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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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## **FEBRUARY 1, 2026 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ... "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ... "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. (Matthew 5:3,5-6, 8-9)*

### **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 January 31 - February 8, 2026

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>January 31, 2026</b>
5:30 PM	Paul and Kevin Lewandowski
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 1, 2026</b>
10:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM	Karla Nicola Esteban †
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>February 2, 2026</b> Presentation of the Lord
8:00 AM	Tony Yannaco, Sean & Dean Blessing of candles
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>February 3, 2026</b> St. Blaise - Blessing of Throats
8:00 AM	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>February 4, 2026</b>
6:30 PM	Uncle Joe and Mark Kulo
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>February 5, 2026</b>
8:00 AM	Vinent, John, Cathy, and June Stucko
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>February 6, 2026</b> First Friday Adoration
8:00 AM	Eli, Kenny, Michael, Hannah, & Grace White
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>February 7, 2026</b>
8:00 AM	Guillermina Barrios † First Saturday Mass
5:30 PM	Mary, Steven, Lucas, & Gabriel White
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 8, 2026</b>
10:00 AM	Most Forsaken Souls in Purgatory
12:30 PM	For the People of the Parish

### Mass Readings for the Week of February 1, 2026

**Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a

**Monday:** Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3 Ps 86:1-6 Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12 Mk 6:7-13 see 527: 1 Cor 1:26-31 Lk 9:23-26

**Friday:** Sir 47:2-11 Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51 Mk 6:14-29 see 528: Gal 2:19-20 Mt 28:16-20

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9-14 Mk 6:30-34



### Prayer List ~ Lista de Oración

Mary Baxley, Mike & Sonya Birdsong, Carlton & Linda Blackmon, Max Cardell, Pat Corley, Joe Coker, Tim Ellis, 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, Nancy Reynaga, Lindy & Wanda Parker, Henrietta Patton, Ron Peckham, Wilfred Rohling, Jim & Nancy Shaw, Sue Shaw, Sebrina & Mike Somers, Larry Vande Boom, 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, 1st 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



## Sacraments—Baptism



### EFFECTS OF BAPTISM — Sins Forgiven

By Baptism all sins are forgiven, Original Sin and all personal sins, and temporal punishment due to sin is removed. After one has been reborn in Christ, there is nothing to prevent one's entry into God's Kingdom.

However, though all sins are removed, there remains, as an effect of Original Sin, the inclination to sin that is called *concupiscence*. This inclination to sin shows itself in what is sometimes referred to as a darkening of the mind and a weakening of the will, that is, the inability to know clearly the right or wrong of an action and/or the lack of strength to resist temptation and always to do the right thing no matter how hard this is. The effects of Original Sin need not harm us so long as we seek strength to resist them through the Sacrament of Penance, the Sacrament of the Eucharist, prayer, a deepening spirituality, growth in virtue, and a wholehearted dependence on God.

### DYING AND RISING WITH CHRIST

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.  
- Rom 6:3-4

Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ. In accordance with the Lord's will, it is necessary for salvation, as is the Church herself, which we enter by Baptism. - CCC, no. 1277

## Sacramento - Bautismo

### LOS EFECTOS DEL BAUTISMO—El Perdón de los Pecados

Por el Bautismo todos los pecados son perdonados, el Pecado Original y todos los pecados personales, así como todas las penas temporales del pecado. Una vez que uno ha vuelto a nacer en Cristo, no hay nada que impida su entrada al Reino de Dios.


Sin embargo, aunque todos los pecados son remitidos, permanece, como efecto del Pecado Original, una inclinación al pecado, llamada concupiscencia. Esta inclinación al pecado se deja notar en lo que a veces se llama un oscurecimiento de la mente y una debilitación de la voluntad, es decir, la incapacidad de ver claramente el mal o el bien de una acción y/o la falta de fuerza para resistir tentaciones y siempre hacer aquello que está bien sin importar lo difícil que esto sea. Los efectos del Pecado Original no tienen por qué dañarnos, siempre y cuando busquemos la fuerza para resistirlos mediante el sacramento de la Penitencia, el sacramento de la Eucaristía, la oración, una espiritualidad cada vez más profunda, un crecimiento en la virtud y una dependencia total de Dios.

### MURIENDO Y RESUCITANDO CON CRISTO

Todos los que hemos sido incorporados a Cristo Jesús por medio del Bautismo, hemos sido incorporados a su muerte. En efecto, por el Bautismo fuimos sepultados con él en su muerte, para que, así como Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos por la gloria del Padre, así también nosotros llevemos una vida nueva. — Rm 6 :3-4


El Bautismo constituye el nacimiento a la vida nueva en Cristo. Según la voluntad del Señor, es necesario para la salvación, como lo es la Iglesia misma, a la que introduce el Bautismo. — CIC , no. 1277





**Commitment Weekend**  
**February 7-8, 2026**

**Fin de semana de compromiso,**  
**7 y 8 de febrero**




**CCD SCHEDULE ( 11:15 am—12:15 pm)**

02/01/26 - 22nd Class

02/08/26 - 23rd Class

02/15/26 - **No Class—Winter Break**

02/18/26 - **Day of Fast and Abstinence**    **Ash Wednesday**





**Forty Days of Lent**

**Prayer**

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to practice self-control through fasting. Dive into God's word in Scripture this Lent or pray the rosary with your family.


**Fasting**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

**Upcoming Important Liturgies and Events**

**Presentation of the Lord**    **Mon., Feb. 2    8:00am Mass**  
 Blessing of candles (*Blessing takes place at Mass*)  
 Bring any candles you want blessed to Mass

**Feast of St. Blaise**    **Tue., Feb. 3    8:00am Mass**  
 Blessing of Throats (*Blessing takes place at Mass*)



**ASH WEDNESDAY - February 18th**  
**Mass at 7:00 AM and 6:30 PM**  
 Distribution of Ashes Outside of Mass  
 (liturgy, no Mass) at 12noon  
 Stations of the Cross will start Friday, February 20th at  
 6:30 PM followed by a Meatless Lenten Meal.  
*Join us Every Friday in Lent for Stations of the Cross followed  
 by a Meatless Lenten Meal.*

**St. Peter the Rock Ladies Group Meeting**

Ladies please join us for our meeting **Sunday, February 1st at 2:00 PM** in the large conference room at the end of the CCD classroom hallway.

<b>Catechism Class</b> Mon. 6 pm No Class 2/9	<b>OCIA Wed.</b> 7:15 pm No Class 2/11	<b>Bible Study</b> Thu. 6 pm No Class 2/12	<b>Clase de estudio bíblico en español</b> Miércoles 7:15 pm ¡Qué falta de clase! 2/11
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INCOME FY 2025-2026		
Weekly offertory	week ending Jan. 18th	\$2,103
Weekly budget		\$3,835
over/(under)		(\$1,732)

### CCC - ARTICLE 2“AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD”

**I. Why Did the Word Become Flesh? Cont.**

457 The Word became flesh for us in order to save us by reconciling us with God, who “loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins”: “the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world,” and “he was revealed to take away sins”:70 (607, 385)  
 Sick, our nature demanded to be healed; fallen, to be raised up; dead, to rise again. We had lost the possession of the good; it was necessary for it to be given back to us. Closed in the darkness, it was necessary to bring us the light; captives, we awaited a Savior; prisoners, help; slaves, a liberator. Are these things minor or insignificant? Did they not move God to descend to human nature and visit it, since humanity was in so miserable and unhappy a state?71

458 The Word became flesh so that thus we might know God’s love: “In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.”72 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”73 (219)


459 The Word became flesh to be our model of holiness: “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me.” “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.”74 On the mountain of the Transfiguration, the Father commands: “Listen to him!”75 Jesus is the model for the Beatitudes and the norm of the new law: “Love one another as I have loved you.”76 This love implies an effective offering of oneself, after his example.77 (520, 823, 2012, 1717, 1965)

460 The Word became flesh to make us “partakers of the divine nature”:78 “For this is why the Word became man, and the Son of God became the Son of man: so that man, by entering into communion with the Word and thus receiving divine sonship, might become a son of God.”79 “For the Son of God became man so that we might become God.”80 “The only-begotten Son of God, wanting to make us sharers in his divinity, assumed our nature, so that he, made man, might make men gods.”81 (1265, 1391, 1988)

70 1 Jn 4:10; 4:14; 3:5. 71 St. Gregory of Nyssa, Orat. catech. 15: PG 45, 48B. 72 1 Jn 4:9. 73 Jn 3:16. 74 Mt 11:29; Jn 14:6. 75 Mk 9:7; cf. Deut 6:4–5. 76 Jn 15:12. 77 Cf. Mk 8:34. 78 2 Pet 1:4. 79 St. Irenaeus, Adv. haeres. 3, 19, 1: PG 7/1, 939. 80 St. Athanasius, De inc., 54, 3: PG 25, 192B. 81 St. Thomas Aquinas, Opusc. 57: 1–4.

### KIDS CORNER

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



**Sacrament**  
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**Penance**

The sacrament of Penance, confession, is where God forgives all your sins and reconciles you with the community.

**81. What's so bad about sin?**

Sin separates us from God and others. It leads us away from goodness and love. Every sin causes harm. It injures not only the person who sins but everyone else, too.

A small sin is a minor and thoughtless action done out of laziness, cowardice, anger, envy, jealousy, or other bad habits. A grave, or serious, sin is a very bad action that is freely and knowingly chosen.

Someone who has committed a grave sin must confess it before receiving Communion. It helps us to confess small sins, too.

**Saint Quote:** Some saints described themselves as terrible criminals because they saw God, they saw themselves-and they saw the difference. St. Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

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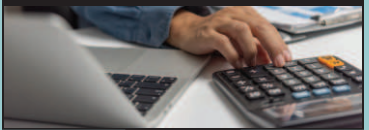
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