



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

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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD • SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EPIPHANY



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
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Mass Intentions

Monday, January 12th - *St. Margaret Bourgeoys (N), St. Arcadius (H), St. Benedict Biscup (H)*

- 6:15 AM - Margaret Benoit
- 8:00 AM - † Jack Doherty

Tuesday, January 13th - *St. Hilary of Poitiers (N), Commemoration of the Baptism of Our Lord (T), Bl. Veronica of Binasco (H)*

- 6:15 AM - † Lucas Schmitz
- 8:00 AM - Michelle O’Leary

Wednesday, January 14th – *St. Hilary of Poitiers (T), St. Felix of Nola (T), St. Sava (H)*

- 6:15 AM - † Members of the Moors Family
- 8:00 AM - Monica Corral
- 7:00 PM - Anthony & Stephanie Lee Family

Thursday, January 15th - *St. Paul the First Hermit (T), St. Maurus (T), Our Lady of Prompt Succor (T), St. Ita (H)*

- 6:15 AM - † Mary C. Holt
- 8:00 AM - Clara Regner

Friday, January 16th - *St. Marcellus (T), Our Lady of Refuge (H)*

- 6:15 AM - † William E. Freundt
- 8:00 AM - † Clemencia and Raymundo Sereno

Saturday, January 17th - *St. Antony the Abbot (N,T)*

- 8:00 AM - Krzysztof
- 5:00 PM - † Members of the Regner Family

Sunday, January 18th– *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; 2nd Sunday After Epiphany*

- 7:00 AM - Mary Jane Pfister
- 8:30 AM - † Members of the Flesch Family
- 10:00 AM - † Bobbi & Lori Brandon
- 11:30 AM - † Michael J. Conlon
- 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
Mel Probst
Elitania Tellez
Aria Tellez
Christian Tellez
Margaret Benoit

Brandon Stoy
Bridgette Swanick
Richard Ryan
Nancy Heilgeist
Dawn Miller
Sandy Weber
Paula & Juliette Sigurnjak

Mary Jadrich
Declan Blackburn
Larry Box
Mary Jane Pfister
And for the repose of the souls
of John & Claudia Cyboran,
and Jim Wodrich.

Propers for Sunday

10:00 AM

Introit - You have loved justice and hated iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions. My heart overflows with a goodly theme; I address my works to the King.

Gradual - Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone accomplishes great wonders from all eternity. Let the mountains receive peace for the people, and the hills justice.

Alleluia - I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him.

Offertory - Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion - As for all of you who have been baptized in Christ, you have put on Christ, alleluia.

Mass Intentions Still Available

Are you wondering what Mass intentions are really about? The practice of having Masses said for others dates back to the Church's beginnings. Early Christians were known to bring material offerings, such as bread, wine, and oil to the altar, asking that the Mass be said for a deceased relative. Ancient inscriptions and prayers frequently mention the Eucharist being offered for the dead, especially on anniversaries.

More than just a simple act of remembrance, a Mass intention affirms the Eucharist as a true sacrifice, offered for both the living and the dead. While the entire Church benefits from every Mass, an intention entrusts a specific person or need to Christ's saving work, made present on the altar. For this reason, Mass intentions are often associated with the Holy Souls in Purgatory, or those who've strayed from the faith.

We still have some room on the 2026 Mass Calendar for your special intentions. A \$10 donation is suggested for each intention. To learn more, please visit:

www.stpetervolo.org/massintentions

Ordinaries for Sunday

Mass VIII, #355 - 359

Hymns for Sunday

8:30 AM Mass

Communion: #222
Once, In Royal David's City

Recessional: #176
O Come, All Ye Faithful

10:00 AM Mass

Communion: #222
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Recessional: #176
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11:30 AM Mass

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Make a Change With Exodus 90



It's not too late to join us for our 2026 session of **Exodus 90**. This 90-day spiritual exercise offers men a path to a better life through prayer, asceticism, and fraternity. You'll get rid of the habits that enslave you, strengthen your relationships, and find true freedom in Christ.

To learn what makes this program work, visit www.exodus90.com. For more details on meetings here at St. Peters, visit:

www.stpetervolo.org/exodus90



Visiting the Sick

Few things are so uncomfortable as encountering sick people, especially when they're visibly suffering. Mothers may comfort their feverish children, but most people recoil from illness. Psychologists call this natural aversion the behavioral immune system, which acts without thinking – but history shows that such instincts can sometimes bring out the worst in us.

The treatment of lepers provides a good example, and it's telling that they appear so often in Scripture. In ancient Judea, lepers occupied a liminal space between life and death, neither in the world nor out of it. These people were shunned by society, barely considered human, and when Jesus healed them, it was almost like raising the dead.

Until recently, leprosy was poorly understood, incurable, and disfiguring, often viewed as a moral failure or sign of God's punishment. During the 19th Century, Hawaiian authorities dealt with their fear of contagion by permanently banishing lepers to the island of Molokai. The sick existed there without proper housing, medical attention, emotional support, or spiritual comfort, until Fr. Damien (born Joseph De Veuster) arrived in 1873. Despite being warned not to touch anybody, Damien chose to live directly among his flock.

"I make myself a leper with the lepers to gain all to Jesus Christ," he later wrote. "That is why, in preaching, I say 'we lepers,' not, 'my brethren.'" Eventually, he did contract the disease, and died on the island – but not before improving conditions there, and profoundly challenging how people viewed leprosy.

Now a patron saint of Hawaii, Damien's life exemplified the Works of Mercy (for an idea of how this looked, consider watching the excellent 1999 biographical film, *Molokai*). Above all, his witness illustrates why it's so important to visit and comfort the sick, especially today. Our world, in many ways, is a modern Molokai.

During Covid-19, people avoided each other or were forcibly separated, while drug and alcohol abuse soared. Spiritual help became less unavailable, and social networks broke apart. Mental illness increased. In the aftermath, society seems to have lost much of its sympathy towards human suffering, while aggressively promoting perverse solutions, like euthanasia.

Yet we can push back. Visiting the sick – whether it be a relative with dementia, a neighbor dying in hospice, or a friend struggling with depression – is more than just a kind gesture. Suffering cuts the sick off from others; there's often a sense of being marooned on an island. St. John Paul II noted that ill people desire our fellowship more than we might realize; their longing is "a plea for help to keep on hoping, when all human hopes fail."

By reaching out to them, we consciously choose compassion over avoidance, and hope over despair. This, in essence, is all that St. Damien did, but it's enough — for God can take such simple acts, and turn them into greatness.

Organ Goal Met!

We're delighted to announce that, together with the AMDG Foundation, **we've successfully reached the fundraising goal for Opus II**, our new pipe organ from Abbey Organ Builders. Thanks to the prayers and extraordinary generosity of our parish community and benefactors, this sacred instrument will serve the worship of God at St. Peter's for generations to come, enriching and supporting the Church's great musical tradition.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all who contributed financially and spiritually, and through their constant encouragement. More details regarding the next phases of the project will be shared soon, as we prepare for the organ's arrival and installation this summer — which also marks the 100th anniversary of the building of St. Peter Church.
