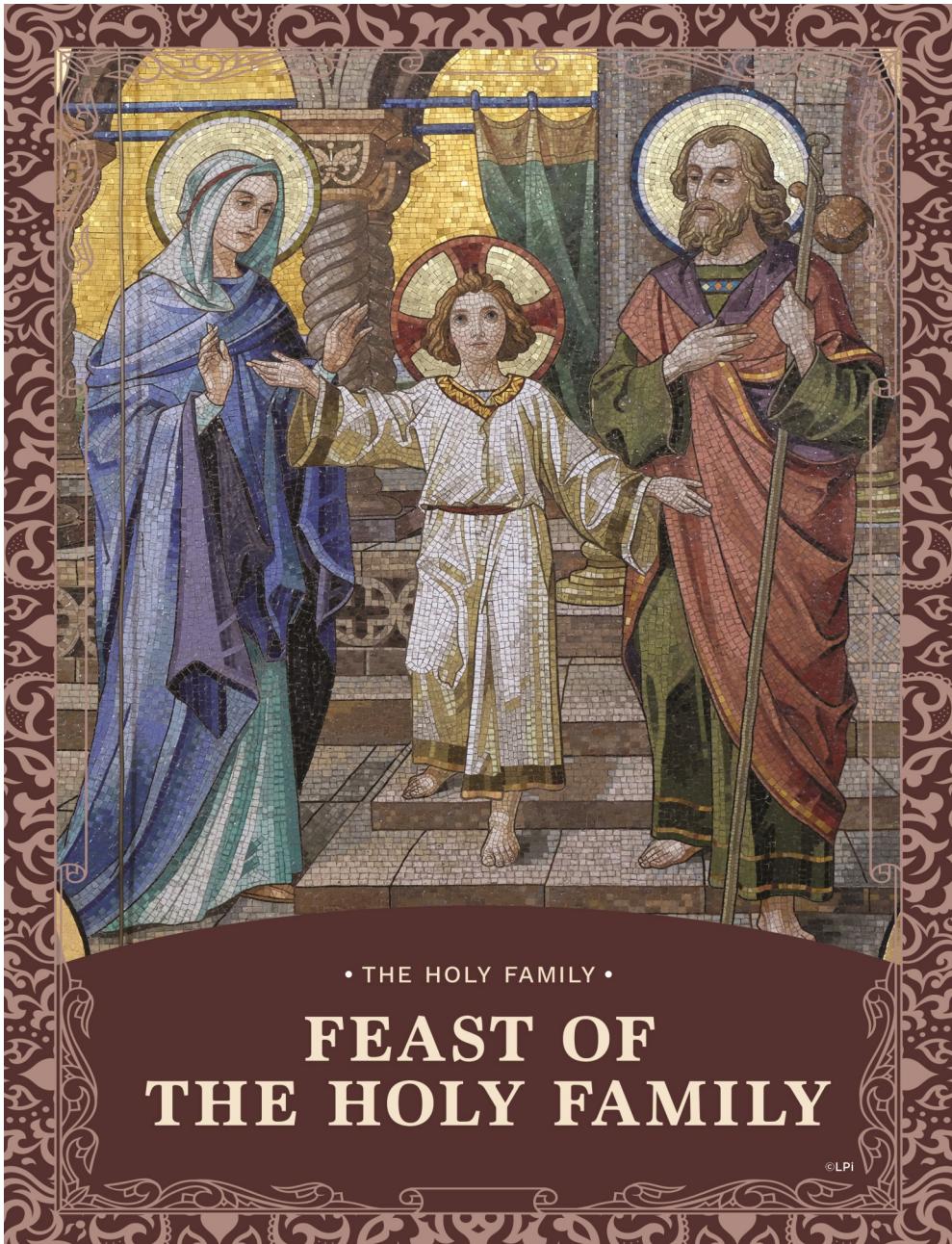


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	OBSERVANCES	READINGS	MASS INTENTIONS	CHURCH EVENTS
Sunday December 28	The Holy Family	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5. Colossians 3:12-21 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23	7:00 AM +Ron McKenzie 9:00 AM +Joseph Dwyer 11:00 AM James and Sandy Yates 6:00 PM People of St. Peter	Gift Shop Closed No Faith Formation Classes
Monday December 29	Saint Thomas Becket	1 John 2:3-11 Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Luke 2:22-35	12:10 PM All Souls Novena	GIFT SHOP CLOSED NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION THIS WEEK 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open
Tuesday December 30		1 John 2:12-17 Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Luke 2:36-40	12:10 PM +Mary Jurgensmeier	GIFT SHOP CLOSED NO Adult Faith Formation
Wednesday December 31	Pope Saint Sylvester I	1 John 2:18-21 Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 John 1:1-18	12:10 PM +Dorothy Friedl 6:00 PM +Jacqueline Rowe	GIFT SHOP CLOSED OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON 11:30 AM Confession
Thursday 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	7:00 AM Ann Marie Walsh 12:10 PM Jerry Bellendir 6:00 PM ++Fr. Nevins, Fr. Seadorf, Fr. Bold	OFFICE, GIFT SHOP, FOOD PANTRY CLOSED NO YOUTH GROUP
Friday January 2	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazienzen	1 John 2:22-28 Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 John 1:19-28	12:10 PM Ed and Audrey Keberlein	Office Closed
Saturday January 3	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	1 John 2:29-3:6 Psalm 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 John 1:29-34	9:00 AM The President of the United States and his staff Joslyn Rios 4:00 PM Miracle Gonzales	2:00 PM Confession
Sunday January 4	The Epiphany of the Lord	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12		

Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

Feast of the Holy Family

Today's Scriptures invite us to reflect on the family, not as a human invention or social construct, but as God's own institution. From the beginning, the Lord has established family as the place where life is nurtured, faith is handed on, and love is learned. The family is not arbitrary; it is functional, ordered, and purposeful. It is the environment where each member grows into the fullness of life God desires.

In Matthew's Gospel, we see Joseph, Mary, and the Child Jesus living out their roles in the Holy Family. Joseph listens to the angel and acts decisively, protecting his family by fleeing into Egypt. Mary, in humility and faith, nurtures and sustains the Child. Jesus Himself, though the Son of God, submits to their care, growing in wisdom and stature. This is no accident. God chose to reveal His Son within a family, showing us that holiness is cultivated in the ordinary rhythms of family life.

Sirach reminds us that God sets a father in honor over his children and confirms a mother's authority. Children are called to honor their parents, not only in youth but throughout their lives. St. Paul, in Colossians, expands this vision: husbands must love their wives, wives must respect their husbands, children must obey, and fathers must not provoke their children. Each role is distinct, yet together they form a harmony that reflects God's design.

This model is not easy. It demands sacrifice from fathers, tenderness from mothers, and obedience from children. It requires patience, humility, and forgiveness. But it is the only model that truly works, because it is the one God Himself established. When families abandon this structure, confusion and resentment often follow. When they embrace it, even imperfectly, grace transforms the home into a sanctuary of love and growth.

Our challenge, then, is to live this model in our own homes. Fathers, be attentive to God's voice as Joseph was, leading with courage and integrity. Mothers, embody Mary's faith and tenderness, shaping hearts with wisdom. Children, honor your parents, recognizing that their sacrifices are gifts of love. In this way, our families become schools of virtue, places where compassion, kindness, and patience are learned and practiced.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Luke, Galatians, and Numbers invite us to contemplate Mary as the New Eve, the humble Mother of God, whose obedience stands in stark contrast to Eve's disobedience.

In the Book of Genesis, Eve reached for the fruit in pride, desiring to be "like God." That grasping led to disobedience, and disobedience brought death into the world. In Luke's Gospel, however, we see Mary quietly treasuring the mystery of her Son in her heart. She does not grasp, she receives. She does not demand, she consents. Her humility allowed the Word to become flesh, and through her obedience, life entered the world.

Saint Paul tells us in Galatians that "*God sent His Son, born of a woman, so that we might receive adoption as children.*" Mary's motherhood is not only biological, she bore Jesus in her womb, but also profoundly spiritual. By giving birth to Christ, she becomes mother to all who are reborn in Him. Eve was called "the mother of all the living" in the order of nature; Mary is the mother of all the faithful in the order of grace.

In all of this the Book of Numbers reminds us that blessing comes from God alone: "*The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you.*" Mary knew this truth deeply. She did not exalt herself, but allowed God's blessing to shine through her. To call her "Mother of God" is not to elevate her above God, but to recognize the humility of her vocation. She bore the Eternal Word not by her own power, but by grace.

Mary's example teaches us that obedience is not weakness but strength. In surrendering to God, she became the most exalted of women. Her humility was not self-negation but self-truth: the recognition that all we have is gift. Eve's pride fractured creation; Mary's humility welcomed the Creator into creation. Eve's disobedience brought death; Mary's obedience brought Life Himself. Eve sought to be like God; Mary allowed God to be with us.

As adopted children of God, we are invited to imitate Mary's obedience. Like her, we are called to treasure God's word in our hearts, to let His blessing shine through us, and to live as true sons and daughters of the Father.

Parish Ministries

PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST

Joan Battleson, Lenora Bocock, Brian and Matthew Berning, Jose Contreras, Marsh D., John Davis, Rita Erland, +Joseph Esquible, Evelyn Fletcher, Juanita Flores, Marcella and Jeanene Gallegos, +Mary Helen Gallegos, Catherine Gigliotti, NJ King, Daniel Mast, Rob Minner, +Joe Nally, Jim Patrick, +Glenn Pitre, +Gene Sanchez, +Michael Sauvageau, Jim Shovlin, Kathy V.

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Baptism Class

If you are a parent or godparent of a child to be baptized, our next class is



Saturday, January 10th

The class is offered for fluent English speakers.

Spanish classes are offered at Our Lady of Peace.

Call the office to sign up 970-352-1060

Feed the Bears Spring 2026



Sign up to make a Sunday night meal for our college students following the 6:00 PM Mass.

Scan the QR Code to sign up.
Thank you for your generosity!



New Year's Schedule

Sunday, December 28th

No Faith Formation Classes
Gift Shop Closed

Monday, December 29th

Gift Shop Closed
Office Open 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Tuesday, December 30th

Gift Shop Closed
Office Open 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Wednesday, December 31st

Gift Shop Closed
Office Closes at Noon

Thursday, January 1st

Office, Gift Shop, and Food Pantry Closed

Friday, January 2nd

Office Closed

The Solemnity of Mary *Mother of God* ©LPI

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 31st

anticipatory at 6:00 PM

Thursday, December 1st

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

Have you changed your address, phone number, or email in the last year?

Be sure to update your contact information with the parish office to ensure you receive your year-end statement.



Coffee and Donuts

Sunday, January 11

after the morning Masses
Join us for food and fellowship!



Spiritual Adoption

I am 9 months old.

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)

The SEVEN PILLARS *of* CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

Matthew Kelly

7 Pillars of Catholic Spirituality Book Study

Tuesdays
starting January 13th
6:00 PM-8:00 PM
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attend. All are welcome!

ST PETER FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of the following items:

Spaghetti	Spaghetti Sauce
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Fresh Garden Vegetables (bring on M, W, or Th)	

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Angelic Accents Gift Shop

THE GIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED
THROUGH JANUARY 6TH

WE WILL REOPEN ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

In today's second reading we listen to one of the most compelling exhortations for Christian living: "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Col 3:17). "Whatever you do" that means the whole of life is to be related to Christ Jesus. Everything in life, every activity, can become an act of glorifying the Lord. Good stewards commit even their daily routine to Christ: doing everything "in the name of the Lord." Perhaps it would be a good idea this week to memorize this marvelous verse and repeat it to yourself frequently. Make it part of your morning prayer each day.

Women Growing in Christ

Saturday, January 10

At 9:45 AM in the church basement

Father Tomasz will join us to share the history and blessings of the "Tradition of 40 Hours of Adoration."

All women are invited; bring a friend!

Questions? Contact Susan LaBonde 970-353-3342



Recently Baptized Members of St. Peter Welcome to the Church!

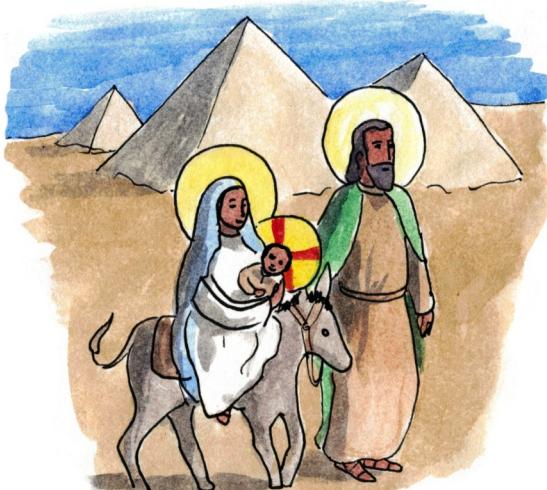
*Leo Vianney Watters
Mila Saniyah Tapia
Reese Rae Jimenez
Aurelia Jayde Madrazo
Ariyah Grace Sanchez
Remmy Hernandez Flores*

First Saturday Rosary and Chaplet

This Saturday January 3 the rosary will be said at 8:20 AM with the Divine Mercy Chaplet immediately following. Mass begins at 9:00 AM

Faith Formation

Young Saints-in-Training



Matt. 2:13-15

Use the number code to see what the prophet predicted about the Child Jesus.

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Fill in the Blanks

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and use the circled letters to fill in the blanks at the bottom.

The angel of the Lord appeared to

_____ ¹ in a dream and said,
"Rise, take the child and his ² _____, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell ³ _____.
_____⁴ is going to search for the child to destroy him."

Joseph rose and took the _____ ⁵ and his mother by ⁶ _____ and departed for Egypt. He _____ ⁷ there until the death of Herod, that what the ⁸ _____ had said through the prophet might be _____ ⁹ _____. Out of _____ ¹⁰ I called my son.

— 1 2 3 4 — 5 6 7 8 9 10 —

Matt. 2:13-15

FULFILLED
MOTHER
STAYED
JOSEPH
HEROD YOU
CHILD LORD
NIGHT EGYPT



O' Antiphons (Last Week)
Corporal Works of Mercy
Spiritual Works of Mercy (Next Week)

"The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs" (*United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*). They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life." (source: USCCB.org). The Corporal Works of Mercy focus on bodily needs, while the Spiritual Works of Mercy focus on spiritual needs.

1. Feed the Hungry
 - Donate food or money to a local food pantry or soup kitchen.
 - Volunteer to serve meals at a soup kitchen.
 - Be mindful of your food practices. Try not to buy more food than you can eat so you don't have to throw it away.
2. Give Drink to the Thirsty
 - Donate to organizations that help provide wells and clean water to the needy in other countries.
 - Donate bottled water to a food pantry or somewhere similar.
 - Make an effort not to waste water.
3. Clothe the Naked
 - Donate used clothing to charities for those in need.
 - Be mindful of your own blessings and try not to be wasteful or extravagant with your clothing.
4. Shelter the Homeless
 - Volunteer at or donate to a shelter like the Guadalupe Shelter or other shelters served by Catholic Charities.
 - Donate blankets or warm clothing to shelters.
 - Offer shelter to a friend or family member who needs a place to stay.
5. Visit the Sick
 - Donate blood.
 - Visit a nursing home or those who are homebound.
 - Help a friend or family member who cares for an ill or elderly person.
6. Visit the Prisoners
 - Get involved in a nearby prison ministry.
 - Donate to an organization that provides Christmas gifts to children whose parents are in prison.
7. Bury the Dead
 - Send a card to someone who has lost a loved one.
 - Visit a cemetery and pray for the dead.
 - Spend time planning your own funeral Mass.

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