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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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## **JUNE 1, 2025 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**



*Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God. (Lk 24:50-53)*

#### **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 May 31 - June 8, 2025

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 31, 2025</b>
5:30 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Buck †
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>June 1, 2025</b> THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
10:00 AM	Tyrus Olson †
12:30 PM	For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>June 2, 2025</b>
8:00 AM	Mike Thrall †
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>June 4, 2025</b>
6:30 PM	Bobbie June Minick †
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>June 5, 2025</b>
8:00 AM	Gloria Schmude †
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>June 6, 2025</b> FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
8:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Al Hiden †
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>June 7, 2025</b>
8:00 AM	Laura Hiden † FIRST SATURDAY MASS
5:30 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McNamara †
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>June 8, 2025</b> PENTECOST / CONFIRMATION
10:00 AM	For the 2025 Confirmation Class
12:30 PM	For the People of the Parish

### Summer Heat & Our Dress for Mass

As the summer temperatures climb, please remember that your attire for Mass should be modest, dignified and respectful of the Lord's presence.

Shorts are not allowed in St. Peter's Basilica, and so we should follow the Church's lead for appropriate attire in the Lord's presence in the church and for Mass.

At St. Peter's women's dress length is to the knee and shoulders covered. Men are to wear pants and a short sleeve shirt.

Therefore everyone attending Mass should have their knees and shoulders covered.



**July 20 - 26, 2025** Pursue a lasting love ... **MARRIAGE**  
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### SUMMER BIBLE STUDY for CCD Students or those slightly older

Sundays in June and July 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM



### Prayer List ~ Lista de Oración

For all those with chronic illness, for all graduating seniors, for all those serving in the military here in the United States and abroad, and for all their families.

### Build the Church? Finish Phase II? Build the Pavillion?

SPTR Savings Accounts	Current Balance
<b>Pavillion Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 52,332.60</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 81,561.83</b>
<b>Future Building Campaign</b>	<b>\$ 114,732.06</b>
<b>Total Future Building Funds</b>	<b>\$ 196,284.89</b>
<b>Operating Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 21,632.29</b>



## From the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)



### The Place for the Reservation of the Most Holy Eucharist

317. In no way should any of the other things be forgotten which are prescribed by law concerning the reservation of the Most Holy Eucharist.[130]

### Sacred Images

318. In the earthly Liturgy, the Church participates, by a foretaste, in that heavenly Liturgy which is celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem, toward which she journeys as a pilgrim, and where Christ is seated at the right hand of God; and by venerating the memory of the Saints, she hopes one day to have some share and fellowship with them.[131]

Thus, in sacred buildings images of the Lord, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Saints, in accordance with most ancient tradition of the Church, should be displayed for veneration by the faithful [132] and should be so arranged so as to lead the faithful toward the mysteries of faith celebrated there. Care should, therefore, be taken that their number not be increased indiscriminately, and moreover that they be arranged in proper order so as not to draw the attention of the faithful to themselves and away from the celebration itself.[133] There should usually be only one image of any given Saint. Generally speaking, in the ornamentation and arrangement of a church, as far as images are concerned, provision should be made for the devotion of the entire community as well as for the beauty and dignity of the images.

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

### El lugar de conservación de la Santísima Eucaristía

317. Se han de observar también rigurosamente todas las demás disposiciones que, según la norma del derecho, están prescritas para la reserva de la Santísima Eucaristía[131].

### Imágenes sagradas

318. En la Liturgia terrena, la Iglesia participa, pregustándola, de aquella Liturgia celestial, que se celebra en la ciudad santa de Jerusalén, a la cual tiende como peregrina y donde Cristo está sentado a la derecha de Dios; y venerando la memoria de los santos, espera tener parte con ellos y disfrutar de su compañía[132].

Por eso, las imágenes del Señor, de la santísima Virgen y de los santos, según una tradición antiquísima de la Iglesia, se han de exponer a la veneración de los fieles en las iglesias [133], y se deben colocar de tal manera que conduzcan fácilmente a los fieles hacia los misterios que ahí se celebran. Por consiguiente, téngase cuidado de que no aumente indiscriminadamente su número, y de que en su colocación se guarde un justo orden para que no distraigan la atención de los fieles de la misma celebración[134]. No haya habitualmente más de una imagen del mismo santo. Y procúrese en general que la ornamentación y disposición de la iglesia, en lo referente a las imágenes, fomenten la auténtica piedad de toda la comunidad y la belleza y dignidad de las imágenes.



## Confirmation Mass And Reception

**JUNE 8, 2025 Mass: 10:00AM**



Please join us following Mass for a light reception with finger foods in the Narthex. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for food items.

### Communication of Gratitude

Dear Fr. Zahuta minister of St. Peter the Rock Church in Georgia, I hope this letter finds you well. I am Fr. Waleed AlMallah minister of St. Maroun Church in Mazraat Yachouh, Lebanon, the birthplace of Mr. Sam Zakka.

I am writing on behalf of my parish to thank you for the donation of the wheelchair you have sent with Mr. Zakka. We will put it to good use helping the elderly of our parish.

May our Lord bless you and your parishioners.

In Christ,

Fr. Waleed AlMallah



**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

#### Providence and the scandal of evil

309 If God the Father almighty, the Creator of the ordered and good world, cares for all his creatures, why does evil exist? To this question, as pressing as it is unavoidable and as painful as it is mysterious, no quick answer will suffice. Only Christian faith as a whole constitutes the answer to this question: the goodness of creation, the drama of sin, and the patient love of God who comes to meet man by his covenants, the redemptive Incarnation of his Son, his gift of the Spirit, his gathering of the Church, the power of the sacraments, and his call to a blessed life to which free creatures are invited to consent in advance, but from which, by a terrible mystery, they can also turn away in advance. There is not a single aspect of the Christian message that is not in part an answer to the question of evil. (164, 385, 2850)

310 But why did God not create a world so perfect that no evil could exist in it? With infinite power God could always create something better.<sup>174</sup> But with infinite wisdom and goodness God freely willed to create a world "in a state of journeying" toward its ultimate perfection. In God's plan this process of becoming involves the appearance of certain beings and the disappearance of others, the existence of the more perfect alongside the less perfect, both constructive and destructive forces of nature. With physical good there exists also physical evil as long as creation has not reached perfection.<sup>175</sup> (412, 1042-1050, 342)"

311 Angels and men, as intelligent and free creatures, have to journey toward their ultimate destinies by their free choice and preferential love. They can therefore go astray. Indeed, they have sinned. Thus has moral evil, incommensurably more harmful than physical evil, entered the world. God is in no way, directly or indirectly, the cause of moral evil.<sup>176</sup> He permits it, however, because he respects the freedom of his creatures and, mysteriously, knows how to derive good from it: (396, 1849)

For almighty God... , because he is supremely good, would never allow any evil whatsoever to exist in his works if he were not so all-powerful and good as to cause good to emerge from evil itself.<sup>177</sup>

174 Cf. St. Thomas Aquinas, STh I, 25, 6. 175 Cf. St. Thomas Aquinas, SCG III, 71. 176 Cf. St. Augustine, De libero arbitrio 1, 1, 2: PL 32, 1223; St. Thomas Aquinas, STh I-II, 79, 1. 177 St. Augustine, Enchiridion 3, 11: PL 40, 236.

## Confirmation Rehearsal is Saturday June 7th at 12noon.

For the deacon, altar server, and confirmands  
(those being confirmed).



### ROSARY AND POTLUCK MEAL

Join us on Sunday, June 15, 2025 at 2:00 PM to pray the rosary as a church followed by a potluck meal. Bring your favorite dish to share.



### St. Peter the Rock Ladies Group Meeting

Ladies please join us for our meeting **this Sunday, June 1st at 11:15 AM** in the large conference room at the end of the CCD classroom hallway.



### St. Peter the Rock wishes you safe travels!

Your parish won't shut down during the summer, so we really need your financial giving even if you are enjoying your time at the beach. Enjoy that beverage with the little umbrella in it, but please remember St. Peter the Rock parish while you are away.

### INCOME FY 2024-2025

Weekly offertory week ending May 18th	\$3,077
Weekly budget	\$3,592
over/(under)	(\$515)

### KIDS CORNER

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

## 52. What does it mean to go to church?

**The church is not just a building that people walk in and out of.**

**"Going to church" means more than entering a building. It means meeting Jesus himself.**

When we enter a Catholic church, Jesus is present there.

When we go to Mass, we meet Jesus by listening to his words and receiving Holy Communion.

We also meet Jesus in the other members of his body, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

After Mass, we all bring Jesus with us into the world.

### Saint Quote:

"He cannot have God for his Father, who has not the Church for his mother." (St. Cyprian +258)



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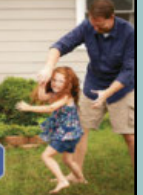
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