

*December 14, 2025
Third 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 —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 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 Nail
	5:00 PM	✠	Rosemary Jorgensen	✠	Dory DeBurja
Mon, Dec 15	8:30 AM	✠	Ann Gilchrist	✠	Joy Dvorak
Tue, Dec 16	8:30 AM	✠	Romeo Valderrama	S	Kathy DeLucchi
Wed, Dec 17	8:30 AM	S	Gabriel Plantz	✠	Joy Dvorak
Fri, Dec 19	8:30 AM	✠	Mike Manley	✠	Patrick Manley
Sat, Dec 20	5:00 PM	✠	Maithy Vu	S	Community of SSPP
Sun, Dec 21	9:00 AM	✠	Rosemary Jorgensen	✠	Joy Dvorak
	11:00 AM	S	Mike & Cherry Schmit	✠	Refugio Campos
	5:00 PM	S	Jane Gordon	S	Sarah Peterson

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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



Online Donations
Use the QR Code Below



December 14, 2025 — Third Sunday of Advent

✠ Liturgy 101 ✠

Third Week of Advent – “Make your hearts firm!”



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

This third week of Advent we celebrate **Gaudete Sunday**. “Gaudete” meaning rejoice! Isaiah continues the idea of transformation as he reminds us that God’s coming transforms EVERYTHING into the best version of itself. The weak will be strong, the deaf will hear, the lame will leap like a stag! The Lord’s presence is life-giving, healing, transformative. And our second reading reminds us to be patient and make our hearts firm. For the Lord’s coming will be glorious unto itself. Christmas is a celebration of Christ’s incarnation, which is evidence of God’s unconditional love for us. As we await and prepare ourselves this Advent, let us rejoice in the salvation of Jesus’s coming, and the opportunity to join Him in heaven, where the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than the greatest here on earth.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

3:30 PM

Church & Hall

Children’s Liturgy in the Church

5:30 PM

11:00 PM



Christmas Day

9:00 AM

11:00 AM



Coffee and Donuts Pause

The Coffee and Donuts ministry is off for a couple of weeks. They will return January 4th!

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 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.

REMINDER!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation time on Saturdays has changed!
It is now **4:00 PM – 4:45 PM.**



Reconciliation

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

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



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

Upcoming Youth & Family Faith Schedule:

- **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 3rd week of Advent: Wishing all our families a joyful Third Week of Advent! As we rejoice in the nearness of Christ's birth, may His love fill your hearts and homes.



OPEN HOUSE

10:30am
All School Mass

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

SCAN BELOW FOR ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

St. Rose School

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

WWW.STROSE.ORG PH. 916.782.1161



Youth Ministry Small Groups meet this Sunday, December 14th at 6:10 pm in the MPR. Join us for pizza and fellowship as we gather for our annual Christmas service project to fill stockings for children in need.

Contact Paul & Christine Morrison for more information!
cmorrison1@sbcglobal.net

LAUNCH & LIFT

FEATURING: THE STAR

FRIDAY DECEMBER 19th

ALL 3rd-8th graders invited

Come and enjoy a sweet treat from 5 PM - 5:30 PM
We will begin the movie at 5:30 PM

POPCORN, COOKIES & HOT CHOCOLATE

WEAR PAJAMAS

BRING A FRIEND!

RSVP: WWW.ROCKLINCATHOLIC.ORG/LAUNCHLIFT

LAUNCH & LIFT YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19th

All 3rd-8th grade students are invited to join us for a fun and festive Christmas Movie Night as we watch *The Star*! Come enjoy friends, snacks, and a joyful celebration of the true meaning of Christmas.

ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!
RSVP: www.rocklincatholic.org/launchlift



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 for Adults

is the communal process through which non-baptized men and women become members of the Catholic Church.



It is also suitable for those baptized in different faith traditions who are interested in becoming Catholic, or for those who were baptized Catholic but have yet to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

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



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.

2026 Church Calendars Available

Once again we are offering a church calendar listing all holy days and feast days.

They are available at the entrances to the Church. Please take one per family.



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**



We are in need of a LOT of volunteers and dessert donations for the Crab Feed event.

Please use the link www.rocklincatholic.org/crab-feed to find the signup genius links AND to purchase tickets.



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

Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—

educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, 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!

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.

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.

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

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!!

CUB SCOUT PACK 102
& BOY SCOUT TROOP 435

ROCKLIN TREE Pick-up FUNDRAISER

-ROCKLIN NEIGHBORS-
NEED HELP HAULING AWAY YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE? EACH YEAR OUR SCOUTS COLLECT TREES AND DISPOSE OF THEM AT ROCKLIN COLLECTION SITES TO RAISE MONEY FOR SCOUT ACTIVITIES.
SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND SIGN UP TODAY!

DATES:
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27TH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH



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LET'S ALL RING IN THE NEW YEAR
in

L.O.V.E.



Couples of All Ages

**Mark your calendars and
Come Join SS Peter & Paul's Couples Ministry
for our first
L.O.V.E. Circle of 2026**

**Friday, January 2nd
from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
in the Multi-Purpose Room**

Join us as we start off the new year of L.O.V.E. with a fun evening of faith sharing, socializing, games and refreshments shared with other parish couples! We are trying to get an accurate count of attendees so we are requesting that you **RSVP by December 30th** at the following web address

<https://rocklincatholic.org/new-years-game-night>

For more information visit the ministry website at

www.rocklincatholic.org/love

or contact Katie Maynard at kmaynard118@gmail.com

Don't Miss This!

3-Night Parish Retreat

Blessed, Broken, Shared, and Sent!

Feb. 1-3

6:30 PM

at SS. Peter & Paul Church

4450 Granite Drive, Rocklin

Join us in the Social Hall after each presentation for a Wine & Cheese Reception

Mike Patin

The "Engagin' Cajun"



All Are Welcome
Free Will Offering at the Door

More information: www.rocklincatholic.org/parish-retreat

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading—Isaiah 35:1-6,10

TV coverage of events in the Middle East has familiarized us with the empty expanse of desert described in today's reading. Therefore, we can appreciate the unbelievable transformation which Isaiah promises. The prophet says that the desert will become a lush garden, as God's chosen people return singing and dancing from their 70-year exile in Babylon.

Second Reading—James 5:7-10

The letter of James was written approximately 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was addressed to a group of Christians who were disappointed that Jesus had not yet returned in glory. Using an agricultural image, the author encourages them to keep their hope alive as they face the day-to-day trials of life.

Gospel Reading—Matthew 11:2-11

There comes a time in most everyone's life when you wonder whether all the hard work and all the commitments are worth anything. Are you really making any difference in the world? Have you done with your life what you had hoped? That seems to be John the Baptist's frame of mind in today's gospel. He is in prison and his days are numbered. He had taken up a radical prophetic lifestyle, fasting, praying, calling people to repentance, preparing the way, and watching for the Coming One. Was he right?

John sends his disciples to ask Jesus, who points to all the signs that John's preaching was right on target. Through Jesus' ministry, to which John pointed, people who could not previously do so are now seeing, walking, and hearing. Many are healed and restored to life. Poor people are heartened with good news. All the soil so carefully tilled and tended by John is bearing the long-awaited fruit. Jesus says to the crowds that John was "more than a prophet," and that there has been "none greater than John the Baptist." Presumably, this assurance is also conveyed to John, giving him heart to be able to quell the doubts and to endure patiently to the end.

God of our rejoicing, prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your son Jesus. Help us to proclaim the good news of his love and healing to the poor in our midst. Amen.