



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

# St. Peter Church



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## NOVEMBER 30, 2025

### 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



#### 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 KOLIŃSKI, SJC ..... ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
 FR. JOSEPH BROM, SJC ..... ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
 FR. SCOTT THELANDER, SJC ..... ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
 BR. MARKO CULJAK, SJC ..... SEMINARIAN  
 BR. KEVIN DOERGE, SJC ..... SEMINARIAN  
 ETHAN AVINA ..... BUSINESS MANAGER  
 CONNIE BALLANTINE ..... SACRAMENT COORDINATOR  
 NOEL KLEBOSITS ..... RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
 STEPHANIE BRUNE ..... LITURGICAL MUSIC

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**CANONS REGULAR OF ST. JOHN CANTIUS**

## Confession Times

*Listed below are Confession start times.*

**SUNDAY:** 6:50 AM | 8:15 AM | 9:45 AM | 11:15 AM | 12:45 PM  
**WEEKDAYS:** 8:35 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

**THURSDAYS:** 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
**1ST FRIDAY:** 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

### Parish Office Hours

**Weekdays:** 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
**Closed:** Saturdays, Sundays, Holy Days,  
& legal holidays.

## Welcome New Parishioners

We're very pleased to welcome you to St. Peter's in Volo! If you are interested in joining the parish, you may register quickly and easily by visiting the parish website at [www.stpetervolo.org/registration](http://www.stpetervolo.org/registration).

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

## Blessing of Sacramentals

Items such as Rosaries, St. Benedict medals, Miraculous medals, water, salt, images, etc. will be blessed at the communion rail on **Saturdays only** (after the Mass and Rosary), or by appointment.

### Questions about the Bulletin?

For all inquiries regarding event postings, Prayer Intentions, or other content, please contact Mary Dalton, Bulletin Editor, at [bulletin@stpetervolo.org](mailto:bulletin@stpetervolo.org).



*Feast of the  
Immaculate Conception*

**Monday, December 8th**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**

Masses at 6:15 AM, 8:00 AM,  
6:00 PM (Spanish) and  
7:30 PM (Latin)

### Offertory Collection

The total Collection from last Sunday was unavailable at the time of printing.

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, December 1st** - *St. Edmund Campion (H), St. Eligius (H)*

- **6:15 AM** - † Mieczyslaw Korczynski
- **8:00 AM** - Andrew and Katie Schweinsberg

**Tuesday, December 2nd** - *St. Bibiana (T)*

- **6:15 AM** - † Members of the Reiff and Suriano Families
- **8:00 AM** - Ava Fischer

**Wednesday, December 3rd** - *St. Francis Xavier (N, T)*

- **6:15 AM** - † George Bell
- **8:00 AM** - Genevieve Branche
- **7:00 PM** - † Archie Kendall Shipe

**Thursday, December 4th** – *St. John Damascene (N), St. Peter Chrysologus (T), St. Barbara (T)*

- **6:15 AM** - † Mary Gustafson
- **8:00 AM** - Michele Rochelemagne

**Friday, December 5th** - *St. Sabbas (T), St. Gerald (H)*

- **6:15 AM** - Beata Rafalko
- **8:00 AM** - Debbie Chenault
- **7:00 PM** - Patrick Martin and Family

**Saturday, December 6th** - *St. Nicholas (N, T)*

- **8:00 AM** - Beth and Jessica D'Amico
- **5:00 PM** - † Julie Ann Shipe

**Sunday, December 7th** - *2nd Sunday of Advent*

- **7:00 AM** - † Paul Geffert and Rudy Wunder
- **8:30 AM** - † Daniel Hennessy
- **10:00 AM** - Aiden and Claire Miller and the repose of the soul of Baby Joy
- **11:30 AM** - Bielowicz Family
- **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

Gianna & John Raimondo  
Waide Miller  
Elaina Verdung  
Jason LaGrippe  
Mel Probst  
Robley & Karen Thomason  
Elitania Tellez

Aria Tellez  
Christian Tellez  
Margaret Benoit  
Brandon Stoy  
Bridgette Swanick  
Mary Jane Pfister  
Richard Ryan

Nancy Heilgeist  
Dawn Miller  
Sandy Weber  
And for the repose of the souls  
of Mary Godlewski, Rita Bell,  
John & Claudia Cyboran, and  
Jim Wodrich.

*Names will remain for 1 month, as space permits. Please send all requests to [bulletin@stpetervolo.org](mailto:bulletin@stpetervolo.org).*

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*The Blessing of the Advent Wreath*

P. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

A. **Who made heaven and earth.**

P. The Lord be with you.

A. **And with your spirit.**

P. Let us pray: O God, by whose words all things are sanctified, pour out Your blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive Your abundant grace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A. **Amen.**

*The wreath is then sprinkled with Holy Water and the first candle is lit.*

P. Son of the Most High, Your coming was announced to the Virgin Mary by Gabriel.

A. **Come and rule over Your people for ever.**

P. Holy One of God, in Your presence John the Baptist leapt in Elizabeth's womb.

A. **Bring the joy of salvation to all the earth.**

P. Watch over our Holy Father, Pope Leo, and Archbishop Blase.

A. **Grant them grace and wisdom to shepherd our Church wisely.**

P. Protect all our men and women in the armed forces.

A. **Bring them home safely.**

P. Raise up to new life those who have fallen asleep in the peace of Christ.

A. **That they may see the glory of the Resurrection.**

P. Let us pray: Stir up Your might, we beg You, O Lord, and come so that we may escape through Your protection and be saved by Your help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A. **Amen.**

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**Ordinaries for Sunday**

Mass XVII, #399-402

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**Propers for Sunday**

10:00 AM

**Introit:** Unto you have I lifted up my soul. O my God, I trust in you, let me not be put to shame; do not allow my enemies to laugh at me; for none of those who are awaiting you will be disappointed. Make your ways known unto me, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

**Gradual:** They will not be disappointed, O Lord, all those who are awaiting you. Make your ways known unto me, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

**Alleluia:** Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

**Offertory:** Unto you, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul; O my God, I trust in you, let me not be put to shame; do not allow my enemies to laugh at me; for none of those who are awaiting you will be disappointed.

**Communion:** The Lord will bestow his loving kindness, and our land will yield its fruit.

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**Hymns for Sunday**

8:30 AM Mass

**Communion:** #182

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

**Recessional:** #234

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

10:00 AM Mass

**Communion:** #182

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

**Recessional:** #234

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

11:30 AM Mass

**Recessional:** #234

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

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**Advent Lesson & Carols**

**Monday, December 15th, 5:30 PM**

Join us in the church as the Chesterton Academy of the Immaculate Heart presents this beautiful meditation on Salvation History. For more information, visit [www.chestertoniheart.org](http://www.chestertoniheart.org).

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## The Prayers That Bind Us

In discussing the Spiritual Works of Mercy, prayer has often been mentioned as an important element. The final Spiritual Work – praying for the living and the dead – underscores this idea, and it’s worth considering why this is, especially as we close out the Month of the Holy Souls.

When we pray for the dead, we sometimes wonder where they really are. Our faith tells us that Purgatory is a necessary stage for most, but we hope that a loved one won’t be “there” too long. We think in terms of time and space, although those ideas don’t describe Eternity, which only adds to the uncertainty.

The truth is, such prayer helps us accept the separation caused by death, and is deeply rooted in the human need to love. In his encyclical *Spe Salvi*, Pope Benedict XVI described how prayers for the dead are part of the “reciprocal giving and receiving” that marks all our earthly relationships, which is why we not only pray for others, but hope that they pray for us. These moments can provide comfort, especially for the grieving.

“No one lives alone,” he writes. “No one sins alone. No one is saved alone. The lives of others continually spill over into mine . . . in the interconnectedness of Being, my gratitude to the other – my prayer for him – can play a small part in his purification.” This is what we hope for.

A similar need motivates our prayers for the living. Even if we live closely with someone, we understand how little control we have over that person’s ultimate fate. Intercessory prayer is often the only active way to show our love – but does it really help? The saints are unanimous in their belief that it can, although it needs to be combined with virtue and humility.

Few examples better illustrate this than that of St. Augustine and his mother, St. Monica. The latter prayed constantly for her wayward son, always showing courage, patience, and charity. Augustine wrote later that her actions, more than her words, made an impression, but he also noted that Monica wasn’t born a saint. Prayer and suffering had shaped her moral and spiritual development over time.

Monica’s prayers were answered, for her son went on to become one of the Church’s greatest saints. When she died, Augustine felt intense grief, for she was separated from him in this life. Tellingly, he never stopped praying for her, despite her holiness.

Prayer may be an outward expression of our desire for God, but praying for others means that we want them to have Him, too. This is why intercessory prayer is the highest form of charity – a work of love that transcends time, and can never be in vain.

## Support the Seminarian Mission Trip to Peru

This January, two of our seminarians who serve at St. Peter’s on Sundays – Br. Nathaniel Pierce and Br. Kevin Doerge — will join a mission trip to Piura, Peru with Mundelein Seminary. They will serve in impoverished Catholic neighborhoods and parishes, working to share the Gospel and strengthen the local faith community.



One key project will involve helping build a catechetical school to provide faith formation for children and adults.

A team of 15 seminarians hopes to raise \$24,000 to make this project a reality. If you’d like to support their mission, please visit:

[www.stpetervolo.org/news/missiontrip](http://www.stpetervolo.org/news/missiontrip).

