

JANUARY 1, 2023

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Daily Masses

Monday—Friday 7:00AM English  
Saturday 8:00AM English  
Wednesday & Friday 6:30PM Spanish

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00PM English  
6:30PM Spanish  
Sunday 7:30AM, 9:30AM English  
11:00AM English— at Parish Pastoral Center  
12:30PM Spanish

### Holy Days of Obligation

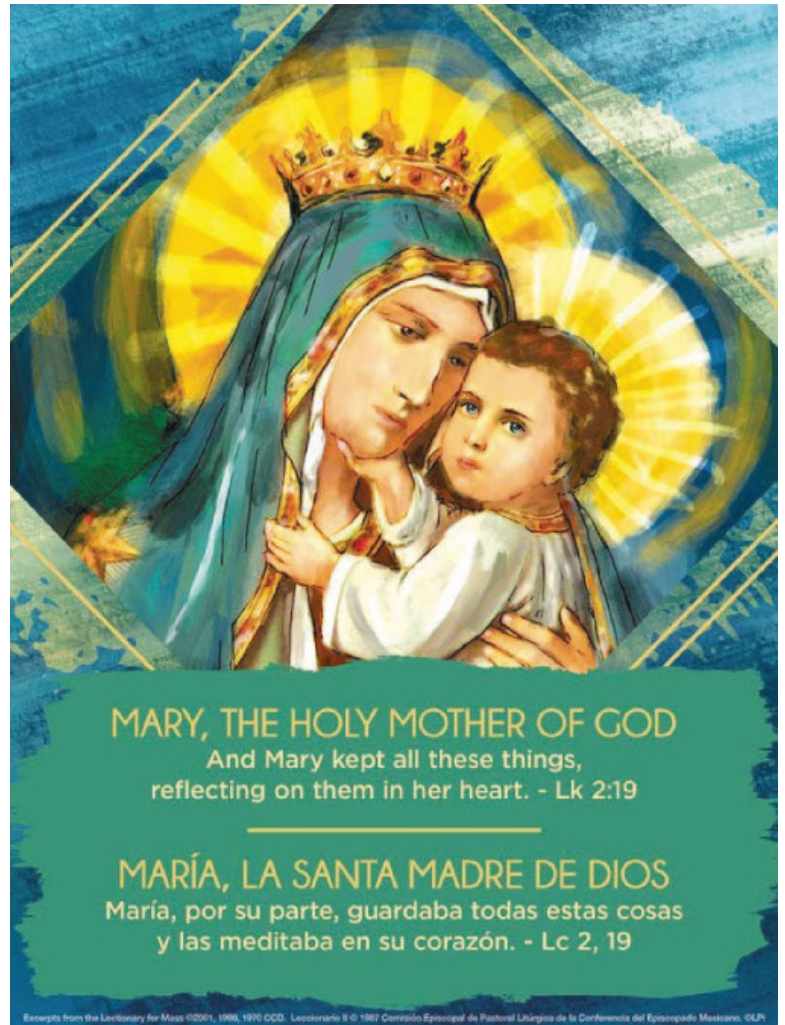
Please check bulletin or website for Mass times.

### FAMILY ADORATION

Spanish: Thursdays 7:00-8:00PM

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the parish office to register



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And Mary kept all these things,  
reflecting on them in her heart. - Lk 2:19

MARÍA, LA SANTA MADRE DE DIOS

María, por su parte, guardaba todas estas cosas  
y las meditaba en su corazón. - Lc 2, 19

## BAPTISMS

**English:** Please contact the parish office.

**Spanish:** Please request the "Baptismal Orientation Document"  
from the parish office and follow the instructions.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples must be at least nineteen and meet with the priest 6 months in advance. Must be registered and active member of St. Peter Parish 6 months before the wedding date.

## ANOIDING OF THE SICK AND PASTORAL CARE

If you anticipate hospitalization or require sacraments, please call the parish office. For emergencies call 815-206-9201 leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

## ENGLISH CONFESSIONS

Tuesday—Friday after 7AM Mass  
Saturday after 8AM Mass & 3:45-4:45PM

## SPANISH CONFESSIONS

St. Peter Church is a Roman Catholic community, *evangelizing* by the power of the *Holy Spirit*, leading others to a joyful *encounter* with *Christ* and *experiencing* Our *Father's* merciful love.



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, January 2**

***Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church***

7:00AM Peter Cimino

**Tuesday, January 3**

***The Most Holy Name of Jesus***

7:00AM †Jack Skelly

**Wednesday, January 4**

***St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious***

7:00AM †Barbara Winkler & Keith Spaniol

6:30PM Javier Martinez & Wuilver Martinez

**Thursday, January 5**

***St. John Neumann, Bishop***

7:00AM †Karen Lewis

**Friday, January 6**

***St. Andre Bessette, Religious***

7:00AM Special Intention

6:30PM Souls of Purgatory

**Saturday, January 7**

***St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest***

8:00AM †Blanche Windgassen

5:00PM †Eugene Paulick

6:30PM Living & †Deceased Members of St. Peters Church

**Sunday January 8**

***The Epiphany of the Lord***

7:30AM John & Georgia May Family

9:30AM †Annette Wontor

11:00AM †Frederick Schutz

12:30PM Souls in Purgatory



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2022

**Sunday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-

The Diocese of Rockford unites in praying for all hearts to move toward a culture of life. Each 1st Saturday from October 2022-2024, parishes across the diocese will host a "Diocese of Rockford Holy Hour for Life." Our parish will be hosting the Holy Hour on January 7th, 2023. All are welcome to attend.

### FROM THE DESK OF FATHER PAVINO

The first day of the year is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. The early Christians already called her "*Theotokos*", which means "God-bearer", for indeed, she bore in her womb the Son of God. She is called Mother of God, not in the sense that she is the source of the life of God, for she is not. She is called Mother of God not because she is higher than God, for she is just a creature. She is called Mother of God simply because she bore in her womb and gave birth to Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal God.

As we begin the New Year, the Church invites us to honor Mary, the Mother of God. Just as human life starts in the womb of our mothers, so also we begin another year with the mother of all humankind, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

All of us can easily resonate with the experience of having a mother. The thought of a mother always gives a soothing and peaceful feeling to every human being. We can still recall her tender and loving voice as she sings lullabies to us; her soft hands caressing our hair as we snuggle in her warm embrace; the sweet aroma from the kitchen as she prepares dinner for the family. We often say "Home sweet home", and this is primarily due to the sweetness and comfort that only a mother can give.

Jesus, the Son of God, experienced this with His mother, Mary. And He wanted to share this wonderful experience with us. That is why, while He was hanging on the cross, He entrusted His mother to us to be our mother also. We have, therefore, our own mother in Mary. As she lovingly cared for Jesus, she also takes care of us as her beloved children. What a consolation and a joy for us!

As Christians, we begin the New Year with God. That is why we come together to pray in this Eucharistic celebration. We look back at the past year, and thank and praise God for His protection and all the blessings He has given us. And as we look ahead to the new year, we implore His continued providential guidance and presence in our life. We take courage from the words of Saint Paul: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Rom 8:31).

And we also begin the New Year with Mary, the Mother of God, and our Mother too. We gaze upon the image of the Baby Jesus, sleeping so soundly in the arms of His Mother. He invites us to do the same. Let us go to Mary our Mother. Let us take refuge in the comfort and protection of her loving embrace.

Rightly, then, that the first day of the year is World Day of Prayer for Peace. We come together to pray for peace in the world. We ask Jesus, the King of Peace, to be with us. We do this in confidence because we know that Mary, our loving Mother is with us. Full of trust in God's providence and protection, we enter the New Year filled with hope, joy and peace.

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

Collection data for 12/18/2022, 12/25/2022, 1/1/2023 will be in the 1/8/2023 bulletin.



## PADRE LOAIZA

### MARIA MADRE DE DIOS

El dogma de la Maternidad Divina se refiere a que la Virgen María es verdadera Madre de Dios. Fue solemnemente definido por el Concilio de Efeso (año 431).

“Alma Redemptoris Mater...—Madre del Redentor...” Con estas palabras de la hermosa antigua antifonia de Maria invocamos a Ella en la época de la Navidad y agregamos : “Tu quae genuisti natura mirante, tuum sanctum

Genitorem—Tu milagrosamente diste a luz a este mundo al Redentor, Tu sola has alimentado a Tu Creador.” *Oh Maria, Madre de Dios* Esta verdad de nuestra fe, ligada tan cerca a las festividades de la Navidad, se refleja en la liturgia del primer día del año nuevo, dedicado a la Santa Madre Maria. Ella es la Madre del Redentor; es la mujer elegida por Dios para cumplir su Divino plan para redimirnos, del cual el secreto es la encarnación de la Palabra de Dios.

El humilde nacimiento dio a luz al Creador del Mundo! Los días de la Navidad renuevan en nosotros el conocimiento de ese secreto, revelándonos a la Madre del Hijo de Dios como la contribuidora de los más importantes eventos de la historia de la redención. La tradición de la Iglesia, que se extiende por muchos siglos, siempre ha reconocido el nacimiento de Jesús y la Maternidad Divina de Maria como dos aspectos de la encarnación de la Palabra de Dios.

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Our Parish office will be closed on Monday January 2nd in observance of New Years. We will be opened at normal office hours January 3rd, 2023.

### HERE FOR YOU

#### “Perishable Foods Pantry” Returning February 9th, 2023.

A “Perishable Foods Pantry” provided by “Here For You” is available to those in need **every Thursday** from noon to 4:00pm at Didier Hall - offering Milk, eggs, bread and some fresh fruits and/or vegetables. The “Perishable Foods Pantry” is an **addition** to the monthly First Wednesday St. Vincent de Paul food distribution.

To volunteer or for information about either of these Food Distributions contact us at 779-221-1723.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Bonnie Anderson, Bradley Brewer, Beverly DeMarb, Linda Eddie, Thomas Figueroa, Tom Gasiorowski, Steve Hatch, Marie Karczewski, Luz Landa, Dennis Meade, Kerry Muldowney, Peter Rossi and Christopher Walsh, Pauline Wergin.

To add or remove the name of a sick person, please call the parish office at: (815) 525-3400, ext. 3, or email [stpeter-sbeloit@RockfordDiocese.org](mailto:stpeter-sbeloit@RockfordDiocese.org)

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE HOMEBOUND OR IN NURSING HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING

Agnes Brewer, Marcela Hale, Alice Robison, & Ed Skwarlo.

### PARISH HAPPENINGS

#### ALTAR & ROSARY

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the Month  
1:00PM Parish Pastoral Center, Room 1

#### MARY UNDOER OF KNOTS

##### CROCHET/KNITTING MINISTRY

Meets Thursdays  
3:00PM Parish Pastoral Center, Room 8  
All skill levels welcome. Yarn & needles available

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Meets Wednesdays  
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