



NOVEMBER 27, 2022 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Mass Schedule

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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Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. (Mt 24:42-44)

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

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
Nov. 26 - Dec. 4 , 2022

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| SATURDAY 5:30 PM | November 26, 2022 |
| SUNDAY 10:00 AM 12:30 PM | November 27, 2022 For the People of the Parish Facunda Cruz † |
| MONDAY 8:00 AM | November 28, 2022 |
| WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM | November 30, 2022 |
| THURSDAY 8:00 AM | December 1, 2022 |
| FRIDAY 8:00 AM | December 2, 2022 |
| SATURDAY 8:30 AM 5:30 PM | December 3, 2022 |
| SUNDAY 10:00 AM 12:30 PM | December 4, 2022 For the People of the Parish |

Mass Readings for the Week of November 27, 2022

Sunday: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4;2-6 Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10 Lk 10: 21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE



Thursday, December 15
St. Peter the Rock Church
Service at 7:00pm

Mass and Reconciliation on the First Saturday

Please join us the first Saturday of the month at 8:30am for Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will follow Mass at 9:15 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

During the Advent Season coffee and donuts will stop and will resume on January 1, 2022 following the 10AM Mass.

Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022

Reading 1 — Is 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm — Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

R. (cf. 7) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Reading 2 — Rom 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: *Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

Alleluia — Lk 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel — Mt 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."



New Video: A POST-ROE GEORGIA

The Georgia Life Alliance reports that after the Supreme Court’s Dobbs decision allowed our state’s Heartbeat Bill (HB 481) to go into effect, Georgia saw a 57% drop in the number of in-state abortions. As a result, at least 2,500 lives were saved during a period ending in August.

Yet misconceptions and fears surrounding pro-life laws have motivated voters elsewhere to avoid regulating or restricting abortion in the post-Dobbs era. In the recent midterm elections, voters in California, Vermont, and Michigan even adopted constitutional amendments permitting abortion all the way

through pregnancy. At the same time, voters in relatively conservative Kentucky rejected an amendment specifying that their state constitution “does not provide the right to abortion or require funding of abortion.”

Because abortion advocates deceitfully claim that pregnant women here may not be able to receive medical care for ectopic pregnancy or miscarriage, Georgia’s Frontline Policy Council created a short video, A POST-ROE GEORGIA, explaining how the life-saving Heartbeat Bill actually works. Our archdiocesan Respect Life Ministry strongly recommends Catholics check it out on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/SmqbsPXovSl>.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2022
Please remember your pledges. Thank you for your continued support.

Our Parish Goal: \$12,500.00
Contributions as of November 8, 2022: \$29,616.00
Outstanding Pledges: \$5,379.00



Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
Sunday, December 11, 2022 - 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

EVERYONE IN THE PARISH IS WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION. BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE.

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)



INCOME FY 2022-2023

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| Weekly offertory | week ending Nov. 13th | \$3,234 |
| Weekly budget | | \$3,338 |
| over/(under) | | (\$104) |

CCC / Advent

524 When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior’s first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.200 By celebrating the precursor’s birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: “He must increase, but I must decrease.”201 (1171)

The glorious advent of Christ, the hope of Israel

673 Since the Ascension Christ’s coming in glory has been imminent,566 even though “it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority.”567 This eschatological coming could be accomplished at any moment, even if both it and the final trial that will precede it are “delayed.”568 (1040, 1048)

674 The glorious Messiah’s coming is suspended at every moment of history until his recognition by “all Israel,” for “a hardening has come upon part of Israel” in their “unbelief” toward Jesus.569 St. Peter says to the Jews of Jerusalem after Pentecost: “Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for establishing all that God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old.”570 St. Paul echoes him: “For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?”571 The “full inclusion” of the Jews in the Messiah’s salvation, in the wake of “the full number of the Gentiles,”572 will enable the People of God to achieve “the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,” in which “God may be all in all.”573 (840, 58)

The Church’s ultimate trial

675 Before Christ’s second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers.574 The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth575 will unveil the “mystery of iniquity” in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. The supreme religious deception is that of the Antichrist, a pseudo-messianism by which man glorifies himself in place of God and of his Messiah come in the flesh.576 (769)

676 The Antichrist’s deception already begins to take shape in the world every time the claim is made to realize within history that messianic hope which can only be realized beyond history through the eschatological judgment. The Church has rejected even modified forms of this falsification of the kingdom to come under the name of millenarianism,577 especially the “intrinsically perverse” political form of a secular messianism.578 (2425)

677 The Church will enter the glory of the kingdom only through this final Passover, when she will follow her Lord in his death and Resurrection.579 The kingdom will be fulfilled, then, not by a historic triumph of the Church through a progressive ascendancy, but only by God’s victory over the final unleashing of evil, which will cause his Bride to come down from heaven.580 God’s triumph over the revolt of evil will take the form of the Last Judgment after the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world.581 (1340, 2853)

II. To Judge the Living and the Dead 1038-1041

678 Following in the steps of the prophets and John the Baptist, Jesus announced the judgment of the Last Day in his preaching.582 Then will the conduct of each one and the secrets of hearts be brought to light.583 Then will the culpable unbelief that counted the offer of God’s grace as nothing be condemned.584 Our attitude about our neighbor will disclose acceptance or refusal of grace and divine love.585 On the last day Jesus will say: “Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.”586 (1470)

679 Christ is Lord of eternal life. Full right to pass definitive judgment on the works and hearts of men belongs to him as redeemer of the world. He “acquired” this right by his cross. The Father has given “all judgment to the Son.”587 Yet the Son did not come to judge, but to save and to give the life he has in himself.588 By rejecting grace in this life, one already judges oneself, receives according to one’s works, and can even condemn oneself for all eternity by rejecting the Spirit of love.589 (1021)

200 Cf. Rev 22:17. 201 Jn 3:30. 566 Cf. Rev 22:20. 567 Acts 1:7; cf. Mk 13:32. 568 Cf. Mt 24:44; 1 Thess 5:2; 2 Thess 2:3-12. 569 Rom 11:20-26; cf. Mt 23:39. 570 Acts 3:19-21. 571 Rom 11:15. 572 Rom 11:12, 25; cf. Lk 21:24. 573 Eph 4:13; 1 Cor 15:28. 574 Cf. Lk 18:8; Mt 24:12. 575 Cf. Lk 21:12; Jn 15:19-20. 576 Cf. 2 Thess 2:4-12; 1 Thess 5:2-3; 2 Jn 7; 1 Jn 2:18, 22. 577 Cf. DS 3839. 578 Pius XI, Divini Redemptoris, condemning the “false mysticism” of this “counterfeit of the redemption of the lowly”; cf. GS 20-21. 579 Cf. Rev 19:1-9. 580 Cf. Rev 13:8; 20:7-10; 21:2-4. 581 Cf. Rev 20:12; 2 Pet 3:12-13. 582 Cf. Dan 7:10; Joel 3-4; Mal 3:19; Mt 3:7-12. 583 Cf. Mk 12:38-40; Lk 12:1-3; Jn 3:20-21; Rom 2:16; 1 Cor 4:5. 584 Cf. Mt 11:20-24; 12:41-42. 585 Cf. Mt 5:22; 7:1-5. 586 Mt 25:40. 587 Jn 5:22; cf. 5:27; Mt 25:31; Acts 10:42; 17:31; 2 Tim 4:1. 588 Cf. Jn 3:17; 5:26. 589 Cf. Jn 3:18; 12:48; Mt 12:32; 1 Cor 3:12-15; Heb 6:4-6; 10:26-31.

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