

**NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**DECEMBER 25TH, 2021**

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory,  
the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

# ST. PETER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



**THE HOLY FAMILY**

**DECEMBER 26, 2021**

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.

Luke 2:46-47

	<b>OBSERVANCES</b>	<b>READINGS</b>	<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	<b>CHURCH EVENTS</b>
<b>Sunday December 26</b>	The Holy Family	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18	<b>7:00 AM</b> +Theodore Gutierrez <b>9:00 AM</b> Bill and Ruthe Callahan <b>11:00 AM</b> +Bob and Jackie Rowe <b>6:00 PM</b> People of St. Peter	<b>Gift Shop Closed</b> <b>No Religious Ed Classes</b>
<b>Monday December 27</b>	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	1 John 1:1-4 Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 John 20:1a, 2-8	<b>12:10 PM</b> +Charlie Baca	<b>Gift Shop Closed</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Eucharistic Adoration Begins <b>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM</b> Food Pantry Open
<b>Tuesday December 28</b>	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	1 John 1:5—2:2 Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 Matthew 2:13-18	<b>12:10 PM</b> +Sister Inez Arkell	<b>10:00 AM-1:00 PM</b> Gift Shop Open
<b>Wednesday December 29</b>	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr	1 John 2:3-11 Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Luke 2:22-35	<b>12:10 PM</b> +Joe Dwyer	<b>10:00 AM-1:00 PM</b> Gift Shop Open <b>11:30 AM</b> Confession <b>No Youth Group or Adult Faith Formation</b>
<b>Thursday December 30</b>		1 John 2:12-17 Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Luke 2:36-40	<b>12:10 PM</b> +Paul Rodrigues	<b>10:00 AM-12:00 PM</b> Gift Shop Open <b>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM</b> Food Pantry Open <b>5:00 PM</b> Eucharistic Adoration Ends
<b>Friday December 31</b>	St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve	1 John 2:18-21 Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 John 1:1-18	<b>12:10PM</b> +Henry Cahoj <b>6:00PM</b> +Jackie Rowe	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Saturday January 1</b>	Mary, The Holy Mother of God World Day of Peace	Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21	<b>9:00 AM</b> Mary Blattner <b>4:00 PM</b> People of St. Peter	<b>2:00 PM</b> Confession - Church
<b>Sunday January 2</b>		Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12		



## Angelic Accents Gift Shop

PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR IN THE  
BULLETIN FOR OUR CHRISTMAS AND  
NEW YEAR'S HOURS



**Our meetings are Sundays**  
**at 10:00AM in the School**

**Our next meeting is Sunday, January 16th**

**Nick S., a real life firefighter,**  
**will teach us about fire safety.**

Our full schedule is available at  
[stpetergreeley.org/ministries/ahg](http://stpetergreeley.org/ministries/ahg)

## PERMANENT MASS TIME CHANGE

Beginning December 25th, there will no longer be  
a 6:00 PM Saturday evening Mass.

Sign-up will no longer be required for the 4:00 PM Mass,  
Communion will continue to be distributed on hand only.



## Women Growing in Christ

**Our next gathering is Saturday, January 8th**  
at 9:45 am in the church basement.

We will be discussing the Christian meaning of death and  
the resurrection of the body.

**Read your book so you can engage in a great discussion!**

Questions? Contact Susan LaBonde 970-353-3342



## PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST

+Mary Ellen Budd, Joe Duenas, +Merle Gaspers,  
James Gavin, Angela Herrera, NJ King, Kelly Little,  
Helen Lopez, +Peggy Martin, Sirous Moreno, Mike  
Neighbors, Mary Neurerburg, Penelope Robinson, Gil  
Romero, Anthony Salazar, Pat Schultz, , +Stan Small,  
Pat Smith, Ray Sobieski, Juanita Vigil-Guy, Jeremiah  
Villnueva, Jimmy Lee Villnueva, Teresa Villnueva,  
Madeline Zuhlke

## Holy Family Reflection

On the Feast of the Holy Family, Luke notes in his telling of the Gospel that Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem each year for the Feast of the Passover. This fact indicates that the Holy Family lived according to the Jewish Law, and their twelve-year-old Son was already accustomed to the religious practices which the boy was obliged to follow from the age of thirteen. The significance of the events in today's passage, specifically the discussion with scholars, is that Jesus calls God his Father for the first time. Jesus knew that all his earthly life was subordinated to the fulfillment of the Father's will and mission.

Following the example of the Holy Family, every Christian family is to grow in holiness by doing the Father's will. Holiness consists in developing love between parents and in giving it to their children. The more complete they love God in Christ, the greater the progress in the parents' holiness, and thus the greater the love for children and care for their sanctification. Hence, the personal unity of parents in love that comes from God, becomes a source of sanctification for all family members, because bringing up children is an act of cooperation with God's grace.

Helpful instrument in strengthening the connection with God and among family members is family prayer, which bestows on the family the power of the Spirit, gives the strength of love and fortifies its indissolubility. If family prayer is a spiritual pillar of daily life, it also is a source of God's blessing and a foundation of mutual love, which radiates beyond the family ties: to friends, local communities, parish life and in fact all human relationships.

It is not a coincidence that we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on Sunday. The Lord's Day is a special day that unites the family to remain in God. Hence it is an imperative for a family to take an active part in the Sunday religious activities, with Eucharist being the heart of Sunday. Therefore, it is important to plan Sundays as days of spending time together, telling upbuilding stories and getting to know each other in the context of our faith. It is also a great opportunity for practicing forgiveness, for finding a time for spiritual reading and reflection, for prayer. It is a time for gestures of respect, love and gratitude. Family religious practices connect us with each other in the context of God, our human existence with the existence of God, our weakness with His power, and our present life with the promise of eternity.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**“Behold, I come to do your will.”**

As we draw close to the great Feast of the Nativity, we hear the bold stewardship proclamation twice in today’s second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: “Behold, I come to do your will, O God!” Who is this Jesus? Who are we that A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT we should follow him? Many want him as a friend, a guide, a king, an advocate. We long to see the face of God. Jesus reveals the nature of God, the servant sent to give us new life in Him. Take time to ponder: Do we have the courage to follow Jesus? To show others the face of God? To say to the Lord: “Behold, I come to do your will?”



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### Building a Beacon of Light November 14th-December 31st

Because John Paul II High School is not attached to a particular parish, our operations are entirely funded by the generosity of individuals.

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## Spiritual Adoption

I am here!

As you know though, my birth was not the beginning of my life. My life began nine months ago when my parents contributed their



love to each other to form this unique human being. At that miraculous moment I also received my soul from God making me an immortal being. God’s plan for me is to live my life on earth then join Him in my heavenly home forever. Thank you on behalf of all babies and their mothers for your loving prayers that helped to bring us to birth **“so that they might have life and have it to the full!”** (John 10:10)

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### MASS TIMES

#### SATURDAY (ANTICIPATORY)

4:00PM

#### SUNDAY

7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 6:00PM

#### WEEKDAY

MONDAY - FRIDAY 12:10PM, SATURDAY 9:00AM

### CONFESSION

SATURDAY 2:00 PM, WEDNESDAY 11:30 AM

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

MONDAY 1:00PM - THURSDAY 5:00PM

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## *Nativity of the Lord Reflection*

On the day when the earth saw its Savior, we stop with an amazement at the greatest event in the history of the world. And we hear the encouragement: cry out for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Today we celebrate the joy that God has spoken to us through his Son. Deity and humanity come together. And the circumstances of Jesus's birth remind a little this year's Christmas celebrations for many of us - unable to sit down at the table with all our relatives.

The Word became flesh and dwelled among us, so that we may all follow the Truth like humble shepherds. The Son of God accepts the poverty of the flesh so that we may obtain the riches of His divinity. He has given up his glory so that we may share in his fullness. God from the heights of heaven, from the glorious eternity, descends to earth, reaches the bottom level where man resides. Becoming like us in everything but sin, He accepts our poverty and misfortunes, our tears and anxiety, our loneliness and lowliness. In the same time humanity is lifted upwards, reaching the heights of God's life.

In the act of Incarnation, the glory of the Lord is revealed in Christ to every creature on earth. Jesus interprets God's nature so that creation is capable of comprehending it. In this event our perception and learning about God is changed. It begins right here, on earth, and through faith it will find the final culmination in the heavenly homeland. Then we will see Him as He is.

Jesus Christ, celebrated today in a Newborn Child, through his Incarnation, has united himself with every human being. And He desires our unity with one another. For no one can face life in isolation. That is why we need a community to support us, help us, one in which we help each other to look into the future.

We cannot celebrate this time without recognizing the reason for the season. Celebrating unspecified holidays loses its sense, because the sacred turns into profane. After all, Christians cannot celebrate the birthday of God-Man without the presence of the Jubilarian himself. This would be really inappropriate. It is sad that the very name of the Solemnity cannot pass through the mouths many...

God is born to bring us freedom, to dispel the darkness around us and to gift us with Himself. He wants us to shake off lethargy, boredom, apathy and fear and courageously rediscover our enthusiasm for life and faith.

## **JANUARY 1, 2022** **Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**



Friday, December 31st  
6:00 PM (Vigil Mass Sign-up Only)

Saturday, January 1st  
9:00 AM

### **OFFICE CLOSURES**

We will close at 4:00PM on Thursday, December 30th and reopens on Tuesday, January 3rd at 8am.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Next youth group is Wednesday, January 12th

Mountain Madness | January 18th - 20th  
Registration for all Junior High students  
will begin January 5th.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

RE classes resume Sunday, January 9th

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS**

AFF Class resumes Wednesday, January 5th

## **KEEP YOUR INFORMATION UP TO DATE**


We will be sending out year end statements;  
help us make sure you get yours!

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**address**, remember to update your information.  
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