



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

# St. Peter Church

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## JANUARY 28, 2024

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY



### REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

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

*FOR AFTER HOUR EMERGENCIES ONLY - PLEASE CALL (815) 451-8219*



*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](http://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](http://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](mailto:office@stpetervolo.org).

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## 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](http://stpetervolo.org/sacraments) for more information on how to obtain the Sacraments at St. Peter's.

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## 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

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## 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

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## Adoration

**THURSDAY:** 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM

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

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## Novena to St. Joseph

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

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## 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](http://stpetervolo.org/masssociety) to learn about the Canons Perpetual Mass Association.

## Offertory Collection

The total Collection from this last Sunday was: **\$9,536.00**

The total through Online Giving in the month of December was: **\$7,680.00**

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## Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 29th - *St. Francis de Sales (T)*

- 6:15 AM - Living & Deceased Members of the Carlson & Brandt Families by Susan Carlson
- 8:00 AM - † John Kenny by Lamb Family

### Tuesday, January 30th - *St. Martina (T)*

- 6:15 AM - Hilary & Jake Greene by Susan Carlson
- 8:00 AM - For those Living with Mental Illness & Addiction

### Wednesday, January 31st - *St. John Bosco (N/T)*

- 6:15 AM - Matthew, Kate, & Sophia Mader by Alan & Yvette Mader
- 8:00 AM - Kerry Zobel
- 7:00 PM - Lori Elizabeth Brandin by Megan Hollenberg

### Thursday, February 1st - *St. Ignatius of Antioch (T)*

- 6:15 AM - Jessica Van Horn & Family by Vic Van Horn Family
- 8:00 AM - Daniel & Frances Hennessy by Hennessy Family

### Friday, February 2nd - *The Presentation of the Lord (N/T)*

- 6:15 AM - Dorothy Kumon by Ashley Kumon
- 8:00 AM - Pham Family by Wilson Family
- 6:00 PM - Pro Populo
- 7:30 PM - Living & Deceased Members of the Walters & Sigurnjak Families by Sigurnjak Family

### Saturday, February 3rd - *St. Blaise (N/T), St. Ansgar (N)*

- 8:00 AM - † Lacny Maria Mass by Alicja & Janusz Kwiecien
- 5:00 PM - Benefactors & Families of Chesterton Academy of the Immaculate Heart

### Sunday, February 4th - *5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Sexagesima Sunday*

- 7:00 AM - Cecilia Bernadette Brown by Joseph Lareau Family
- 8:30 AM - Fr. Brendan Gibson, SJC
- 10:00 AM - Eulogio Gagni by Mary Schallmoser
- 11:30 AM - † Friends & Acquaintances of Halina Koszkuł
- 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.

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## Prayer Requests

Rosemarie Krieb & Family  
Yvette Mader  
Jim Hammett

Mendoza Family  
Louie S. & Family  
Julia Suchomski

Vic VanHorn & Family  
Grace Walker & Family

and for the repose of the souls of Kathryn Burke, Gilda Fontanetta & David Hines

*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](mailto:office@stptetervolo.org)*

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### First Friday

We invite all to join us Friday, February 2nd, the First Friday of the month, for Adoration and our monthly 1st Friday Mass, this month at a special time, 7:30 PM. Adoration will begin following the 8:00 AM Mass, and will conclude at 5:45 PM. Please see the included schedule for Candlemas for more details.

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### First Friday Family Holy Hour

Children and their parents are invited to our Family Holy Hour on the 1st Friday of each month, at 1:00 PM. All ages are welcome. We hope that you will join us!

*Contact [Jeannelum@mac.com](mailto:Jeannelum@mac.com) for more.*

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### Quid Volo Young Adult Group

The Quid Volo Young Adult group offers those in their 20's and 30's, the chance for prayer, reflection, and discussion, as well as opportunity for fellowship as well as socialization, with other young adults. Meeting on 1st Friday following the First Friday evening Mass. For more visit us at [www.stpetervolo.org/quidvolo](http://www.stpetervolo.org/quidvolo).

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### First Saturday Devotions

One of the most important aspects of Our Lady's Fatima message was the request for the devotion to Her Immaculate Heart on the 1st Saturday of each month. Join us on the First Saturday following the 8:00 AM Mass, to honor Our Lady's wishes.

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### The Blessing of Throats

We invite the parish to join us on the Feast of St. Blaise, Saturday, February 3rd, for the Blessing of Throats, following both the 8:00 AM First Saturday Mass, and our 5:00 PM evening vigil Mass.

St. Blaise, Bishop and martyr, was a medical healer before becoming a 'healer of souls', and is remembered for curing a boy choking with a bone stuck in his throat. That is why St. Blaise is invoked for the blessing of throats.

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### Hymns for Sunday

8:30 AM Mass

**Communion: #14**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**Recessional: #36**

*As With Gladness Men of Old*

10:00 AM Mass

**Communion: #19**

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

**Recessional: #36**

*As With Gladness Men of Old*

11:30 AM Mass

**Recessional: #146**

*Jesu Dulcis Memoria*

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### Propers for Sunday

10:00 AM

**Introit:** Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice; seek the Lord and be strengthened; seek His face for evermore. Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name; declare His deeds among the gentiles.

**Gradual:** Who is like the Lord our God who dwells on high and looks down on that which is humble in heaven and on earth? He raises the needed from the earth and lifts up the poor out of the mire.

**Alleluia:** I will bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name.

**Offertory:** It is good to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing in honour of Your name, O Most High.

**Communion:** Let Your face shine on Your servant. Save me in Your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on You.

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## Finding Light in the Dark of Winter

In the Northern Hemisphere, the darkest days of year provide a setting for one of the Church's most luminous feast days, Candlemas. Also known as the Presentation of Our Lord, or the Purification of Our Lady, it marks the end of Christmas in the liturgical calendar.

Luke's Gospel describes how all the prophecies and signs heralding the Nativity culminate in Mary bringing Jesus to the temple after 40 days, in accordance with Mosaic Law. There, two holy people, Simeon and Anna, identify the infant as the longed-for Savior. Simeon also tells Mary, in a foreshadowing of the Passion, that a sword shall pierce her heart.

The Church has always recognized this moment's importance, even if formal celebrations came slowly. Candlelit processions likely grew out of pagan Rome, which had used them to purify the city after riotous carnivals. For the pagans, the processions eventually became an encounter with the Light of Christ, and a journey out of sin.

This idea of encounter between Christ and His Church remains a key aspect of Candlemas. As its name suggests, the candles themselves have taken on new meaning over time. When we light tapers during the solemn Mass, as we did at Christmas, we're reminded again of the Incarnation. The wax represents Christ's body, the wick His soul, and the flame His divinity. The Blessing of Candles, a custom dating from the 11th Century, allows us to bring this special light into our homes.

Traditionally, blessed candles are made of beeswax – no small detail, but something that links Candlemas to the natural world and the entire liturgical year. Religious orders have raised honeybees for centuries, carefully tending the hives over the summer, then harvesting in the fall. The wax candles they fashion are used in churches and homes, and the honey eaten.

Bees and monks share similar virtues of hard work and self-sacrifice, as the prayers of the Easter vigil allude to: "On this, your night of grace, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and your servants' hands." But the connections go even further.

Honeybees, with their virginal nature, are also a symbol of Our Lady; their creation of wax suggests how she gave Christ His fleshly aspect. Honey, in turn, represents religious eloquence (beehives adorn the emblems of St. Ambrose and St. Bernard of Clairvaux, two doctors of the Church). In this way, all of God's creation is woven into the life of the Church.

Candlemas comes at a time when people can feel exhausted by winter, but it's meant to give hope. It celebrates Christ, the light revealed to the nations, and the glowing candles remind us that He is always there, even in the worst of times.

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## Candlemas

Join us this coming Friday, February 2nd, as we close the Christmas Season with the feast of Candlemas. Candlemas, gets its name from the candle blessing commemorating the Light of the World coming into the Temple.

### CANDLEMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**6:15 AM** - *Latin* | **8:00 AM** - *English* | **6:00 PM** - *Spanish* | **7:30 PM** - *Latin*

There will be a simple blessing of candles at the 6:15 AM, 8:00 AM, and 6:00 PM Masses, with the Solemn Blessing happening at the 7:30 Mass.

As February 2nd is also the 1st Friday of the Month, join us throughout the day for Adoration. Beginning following the 8:00 AM Mass and concluding at 5:45 PM.

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