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1st Sunday OF ADVENT



November 27, 2022

COME, LORD JESUS!



Dear Parishioners,

Today we are beginning the powerful liturgical season that is Advent.

Advent is my favorite liturgical season. Pope Benedict once said: “Advent [...] invites us to pause in silence to understand a presence” (*Homily in Celebration of First Vespers of Advent, November 28, 2009*).

Advent is a time of profound hope and discreet joy.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus invites us to be vigilant as we await the coming of the “Son of Man.” Since the Ascension, the Church has been waiting for the final coming. At every Mass after the consecration, we say: “We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again,” and “When we eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, We proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.” For more than 2,000 years, the bride has prayed for the coming of her divine bridegroom. The last words of the Bible are: “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!” (Rev 22:20).

We need Jesus’ presence. We need his coming. We need his fullness of life. The world misses his presence!

Saint Bernard said there are three different comings: “We know that there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, while the other two are visible. In the first coming, he was seen on earth, dwelling among men; he himself testifies that they saw him and hated him. In the final coming, all flesh will see the salvation of our God, and they will look on him whom they pierced. The intermediate coming is a hidden one; in it, only the elect see the Lord within their own selves, and they are saved. In his first coming our Lord came in our flesh and in our weakness; in this middle coming he comes in spirit and in power; in the final coming he will be seen in glory and majesty” (Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (*Sermo 5, In Adventu Domini, 1–3: Opera Omnia, Edit. Cisterc. 4 {1966}, 188–190*).

Jesus is coming now, certainly in a hidden way, but he is coming. This season, we are invited to increase our desire for his coming.

I remember that my father traveled a lot when I was a boy. He was the chief of marketing of a company. After he left, I started waiting for his coming. However, when my mother said that he would arrive tomorrow, there was a great increase in my anticipation. On the day of his arrival, everything could be a sign of his coming; every noise, and every movement outside could be an announcement of his arrival. When the bell rang, there was the utmost expectation: he was behind the door and with him—a gift!

In today’s first reading, the prophet Isaiah says: “Come, let us climb the Lord’s mountain” (Is 2:3). To climb the mountain is to intensify our desire for Jesus, to increase our hope in his coming, not only at the end of the world but now, at every moment. We need his coming to fulfill our lives.

Our Lady, whose anticipation is greater than that of all other human beings, help us strengthen our hope and certainty in Jesus’ coming: come, Lord Jesus!

Fr. Zé



High School Youth Group

December Events

"St. Nicholas is Coming to Town"

Saturday, Dec 10 @ Open Window Theater

meet at the parish at 5pm for supper

Play is 7:30-10pm; cost = \$20

Register by scanning the QR code here!



Candlelit Christmas Caroling

Saturday, Dec 17, 4-9pm,
meet in the Gathering Space

All high school students are invited to join us!

Questions? contact Jennifer jgreger@stpetersnsp.org



Let heaven and nature sing!

Join us for
Christmas caroling by candlelight
around the St Peter neighborhood.

Saturday, Dec 17, 5pm

Cookies and hot cocoa to follow



PARAGUAY CORNER



Greetings from St. Anthony school students and families! In just a few short months we will be graduating another group from school. Part of our focus is to teach students life skills to help prepare them for their new stages in life. Some will go to college while others find training courses to enter the trades. A few will fall by the wayside due to lack of means, or the inability to continue studying. We are continually grateful for the Church of St. Peter and the generous support you are so willing to provide! As always, you are in our prayers.

God Bless,
Fr. Miguel

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Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Neil Boreen** whose funeral was celebrated this past week.

CHURCH CALENDARS ARE HERE



Church calendars are here. Please take one, They will be available until they are gone.

Thank you to Premier Bank for making these available.

BAPTISM



We offer baptism on the first and third Sunday of each month. The first Sunday Baptism is celebrated at noon outside of Mass. The Third Sunday Baptism is celebrated during the 10:30 Mass.

If this is your first child, you will need to attend a baptism class with Fr. Pietro. This class is offered on the first Tuesday of each month. To make arrangements for the class or schedule a baptism please call Connie at 651-894-6141 or email her at croering@stpetersnsp.org.

F.S.C.B. DINNER

We would like to Thank all you that donated to last weekend collection for the Fraternity of St. Charles Borromeo. \$4,969.55 was collected for the Fraternity.

Thank you,
The Missionary Priests of the F.S.C.B.



GIVING TREE



This weekend the giving tree has the children of the families that have asked for our help this year. Each child has a total of 4 tags on the tree. 2 clothing and 2 things of interest. The families will each receive 2-4 gas cards and 4-8 cub food cards (depending on the size of their family) to help them during the holiday. If you would like to help take a tag from the tree and then bring your wrapped gift with the tag attached. Please have the gifts here by December 16th. Thank you for your generosity. The families are so grateful.

Healing Mass

December 6, at 7:30pm
Rosary at 7:00pm.
Fr. José Cortes presiding.



**Church of St Peter
Procession to the Outdoor
Nativity Scene
December 8, 2022
Following 7 pm Mass**

A simple procession with candles and songs to Mary.

The enchanting image of the Christmas crèche, so dear to the Christian people, never ceases to arouse amazement and wonder.

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

Please Join us

December 3 at 8:30am for our Advent day of Reflection. There will be no Lectio Divina as we will have adoration in the morning with our day of reflection.

Join us for Mass at 8:00 am. Then go to fellowship hall for our day of reflection at 8:30.

ADORATION

Join the adoration chapel community - get on our email list, join as a substitute or regular adorer. Jesus is waiting for you! Check out our website to sign up or to check the schedule: www.churchofstpetersp.org/adoration.



Hours in most need:

Thursdays: 12 AM, 1 AM, 12 PM

Fridays: 12 AM

Weekend Hours from 5 PM Friday - 7 AM Monday.

FAITH FORMATION ADVENT WREATH

This weekend!

The Advent Wreath is a beautiful way to enter into reflection alone or with your family. Slowing down during the hectic rush of the season and **bringing family together nightly around the wreath** can be a source of peace, grace, and blessings shared with one another, and with Christians throughout time.



Each of the four candles on an Advent wreath has a specific meaning.

The first Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope reminding us that Jesus is coming. The second Sunday symbolizes Faith reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. The third Sunday symbolizes Joy reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the birth of Jesus.

The fourth and final Sunday of Advent symbolizes Peace reminding us of their message to all mankind, repeated in the Gloria at Holy Mass: "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

Faith Formation

will be selling advent wreaths after each mass this weekend to support all its activities at the parish.

Thanks for your support, almsgiving, and prayers.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 7: Vigil Mass at 7:00pm*

Thursday, December 8: 8:00am, 9:30am*, 7:00pm*

*Incense

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday, December 3, 8:30am – noon

CHRISTMAS NOVENA (New Times)

Friday, December 16, 7:00pm, December 17&18th

5:00pm, December 19 - December 23, 7:00pm

December 24 at 8:30am, following morning Mass

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION

Friday, December 23 added Confession from 5:30-7:00pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE CONFESSION

Saturday, December 24: confessions 9:00-11:00am

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

Saturday, December 24: 4:00pm* and 6:00pm

*Incense

CHRISTMAS NIGHT MASS

11:00pm Lessons and Carols

12:00am* (midnight) Mass During the Night

*Incense

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Sunday, December 25: 8:00am and 10:30am*

*Incense

SOLEMNITY: MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, December 31: Vigil Mass at 4:00pm*

Sunday, January 1: 8:00am, 10:30am*, 6:00pm

*Incense

SOLEMNITY: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 7: Vigil Mass at 4:00pm*

Sunday, January 8: 8:00am,

10:30am*, 6:00pm

*Incense



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Cancer Baskets are a new ministry offered by CCW. Baskets are filled with soothing and healthy items to comfort those who are going through treatments for cancer. Please call the Office or

Marlene Walters at [651-770-9241](tel:651-770-9241) to receive one for yourself or a loved one.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Week of November 27 - December 4, 2022

Sunday: 8:00 AM Parishioners
 10:30 AM † James Karalus
 6:00 PM † Arline Raleigh
 Monday: 8:00 AM † Ollie Anderson
 Tuesday: 8:00 AM † Ray Stolz
 Wed: 8:00 AM † Violet Anderson
 9:30 AM † Milford Theodore Ulven III
 Thursday: 8:00 AM † Dee Mudek
 Friday: 8:00 AM † JoAnne Wendel
 Saturday: 8:00 AM † Peggy Tschida
 4:00 PM † Kay Reber
 Sunday: 8:00 AM † Vern & Mary Peterson
 10:30 AM † Lyle Ducklow
 6:00 PM Parishioners

Readings for the week of November 27, 2022

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-1

FLOWER DONATIONS



We have a beautiful church and our environmental team does a great job of keeping it beautiful with fresh flowers and green plants. It is becoming increasingly more expensive to do so. If

you would like to help by making a donation to the environment of the church you will find envelopes in the gathering space.

Thank you.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Week of November 6 - November 13, 2022

Amount Collected	\$17,742.
Amount Budgeted	\$22,700.
Collected Year To Date	\$444,364.
Budgeted Year To Date	\$452,870.
Amount Above (or Below) Annual Budget	(\$-8,506.)
% Above (or Below) Budget	(-1.88%)

As of November 13, 2022 the Capital Improvement Fund balance is \$25,858.38, after fully funding the church lighting and audio system project.

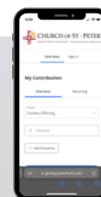
We have drawn spiritual and academic life from our parish and Catholic schools. What return will we make of these gifts? As the good steward of the Gospel, shall we give to God sufficient return for our gifts? Consider a life culminating gift through your Will.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WELCOME

The Church of St. Peter would like to welcome all visitors and anyone who has recently moved to our community.

If you are interested in **joining our parish**, there are information packets in the rack in the gathering space. Or contact the parish office at 651-777-8304.

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