

*December 7, 2025
Second 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 4:00 PM - 4:45 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, 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
Mon, Dec 8	8:30 AM	†	David Byrum	†	Marjorie & Wally Schnaible
	6:30 PM	S	Our Lady's Torchbearers	†	Mr. Caldeira
Tue, Dec 9	8:30 AM	†	Jerry Coder	S	Joe Herman
Wed, Dec 10	8:30 AM	†	Holy Souls in Purgatory	S	For those with no one to pray for them
Fri, Dec 12	8:30 AM	†	Celia Juarez	†	Ignacio Campos
Sat, Dec 13	5:00 PM	†	David & Elizabeth Byrum	†	Larry Arkus
Sun, Dec 14	9:00 AM	S	Community of SSPP	†	Paul Welz
	11:00 AM	†	Judy Brown	†	Gary Naill
	5:00 PM	†	Rosemary Jorgensen	†	Dory DeBurja

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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

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

Online Donations
Use the QR Code Below



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

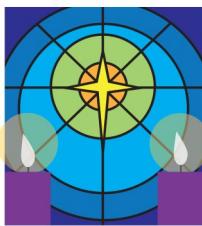


December 7, 2025 — Second Sunday of Advent

⌘ Liturgy 101 ⌘

Second Week of Advent – Prepare the Way of the Lord!

During this second week of Advent, our readings continue to excite us with the 2nd coming of Christ. John the Baptist's message reminds us to repent and prepare the way of the Lord. God's second coming will transform all the world, the people and the wild beasts, into goodness, justice, harmony, and peace. Can you imagine that kind of world? Or, better yet, can you imagine this transformation within yourself? It is not a simple event, nor can we be flippant with the anticipation. We must prepare our souls and the world around us for the Holy Spirit. Through perseverance (hope), repentance (renewal), and feeding ourselves with scripture, prayer and the Eucharist (recognizing God), we will witness God's coming within us, and all around us.



SECOND SUNDAY
of Advent



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.

Please Help a Local Student!

Seth Bertoni, a local high school student, is studying World Religions. As part of his classwork he is doing a research project on your experience of Catholicism. He has asked for our help in this endeavor! Please follow the QR code to complete his short online survey.



Responses are needed by December 10th!! Thank you!



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 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.



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**.



Placer County Advent Penance Services ~ All services begin at 6:00 PM ~

- Holy Family, Citrus Heights—Wed., December 10th
- St. Joseph, Lincoln—Tues., December 16th
- St. Clare, Roseville—Wed., December 17th
- Divine Savior, Orangevale—Thurs., December 18th



GENERATIONS OF FAITH



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

Upcoming Youth & Family Faith Schedule:

- **Week of December 7th** - All Faith Formation classes meet as scheduled
- **Week of December 14th** - All Faith Formation classes meet as scheduled
- **Week of December 21st** - **NO CLASSES THIS WEEK**
(Christmas Break)
- **Week of December 28th** - **NO CLASSES THIS WEEK**
(Christmas Break)

Happy 2nd week of Advent: Wishing all our families a peaceful and hope-filled Second Week of Advent. May the light of Christ continue to grow in our hearts as we prepare for His coming!



FAMILY PRAYER

A Prayer for the Immaculate Conception

On December 8th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, during which we recall that Mary was conceived without original sin. Pray this prayer to help you prepare for this Holy Day of Obligation.

O most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on us as we ask for your powerful intercession.

O most Holy Mother, receive our prayers as we present them to God.
[State your intentions here.]

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son.
O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen.



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

OPEN HOUSE

St. Rose School

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

10:30am
All School Mass

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

SCAN BELOW FOR ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

WWW.STROSE.ORG PH. 916.782.1161



Dance and Pray

Join us **Monday, December 15th at 6:30 PM** in Classroom #1 (close to the Faith Formation Office).

Remember to wear comfortable clothes, shoes/sneakers, and bring water. We'll move, dance, and pray for about an hour. We found out that putting one of those low-cut no-show socks on the bottom of our shoes/sneakers makes it easier to dance on carpet. Remember to bring a pair.

Feel free to invite a friend to Dance & Pray with us! Email Lucia at luciadanceandpray@gmail.com for more information.



GENERATIONS OF FAITH



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.

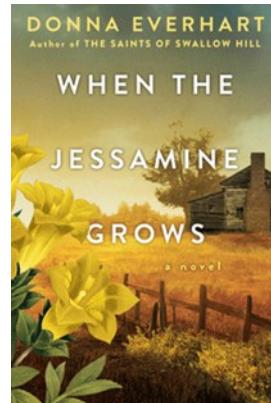
As such, we are in need of Confirmed Catholic adults, who are active in their faith, to accompany our participants on their journey to the Sacraments. What is the role of an OCIA sponsor?

- ◊ **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

Christian Initiation – Inquiry into Catholicism

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



Conversion is a gradual process as well as a community and personal journey of faith that leads to a transformation of mind and spirit.

The first step in the process of Christian Initiation is the inquiry phase: a time to get your questions answered and think about whether or not this is for you. For more information about the process, please contact Katie Maynard at 916-624-5827 ext. 214 or katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org

**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.



Special Collection—Retirement Fund for Religious Next Weekend—December 13/14

Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's special collection helps provide care, medicine, and more.

Please make your donation online at:
www.rocklincatholic.org/retirement-fund-for-religious
Or place in the collection basket during the second collection. Thank you for your generosity!

Crab Feed

Sat. Feb. 7, 2026

6:00 PM

\$65 per person

- **Appetizers**
- **Salad**
- **Pasta**
- **Crab**
- **Dessert Dash**
- **No Host Bar**



**Reserve a Table of 10
(in one transaction) and receive
2 bottles of wine for the table!**

**Reservations Close Feb. 1st
at 7:00 PM or when sold out
No Sales at the Door**

Donut 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.



Special Collection THIS 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!



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.

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.

The Kids' Bulletin

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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

Donated Unpackaged
Homemade Cookies & Candy
Gratefully Accepted
Dec. 13th 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Warm Cinnamon Rolls

Handmade Crafts

In need of a family Christmas photo?



Visit the SS Peter & Paul Ladies Guild Santa's Sweet Shoppe and Craft Fair during the December 13/14 weekend! We will provide a Photo Op Christmas scene where a volunteer will capture photographs of you and your family and friends on your phone/camera. Santa will be there too after the masses on Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM.

During your visit, you can indulge in cookie shopping, explore the craft vendors, and purchase cinnamon rolls. Hope to see you there!!

The one who is
coming after me
is mightier than I.

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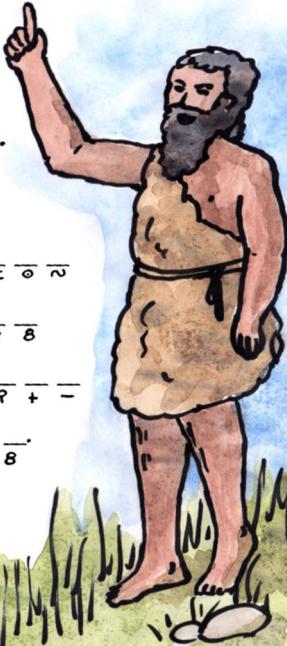
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What did Saint
John the Baptist
say about the one
who was coming
after him?
Use the code to
find out!

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Peace Among the Animals

In today's first reading, the prophet describes peace between animals and people in God's kingdom.

Can you figure out which animals (or people) go with which?

Clue: the pictures might help!



Then the wolf shall be a guest
of the _____,

and the _____
shall lie down with the kid;

the _____ and the young lion
shall browse together,
with a little child to guide them.

The cow and the _____
shall be neighbors,

together their young shall rest;

the _____ shall eat hay like the ox.

The _____ shall play
by the cobra's den,



baby leopard
calf bear
lamb lion



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.



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.

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/memoriam.

- 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.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading—Isaiah 11:1-10

The prophet Isaiah lived 750 years before Christ. Despite the political unrest of that period, he looks forward to a kingdom so wonderful that even nature is at peace. This perfect world would be ruled by a descendent of King David. (As you listen to this reading, it helps to know that "Jesse" is the name of David's father.)

Second Reading—Romans 15:4-9

In the early days of the Church, some of the Jewish people who became Christians continued to practice their Jewish traditions. Many of them were members of the Church in Rome, along with others who were Gentiles. They sometimes found it hard to get along. As Paul nears the end of his letter to them, he encourages them to live in harmony by drawing upon the Scriptures they had in common – what we have called the "Old Testament."

Gospel Reading—Matthew 3:1-12

In today's gospel, John the Baptist is confrontational and uncompromising. He demands repentance—urgently! And people flocked to him. What did they find so attractive about John and his message?

One thing that could have had appeal was the desert locale where John was baptizing. There is a mysterious beauty to the desert where inner noise can be calmed and the senses are heightened, making one better able to discern priorities in the stark presence of the Holy One.

Another attractive characteristic of John was his wholehearted commitment to God's reign and the Coming One who would usher it in. When a person lives so completely and authentically what he or she proclaims, that witness is very compelling.

There are serious and immediate consequences if the call to repentance is not heeded. John declares that any tree that does not produce fruit is cut down at the root and thrown into the fire. Such strong language is meant to get our attention. Today's readings invite us to find a desert spot where we can sink our roots deeply in contemplative oneness with the One who comes, extend our branches in welcome to those with whom we have been at odds, and let the Spirit pollinate us for an abundant harvest of fruitful goodness.