# SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## THE HOLY FAMILY

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He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

DECEMBER 26, 2021 | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



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## FROM OUR PASTOR

## What Can We Do To Be Like The Holy Family?



*Pray together* – First and foremost, our goal as a family should be to draw each other closer to Christ. What better way to do so than through prayer? For example, when we go to church as a family each week, we are modeling the example of the Holy Family. Likewise, sharing a family

meal together and saying grace before eating is modeling the virtues of faithfulness of the Holy Family. Praying before bedtime and giving thanks for our blessings are examples too. For the "family that prays together, stays together!"

*Honor Each Other* – God wants us to honor each member of our family. For example, we can work on parenting our children with love instead of nagging. By the same token, we can show respect and love to our own parents, no matter what their age. Sometimes this is difficult as our own parents age and their health fails, but no matter what stage of life we are in, God is calling us to be patient and to honor our family members as an act of faithfulness to Him.

Accept Each Other – Oh how harmonious our family life could be if we learn to accept our family members. Just like the Holy Family, we are children of God. We all have our own unique personalities. Similarly, God has a unique plan and purpose for each member of our family. Not only do we need to accept God's plan for our own life, but we need to accept that plan for our family members too.

*Forgive Daily* – This might be the hardest virtue of all to imitate. It is all too easy to let a hurt fester and grow instead of choosing to forgive and let it go. I recently read a reflection that spoke about turning the family home into a confessional and not a courtroom. Let's not become the judge and jury when it comes to our family. Instead, let's recognize that we all have imperfections, and we are all sinners. When we do sin, let's take it to the confessional of our homes. Let's admit to any wrongdoing, ask for forgiveness, show mercy, and move on!

*Be Present in Communication* – The Holy Family certainly didn't have as many distractions when it comes to communicating as we do today. It's ironic that the very devices we use to communicate, such as cell phones, computers, and tablets, actually get in the way of us being present in our communication to one another.

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To emulate the Holy Family's means of communicating, we can take simple steps like looking each other in the eye when we speak, putting aside our cell phones or an activity when someone is talking to us, and basically just *listen*. To emphasize this point, on the Feast of the Holy Family this year, Pope Francis challenged all families to put their cell phones away during family mealtime and is encouraging us to communicate just like the Holy Family did.

As we look to the New Year, these are just a few simple things we can do to be like the Holy Family.

Blessings to you and your family this New Year!

Please note that I will be away from the parish and on a retreat from December 27–December 31. I will be spending my time at Pacem in Terris. Please remember me in your prayers, as I remember you and our church family in mine.

God bless,

Fr. Bodin



Interested? Please call Kathy Fraser at 651-982-2217 or Lisa Engstrom at 651-982-2229.

## MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday......5:00 pm Sunday: 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am, 5:30 pm DAILY MASS Monday – Saturday.......8:30 am

#### CONFESSION

#### 24 HOUR PRAYER CHAIN

651-462-0221 or 651-213-1220

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday.... 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated twice a month. Please contact the Executive Admin. Assistant to schedule both the Baptism Preparation Class and the Baptism. Register at stpeterfl.org/baptism.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING** To schedule, please call the Pastoral Care Office or the Parish Office (*follow prompts*).

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY** Please call the Director of Liturgy, one year in advance, to begin the marriage prep program and to schedule the wedding.

#### HOSPITALIZED/HOMEBOUND

The sick/homebound may arrange to receive Holy Communion by calling the Parish Office at 651-982-2200.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Please call the Executive Admin. Assistant Office to schedule in advance *(up to 1 year)*.

**PERPETUAL ADORATION** Visit us online at: *https://stpeterfl.org/adoration* 

**BULLETIN INQUIRIES** Contact our Communications Coordinator.

## MISSION

We, the Church of Saint Peter, in union with Rome and serving the Forest Lake area, are called to make Jesus Christ known and loved.

We do this through our families, neighbors, school and places of work, recognizing Christ in all people.

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To add or remove a name from this list, please contact: Lisa Engstrom: 651-982-2229 lengstrom@stpeterfl.org



Please join us for our grief and loss support group. Sign in is from 9:15-9:30 am. Anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one is encouraged to attend and invited to bring guests. Our Facilitator will by Cindy Casey.

If you are unable to make the morning session and would like to participate in an evening session, please contact Lisa or Cindy. If there is enough interest, we will also offer an evening session.

To register or for more information, please contact: Lisa Engstrom at 651-982-2229 | lengstrom@stpeterfl.org Cindy Casey at 651-249-8807 | cnccasey@gmail.com

## FIRST FRIDAY REPARATIONS

On **Friday**, **January 7**, you will have the opportunity to take part in the special First Friday Reparations to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 8:15 am, before the 8:30 am Daily Mass.

## FIRST SATURDAY REPARATIONS

On **Saturday**, **January 1**, you are invited to take part in the devotion of First Saturdays, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, which carries with it the assurance of the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of death.

However, to derive profit from such a great promise of Our Lady, the devotion must be properly understood and duly performed.

The requirements as stipulated by Our Lady are as follows:

- 1. Confession
- 2. Communion
- 3. Five Decades of the Rosary
- 4. Meditation
- 5. To do all these things in the spirit of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 6. To observe these practices on the First Saturday of the month for five consecutive months.

The Holy Rosary with meditations will follow 8:30 am Daily Mass. Confessions are available after Mass.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

8:00 am Dick Ahlstrom † 9:30 am Rachel Cina 11:00 am People of the Parish Fr. Lloyd Janski † 5:30 pm MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021 Fulton Dobbs 8:30 am **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021** 8:30 am Chad Liston † WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021 8:30 am Susan Engstrom THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2021 8:30 am Peterson Family FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021 8:30 am Patrick Frischmon † SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021

8:30 am Emblem & Myrtle Sires † 5:00 pm People of the Parish

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2021

Robert Jr., Daniel, & Elizabeth
Bilotta †
Dick Ahlstrom †
Judy Gallaty †
Joseph Tricker †

## WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

#### Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-
	17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf.
	5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5–2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-
	6/Mt 2:1-12
Observances	s for the week of December 26, 2021
Sunday:	The Holy Family
Monday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Friday:	St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Saturday:	New Year's Day: Mary, The Holy Mother of God: World

- Day of Peace
- **Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

## WEEKLY GIVING

#### DECEMBER 11-12, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$26,901.00
Sunday Plate	\$1,369.26
Electronic	\$9,171.54
Total Weekly	\$37,441.80
Anticipated Weekly	<u>\$17,385.96</u>
Difference + or (-)	\$20,055.84

#### FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022

Received Year to Date	\$526,526.31
Anticipated Year to Date	\$482,383.58
Difference + or (-)	\$44,142.73



## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

SUNDA	Y, DECEMBER 26, 2021
	Sunday Mass
	Sunday Mass
11:00 am	Sunday Mass
	Sunday Mass
MONDA	AY, DECEMBER 27, 2021
8:30 am	Daily Mass/Rosary/Confession
TUESDA	AY, DECEMBER 28, 2021
8:00 am	Why Pray? Retreat
8:30 am	Daily Mass/Rosary/Confession
WEDNES	SDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021
8:15 am	Chaplet for Youth
8:30 am	Daily Mass/Rosary/Confession
THURSE	DAY, DECEMBER 30, 2021
8:30 am	Daily Mass/Rosary/Confession
FRIDAY	, DECEMBER 31, 2021
8:30 am	Daily Mass/Rosary/Confession
SATURE	DAY, JANUARY 1, 2021
8:30 am	*Solemnity of Mary Mass
3:30 pm	Confessions
5:00 pm	Anticipatory Mass
<b>SUNDA</b>	Y, JANUARY 2, 2021
	Sunday Mass
	Sunday Mass
11:00 am	Sunday Mass
5:30 pm	Sunday Mass

\* Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year



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## FAITH FORMATION

## **Christ's Intimate Relationship with the Father**

Mary sought to understand why Jesus remained at the temple rather than returning home to Nazareth. Christ responded, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?'" (Lk 2:48-49). Christ knows he is a Son of God the Father and labels his relationship as filial. Christ wondered why his parents were searching for him. Of course, he must be in his Father's house, that is where sons belong. Obviously, he was with his Father at the temple – a place where Joseph and Mary would bring him to partake in the liturgical rituals of offering sacrifice and praise to the Father, a place where Jesus himself was taught to pray to His Father.

Throughout the Gospels it is further demonstrated Jesus had a vibrant and committed relationship with the Father. Jesus spent a massive portion of his public ministry crying out to the Father in prayer and pouring his heart out to him at many occasions recorded in the Gospels:

"But so much the more the report went abroad concerning him; and great multitudes gathered to hear and to be healed of their infirmities. But he withdrew to the wilderness and prayed" (Luke 5:15-17).

"Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased'" (Lk 3:21-22).

"And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed" (Mark 1:35).

"And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray" (Mt 14:23).

Furthermore, Jesus is shown to have spent the night in prayer before choosing the twelve apostles, indicating that his decision was a response to a conversation between Him and the Father. "In these days he went out to the hills *to pray*; and all night he continued in prayer to God. And when it was day, he called his disciples, and chose from them twelve, who he named apostles" (Lk 6:12-13).

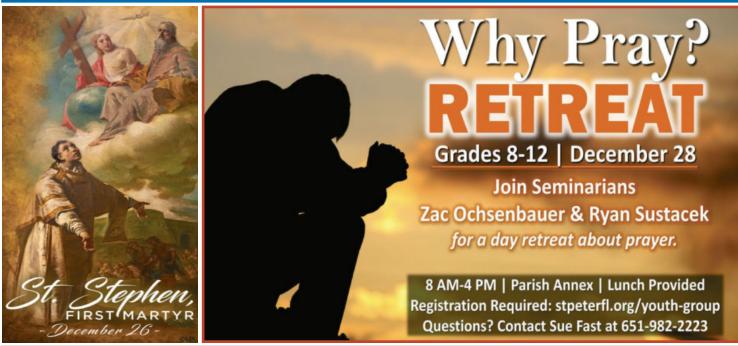
Yet, in addition to mentioning times when Jesus prayed, the Gospels also relate various prayers of Christ to the Father which reveal further insight into Christ's life of prayer. In the Garden of Gethsemane, when Jesus was sorrowful and troubled, "He fell on his face and prayed, 'My Father, if it be possible, let this chalice pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will" (Mt 26:39). In the agony of the Garden, Jesus wrestled in anxiety and distress, expressing his weakness to the Father in prayer. This is not the first time Jesus is said to have spent the night in prayer. Rather than being a singular moment in the life of Christ of him sharing his distress with the Father, this could have been a way of relating to the Father that can shed light on the numerous other prayer times throughout Christ's life. On the cross at the crucifixion, a prayer cried out by Christ was "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46). We see here how Jesus cries out to the Father in distress by harkening back to the 22nd Psalm. "Psalm 22 is Israel's great cry of anguish, in the midst of its sufferings, addressed to the apparently silent God...But then the cry of anguish changes into a profession of trust, for in the space of three verses a resounding answer to prayer is anticipated and celebrated."<sup>1</sup> This act of reciting the psalms as a prayer is seen within the Jewish tradition as a way of prayer. For Christ to recall a psalm in his prayer to the Father in his greatest moment of tribulation and suffering, it is probable that crying out to the Father through the words of the psalms was already a habit in his life of prayer and a way he conveyed his experience of human emotion to the Father.

#### *From our Director of Faith Formation – Continued from page 6*

How is a disciple and friend to Jesus to react to Christ's intimate and deep relationship with the Father? Looking to scripture, the disciples were struck by Christ's relationship with the Father. They wanted to relate to the Father like Christ related to the Father. On one occasion, Jesus "was praying in a certain place, and when he ceased, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his disciples'" (Luke 11:1). The witness of the way Jesus lived his life begged the question from his disciples, teach me how to pray, teach me how to live in relationship with the Father like you do Jesus. The disciples took note that Christ's relationship with the Father was sacred to him, and they wanted it to be an important part of their life as well. We are to take note of Christ's relationship with the Father and enter into a relationship with the Father ourselves.

#### -Megan Healy | Director of Faith Formation

<sup>1</sup> Ratzinger, Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week from the Entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection (Ignatius Press, 2011), 205.





#### **Prayer for Family Commitment** Dear God our Father, you have called all Christian

Dear God our Father, you have called all Christian families to be a sign of your love to the world.

Help us to be generous with the gifts of life and love that you have showered on our family. May we share them so that our homes become true signs of unitive and fruitful love.

Let us never forget to thank you each day for all that sustains us and to look to Christ, who comes to us in the events of family life, in the sacraments of the Church, and in service to the poor.

In all of this, our family becomes a living expression of your Church, a hallowed home of life and love. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may all of us—spouses, parents, and children— share, as members of his Body, in Jesus' mission to build a civilization of love. Father, we ask this in Jesus' name in union with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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## **RESPECT LIFE**



May the Incarnation of Jesus remind us of the dignity of each human life. In the spirit of

"making room in the inn," we refer you to the list of helping organizations posted on the Respect Life bulletin board at the north entrance of church. There are supportive services for pregnant women and families in need. For victims of abortion there is spiritual and psychological help to bring peace.

May the Prince of Peace be with you during this Christmas season and throughout the new year!



Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand. to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen. – Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

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#### SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH DECEMBER 26, 2021



## YEAR-END DONATION CONSIDERATIONS

The parishioners in this parish have consistently been incredibly generous over the years. You have always stepped up and provided financial resources when they were needed. We are most grateful. In anticipation of the end of the year, we have provided some donation guidelines and options for you to consider.

- All donations made in person must be received by the Church on **December 31**.
- Electronic gift processing needs to start by **December 31**.
- Stock gifts need to be transferred to the parish by **December 31**.
- Any gifts received via regular mail need to have a postmark no later than **December 31** to be included in calendar 2021 giving.

## CASH GIFTS

Cash donations up to \$600.00 qualify for a tax deduction for those who do not itemize. 100% of cash contributions are eligible for those who do itemize their tax return.

## GIVING APPRECIATED PROPERTY

If you own investments (stocks, bonds, real estate, or mutual funds), you can donate and take a charitable income tax deduction for the full fair market value and avoid declaring the capital gain of the assets as income. It is best to consult with your financial advisor if you are considering an investment donation.

## May God continue to bless you for your financial support of our parish.

Questions? Please contact St. Peter's Accounting Team at 651-982-2205 or visit us online at stpeterfl.org/give.

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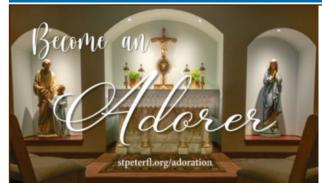
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## DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



Adoration Chapel How Sunday 12:30 pm-Saturday 4:45 pm

Spend the best hour of your week in the Adoration Chapel with our Lord! Visitors Welcome!

ADORATION SCHEDULE 2 Adorers are needed!

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 Only 1 scheduled adorer; 1 adorer needed

 Chapel Closed

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Questions? Contact Staff Coordinators Bonnie Wurscher | bwurscher@stpeterfl.org Kathy Rubio | krubio@stpeterfl.org

Time	12am	1am	2am	3am	4am	5am	6am	7am	8am	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm	11pm
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