

*November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent*

SS. Peter & Paul Church
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ADVENT

Living in the Light of Hope

Mission Statement

The people of SS. Peter & Paul Parish are called to create and sustain a community of faith in Jesus Christ. We celebrate the life of faith through the Eucharist. As we break bread together, we are inspired to care for others and are challenged to grow in faith through prayer, study, and social interaction

Vision Statement

All parishioners recognize the challenge of the Gospel and the Eucharist as evidenced by participating in various ministries, inviting and welcoming others, caring for and serving those in need, and promoting peace and justice.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism Class: Contact Darcy Wharton for Information at ext. 211

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month except during the season of Lent.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30—4:15 PM
In the Church or by appointment

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

For anyone experiencing chronic illness or preparing for medical treatment, surgery, or long-term care, please call Ext. 201 to arrange an appointment with a priest.

Sacrament of Matrimony

We welcome inquiries from engaged couples!
Please call Ext. 201 for information

Christian Initiation

For adult individuals interested in becoming Catholic or for those over six years old who have not received Baptism, please call Ext. 214.

✠MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK✠

Sat, Nov 29	5:00 PM	✠	Maria & Joseph Do	✠	All Souls
Sun, Nov 30	9:00 AM	✠	Don Wolfe	✠	All Souls
	11:00 AM	✠	James Nolen	S	Community of SSPP
	5:00 PM	S	Francisco Martinez	✠	Herb Herman
Mon, Dec 1	8:30 AM	✠	Donata & Henry Herman	✠	Helen & Roger Raimundo
Tue, Dec 2	8:30 AM	✠	Kathy Coder	✠	Susan Campbell
Wed, Dec 3	8:30 AM	✠	Harry Herman	✠	Hedy & Charlie Raimundo
Fri, Dec 5	8:30 AM	S	Mary Montti	S	Connie Montti
Sat, Dec 6	5:00 PM	✠	Christina Kim	✠	Maria & Peter Bui
Sun, Dec 7	9:00 AM	✠	Manuel & Mary Mutoza Family	✠	Eugene & Anna Mangini
	11:00 AM	✠	Refugio Campos	S	Gilpin Family Intentions
	5:00 PM	S	Community of SSPP	✠	Nary Callison

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Saturday Vigil Mass—5:00 PM
Sunday Masses—9:00 AM (Live-Stream),
11:00 AM & 5:00 PM
Daily Mass (M, T, W, F)—8:30 AM

Church & Adoration Chapel Hours
Monday—Friday 9:00 AM—2:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM—6:00 PM

Parish Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM—3:30 PM
Closed 12:00—1:00 PM for lunch

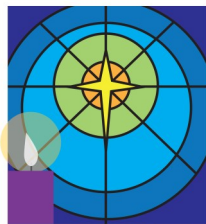


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✠ Liturgy 101 ✠



FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent

First Week of Advent – Stay awake!

This weekend we celebrate the beginning of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year! We are in the Year A cycle, and this year's gospel readings will be from the Book of Matthew (the tax collector who became an apostle of Jesus). This book is also known as the "teaching Gospel".

I have heard that a key to happiness is having something to look forward to. Advent gives us just that. This is the time of year that we reflect on the coming of Christ's incarnation at Christmas, and look forward to His second coming. But it's also the time of year that we are easily distracted by the busyness of holiday celebrations, gift-giving, and crazy winter driving. Our readings this weekend remind us to "Stay awake!" and refocus, for we do not know the day or hour that our Lord will come. And, as disciples, we are responsible for living our lives according to Christ's call and example. God's promise of salvation gives us hope, and His unconditional love for us gives us strength. Now is the time to refocus our excitement on God's coming!

REMINDER!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation time has changed! Beginning Saturday, November 29th, the First Weekend of Advent, our Sacrament of Reconciliation time on Saturdays is now **4:00 PM – 4:45 PM**.



Reconciliation

Advent Reflection Resources



With a tighter budget this year, we are unable to offer Advent reflection booklets for the parish community. Instead, the parish is posting links to several resources (both physical booklets and online materials) for daily prayer and reflection during the Advent season.

Please go to <https://rocklincatholic.org/advent-resources> or use the QR Code to access the Advent reflection resources.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception – December 8th

Every December 8th, the Catholic Church honors the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. Mary was conceived naturally but God kept her soul *immaculate*, i.e. free from original sin. This feast day takes place exactly nine months prior to the celebration of Mary's nativity (on September 8th). Immaculate Conception is sometimes confused with the conception of Jesus Christ in Mary's womb, while it refers to Mary *herself*. Join us in this holy day of obligation honoring Mary's important role in salvation Monday December 8th. Mass times are: 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM.

Advent Evening of Reconciliation

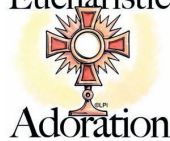
Stressed by the season? Come make ready the way and be renewed!



The Advent Evening of Individual Reconciliation is a time to examine ourselves, to open our hearts and lift the burden of sin which are those things keeping us from God. Allow God's grace to envelope you, as you participate in this sacrament. As the angel told Mary: "Do not be afraid. You have found favor with God."

Please come to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday December 9th at 6:00 PM. There will be several priests in attendance.

Eucharistic Adoration **First Friday Benediction, Adoration, and Divine Mercy Chaplet**



This Friday, December 5th, following the 8:30 AM Mass. Then we will be blessed to continue adoration in the chapel until noon. Please come by and spend some time with Jesus.

If you have any questions, please call Grace Neel at 916-995-3778. The Church and the Chapel are open daily from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM for personal prayer and adoration.

The Rosary is prayed before Mass at 8:00 AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday. Also, the Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited after each Mass. God's blessings.



YOUTH & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (Kindergarten—8th Grade & Sacrament Preparation)

Upcoming Youth & Family Faith Schedule:

November 30th/December 1st - No Youth & Family Faith Classes this week.

We hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving! As a reminder, Youth & Family Faith is on break this week following Thanksgiving.

Classes Resume Next Week:

All Youth & Family Faith classes will resume **Sunday, December 7th & Monday, December 8th.**

Happy First Week of Advent! May this season fill your home with hope and light!



FAMILY CONNECTION

Many of us feel the pressure early in the holiday season to be ready for Christmas. But today's Gospel challenges us to be ready for something other than the gift-giving of Christmas.

Read together today's Gospel reading. As a family, talk about what it means to be ready for the day of the Lord. One of the roles of the family, the domestic church, is to be a school of faith leading one another to salvation. Reflect together as a family on how your family helps one another to be better Christians. Commit to one thing that your family will do this Advent season to help one another be better Christians. You might choose to write this commitment down and post it in a prominent place in your home, perhaps near your family's Advent wreath.

Pray together that God will help you in this Advent commitment. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.



Please continue to pray for Nancy during her recovery.

If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Renier in the parish office or fr.renier@rocklincatholic.org



St. Rose School

OPEN HOUSE

10:30am
All School Mass

Open House & Book Fair
Immediately following Mass - 1:00 pm

SCAN BELOW FOR ADMISSIONS INFORMATION



JANUARY 25, 2026
11:30AM-1:00PM

WWW.STROSE.ORG PH. 916.782.1161



Celebrating Children At SS. Peter & Paul Church

To the parents of our young children, may we suggest...



- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's House.
- Consider sitting toward the front where it's easier to see and hear.
- Quietly explain the parts of the Mass.
- Sing the songs, pray and say the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you!
- Feel free to leave Mass with your child if you need to, but please come back!

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to Jesus. Let them know that they are at home in this liturgical gathering (Mass).



OCIA Sponsors Needed

The Holy Spirit is indeed at work here at SS. Peter & Paul parish with a growing number of adult Candidates and Catechumens in the OCIA seeking the Sacraments of Initiation.

As such, we are in need of Confirmed Catholic adults, who are active in their faith, to accompany our participants on their journey to the Sacraments. What is the role of an OCIA sponsor?

- ♦ **Companion:** accompanying a person who is on a journey toward a deeper relationship with our loving God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.
- ♦ **Guide:** not just walking alongside the person, but also guiding, lending a hand, and helping to notice important things along the way.
- ♦ **Support:** encouraging the person when he/she gets discouraged or confused.
- ♦ **Representative of our SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Community:** connecting the person to our community of faith both at mass and in ministry.
- ♦ **Witness:** beholding the work of the Holy Spirit in the person's journey.

Our OCIA Candidates and Catechumens are a gift to our community and renew our own faith. As such, being a sponsor is incredibly rewarding and provides an opportunity to share and grow in your own faith along the way.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Katie Maynard, Coordinator of Christian Initiation at (916) 624-5827 x214 or email katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org

Book Club Selection



Our parish book club has selected *When the Jessamine Grows* by Donna Everhart. This book is an evocative, morally complex novel set in rural 19th century North Carolina, as one woman fights to keep her family united, her farm running, and her convictions whole during the most devastating and divisive period in American history.

Join us on Tuesday, January 20th at 4:00 PM in the Dillon Center for our discussion!



New Divorce Care series begins in January

Our Divorce Care facilitators have graciously agreed to provide another 13-week session beginning January 22nd. This series can provide much needed healing during a difficult time. Open to all, so please share this information with family and friends.

To register, visit www.rocklincatholic.org/divorcecare

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS...

Thinking about becoming Catholic...



Do you have an interest in becoming Catholic or were you baptized as a child but have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation?

Our inquiry **"Come and See" sessions** are held on Monday evenings in the Library building.

For more information about the process, please call Katie Maynard at 916-624-5827 ext. 214 or katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org

Caregivers Ministry

The Caregivers Ministry meets Wednesday, December 3rd from 12:00-1:00 PM in Room #1 of the classroom buildings.

If you are providing part-time or full time care to a loved one, we invite you to attend the caregivers ministry gathering. Join with others who share this experience. You will find support, information, and camaraderie.

December is our potluck meeting. You are invited to bring a potluck item and a friend.

For more information, contact Jo Kellogg at jokellogg@gmail.com



food &
friendship
potluck

JOIN US FOR THE FOOD & FRIENDSHIP POTLUCK GATHERING MONDAY, DECEMBER 8th!

Join your fellow parishioners for the monthly potluck lunch gathering and make some new friends! You are invited to bring a potluck dish (to feed around 4-6 people) to the Multipurpose Room at 11:00 AM on Monday, December 8th. No RSVP is needed and you are welcome to bring a friend.

These fun potlucks are the second Monday of each month. For more information contact Barbara Warmerdam at barbara.warmerdam@gmail.com.

This Christmas, Give a Gift to the World

Explore ways to move away from a culture of consumerism. Consider giving experiences instead of material things, such as tickets to movies, theater shows, zoo or museum tours. Take a class or workshop together. Go on an adventure together, take a hike, and explore nature.



Americans throw away 25% more trash from Thanksgiving to Christmas than the rest of the year. Advent, the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas, is the time we prepare for the joy of God entering the world as a baby. It is a beautiful reminder to us that God loved the world enough to be part of the created world with us! (zerowastechurch.org)

This year let's try to see if we can create less waste with our gift giving. Explore ways to give gifts with less wrapping. Reuse paper and ribbons, use reusable gift bags, or decorative cloths to wrap your gifts.

FESTIVAL OF TREES

FUNDRAISER FOR CATHEDRAL'S SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

**December 6 & 7
9 am-7 pm in Mercy Hall**



Sweet Shop, Boutique, (Baskets, Crafts, Books, Etc...)

International Food Fair: Jamaican, Mexican, Filipino, Chinese Etc...

Children's Gift Shop (children can buy gifts for their parents, siblings, etc)

Raffle for large gifts, Cabin Vacation, etc... Entertainment.

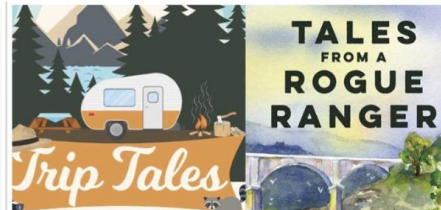
There will be Cathedral Tours periodically throughout both days.

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 1017 11th St. Sacramento

PECA PRESENTS

(Placer Earth Care Action)

Loving the Great Outdoors



Adventures with Ranger Rose

Get ready for humor, tales of adventure, great stories, and real life experiences with park ranger and award-winning author Rosanne McHenry! Rosanne has worked in a dozen different national and California state parks, and has written two books about her experiences. Through her story-telling, you will discover what it is like to be an outdoor adventurer, camper, and park ranger. Join us this month at PECA Presents for the talk, Q & A, free prize drawing, and book sales/signing. For more information, go to: www.triptalesbook.com.

Hosted by Placer Earth Care Action, an interfaith partnership (<https://www.ppof.org/peca/>)

Sunday, Dec. 7, 1:15 pm



**Fireside Room, 1st Congregational Church of Auburn
710 Auburn Ravine Rd. Auburn, 95603**

Go here for more information (including a zoom option):

https://www.ppof.org/peca-events#PECA_Presents, or use the QR code —>



Do You Love Fresh Cinnamon Rolls?

Cinnamon rolls are a popular item at the Ladies Guild Bake Sale & Craft Fair which will be held on Dec. 13th and 14th.

You can now pre-order and pre-pay for cinnamon rolls when ordering by the dozen!



All pre-orders must be received by November 30th at 5:00 PM. We would LOVE it if you provided your own baking sheet (11x16)!

You can drop your baking sheet off to Darcy in the parish office.

For more information, visit:

www.rocklincatholic.org/cinnamonrolls



SS. Peter & Paul Ladies Guild

Santa's Sweet Shoppe & Craft Fair

Dec. 13th 5-7 PM

Cookie Bar



Dec. 14th 9 AM- 1 PM

in the Social Hall



Candy



Handmade Crafts



Donated Unpackaged
Homemade Cookies & Candy
Gratefully Accepted

Dec. 13th 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Warm Cinnamon Rolls



Don't forget to sprinkle kindness everywhere!



Come for fellowship, coffee, and donuts after Sunday morning masses.

Volunteers are needed—especially at the 11:00 AM Mass. Contact Kris Cowen at kriscowen@hotmail.com for more information.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION



SS. Peter & Paul is offering parishioners an opportunity to purchase a poinsettia in honor of a loved one beginning on **Saturday, November 15th through Sunday, December 14th.**

You will find donation envelopes at the entrances of the church. The suggested donation is \$15 per plant/memorial.

- Complete the information on the envelope, enclose your donation, and place it in the collection basket. Cash or checks payable to SS. Peter & Paul are accepted.
- You may also make your donation online by going to: www.rocklincatholic.org/christmas-flower-donation

Poinsettia plants may be picked up from the Church between 6:00-8:00 PM after the 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, January 4, 2026.

Soup for the Soul

With the cold part of winter coming, the SS Peter & Paul Ladies Guild is presenting **Soup for the Soul** fundraiser. Happy Valley Soup, located in Happy Valley, PA, offers over 14 varieties of soups made with the finest freeze-dried ingredients. Easy to make too! Cost is \$9.50 (plus shipping) per bag.



SCAN ME

This fundraiser **begins November 15 and ends February 15**. The funds raised will go back to our parish ministries. More information and the link to order your soup can be found on the Ladies Guild webpage: rocklincatholic.org/soup.

Be sure to share with family and friends!!

You are invited to attend a Memorial for those who have died while experiencing homelessness.

Sunday, December 21 at 3:00 PM
Bethel Lutheran Church
1050 Douglas Blvd., Roseville



We will join our homeless brothers and sisters grieving the loss of loved ones and friends during this past year. Groups from different Faiths will share the task of leading us in prayer, reflection, grieving, and peaceful acceptance of a death that will come to all. Homeless Brothers and Sisters will share their memories of those lost from their community. Politics, slogans, and blame laying will not be present at this event.

All are welcome and their presence will be cherished.

Email Rev. Virgil Nelson at drcongvir@aol.com with questions and concerns.

Opportunities For Holiday Giving/Receiving Offered By SS. Peter & Paul Parish

If you are a parishioner of SS. Peter and Paul and you can share with others, thank you.
If you are a parishioner in need, please call the parish office at 916-624-5827, ext. 201 and allow us to help you with your need.



CHRISTMAS GROCERY GIFT CARD Donations accepted now through December 15th!

Some families cannot afford a Christmas meal with all the trimmings. A \$50 food card to one of the area grocery store would be appreciated to give to these families in need. Drop off the grocery cards at the Parish Office or in the offertory basket. Call Melissa in the Parish Office at 916-624-5827, ext. 201 with questions about donating a card OR to receive a food card for Christmas.

ANNUAL GIVING TREE

There is still time to visit the Giving Tree! Sunday, November 30th will be the last Sunday to take a star and purchase a Target or Walmart gift card. These can be returned to the Parish Office, the mailbox outside of the Parish Office, or in the collection basket. The nonprofit agencies and their clients appreciate your generosity.



The deadline to turn the cards in is Tuesday, December 2nd! If you have questions, please call Dorothy Peterson at 916-773-5478.



CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS November 27-December 7

You are invited to leave non-perishable food items in the Social Hall in the specially marked bins until December 7th. These non-perishable food donations will be used for our Parish Food Closet and are given to the Loomis Basin Christmas Basket Program which serves the needy in Rocklin, Loomis, Newcastle, and Penryn. For more information, call Tom Krudwig at 916-632-9142.

Special Collection **NEXT** Weekend December 6/7 is for St. Vincent de Paul.



Please make your donation online at:
www.rocklincatholic.org/st-vincent-depaul-donations
Or place in the collection basket during the second collection. Thank you for your generosity!

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

First Sunday of Advent

First Reading—Isaiah 2:1-5

The prophet Isaiah dreamed of a day when Jerusalem (sometimes called Zion) would be the center of the world, and all people would come there to receive God's wisdom. In today's reading, Isaiah presents a vision of peace and prosperity for the whole world.

Second Reading—Romans 13:11-14

Behind everything Paul wrote was his strong belief that the hour of Christ's return in glory was near at hand. In this passage, Paul uses the image of darkness and light to describe how Christians ought to live as they await that coming.

Gospel Reading—Matthew 24:37-44

In the years after the attacks of September 11, 2001, there were nonstop warnings to be alert to possible terrorist attacks. In US airports repeated public announcements from Homeland Security advised whether the level of alert was yellow, orange, or red. People were asked to be aware and wary.

Today's second and third readings want us to move to red alert. Paul says it is time to wake from sleep. The gospel warns us to stay awake and not be caught unaware. The images of what happens to those who are unprepared sound frightening: a thief in the night breaks in; one man in a field is taken and the other on left; one woman grinding at the mill is taken and the other one left. "Be prepared," Jesus warns.

As we enter into Advent once again, we are not preparing for the coming of the Christ Child; that already happened more than two thousand years ago. Rather, in Advent, we break our normal routine and move into heightened alert to perceive more intensely the ways in which Emmanuel, God-with-us, is moving us toward that vision of peace and unity that Isaiah so eloquently describes in the first reading.

In the second reading Paul gives concrete advice about how we might do this intense preparation for the coming fullness of the peaceable kingdom. Paul exhorts Christians to "throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light."

The gospel today impresses upon us the urgency of engaging in the struggles for peace. The images of the unprepared ones whose homes are broken into or who are left behind are not meant to frighten us; they remind us that there will be an end-time when all our preparations, all our attempts to be alert, and all our efforts to disarm our hearts and wage peace will reach fruition. And we will be ready.