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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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**DECEMBER 28, 2025 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**



*Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." (Mt 2:13-15)*

**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 Infirmed.

## Mass Intentions for the Week December 27, 2025 - January 4, 2026

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 27, 2025</b>
5:30 PM	Kenton Brown †
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 28, 2025</b>
10:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM	Anniversary - Marisol & Filemon
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>December 29, 2025</b>
8:00 AM	Ralph Brandon †
<b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>	<b>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>December 31, 2025 VIGIL MASS</b>
5:00 PM	Mossie & Margaret Wallace †
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>January 1, 2026 NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>
10:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>January 2, 2026 FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION</b>
8:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Al Hiden †
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>January 3, 2026</b>
8:00 AM	Laura Hiden † <b>FIRST SATURDAY MASS</b>
5:30 PM	Rusty Watrous †
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 4, 2026</b>
10:00 AM	Brian Dancik †
12:30 PM	For the People of the Parish

### Mass Readings for the Week of December 28, 2025

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17  
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-13 Jn 1:1-18

**Thursday:** Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28  
see 510: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 23:8-12

**Saturday:** Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Mt 2:1-12



### Prayer List ~ Lista de Oración

For the Families of Antonio Gomez Herrera and  
Terri Newton

### 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)



### Mass and Reconciliation on the First Saturday

Please join us the first Saturday of the month at 8:00am for Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will follow Mass at 8:40 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



## Mary, Mother of God

466 The Nestorian heresy regarded Christ as a human person joined to the divine person of God's Son. Opposing this heresy, St. Cyril of Alexandria and the third ecumenical council at Ephesus in 431 confessed "that the Word, uniting to himself in his person the flesh animated by a rational soul, became man."<sup>89</sup> Christ's humanity has no other subject than the divine person of the Son of God, who assumed it and made it his own, from his conception. For this reason the Council of Ephesus proclaimed in 431 that Mary truly became the Mother of God by the human conception of the Son of God in her womb: "Mother of God, not that the nature of the Word or his divinity received the beginning of its existence from the holy Virgin, but that, since the holy body, animated by a rational soul, which the Word of God united to himself according to the hypostasis, was born from her, the Word is said to be born according to the flesh."<sup>90</sup> (495)

89 Council of Ephesus (431): DS 250. 90 Council of Ephesus: DS 251.

### Mary's divine motherhood

495 Called in the Gospels "the mother of Jesus," Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as "the mother of my Lord."<sup>144</sup> In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly "Mother of God" (Theotokos).<sup>145</sup> (466, 2677)

144 Lk 1:43; Jn 2:1; 19:25; cf. Mt 13:55; et al. 145 Council of Ephesus (431): DS 251.

509 Mary is truly "Mother of God" since she is the mother of the eternal Son of God made man, who is God himself."

## María, Madre de Dios

466 La herejía nestoriana veía en Cristo una persona humana junto a la persona divina del Hijo de Dios. Frente a ella san Cirilo de Alejandría y el tercer Concilio Ecuménico reunido en Efeso, en el año 431, confesaron que "el Verbo, al unirse en su persona a una carne animada por un alma racional, se hizo hombre" <sup>84</sup> La humanidad de Cristo no tiene más sujeto que la persona divina del Hijo de Dios que la ha asumido y hecho suya desde su concepción. Por eso el Concilio de Efeso proclamó en el año 431 que María llegó a ser con toda verdad Madre de Dios mediante la concepción humana del Hijo de Dios en su seno: "Madre de Dios, no porque el Verbo de Dios haya tomado de ella su naturaleza divina, sino porque es de ella, de quien tiene el cuerpo sagrado dotado de un alma racional, unido a la persona del Verbo, de quien se dice que el Verbo nació según la carne".<sup>85</sup>

84. Concilio de Efeso: DS, 250. 85. Ibid., 251.

### La maternidad divina de María

495 Llamada en los evangelios "la Madre de Jesús" (Jn 2, 1; 19, 25),<sup>1</sup> María es aclamada bajo el impulso del Espíritu como "la madre de mi Señor" desde antes del nacimiento de su hijo (Lc 1, 43). En efecto, aquél que ella concibió como hombre, por obra del Espíritu Santo, y que se ha hecho verdaderamente su Hijo según la carne, no es otro que el Hijo eterno del Padre, la segunda persona de la Santísima Trinidad. La Iglesia confiesa que María es verdaderamente Madre de Dios ["Theotokos"].<sup>138</sup>

137. Cf Mt 13, 55. 138. Cf Concilio de Efeso: DS, 251.

509 María es verdaderamente "Madre de Dios" porque es la madre del Hijo eterno de Dios hecho hombre, que es Dios mismo.

### CHRISTMAS EVENT AND MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday, December 28, 2025** Parish Christmas Party  
**2:00 PM**



**Wednesday, December 31, 2025**

Vigil Mass of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
**5:00 PM MASS**



**Thursday, January 1, 2026** (New Year's Day) Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God **10:00 AM MASS**



**"For where your treasure is there will be your heart also."** – Matthew 6:21

As Christians we know we take nothing with us after we are gone. Making or updating your will would be a good New Year's resolution to ensure your possessions provide for good. After taking care of family and loved ones, please remember to make room for your parish endowment fund in your will or estate plans. Plan your will online at [cfnga.org](http://cfnga.org). Contact Juliet Greco [jgreco@cfnga.org](mailto:jgreco@cfnga.org) or 404.497.9440.



**Join us Sunday at 2:00 PM for the  
St. Peter the Rock  
PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY**



Catechism Class  
Mon. 6 pm

OCIA  
Wed.  
7:15 pm  
No Class 12/31

Bible Study  
Thu. 6 pm  
No Class 01/01

Clase de estudio bíblico en español  
Miércoles 7:15 pm  
¡Qué falta de clase! 12/31

### CCC ARTICLE 2 "AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD"

#### II. Christ

438 Jesus' messianic consecration reveals his divine mission, "for the name 'Christ' implies 'he who anointed,' 'he who was anointed' and 'the very anointing with which he was anointed.' The one who anointed is the Father, the one who was anointed is the Son, and he was anointed with the Spirit who is the anointing."<sup>35</sup> His eternal messianic consecration was revealed during the time of his earthly life at the moment of his baptism by John, when "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power," "that he might be revealed to Israel"<sup>36</sup> as its Messiah. His works and words will manifest him as "the Holy One of God."<sup>37</sup> (727, 535)

439 Many Jews and even certain Gentiles who shared their hope recognized in Jesus the fundamental attributes of the messianic "Son of David," promised by God to Israel.<sup>38</sup> Jesus accepted his rightful title of Messiah, though with some reserve because it was understood by some of his contemporaries in too human a sense, as essentially political.<sup>39</sup> (528-529, 547)

440 Jesus accepted Peter's profession of faith, which acknowledged him to be the Messiah, by announcing the imminent Passion of the Son of Man.<sup>40</sup> He unveiled the authentic content of his messianic kingship both in the transcendent identity of the Son of Man "who came down from heaven," and in his redemptive mission as the suffering Servant: "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."<sup>41</sup> Hence the true meaning of his kingship is revealed only when he is raised high on the cross.<sup>42</sup> Only after his Resurrection will Peter be able to proclaim Jesus' messianic kingship to the People of God: "Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."<sup>43</sup> (552, 550, 445)

<sup>35</sup> St. Irenaeus, Adv. haeres., 3, 18, 3: PG 7/1, 934. <sup>36</sup> Acts 10:38; Jn 1:31. <sup>37</sup> Mk 1:24; Jn 6:69; Acts 3:14. <sup>38</sup> Cf. Mt 2:2; 9:27; 12:23; 15:22; 20:30; 21:9, 15. <sup>39</sup> Cf. Jn 4:25-26; 6:15; 11:27; Mt 22:41-46; Lk 24:21. <sup>40</sup> Cf. Mt 16:16-23. <sup>41</sup> Jn 3:13; Mt 20:28; cf. Jn 6:62; Dan 7:13; Isa 53:10-12. <sup>42</sup> Cf. Jn 19:19-22; Lk 23:39-43. <sup>43</sup> Acts 2:36.

### CCD SCHEDULE (11:15 am—12:15 pm)

**12/28/25 - No Class**

**New Year's Holiday**



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**12/31/25 - Vigil Mass of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 5:00 PM Mass**

**01/01/26 - Holy Day of Obligation**

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

**10:00 AM Mass**

**01/04/26 - 18th Class**

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

**JANUARY 11, 2026**

**ARCHDIOCESAN HISPANIC MINISTRIES**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**iFELIZ AÑO NUEVO!**

to the  
parishioners of  
St. Peter the Rock  
Catholic Church

**INCOME FY 2025-2026**

Weekly offertory week ending Dec. 14th \$4,413

Weekly budget \$3,835

over/(under) \$578

### KIDS CORNER

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

**77. How does Jesus come to us in bread and wine? cont.**

#### Scripture:

He who eats my flesh and  
drinks my blood abides in  
me, and I in him. As the living Father  
sent me, and I live because  
of the Father, so he who eats me  
will live because of me  
Jn 6:56

Prepare to receive Holy Communion  
with a prayer like this:

Yes, Lord,  
come to me!

Enter my heart!

Come and make me strong—  
strong, loving, courageous, and loyal.  
Lord, I am ready  
to receive you.

#### Saint Quote:

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

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