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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 8:30am

Reconciliation

By appointment or
Saturday 4:45pm - 5:15pm
Sunday 9:15am - 9:45am
Wednesday 5:15pm - 6:15pm
First Saturday 9:15am (following Mass)

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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DECEMBER 25, 2022 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only-begotten Son from the Father (Jn 1:1-3,14).

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

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

Contact: Fr. Thomas Zahuta at ext.105
In case of Sacramental Emergency /
Danger of Death, After hours call
678-523-8281

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 December 24 - January 01, 2023

SATURDAY 6:00 PM	December 24, 2022 (Christmas Eve) Joyce Thomas †
SUNDAY 10:00 AM	December 25, 2022 (Christmas Day) For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 8:00 AM	December 26, 2022
WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM	December 28, 2022 Tom and Barbara McDevitt †
THURSDAY 8:00 AM	December 29, 2022
FRIDAY 8:00 AM	December 30, 2022
SATURDAY 5:30 PM	December 31, 2022 (New Year's Eve)
SUNDAY 10:00 AM 12:30 PM	January 1, 2023 (New Year's Day) For the People of the Parish 33rd Anniversary Felimon and Marisol Roman

Mass Readings for the Week of December 25, 2022

Sunday: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6-8b, 16bc, 17 Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8 Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3, 5-6 Lk 2:22-35
Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Ps 128:1-5 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-13 Jn 1:1-18



In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse?

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. For more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend, February 3-5, 2023, contact: Andy and Lilly @ 770.912.4743 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.org

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother January 1, 2023

Reading 1 — Nm 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses: “Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

Responsorial Psalm — Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R. (2a) May God bless us in his mercy.

Reading 2 — Gal 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

Alleluia — Heb 1:1-2

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel — Lk 2:16-21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.



Merry Christmas to
the St. Peter the
Rock Parishioners
and their Families!



Life...
It's a gift,
not a choice.

CHRISTMAS SEASON EVENTS AND MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 30, 2022
Parish Christmas Party - **6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**
Saturday, December 31, 2022 (New Year's Eve)
Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
5:30 PM MASS
Sunday, January 1, 2022 (New Year's Day)
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - **10:00 AM MASS**
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - **12:30 PM MASS**

Christmas Prayer

"Loving Father, in this holy period of prayer and song and laughter, we thank you for the great wonders you have sent us. Lord, for the shining star and the angel's song, for the infant's cry in a lowly manger. We thank you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We accept his glory and are showered in its radiance.
God, be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible understood, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who brings the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, and wise men. Help us to rise higher than we are. Amen."



Thank You!

Through your generosity during last week's Second Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious we collected \$752

INCOME FY 2022-2023

Weekly offertory	<i>week ending Dec. 11th</i>	\$2,827
Weekly budget		\$3,338
over/(under)		(\$511)

CCC / The Christmas Mystery

525 Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family.202 Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event. In this poverty heaven's glory was made manifest.203 The Church never tires of singing the glory of this night: (437, 2443) The Virgin today brings into the world the Eternal
And the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible.
The angels and shepherds praise him
And the magi advance with the star,
For you are born for us,
Little Child, God eternal!204

526 To become a child in relation to God is the condition for entering the kingdom.205 For this, we must humble ourselves and become little. Even more: to become "children of God" we must be "born from above" or "born of God."206 Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us.207 Christmas is the mystery of this "marvelous exchange": (460)
O marvelous exchange! Man's Creator has become man, born of the Virgin. We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity.208

202 Cf. Lk 2:6-7. 203 Cf. Lk 2:8-20. 204 Kontakion of Romanos the Melodist. 205 Cf. Mt 18:3-4. 206 Jn 3:7; 1:13; 1:12; cf. Mt 23:12. 207 Cf. Gal 4:19. 208 LH, Antiphon I of Evening Prayer for January 1st.

477 At the same time the Church has always acknowledged that in the body of Jesus "we see our God made visible and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see."114 The individual characteristics of Christ's body express the divine person of God's Son. He has made the features of his human body his own, to the point that they can be venerated when portrayed in a holy image, for the believer "who venerates the icon is venerating in it the person of the one depicted."115

114 Roman Missal, Preface of Christmas I. 115 Council of Nicaea II: DS 601.

480 Jesus Christ is true God and true man, in the unity of his divine person; for this reason he is the one and only mediator between God and men.
481 Jesus Christ possesses two natures, one divine and the other human, not confused, but united in the one person of God's Son.
482 Christ, being true God and true man, has a human intellect and will, perfectly attuned and subject to his divine intellect and divine will, which he has in common with the Father and the Holy Spirit.
483 The Incarnation is therefore the mystery of the wonderful union of the divine and human natures in the one person of the Word.

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