



JANUARY 4, 2026 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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

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First Friday—Saturday 9:00am—8:00am

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When they had heard the king they went their way; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. (Mt 2:9-12)

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 4 - 11, 2026

SATURDAY	January 3, 2026
8:00 AM	Laura Hiden † FIRST SATURDAY MASS
5:30 PM	Rusty Watrous †
SUNDAY	January 4, 2026
10:00 AM	Brian Dancik †
12:30 PM	For the People of the Parish
MONDAY	January 5, 2026
8:00 AM	Thomas & Mary McNamara †
WEDNESDAY	January 7, 2026
6:30 PM	Fr. Dave Kennedy †
THURSDAY	January 8, 2026
10:00 AM	Fr. Al Doga †
FRIDAY	January 9, 2026
8:00 AM	Fr. Irate †
SATURDAY	January 10, 2026
5:30 PM	Bishop Morkovski †
SUNDAY	January 11, 2026
10:00 AM	Pope Benedict †
12:30 PM	For the People of the Parish

Mass Readings for the Week of January 4, 2026

Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6 Ps 2:7b-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
see 719-724, esp. 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Jn 10:11-16
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 3:22-30



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



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

528 The **Epiphany** is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.²¹² In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations.²¹³ Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning toward the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament.²¹⁴ The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs," and acquires Israelitic dignitas²¹⁵ (are made "worthy of the heritage of Israel"). (439, 711-716, 122)

El Misterio de Navidad

525 Jesús nació en la humildad de un establo, de una familia pobre;²⁰³ unos sencillos pastores son los primeros testigos del acontecimiento. En esta pobreza se manifiesta la gloria del cielo.²⁰⁴ La Iglesia no se cansa de cantar la gloria de esta noche: Hoy l a Virgen da a luz al Transcendente. Y la tierra ofrece una cueva al Inaccesible. Los Magos caminan con la estrella: Porque ha nacido por nosotros, Niño pequeñito el Dios de antes de los siglos. ²⁰⁵

526 "Hacerse niño" con relación a Dios e s l a condición para entrar en el Reino;²⁰⁶ para eso es necesario abajarse, ²⁰⁷ hacerse pequeño; más todavía: es necesario "nacer de lo alto" (Jn 3, 7), "nacer de Dios"²⁰⁸ para "hacerse hijos d e Dios" (Jn 1, 12). El Misterio de Navidad se realiza en nosotros cuando Cristo "toma forma" en nosotros. ²⁰⁹ Navidad es el Misterio de este "admirable intercambio":

O admirabile commercium! El Creador del género humano, tomando cuerpo y alma, nace de una virgen y, hecho hombre sin concurso de varón, nos da parte en su divinidad. ²¹⁰

528 La **Epifanía** es la manifestación de Jesús como Mesías de Israel, Hijo de Dios y Salvador del mundo. Con el bautismo de Jesús en el Jordán y las bodas de Caná,²¹⁴ la Epifanía celebra la adoración de Jesús por unos "magos" venidos de Oriente.²¹⁵ En estos "magos", representantes de religiones paganas de pueblos vecinos, el Evangelio ve las primicias de las naciones que acogen, por la Encarnación, la Buena Nueva de la salvación. La llegada de los magos a Jerusalén para "rendir homenaje a l rey de los judíos"²¹⁶ muestra que buscan en Israel, a la luz. mesiánica de la estrella de David,²¹⁷ al que será el rey de las naciones. ²¹⁸ Su venida significa que los gentiles no pueden descubrir a Jesús y adorarlo como Hijo de Dios y Salvador del mundo sino volviéndose 711-716 hacia los judíos? ¹⁹ y recibiendo de ellos su promesa mesiánica tal como ¹²² está contenida en el Antiguo Testamento. ²²⁰ La Epifanía manifiesta que "la multitud de los gentiles entra e n la familia de los patriarcas"²²¹ y adquiere "la dignidad del pueblo elegido de Israel". ²²²



Does your marriage feel distant, strained, stuck, or even in crisis?

Do you look perfect on the outside but are not perfect on the inside? The Retrouvaille Marriage Program can help, as it has helped thousands find new hope, better communication and a deeper connection. Talk to someone now at 404-644-3253, or visit

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Rachel's Vineyard Retreat January 30-February 1, 2026

Do you struggle with thoughts of a past abortion? Have you ever asked yourself, "Can God really heal something this deep?" Are you longing for peace but unsure how to get there? You are not alone. No heart is too broken to be healed.

Join us for PATH's next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat from January 30-February 1. For more information or to register, call or text our confidential number at 404-717-5557 or email programdirector@pathatl.com.

Start where you are. You're so worth it.

www.healingafterabortion.org.



St. Peter the Rock Ladies Group Meeting

Ladies please join us for our meeting this Sunday, January 4th at 2:00 PM in the large conference room at the end of the CCD classroom hallway.

Catechism Class Mon. 6 pm	OCIA Wed. 7:15 pm	Bible Study Thu. 6 pm	Clase de estudio bíblico en español Miércoles 7:15 pm
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CCC ARTICLE 2 "AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD"

III. The Only Son of God

441 In the Old Testament, "son of God" is a title given to the angels, the Chosen People, the children of Israel, and their kings.⁴⁴ It signifies an adoptive sonship that establishes a relationship of particular intimacy between God and his creature. When the promised Messiah-King is called "son of God," it does not necessarily imply that he was more than human, according to the literal meaning of these texts. Those who called Jesus "son of God," as the Messiah of Israel, perhaps meant nothing more than this.⁴⁵

442 Such is not the case for Simon Peter when he confesses Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God," for Jesus responds solemnly: "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven."⁴⁶ Similarly Paul will write, regarding his conversion on the road to Damascus, "When he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles...."⁴⁷ "And in the synagogues immediately [Paul] proclaimed Jesus, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'"⁴⁸ From the beginning this acknowledgment of Christ's divine sonship will be the center of the apostolic faith, first professed by Peter as the Church's foundation.⁴⁹ (552, 424)

443 Peter could recognize the transcendent character of the Messiah's divine sonship because Jesus had clearly allowed it to be so understood. To his accusers' question before the Sanhedrin, "Are you the Son of God, then?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am."⁵⁰ Well before this, Jesus referred to himself as "the Son" who knows the Father, as distinct from the "servants" God had earlier sent to his people; he is superior even to the angels.⁵¹ He distinguished his sonship from that of his disciples by never saying "our Father," except to command them: "You, then, pray like this: 'Our Father,'" and he emphasized this distinction, saying "my Father and your Father."⁵² (2786)"

44 Cf. Deut 14:1; (LXX) 32:8; Job 1:6; Ex 4:22; Hos 2:1; 11:1; Jer 3:19; Sir 36:11; Wis 18:13; 2 Sam 7:14; Ps 82:6. 45 Cf. 1 Chr 17:13; Ps 2:7; Mt 27:54; Lk 23:47. 46 Mt 16:16-17. 47 Gal 1:15-16. 48 Acts 9:20. 49 Cf. 1 Thess 1:10; Jn 20:31; Mt 16:18-20; Lk 22:70; cf. Mt 26:64; Mk 14:61-62. 51 Cf. Mt 11:27; 21:34-38; 24:36. 52 Mt 5:48; 6:8-9; 7:21; Lk 11:13; Jn 20:17.

CCD SCHEDULE (11:15 am—12:15 pm)

01/04/26 - 18th Class

01/10/26 - Confessions CCD

9:00am-11:00am

CCD Confirmation class

01/11/26 - 19th Class

01/18/26 - 20th Class



SECOND COLLECTION

JANUARY 11, 2026

ARCHDIOCESAN HISPANIC MINISTRIES



St. Peter the Rock Catholic Church is please to announce that we have received a grand award of \$6,000.00 from the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia. These funds will be used for HVAC systems replaced.

INCOME FY 2025-2026

Weekly offertory week ending Dec. 21st \$3,620

Weekly budget \$3,835

over/(under) (\$215)

KIDS CORNER

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

78. What is Communion?

"Communion" is from a Latin word that means "community". When we receive the Body of the Lord, a holy community is created between him and us.

Our great God makes himself very small- and you very big! The one whom the universe cannot contain enters your mouth and your heart. That is Communion, and it brings about a community between us and Jesus, and between us and all the other people who receive him.

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.

[Future] Saint Quote:

The day of my First Holy Communion was one of the most beautiful days of my life....Not only because of our nice clothes or the gifts we receive, nor because of the parties! It is above all because, that day, we receive Jesus Christ for the first time....I should welcome him with love and listen closely to him. In the depths of my heart, I can tell him, for example, "Jesus, I know that you love me.... I give you all my joys, my troubles, and my future." (Pope Benedict XVI, November 19, 2011)

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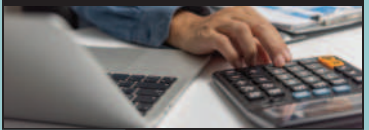
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