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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

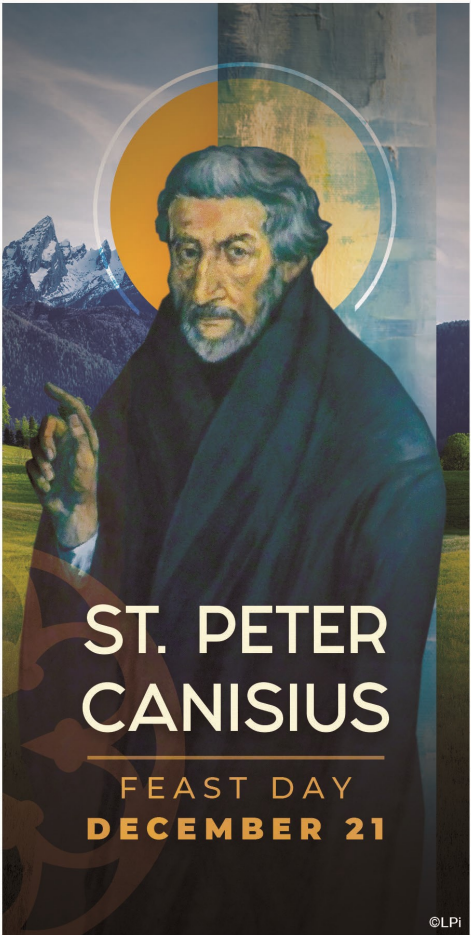
Friday: Christmas Eve

Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord

Next Sunday: The Holy Family

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Inspiration for the week

Did you ever find yourself wishing that God would just step in and fix all that is wrong with the world? After all, how much longer can all of this go on? There is so much inequity in life. Our world's political, economic, and environmental systems do not always serve the best interests of people. We read stories about injustice, disregard for human life, greed, heartache, and people being hurt and deprived every day. People are still starving and there is often little regard for human life. This is not the way God intended it to be. Realizing that we have caused most of these problems ourselves, we look to God for an answer and a way out of the difficulties we have created. Taking responsibility for our actions is not something that comes easily. What we fail to see is that God has already sent the answer in the person of Jesus Christ. God did fix our problem! Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of Justice to come into the world. We need to do the same. It is only by believing in, listening to, and acting upon what God has spoken that true peace will ever come to be, and God's fix be made known.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.

What's Happening This Week?
Dec 20 - Dec 26

Wednesday: Rosary - 4:00 p.m.
Mass - 4:30 p.m.
Mass Intention in Memory of Ron Chance
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Thursday: Mass - 10:00 a.m.
followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday: **Christmas Eve Mass - 4:30 p.m.**
Christmas Eve Mass - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday: **Christmas Day Mass - 9:00 a.m.**

Sunday: Mass - 9:00 a.m. - The Holy Family
Mass Intention in Honor of Alice Garza

Please Pray for: Melissa Necessary, Fr. Conroy, Fr. Daleo, Tom Tobin, Sue Boullion, Jim Williams; Madeline Arnett, Jimmy Gremillion, Zeke Leger, Wayne Cook, Evelyn Mellard, Pamela Stacy, Larry Williams, Gae Forrestal; Evelyn Daigle, Jessie Day, Don Moore, Gene Emfinger, Dianne Necessary, Steven Crain, Lucy Martin, Linda Passons, Rosemary Urban, Frances Martin, Maureen Peltier, Carol Richoux, Linda Dipuccio, Shirley Anderson, Fr. Frank Rossi; those in financial crisis, seeking employment or in need of food and shelter

Homebound/Nursing Home: Leola Kimball, Mary Goodwine, Audrey Douzant, Jeannette Bourque, Frank Cuccia, Harold Boyd, Iralene Ventrello

Repose of the soul: Cassie Battise, Dorlee Robicheaux; Joella Duke, Theresa Goodman Hoffman

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. Names written in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church will be offered as daily Mass intentions.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

Sun. Dec 19	Mon. Dec 20	Tues. Dec 21	Wed. Dec 22	Thurs. Dec 23	Fri. Dec 24	Sat. Dec 25
4th Sunday of Advent					Christmas Eve	The Nativity of the Lord
9:00 a.m. - Mass			4:00 p.m. - Rosary 4:30 p.m. - Mass Confessions after Mass as long as needed	10:00 a.m. - Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet	4:00 p.m. Christmas Carols 4:30 p.m. Family Mass 9:30 p.m. Christmas Carols 10:00 p.m. Mass During the Night (Bilingual) Hot chocolate after Mass	9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass During the Day Hot chocolate after Mass NO Vigil masses for Sunday
Sun. Dec 26	Mon. Dec 27	Tues. Dec 28	Wed. Dec 29	Thurs. Dec 30	Fri. Dec 31	Sat. Jan 1
Feast of the Holy Family	Feast of St. John, Apostle, Evangelist	Feast of the Holy Innocents	Feast of St. Thomas Becket	5th Day in the Octave of Christmas	New Year's Eve	Mary, Mother of God
9:00 a.m. - Mass (Bilingual)	4:30 p.m. - Mass	4:30 p.m. - Mass	4:30 p.m. - Mass Father Joseph's 3rd Anniversary	10:00 a.m. - Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet	4:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God	4:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass for Epiphany
Sun. Jan. 2						
Epiphany						
8:00 a.m. - Adoration Confessions 9:00 a.m. - Mass (Bilingual)						