



## APRIL 27, 2025 - SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

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Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 10:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

### Weekday Masses

Mon., Thu., Fri. 8:00am

Wed. 6:30pm

First Saturday 8:00am

### Reconciliation

Saturday 4:45pm - 5:15pm

Sunday 9:15am - 9:45am

Wednesday 5:15pm - 6:15pm

First Saturday 8:40am (following Mass)

Or by appointment

### Eucharistic Adoration

Mon., Thu., Fri. 1 hour following Mass

Wed. 5:15pm - 6:15pm

Extended adoration:

First Friday—Saturday 9:00am—8:00am

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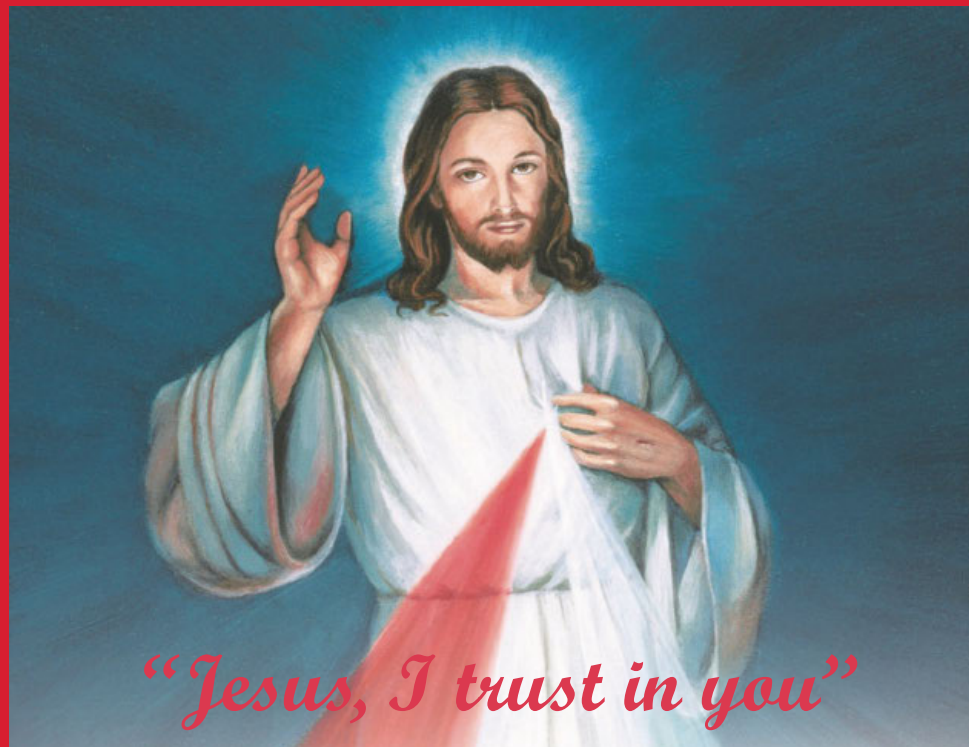
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*Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (Jn 20:21-23)*

### Sacraments

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Before scheduling an Infant Baptism, both parents are required to attend the Baptismal Preparation Class. Please contact the office to make arrangements.

#### Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples are required to contact Fr. Thomas Zahuta at least 9 months before they wish to marry, to arrange for instructions and spiritual preparation for the Sacrament.

#### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, Last Rites, or Viaticum

Call the parish number 706-648-2599  
In case of Sacramental Emergency /  
Danger of Death, listen for that option on  
the automated phone attendant or dial ext.  
104.

#### Communion for the Sick

Please advise the Parish Office of anyone admitted to the hospital or who is homebound and in need of the Ministry to the Infirm.



## Mass Intentions for the Week April 26 - May 4, 2025

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>April 26, 2025</b>
5:30 PM	Sebrina Somers
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>April 27, 2025 SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY</b>
10:00 AM	Sebrina Somers
12:30 PM	For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>April 28, 2025</b>
8:00 AM	Archdiocese of Atlanta Priests
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>April 30, 2025</b>
6:30 PM	Pope Francis †
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>May 1, 2025</b>
8:00 AM	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>May 2, 2025 ADORATION - FIRST FRIDAY</b>
8:00 AM	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 3, 2025 FIRST SATURDAY</b>
8:00 AM	Christina Druz
5:30 PM	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 4, 2025</b>
10:00 AM	Targonski Family, Living and Deceased
12:30 PM	For the People of the Parish

## Mass Readings for the Week of April 27, 2025

**Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15  
see 557: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Mt 11:25-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2-9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15  
see 560: 1 Jn 5:1-5 Mt 10:22-25

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14



## Prayer List ~ Lista de Oración

Joanne Clark, Deacon TC Mueninck,  
Sebrina Somers

## Eucharistic Adoration at St. Peter the Rock!

Every first Friday of the month we have extended Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 9:00am to 8:00am Saturday morning. Please consider spending one hour with our Eucharistic Lord. A sign up sheet is in the narthex. *In the Eucharist, the Son of God comes to meet us and desires to become one with us; eucharistic adoration is simply the natural consequence of the eucharistic celebration, which is itself the Church's supreme act of adoration.* (Pope Benedict XVI)



## Mass and Reconciliation on the First Saturday

Please join us the first Saturday of the month at 8:00am for Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will follow Mass at 8:40 am. In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary include the following elements, performed with the intention of reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart, for at least five consecutive months:

- 1) Confession (shortly before or after the First Saturday — so long as the person receives Holy Communion in a state of grace);
- 2) Holy Communion received on the First Saturday of each month;
- 3) the Holy Rosary, five decades recited sometime during the day; and
- 4) meditating for 15 minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary



## From the General Instruction of the Roman Missal



### The Altar and Its Ornamentation cont.

303. In building new churches, it is preferable for a single altar to be erected, one that in the gathering of the faithful will signify the one Christ and the one Eucharist of the Church.

In already existing churches, however, when the old altar is so positioned that it makes the people's participation difficult but cannot be moved without damage to artistic value, another fixed altar, skillfully made and properly dedicated, should be erected and the sacred rites celebrated on it alone. In order that the attention of the faithful not be distracted from the new altar, the old altar should not be decorated in any special way.

304. Out of reverence for the celebration of the memorial of the Lord and for the banquet in which the Body and Blood of the Lord are offered, there should be, on an altar where this is celebrated, at least one cloth, white in color, whose shape, size, and decoration are in keeping with the altar's structure. When, in the Dioceses of the United States of America, other cloths are used in addition to the altar cloth, then those cloths may be of other colors possessing Christian honorific or festive significance according to longstanding local usage, provided that the uppermost cloth covering the mensa (i.e., the altar cloth itself) is always white in color.

305. Moderation should be observed in the decoration of the altar.

During Advent the floral decoration of the altar should be marked by a moderation suited to the character of this time of year, without expressing in anticipation the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord. During Lent it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers. Exceptions, however, are Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts.

Floral decoration should always show moderation and be arranged around the altar rather than on the altar table.

## De la Instrucción General del Misal Romano (IGMR)

### El altar y su ornato continuación.

303. Al construir las nuevas iglesias conviene que se erija un único altar, que signifique en la asamblea de los fieles al único Cristo y a la única Eucaristía de la Iglesia.

En las iglesias ya construidas, donde el altar antiguo está situado de manera que hace difícil la participación del pueblo y no puede trasladarse sin el menoscabo del valor artístico, se deberá construir otro altar fijo, artísticamente confeccionado y que se ha de dedicar debidamente, y sólo sobre éste se realizarán las celebraciones sagradas. Para no distraer la atención de los fieles del nuevo altar, no se adorne el altar antiguo de manera especial.

304. Por reverencia a la celebración del memorial del Señor y al banquete en que se distribuye el Cuerpo y la Sangre del Señor, póngase sobre el altar, donde se celebra, por lo menos un mantel de color blanco, que, en forma, medida y ornamentación, armonice bien con la estructura del mismo altar. En las diócesis de los Estados Unidos de América, cuando se usan otros manteles además del mantel del altar, éstos pueden ser de otros colores de significado cristiano, honroso o festivo de acuerdo con la costumbre del lugar con tal de que el mantel de arriba que cubre la mensa (i.e., el mantel propio del altar) siempre sea de color blanco.

305. En la ornamentación del altar se deberá guardar moderación.

En el Tiempo de Adviento adórnese el altar con flores con la moderación conveniente al carácter de este tiempo, sin que se anticipe la plena alegría de la Natividad del Señor. En el Tiempo de Cuaresma se prohíbe adornar el altar con flores. Se exceptúa el domingo Laetare (IV de Cuaresma), las solemnidades y las fiestas.

El empleo de las flores como adorno para el altar ha de ser siempre moderado y se colocarán, más que sobre la mesa del altar, en torno a él.

### Divine Mercy Sunday — Three Conditions for the Plenary Indulgence:

- a *plenary indulgence*, granted under the usual conditions:
  - sacramental confession (8 day window)
  - Eucharistic communion (on Divine Mercy Sunday, & in a state of grace)
  - prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff (on Sunday)

To the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite:

- the Our Father and the Creed,
- adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g., "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!");
- a partial indulgence, granted to the faithful who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation.

**For those who cannot go to church or the seriously ill**, may obtain a *plenary indulgence* on Divine Mercy Sunday, if totally detesting any sin, as has been said before, and with the intention of fulfilling as soon as possible the three usual conditions, will recite the Our Father and the Creed before a devout image of Our Merciful Lord Jesus and, in addition, pray a devout invocation to the Merciful Lord Jesus (e.g., "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you").

Catechism Class - Mon. 6 PM

Bible Study - Thu. 6 PM

Clase de estudio bíblico en español Miércoles 7:15pm

### CCC - IV. The Divine Works and the Trinitarian Missions

#### God creates "out of nothing"

296 We believe that God needs no pre-existent thing or any help in order to create, nor is creation any sort of necessary emanation from the divine substance.144 God creates freely "out of nothing":145 (285)

If God had drawn the world from pre-existent matter, what would be so extraordinary in that? A human artisan makes from a given material whatever he wants, while God shows his power by starting from nothing to make all he wants.146

297 Scripture bears witness to faith in creation "out of nothing" as a truth full of promise and hope. Thus the mother of seven sons encourages them for martyrdom: (338)

I do not know how you came into being in my womb. It was not I who gave you life and breath, nor I who set in order the elements within each of you. Therefore the Creator of the world, who shaped the beginning of man and devised the origin of all things, will in his mercy give life and breath back to you again, since you now forget yourselves for the sake of his laws.... Look at the heaven and the earth and see everything that is in them, and recognize that God did not make them out of things that existed. Thus also mankind comes into being.147

298 Since God could create everything out of nothing, he can also, through the Holy Spirit, give spiritual life to sinners by creating a pure heart in them148 and bodily life to the dead through the Resurrection. God "gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist."149 And since God was able to make light shine in darkness by his Word, he can also give the light of faith to those who do not yet know him.150 (1375, 992)

144 Cf. Dei Filius, can. 2-4: DS 3022-3024. 145 Lateran Council IV (1215): DS 800; cf. DS 3025. 146 St. Theophilus of Antioch, Ad Autolyicum II, 4: PG 6, 1052. 147 2 Macc 7:22-23, 28. 148 Cf. Ps 51:12. 149 Rom 4:17. 150 Cf. Gen 1:3; 2 Cor 4:6.

### CCD SCHEDULE ( 11:15 am—12:15 pm)

05/03/25 - First Communion Rehearsal **Mandatory**  
05/04/25 - No Class **First Communion Mass**



The Knights of Columbus Council 12948 invite all mothers and their families to the **Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 10th from 9AM to 11AM** at St. Peter the Rock. Pancakes, sausage, bacon, orange juice, and coffee will be on the menu.



St. Peter the Rock Catholic Church is pleased to announce that we received a disbursement check of **\$5,000** from the Parish Assistance Fund at the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia and two additional checks from the endowment fund for **\$700** and **\$2,800**. These funds will be used to offset the cost to replace HVAC units that are no longer working in the chapel, kitchen and rectory.

### INCOME FY 2024-2025

Weekly offertory week ending Apr. 13th	\$4,488
Weekly budget	\$3,592
over/(under)	\$896

### KIDS CORNER

From the YOUCAT for Kids A Catholic Catechism for children and parents

### 48. What does the Holy Spirit look like?

**We cannot see the Holy Spirit.  
But we can see the results of his presence.**

**The Bible describes him  
in many powerful images.  
He is mighty like fire,  
gentle as a dove,  
thrilling like a storm,  
and tender as a soft whisper.**

The fruits of the Holy Spirit  
Love Joy Peace  
Patience Kindness  
Goodness Faithfulness  
Gentleness Self-Control  
(see Gal 5:22-23)

### Saint Quote:

You can do things that  
I cannot do. I can do  
things that you cannot do.  
Together, we can  
do great things.  
St. Teresa of Calcutta)



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