



## DECEMBER 7, 2025 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*But when he [John] saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit that befits repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. (Mt 3:7-9)*

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### **Weekend Mass Schedule**

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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### **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 December 6 - 14, 2025

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 6, 2025</b>
8:00 AM	Therese McDonald † <b>First Saturday Mass</b>
5:30 PM	All Souls Remembrance
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 7, 2025</b>
10:00 AM	Urszula Targonski †
12:30 PM	For the People of the Parish
<b>Holy Day of Obligation The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>December 8, 2025</b>
8:00 AM	Richard & Winifred Schmude, Sr. †
6:00 PM	For the People of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>December 10, 2025</b>
6:30 PM	Van Burns
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>December 11, 2025</b>
8:00 AM	Dennis & Barbara Schmude †
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>December 12, 2025</b> <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
8:00 AM	Clarence & Valerie Brettin †
6:30 PM (Spanish)	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 13, 2025</b>
5:30 PM	Fr. Thomas Zahuta
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 14, 2025</b>
10:00 AM	Gaspar Tlaxcalteca
12:30 PM	For the People of the Parish



## Mass Readings for the Week of December 7, 2025

**Sunday:** Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12  
**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38  
**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13 Mt 18:12-14  
**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 Mt 11:28-30  
**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1, 9-13ab Mt 11:11-15  
**Friday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or 707-712  
**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13 see 692: 2 Cor 10:17—11:2 Mt 25:1-13



## Prayer List ~ Lista de Oración

Mary Baxley, Mike & Sonya Birdsong, Carlton & Linda Blackmon, Max Cardell, Pat Corley, Joe Coker, Tim Ellis, Ron Gillen, Cindy Guy, Denise Harkis, Jerry & Judy Henry, Ken & Lynn Irving, Margaret Karafa, Deborah Karafa, Brenda Kelly, Nancy Harrison, Nicole Headrick, Astorgia Larraga, Angelina Sequoia Littles, Lillian Logan, Margot Logan, Kenny Luger, Deacon TC Meuninck, Frank Morgan, Samantha Moscoso, Trina Mueller, Rebecca Ramsey, Nancy Reynaga, Lindy & Wanda Parker, Henrietta Patton, Ron Peckham, Wilfred Rohling, Jim & Nancy Shaw, Sue Shaw, Sebrina & Mike Somers, Ted Zalewski

## Military Prayer List

Malcolm G. Curtis, Jr., Hospital Corpsman,  
 Joseph Hinds IV, LT Anna Jarvis, USN,  
 LT Alexander Jarvis, USN, Lt. Marissa Lewis,  
 LT Colonel Michael McGinn, Rev. Major Kevin Peek,  
 2nd LT Chris Moroz and Captain Mike Moroz,  
 LTJG Paul Powers, MSgt Wayne Shaw,  
 Captain John Vaughn, Captain Alexander L. Spiegel  
 Bayda, 2nd LT Patrick Rohling

Names will appear the first Sunday of the month.  
 If you would like to add a name, please call the church  
 office or email: parishoffice@stpetertherock.com

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

### Chapter IX: Adaptations ...Competence of Bishops and Bishops' Conferences

397. The principle shall moreover be respected, according to which each particular Church must be in accord with the universal Church not only regarding the doctrine of the faith and sacramental signs, but also as to the usages universally received from apostolic and unbroken tradition. These are to be kept not only so that errors may be avoided, but also so that the faith may be handed on in its integrity, since the Church's rule of prayer (lex orandi) corresponds to her rule of faith (lex credendi).[158]

The Roman Rite constitutes a notable and precious part of the liturgical treasure and patrimony of the Catholic Church; its riches are conducive to the good of the universal Church, so that their loss would gravely harm her.

This Rite has in the course of the centuries not only preserved the liturgical usages that arose in the city of Rome, but has also in a deep, organic, and harmonious way integrated into itself certain other usages derived from the customs and culture of different peoples and of various particular Churches whether of the West or the East, so acquiring a certain supra-regional character. As to our own times, the identity and unitary expression of this Rite is found in the typical editions of the liturgical books promulgated by authority of the Supreme Pontiff, and in the liturgical books corresponding to them approved for their territories by the Conferences of Bishops and endowed with the recognitio of the Apostolic See.[159]

398. The norm established by the Second Vatican Council, namely that in the liturgical renewal innovations should not be made unless required by true and certain usefulness to the Church, nor without exercising caution to ensure that new forms grow in some sense organically from forms already existing,[160] must also be applied to implementation of the inculturation of the Roman Rite as such.[161] Inculturation, moreover, requires a necessary length of time, lest the authentic liturgical tradition suffer hasty and incautious contamination.

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

### Capítulo IX: Adaptaciones ...a los obispos y a las conferencias...

397. Se ha de observar también el principio, según el cual, cada Iglesia particular debe concordar con la Iglesia universal, no sólo en cuanto a la doctrina de la fe y los signos sacramentales, sino también en cuanto a los usos universalmente aceptados por la tradición apostólica y continua; éstos deben ser observados no sólo con el fin de evitar los errores, sino también para transmitir la integridad de la fe, puesto que la lex orandi de la Iglesia responde a su lex credendi[159].

El Rito romano constituye una parte notable y preciosa del tesoro litúrgico y del patrimonio de la Iglesia católica, cuyas riquezas contribuyen al bien de la Iglesia entera, de manera que su pérdida la perjudicaría gravemente.

Este Rito, con el transcurso de los siglos, no sólo ha conservado los usos litúrgicos originados en la ciudad de Roma, sino que también ha integrado en sí, de manera profunda, orgánica y armónica, otros ritos que provenían de las costumbres y de la cultura de pueblos diversos y también de las Iglesias particulares, tanto del Occidente como del Oriente, adquiriendo así un carácter supra-regional. En nuestros días la identidad y la expresión unitaria de este Rito se encuentra en las ediciones típicas de los libros litúrgicos, promulgados por la autoridad del Sumo Pontífice y en los correspondientes libros litúrgicos, aprobados por las Conferencias Episcopales para su territorio y reconocidos por la Sede Apostólica[160].

398. La norma establecida por el Concilio Vaticano II, según la cual no se deben introducir las innovaciones en la reforma litúrgica, a no ser que lo exija la verdadera y real utilidad de la Iglesia, junto con la cautela en procurar que las nuevas formas surjan en cierto modo orgánicamente de las formas ya existentes[161], se debe aplicar también a la obra de la inculturación del mismo Rito romano[162]. Además, la inculturación exige un lapso de tiempo necesario, para que la tradición litúrgica no se contamine con procedimientos apresurados e incautos.



### COUPLES CELEBRATING 50th AND 60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2026

The Archdiocese of Atlanta would like to honor couples married in 1976 and 1966 with an invitation to a golden/diamond Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Saint Brigid Catholic Church. Please go to <http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass> to RSVP for this event and for additional information.

**MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT.** Have you ever considered the possibility of serving God as a priest? Come pray and explore if this could be the vocation God has prepared for you. Join us for our annual Men's Discernment Retreat, December 26-28, at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit. Register at [calledbychrist.com/events/discernment-retreat](http://calledbychrist.com/events/discernment-retreat).



If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone special for Christmas, please complete an envelope, which can be found on the Narthex table. You may return them via the offertory basket.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass will be December 12th at 6:30 PM.**  
**The rosary will be at 6:00 PM before Mass.**  
**A reception will follow the Mass.**

**Catechism Class**  
Mon. 6 pm  
No Class 12/15

**OCIA**  
Wed.  
7:15 pm

**Bible Study**  
Thu. 6 pm  
No Class 12/18

**Clase de estudio bíblico en español**  
Miércoles 7:15 pm

### CCC - Chapter Two I Believe in Jesus Christ, The Only Son of God

#### At the heart of catechesis: Christ

426 "At the heart of catechesis we find, in essence, a Person, the Person of Jesus of Nazareth, the only Son from the Father... who suffered and died for us and who now, after rising, is living with us forever."13 To catechize is "to reveal in the Person of Christ the whole of God's eternal design reaching fulfillment in that Person. It is to seek to understand the meaning of Christ's actions and words and of the signs worked by him."14 Catechesis aims at putting "people... in communion... with Jesus Christ: only he can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity."15 (1698, 513, 260)

427 In catechesis "Christ, the Incarnate Word and Son of God,... is taught—everything else is taught with reference to him—and it is Christ alone who teaches—anyone else teaches to the extent that he is Christ's spokesman, enabling Christ to teach with his lips.... Every catechist should be able to apply to himself the mysterious words of Jesus: 'My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.'"16 (2145, 876)

428 Whoever is called "to teach Christ" must first seek "the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus"; he must suffer "the loss of all things..." in order to "gain Christ and be found in him," and "to know him and the power of his resurrection, and [to] share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible [he] may attain the resurrection from the dead."17

429 From this loving knowledge of Christ springs the desire to proclaim him, to "evangelize," and to lead others to the "yes" of faith in Jesus Christ. But at the same time the need to know this faith better makes itself felt. To this end, following the order of the Creed, Jesus' principal titles — "Christ," "Son of God," and "Lord" (article 2)—will be presented. The Creed next confesses the chief mysteries of his life—those of his Incarnation (article 3), Paschal mystery (articles 4 and 5), and glorification (articles 6 and 7). (851)

13 CT 5. 14 CT 5. 15 CT 5. 16 CT 6; cf. Jn 7:16. 17 Phil 3:8–11.

### CCD SCHEDULE (11:15 am—12:15 pm)

**12/07/25 - 16th Class**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

**12/08/25 - Holy Day of Obligation**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**12/12/25 - Our Lady of Guadalupe / Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe** **Rosary: 6:00 PM - Mass: 6:30 PM**

**12/14/25 - 17th Class** **3rd Sunday of Advent**



**Clean the Church - Sat., Dec. 13th - 9am - 12pm**

**Decorating the Church for Christmas -**

**Wed., Dec. 17th - 7:15pm** **Volunteers Needed**



### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

**Monday, December 15th**  
**St. Peter the Rock Church**  
**Service at 7:00pm**

**Holy Day of Obligation — Mon., Dec. 8th**  
**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Mass Times: 8:00 AM & 6:00 PM**

### INCOME FY 2025-2026

**Weekly offertory week ending Nov. 23rd** **\$4,492**

**Weekly budget** **\$3,835**

**over/(under)** **\$657**

### KIDS CORNER

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

#### 76. How is Holy Mass celebrated? ... cont.

#### The Second Part of Holy Mass: The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Jesus gives us the gift of his peace, which we pass on to each other in the **Sign of Peace**.

In the **Agnus Dei** (Latin for "Lamb of God"), we thank Jesus, who like an innocent lamb let himself be killed on the Cross to give us the gift of forgiveness and peace.

After the great **Amen**, we stand to pray the **Our Father** together. We are happy that big and small, tall and short, old and young may call God their Father. We all are children of the one Father.

#### Saint Quote:

*Friends leave behind a sign, perhaps a ring, but Christ leaves us his Body and his Blood, his Soul and his Divinity, himself, without holding back anything.*

**St. Bernardino of Siena (1380-1404)**

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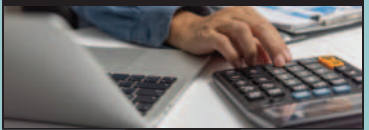
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