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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • 2ND SUNDAY AFTER 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*

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Mass Intentions

Monday, January 19th - *Sts. Marius, Martha, Audifax, & Abachum (T), St. Canute (T), St. Wulstan (H)*

- **6:15 AM** - † Carole, Marie, Nellie, and Gladys du Chatellie
- **8:00 AM** - † Members of the Flanagan family

Tuesday, January 20th - *St. Fabian (N, T), St. Sebastian (N, T)*

- **6:15 AM** - † Charles Knudtson
- **8:00 AM** - John and Maureen Copp

Wednesday, January 21st – *St. Agnes (N, T)*

- **6:15 AM** - † Margaret Heinz
- **8:00 AM** - Christopher Medina
- **7:00 PM** - † Ralph Schwartz

Thursday, January 22nd - *St. Vincent of Saragossa (T), St. Anastasius (T)*

- **6:15 AM** - † Fr John Hurley
- **8:00 AM** - The Edward Johnson Family

Friday, January 23rd - *St. Vincent of Saragossa (N), St. Marianne Cope (N), St. Raymond of Peñafort (T), St. Emerentiana (T), Espousals of the Blessed Virgin Mary (H)*

- **6:15 AM** - Ashley Romero
- **8:00 AM** - Carson Hidalgo

Saturday, January 24th - *St. Francis de Sales (N), St. Timothy (T)*

- **8:00 AM** - Jamie Dudzik
- **5:00 PM** - † Diana Cordova

Sunday, January 25th– *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 3rd Sunday After Epiphany*

- **7:00 AM** - Helen Moran
- **8:30 AM** - † John Czarnik
- **10:00 AM** - † William Walker
- **11:30 AM** - Michael Mucerino
- **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

Mel Probst
 Elitania Tellez
 Aria Tellez
 Christian Tellez
 Margaret Benoit
 Brandon Stoy
 Robert & Arlyss Lasecki

Jesus Gonzalez
 Dawn Miller
 Paula & Juliette Sigurnjak
 Mary Jadrich
 Declan Blackburn
 Larry Box
 Ron Cacioppo

Eric Olson
 Barb Rafel
 Ralph DeRose
 And for the repose of the souls
 of John & Claudia Cyboran,
 Jim Wodrich, Joanna Tapia, &
 Carolyn Martyka.

Propers for Sunday10:00 AM

Introit - Let all the earth worship you and praise you, O God; may it sing in praise of your name, O Most High. Shout joyfully to God all the earth; sing a psalm in honor of his name; praise him with magnificence.

Gradual - The Lord sent forth his word, and healed them, and delivered them from destruction. Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, for his wondrous works on behalf of the sons of men.

Alleluia - Praise God, all his Angels; praise him, all his host.

Offertory - Sing joyfully to God all the earth; let the entire earth cry out with joy to God; sing a psalm in honor of his name. Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what the Lord has done for my soul, alleluia.

Communion - The Lord said: “fill the jars with water and bring some to the master of the feast.” When the master of the feast tasted the water, which had now become wine, he declared to the bridegroom: “You have kept the good wine until now.” This was the first sign, which Jesus accomplished before his disciples.

Look to FORMED in 2026

We wanted to remind our longtime parishioners, as well as let those new to the parish, that St. Peter’s has a FORMED subscription available to you.

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Ordinaries for Sunday

Mass VIII, #355 - 359

Hymns for Sunday8:30 AM Mass**Communion:** #146*Lo, How a Rose***Recessional:** #86*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*10:00 AM Mass**Communion:** #146*Lo, How a Rose***Recessional:** #86*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*11:30 AM Mass**Recessional:** #86*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen***A Light in the Dark of Winter**

On **Monday, February 2**, we’ll celebrate the traditional feast of **Candlemas**, which marks the close of the Christmas season in the liturgical calendar.

Luke’s Gospel describes how the prophecies and signs heralding the Nativity culminate in Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the temple after 40 days. There, two holy people, Simeon and Anna, identify the infant as the longed-for Savior.

This beautiful feast gets its name from the blessing and lighting of beeswax candles, which represent Christ, the Light of the World, coming into the Temple.

The blessing of candles will take place before all Masses in front of the nativity. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own candles to Mass; a limited number of beeswax tapers will also be available for a small donation.

Remembering the Prisoner

It's interesting how often the words "prisoner" and "captive" appear in Christian tradition. In a secular context, these words usually refer to physical realities, but in Scripture and other Christian sources they also describe the soul's bondage.

For example, St. John Chrysostom often preached on the theme of captivity, while serving as Archbishop of Constantinople in the early 5th Century. He advocated for mercy towards prisoners and slaves, and aid for Christians held in Muslim territories, but stressed that these people weren't the only ones who needed help.

"Many are free in the world but enslaved in their souls; many are fettered in the body yet free in spirit," he said in one homily. "The chains of vice are heavier than the iron of prisons, and he who cannot overcome himself remains captive forever." Among other things, he railed against crippling debt: "The man who is in debt is not truly free; he serves the creditor, not God."

The saint understood that all men are captives in the world in some way, thanks to the effects of Original Sin. Perhaps this is why the 6th Corporal Work of Mercy – "Visiting the Imprisoned" – can't be ignored by us, even if we might want to.

This Work *does* refer, in large part, to the literal act of visiting the incarcerated. Many great saints – Peter, Paul, John of the Cross, Joan of Arc, and others – and, of course, Christ Himself, spent time in jails. We're meant to feel compassion for the imprisoned. Despite this, Catholics are seriously underrepresented among prison chaplains and visitors, unlike Evangelicals. Among inmates, Protestants and Muslims make up the majority of proselytizers. Why is this?

Admittedly, reaching out to those in prison can be intimidating, but the incarcerated are like the sick, longing in their souls for true human connection. Most get out eventually, and return to the street either worse off (prison life is tough) – or maybe touched by God's grace because someone visited and prayed with them. This prospect is worth considering, especially by Catholics with a zeal to make a difference.

"Visiting the Imprisoned" is also called "Ransoming the Captive," which reflects how medieval religious orders like the Trinitarians and Mercedarians once helped rescue Christians enslaved in the Middle East. The latter even took vows to substitute themselves for captives, saving them from forced conversions. The Mercedarians themselves refused to apostatize, even to the point of martyrdom, for they believed that true freedom is of the soul, not the body.

We can follow their witness, by volunteering with a prison ministry, or helping fight human trafficking (that includes avoiding pornography), or working to heal addiction in a loved one. Just as Christ gave His life in ransom for us, we're all called to ransom souls – especially those who are too easily written off as hopeless.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Thursday, January 22nd marks the anniversary of 1973's Roe v. Wade decision, and is a national day of prayer for Catholics. Despite Roe's overturning in 2022, abortion numbers continue to rise in the U.S., thanks largely to telehealth and drugs like mifepristone. In 2024, nearly 90,000 abortions were performed in Illinois, an 11% increase since 2020. Roughly 39% of these were provided to women traveling from another state. **Illinois is the #1 provider of abortions for out-of-state patients, even over California and New York.**

Illinois also quietly legalized medical assistance in dying (MAID) in December 2025; the law will go into effect this fall. **Prayer matters now, as does staying aware.** We encourage parishioners to pray for the protection of all human life on January 22nd. To keep up-to-date on pro-life news and activities, consider subscribing to St. Peter's Pro-Life Committee emails at stpeterprolife@att.net, or visit www.stpetervolvo.org/life.
