



St. Peter's Church

Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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FOR CURRENT SCHEDULE**

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 12:00 noon

Saturday evening: 5:00 p.m.

(Sunday obligation satisfied)

Sundays: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,
12:30 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 11:40 a.m.,
12:15 p.m., 1:15 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Consult bulletin for special Holy Day and
Holiday Schedules.

CONFESSIONS

Weekdays: 7:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 12:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Consult bulletin for special Holy Day Schedule.

DEVOTIONS/PRAYER

Mondays & Wednesdays:

Evening Prayer after 5:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesdays: St. Anthony devotions after
every Mass

Friday: Marian devotions after 1:15 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday - Friday 1:45—4:45 p.m.

Benediction: Monday - Friday , 4:45 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 12 noon - 6:00 p.m.

CHURCH HOURS

Weekdays: 5:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:30 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.



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Catholic Resources

Please view the following websites for daily Mass, prayers and spiritual support:

www.archchicago.org

www.vatican.va

www.usccb.org

www.catholicstv.org

www.ewtn.com

www.relevantradio.com

Saints' Days and Observances

Sun., November 29: 1st Sunday of Advent

Mon., November 30: St. Andrew

Tues., December 1: Advent Weekday

Wed., December 2: Advent Weekday

Thurs., December 3: St. Francis Xavier

Fri., December 4: Advent Weekday

Sat., December 5: Advent Weekday

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FRANCISCAN PROVINCE
OF THE SACRED HEART

ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed to St. Peter's collection this past week. Your gifts are essential to our ministry, and we are grateful.

Weekly Goal\$ 12,000

November 8-14 **Total**\$ 1,915

Difference.....\$ -10,085

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



This weekend November 28-29, we begin a new Church year with the First Sunday of Advent. This Advent and Christmas season will be very different than what many of us remember from previous years. The continuing threat of the

COVID-19 virus and the need to implement safe guidelines for the health of everyone means significant changes in the schedule for Advent/Christmas programs and liturgical services here at St. Peter's. Our lives and regular routines and life have been greatly changed in the past few months. As I write these words (November 18) the presence of the COVID virus has greatly increased throughout the world and right here in Chicago. Many restaurants, bars, small businesses and other venues have been ordered closed to help stop the spread of this deadly disease. It is our hope that with increased attention to wearing masks, keeping safe distances, using good hygiene and other preventative measures the church will be able to stay open.



While we wish everyone would be able to come to church for prayer, sacraments and visits, as we did in the pre-virus time, the danger of this virus necessitates that we follow the health guidelines of the Archdiocese and our local health

department. If you are elderly, have a pre-existing health condition, have a fever, are feeling sick, have a persistent cough or other health conditions please remain at home for your own health and the well-being others.

I remind you that the Archdiocese of Chicago, due to the on-going danger from the COVID-19 virus pandemic, continues the dispensation from the obligation of attending Sunday and Holy Day Masses for all Catholics within the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Archdiocese directive states, *"...that those of the faithful who are unable to participate in-person at Masses, due to age, health reasons, travel difficulties, etc. are encouraged to participate via a livestream/ broadcast and offer an Act of Spiritual Communion, in union with the entire People of God in the archdiocese and throughout the world in this time of stress and difficulty."*



Here is some advance information for Advent and Christmas services that we will be able to offer here at St. Peter's Church during December. (Because of changing health situations at this time we may have to adjust the following

schedules. Be sure and check our web site or Facebook for the latest updates to our schedules.)

CONFESSIONS - Because of City and Archdiocesan virus and health safety restrictions we will NOT be able to offer Penance Services during Advent as we have in previous years. Beginning Monday, December 14 we will have two reconciliation rooms and two priests available for confessions. Confessions are scheduled Monday-Saturday from 10:30 am until 3:00 pm the week of December 14-19 and from 10:30am until 3:00 pm from December 21-23. Please note there are no confessions scheduled for December 24. On December 24 the church is closed for cleaning and decorating and will open at 3:00 pm for the 4:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass. If you plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Peter's during Advent be sure to mark these days and times in your calendar.

FEASTS OF MARY - Tuesday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of our country. We will celebrate the feast with Masses at 11:40 am and 1:15 pm. On Saturday, December 12 is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and Respect Life. We will celebrate this feast with a special Mass on Saturday, December 12 at 12 noon.

As with all Masses celebrated in churches at this time, you are asked to call and reserve a place in church before coming to church. All churches are required to have seating spaces designated with social distance and are capacity limited for the number of people who may attend Mass. Even though St. Peter's Church is a large space we can only admit 25% of our capacity of people for Masses. Please remember that even with the holiday season Masses we can only allow a certain number of people in to church in order to help stop the spread of the corona virus. So remember to tell your friends who might be planning on attending Mass during the holidays to plan ahead and reserve a space in whatever church they plan to worship in during the Christmas season.



The annual **Friars and Friends Christmas Concert** will be *"Live Streamed"* on You Tube

this year on Thursday, December 10 from 5:00-6:00 pm. Though we can't open our doors to have you present for this concert we hope you will join us virtually as we share holiday music and reflections.

We will offer these Advent reflections via You Tube or Zoom before Christmas. Presenters will be:
Advent Week One: Fr. Robert Hutmacher, OFM
"Mary in Advent Through Scripture and Art"



Advent Week Two: Fr. Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM
"The Real Christmas Story: the Unveiling Truth within the Infancy Narratives"

Advent Week Three: Fr Ed Shea, OFM, *"Where Are Your? What Are you Looking For?: Biblical Reflections on the Mystery of Advent"*

Advent Week Four: Fr. Derran Combs, OFM *"From Virus to Virtue: Finding Hope and Joy at Christmastime"*



If you are looking for some books to read during the Advent/Christmas season visit our bookstore/gift shop for some good reading materials.

If you are wondering what to read ask Lisa or Steve in the

store for some suggestions. The gift shop also has a number of Christmas items that would make excellent gifts for someone you know.

CHRISTMAS MASSES - Due to the COVID restrictions we will be offering a modified schedule for Christmas Masses here at St. Peter's Church. Though we are not able to have a choir and many of our other traditions this year we will have Christmas songs at Masses and a cantor. Our Christmas Masses will be celebrated as noted below.

Thursday, Christmas Eve, December 24 at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. We are hoping to be able to live stream the 4 pm Mass, especially for the elderly and those who health will prevent them from attending Mass.

Friday, Christmas Day, December 25 Masses will be at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. The church will be closed after the 11 am Mass for the day.

Thursday, December 31, New Year's Eve Mass at 5:00 pm

Friday, January 1, 2021, New Year's Day Mass at 10:00 am

Remember that with the increasing rise in the spread of the COVID virus please wear a mask, wash your hands frequently and maintain a safe & healthy distance from others. Please keep in your prayers those who are suffering because of this virus and those who have died. Say some extra prayers for our health care workers and all who work in hospitals and nursing homes or those taking care of their loved ones at home.

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests now in retirement are often experiencing difficulty in meeting their health care expenses. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes, often for little or no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings to care for these elderly religious. Each year every parish in the USA takes up a collection to help care for these men and women who

for many years dedicated their lives to the service of others. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care and more. In the Archdiocese of Chicago this collection will be taken up December 12-13. More information in next weekend's bulletin.

Fr. Michael



Spiritual Direction is a way of listening for God's wisdom and understanding in our daily life by talking about our relationship with God and others.

Sr. Fran Sulzer FSPA, D. Min. and **Br. Guillermo Morales OFM** will work with persons who contact them for an appointment. Sr. Fran is also a counselor for people who choose or need a more clinical approach.

Appointments can be made for times between

10:30 am and 3 pm.

To contact Sr. Fran email:

fmsulzer@gmail.com

To contact Br. Guillermo email:

gamorales05@gmail.com

A Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

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;

And 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;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



ZOOM Mass Schedule Sundays at 5 pm

As we continue to face the coronavirus pandemic, we will also continue to celebrate a weekly Mass on ZOOM here at St. Peter's. **Fr. Ed Shea OFM** will celebrate the Mass every Sunday at 5:00 pm until further notice. **To access the ZOOM Mass, use the following Code and Password:**

<https://zoom.us/j/7738924134>

Password: EdSheaOFM

St. Peter's Church Mass Schedule

Mondays through Fridays

Mass Times: 11:40 am & 1:15 pm

Sundays

Mass Times: 9 am and 11 am

Church Open for Mass 8:30 am until 12:30 pm

A reservation is required to attend Mass.

Please call the Church Office at 312-372-5111

**Monday-Friday between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm
or on Saturday between 10:30 am and 4:30 pm.**

Confession

Mondays through Saturdays

10:30 am until 3 pm

Room B in the Lower Level Auditorium

For further information please view the website www.stptersloop.org or call 312-372-5111.

Everyone entering the building must wear a face mask at all times and practice social distancing.



St. Peter's Young Adults SPYA

**Meets Mondays, 5:30-7 pm
Via ZOOM**

To access the ZOOM Meeting, use the following Code:

<https://zoom.us/j/7738924134>

Password: EdSheaOFM

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

Mt. 25:31-46

Happy New Year! This weekend marks the First Sunday of Advent and, with it, the beginning of the new Liturgical Year. Colors in church shift from green (for Ordinary Time) to purple. Days grow shorter, nights longer, and winter invites us to come inside and sit by the fire. Only yesterday, it seems, the leaves were flaming across the hillside. Today they lay bruised and broken, brought to earth by November winds.



"Be watchful! Be alert!" A couple of weeks ago, on their way home from running some errands, the car some friends of mine were driving collided with a deer. Thankfully, no one was hurt (although we're not sure about the deer, since it ran away) and a phone call to their insurance agent was all that it took to make things right. But at this time of year in Wisconsin such a collision can be fatal.

"Be watchful! Be alert!" These days no one would even consider driving without seatbelts fastened, especially at night or on an icy road. Why? Because no matter how watchful or alert we are, accidents can happen. Dangerous situations exist and not even the most cautious among us is immune. Like Jesus' disciples, we "...do not know when the time will come."

But what about situations that can be dangerous to our spirit? Are we alert to gossip and the whiplash it can cause? To less-than-honest business practices and the unseen dangers that can dart out at us on that road? Are we aware of where the products we buy come from? The websites we visit? Dark roads can be dangerous—are we prepared for whatever we might find around the next curve?

Like the servants of the "...man traveling abroad..." each of us has our "...own work..." to do. When our customer, our client, or our insurance agent calls do we recognize "...the lord of the house..."? Does the quality of our work reflect our readiness? Are we awake to the opportunities for good our work offers? Mark's Gospel reminds us to be watchful and alert. Come to think of it, that might make a pretty good New Year's resolution.

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Coming Soon!
St. Peter's Church
4th Annual

FRIARS & FRIENDS
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday, December 10th ~ 5-6 pm
Live Streamed on YouTube!

Purchase a "ticket" for \$10 by clicking the online giving link on the website stpetersloop.org.



St. Peter's Church
Virtual Advent Lecture Series

Advent Before Christmas:
Celebrating the Incarnation in Word and Song

December 1, 8, 15, 22

View on St. Peter's YouTube Channel!



Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24

4 pm & 7 pm—Church Opens at 3 pm
4 pm Mass Live Streamed on YouTube

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25

9 am & 11 am

The church will be closed after the 11 am Mass for the day.

New Year's Eve Mass

Thursday, December 31

5 pm

New Year's Day Mass

Friday, January 1, 2021

10 am

Reservations are required to attend all Masses.
Call 312-372-5111 to reserve a space at Mass.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Celebrated at St. Peter's
Tuesday, December 8
Masses

11:40 am & 1:15 pm

Reservation Required

Please call 312-372-5111 to reserve a space at Mass.



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Saturday, December 12

Mass ~ 12 pm

Reservation Required

Please call 312-372-5111 to reserve a space at Mass.



Reconciliation at St. Peter's Church

Beginning Monday, December 14
through December 19 and
December 21 through December 23

Two Confession Rooms will be available
Monday through Saturday
10:30 am until 3 pm

No Confessions on December 24.



Introduction to Mark's Gospel:
Sunday Readings Cycle B

Presented by
Fr. Robert Karris, O.F.M., Th.D.

View on St. Peter's YouTube Channel!

SESSION ONE

General Introduction Lectionary, Pericope-itis,
Reading Mark's Gospel in One Seating

SESSION TWO

Fundamentals Outline, Time and Genre

SESSION THREE

Food and the Pox (sic) Romana,
The Tale of Two Banquets

SESSION FOUR

The Twelve, Disciples, and the Fallible Followers

Join Fr. Robert Karris as he presents us with a solid introduction to Mark's Gospel. As the liturgical year that features Mark's Gospel moves along, people can return to his presentations for guidance and refreshment. Fr. Robert will challenge his viewers to read Mark's Gospel, to bring their bibles to each session, and to be proactive and not passive recipients.



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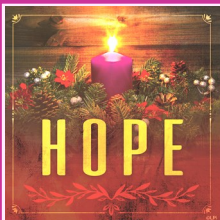
Monday to Saturday 10:30 am to 2:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am to 12:15 pm

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**Advent Hope in the Midst
of this Global Crisis:
A Virtual Retreat
for Young Adults**

**Saturday, December 5
10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**<https://zoom.us/j/7738924134>
 Password: EdSheaOFM**

Come and join other Young Adults for this Day of Reflection at the beginning of the great season of Advent 2020. We will have some Talks and some Faith Sharing and Adoration, and we will conclude with a Virtual Mass with Fr. Ed.

**What are you hoping for this year?
 What are your deepest desires for next year?
 What do you really want for Christmas?**

Please plan to attend and spread the Good News. ALL are welcome in this "Zoom" Place. For more information contact Fr. Ed Shea at 773-892-4134.



Psychology At Lunch

FREE on Mondays

12:15-12:45 pm CT

Presented on ZOOM

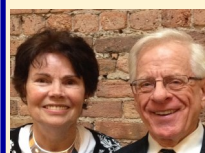
To participate,

Email: repairmyhouse110@gmail.com

November 30 Feeling Out of Balance?

December 7 Reduce Your Irritability/Crabbiness

December 14 Relationships in the Time of Covid



Psychologist Dr. Jerry Hiller and Marilyn Rochon MA, LCPC guide participants in the pursuit of stress relief, self-acceptance, self-efficacy, and developing a sense of purpose. Participants learn to increase self-confidence, navigate through loss and depression, and improve relationships with themselves, others and God. The sessions combine practical psychology with the life-giving ways of St. Francis of Assisi.