



THOU ART PETER AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

St. Peter Church

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - GAUDETE SUNDAY



REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Monday:	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	
Tuesday:	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	
Wednesday:	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	7:00 PM Latin*
Thursday:	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	
Friday:	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	
Saturday:	8:00 AM Latin*		5:00 PM English	
Sunday:	7:00 AM Latin*		8:30 AM English	10:00 AM English
	11:30 AM Latin*		1:00 PM Spanish	
1st Friday:	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	7:00 PM Latin*
1st Sunday:	7:00 AM Latin		8:30 AM English	10:00 AM English
	11:30 AM Latin		1:00 PM Spanish	

**The Mass according to the liturgical books of 1962*

FR. NATHAN CASWELL, SJC PASTOR
 FR. DENNIS KOLINSKI, SJC ASSOCIATE PASTOR
 FR. ROBIN KWAN, SJC ASSOCIATE PASTOR
 FR. SCOTT THELANDER, SJC ASSOCIATE PASTOR
 BR. KEVIN MENARD, SJC SEMINARIAN
 BR. MATEUSZ SZYMANSKI, SJC SEMINARIAN
 CHRIS KICHKA OPERATIONS
 CONNIE BALLANTINE CATECHISM & SACRAMENTS
 STEPHANIE BRUNE LITURGICAL MUSIC

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a parish staffed by the
CANONS REGULAR OF ST. JOHN CANTIUS

Welcome New Parishioners

We are pleased to welcome you to St. Peter's in Volo. If you are visiting, we hope that you enjoy your time here and invite you to join us again! If you are interested in joining the parish and becoming a parishioner, you may register quickly and easily by visiting the parish website at www.stpetervolo.org/registration.

When registering you will have an option to choose to receive Offertory Envelopes. We encourage all families to utilize these envelopes for making contributions, but also to let us know who is active in the parish, even when not donating. Please note it may take a few months before you begin receiving envelopes.

Please visit www.stpetervolo.org to find much more information about the parish. If you have any further questions, please e-mail us at office@stpetervolo.org.

Sacraments

Do you have a newborn to be Baptized? Are you a couple ready to be married? Do you know someone who wants to become Catholic? If so, visit us at stpetervolo.org/sacraments for more information on how to obtain the Sacraments at St. Peter's.

Confession Times

The below are Confession start times

SUNDAY: 6:50 AM | 8:15 AM | 9:45 AM | 11:15 AM | 12:45 PM

WEEKDAYS: 7:40 AM | 8:30 AM **WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 PM

SATURDAY: 7:45 AM | 4:30 PM

Divine Office

SUNDAY: 6:25 AM Matins & Lauds | 2:15 PM Rosary & Vespers |
6:00 PM Compline

WEEKDAYS: 7:15 AM Matins & Lauds | 11:45 AM Mid Day Prayer |
4:45 PM Rosary & Vespers | 6:45 PM Compline *(when no other events)*

SATURDAY: 7:15 AM Matins & Lauds | 11:45 AM Mid Day Prayer |
4:00 PM Rosary & Vespers | 5:45 PM Compline

Adoration

THURSDAY: 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM

1ST FRIDAY: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Novena to St. Joseph

Join us Wednesdays at 6:45 PM to pray together the Novena to St. Joseph.

Mass Intentions

The Calendar for 2024 has filled at this time and we're still working through the backlog. If still interested, please visit stpetervolo.org/masssociety to learn about the Canons Perpetual Mass Association.

Offertory Collection

The collection for the previous Sunday was **\$20,062.00**

The total through Online Giving in the month of November was: **\$6,705.00**

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 18th

- **6:15 AM** - † Msgr. James McLoughlin by Justin & Mary Smith & Family
- **8:00 AM** - † Al Gammel by Jackie Gammel

Tuesday, December 19th

- **6:15 AM** - Charles & Elizabeth Verace by Bruce & Marybeth Vogrinc
- **8:00 AM** - Ben, Caitlin, & Kyle Roby by Laurie Roby

Wednesday, December 20th

- **6:15 AM** - † William & Bernice Freundt by Vern & Lora Browne
- **8:00 AM** - † Walter W. Siemion by Barbara Donovan
- **7:00 PM** - Robert Rochelemangne by Rochelemagne Family

Thursday, December 21st - *St. Peter Canisius (N), St. Thomas (T)*

- **6:15 AM** - † Chan & Darlene Hewson by Anne Anderson
- **8:00 AM** - Steve Wilson

Friday, December 22nd - *St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (T)*

- **6:15 AM** - † Angela McArdle by Megan Hollenberg
- **8:00 AM** - Ruth McMahon by McMahon Family

Saturday, December 23rd - *St. John of Kanty (N)*

- **6:00 AM** - † Most Reverend Bishop Raymond E. Goedert
- **8:00 AM** - † Aloysius & Stephanie Mader by Alan & Yvette Mader
- **5:00 PM** - Canons Regular of St. John Cantius

Sunday, December 24th - *4th Sunday of Advent - Vigil of Christmas (N/T)*

- **7:00 AM** - † Robert Dobson by Nancy & Matthew Dobson
- **8:30 AM** - † David Leo Gibson
- **10:00 AM** - Pam Santos & Chris Kichka
- **11:30 AM** - Novena
- **1:00 PM** - Pro Populo

Our calendar of Intentions includes both *New (N)* Sundays and feast days as of 1970, as well as *Traditional (T)* Sundays and feast days as of 1962.

Prayer Requests

Julie Bilodeau
Richard Borman
Christa Hudson
Sarah Hudson
Irene Kenderes

Cynthia LaGriff & Family
Yvette Mader
Mendoza Family
Louie S. & Family
Kyra Smith
Bishop Joseph Strickland

Julia Suchomski
Jason Taylor & Family
Grace Walker & Family
Mark Weber
Valerie Wilk

and for the repose of the souls of David Gibson and David LaGriff

Names added to the Prayer Requests will remain for 1-month. To add, or re-add, a name to the Prayer Requests please e-mail the Parish Office at office@stptetervolo.org

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- P. Lift up your eyes, Jerusalem, and see the great power of your King, your Savior comes to set you free.
- P. The Lord our coming King, has-ten to a-dore Him
- A. The Lord our coming King, has-ten to a-dore Him**
- P. Let us pray to the promised Son of David!
- A. Come and reward Your people's hope.**
- P. You are of the house and line of David.
- A. Reward those who obey Your will.**
- P. You are the gift of God's love to those who awaited Your coming in faith.
- A. Strengthen our faith as we look forward to the celebration of Your coming.**
- P. You have opened to us the Father's house, where there are many dwelling places.
- A. Bring us to the home which You have prepared for us.**
- P. Let us pray. Lord, show us Your ways and teach us Your paths. Fill our hearts with true joy. Help us to live soberly, justly, and godly in the world, so that Your coming at Christmas, Your coming on our deathbed, and Your coming in majesty may redound to Your glory and our perfect salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
- A. Amen.**
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Rorate Mass*Saturday, December 23rd | 6:00 AM*

The Rorate Mass is an ancient Advent tradition that takes its name from the first word of the Introit: *Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant iustum*, "Drop down dew, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness."

This Mass in honor of Mary is a beautiful candlelit Mass that begins in the darkness of early morning. The interplay of light and darkness as the church becomes progressively brighter with the sunrise symbolizes the coming of the Eternal Light, whom we await during the Advent season.

We look forward to you joining us!

Hymns for Sunday8:30 AM & 10:00 AM Masses**Communion: #11***Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying***Recessional: #4***O Come, Divine Messiah*11:30 AM Mass**Recessional: #4***O Come, Divine Messiah*

Propers for Sunday10:00 AM

Introit: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near. Do not be anxious over anything; but in all manner of prayer, let Your requests be made known unto God. Lord, You have blessed Your land; You have put an end to Jacob's captivity.

Gradual: O Lord, who are enthroned upon the Cherubim, stir up Your might and come forth. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us, You who lead Joseph like a flock.

Alleluia: Stir up Your might, O Lord, and come to save us.

Offertory: O Lord, You have blessed Your land, You have put an end to Jacob's captivity; You have forgiven the guilt of Your people.

Communion: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and He will save us.

The Giving Tree

If you haven't done so already, be sure to return your Giving Tree gifts to the Parish Office by Monday the 18th, to allow time for distribution of gifts in before Christmas!

*Chorus Veritatis Splendor, St. Gregory Choir,
& Chorus Spes Ecclesiae perform*

Nine Lessons & Carols

Friday, December 29th | 7:00 PM

*Featuring music of Franz Biebel, John Rutter,
& Tomas Luis de Victoria*

Exodus 90

Calling all men of St. Peter's. Be sure to mark your calendars for the start of the next session of Exodus 90, beginning January 1st. Stay tuned, or visit www.stpetervolo.org/exodus90, for more.

The St. James the Lesser Window

Of all the men called James in the New Testament, it's interesting that a window at St. Peter Church depicts St. James the Lesser. While he may have been a cousin of Jesus, this James is one of the more obscure apostles, about whom Scripture tells very little.

If he had one notable distinction, it's that he didn't leave Jerusalem after the Ascension, but remained and became its first Bishop. History records that he attended the Council of Jerusalem (the first synod) in 48 A.D. He was martyred in 62 A.D. for refusing to denounce the teachings of Christ – thrown off the roof of the temple to an enraged mob below, who then bludgeoned him to death. The window shows him in this final moment, wearing the red robes of martyrdom.

St. Paul, who admired James and often consulted with him, wrote that Jesus appeared first “to James, then to all the apostles.” One wonders why he in particular was so blessed. Throughout his life James had a reputation for righteousness, acknowledged even by the Jewish pharisees who condemned him. Surely Christ knew what He was doing in choosing this man.

Perhaps it's easiest to get the measure of James through the single Epistle that bears his name. The attribution of this work to him goes back to ancient times; early church fathers were adamant that he wrote it. The Epistle of St. James was written by someone very familiar with Jewish tradition, while at the same time thoroughly grounded in the teachings of the Gospel.

It's also one of the most accessible writings from the early period, offering Christians a concise blueprint for how to live their faith. James clearly understood the human psyche, as well as the temptations that can hinder spiritual growth. He touches on many subjects in his work, including perseverance, doubt, anger, and gossip, often using vivid metaphors to make his point.

“Consider how small a spark sets a great forest ablaze,” he writes. “The tongue is also a fire, a world of wickedness among the parts of the body.” Despite his admonitions, James's voice comes through warm and immediate, as if he's right there in the room. His Epistle makes for excellent reading in our present day, especially when so many Catholic commentators are divided in their opinions.

James also knew that not everyone could be a great teacher. He himself left behind a small body of work. His focus was on the people of Jerusalem, and he faced his death with humility. As “The Lesser,” James speaks to the everyday person, whose faith and works may exist in obscurity, but matter no less to God.

Mass Offerings for the Nativity of Our Lord & the Christmas Octave

Christmas Day — Monday, December 25th

12:00 AM - *English* | 7:00 AM - *Latin* | 8:30 AM - *English*

10:00 AM - *English* | 11:30 AM - *Latin* | 1:00 PM - *Spanish*

All Masses on Christmas Day according to the 2002 Missal

The Christmas Octave — Tuesday, December 26th - Friday, December 29th

7:15 AM - *Latin* | 9:00 AM - *English*

Wednesday, December 27th

7:00 AM - *Latin*

Saturday, December 30th

9:00 AM - *Latin* | 5:00 PM - *English*

*Join us for the Blessing of Wine on December 27th after all Masses
and the Blessing of Children on December 28th after all Masses*
