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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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DECEMBER 21, 2025 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken
by the prophet:**

***"Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and
his name shall be called Emmanuel"
(which means, God with us). (Mt 1:22-23)***

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 20 - 28, 2025

SATURDAY	December 20, 2025	
5:30 PM	Dr. Jerry Williamson †	
SUNDAY	December 21, 2025	
10:00 AM	Silvia Manley †	
12:30 PM	For the People of the Parish	
MONDAY	December 22, 2025	
8:00 AM	Dr. Karl Gingerich †	
WEDNESDAY	December 24, 2025	CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00 PM	For the People of the Parish	
6:00 PM	Celia Herrera †	Misa en Español
THURSDAY	December 25, 2025	CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 AM	Christmas Special Offering for the People	
FRIDAY	December 26, 2025	
8:00 AM	Roy Crawford †	
SATURDAY	December 27, 2025	
5:30 PM	Kenton Brown †	
SUNDAY	December 28, 2025	
10:00 AM	For the People of the Parish	
12:30 PM	Anniversary - Marisol & Filemon	

Mass Readings for the Week of December 21, 2025

Sunday: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Rom:1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24
Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8d Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14 Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday: Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Thursday: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17
 Mt 10:17-22
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8



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.



Girls / Women interested in religious life and vocation, please see video "Undivided Heart" by the Dominicans sisters on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_uClk8DR6I

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please join us in celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!



The Parish Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 28th beginning at 2:00 PM.
 Bring your favorite dish to share.
 Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



II. The Incarnation



461 Taking up St. John's expression, "The Word became flesh,"⁸² the Church calls "Incarnation" the fact that the Son of God assumed a human nature in order to accomplish our salvation in it. In a hymn cited by St. Paul, the Church sings the mystery of the Incarnation: (653, 661, 449)

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.⁸³

462 The Letter to the Hebrews refers to the same mystery:

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'Lo, I have come to do your will, O God.'"⁸⁴

463 Belief in the true Incarnation of the Son of God is the distinctive sign of Christian faith: "By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God."⁸⁵ Such is the joyous conviction of the Church from her beginning whenever she sings "the mystery of our religion": "He was manifested in the flesh."⁸⁶ (90)

Merry Christmas!

II La Encarnación

461 Volviendo a tomar la frase de San Juan ("El Verbo se encarnó": Jn 1, 14), la Iglesia llama "Encarnación" al hecho de que el Hijo de Dios haya asumido una naturaleza humana para llevar a cabo por ella nuestra salvación. En un himno citado por san Pablo, la Iglesia canta el misterio de la Encarnación:

Tened entre vosotros los mismos sentimientos que tuvo Cristo: el cual, siendo de condición divina, no retuvo ávidamente el ser igual a Dios, sino que se despojó de sí mismo tomando condición de siervo, haciéndose semejante a los hombres y apareciendo en su porte como hombre; y se humilló a sí mismo, obedeciendo hasta la muerte y muerte de cruz (Flp 2, 5-8).⁷⁹

462 La carta a los Hebreos habla del mismo misterio: Por eso, al entrar en este mundo, [Cristo] dice: No quisiste sacrificio y oblación; pero me has formado un cuerpo. Holocaustos y sacrificios por el pecado no te agradaron. Entonces dije: ¡He aquí que vengo... a hacer, oh Dios, tu voluntad! (Hb 10, 5-7) ⁸⁰

463 La fe en la verdadera encarnación del Hijo de Dios es el signo distintivo de la fe cristiana: "Podréis conocer en esto el Espíritu de Dios: todo espíritu que confiesa a Jesucristo, venido en carne, es de Dios" (1 Jn 4,2). Esa es la alegre convicción de la Iglesia desde sus comienzos cuando canta "el gran misterio de la piedad": "El ha sido manifestado en la carne" (1 Tm 3, 16).

¡Feliz navidad!

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord **4:00 PM MASS (English)**

La Natividad del Señor (Navidad)

Misa vespertina de la vigilia **6:00 PM Misa en Español**



Thursday, December 25, 2025

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) **10:00 AM MASS (English)**

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**



In collaboration with St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, Family Honor—a Catholic organization formally approved by the Diocese of Charleston—is hosting a one-day workshop designed to help parents and their adolescent children strengthen family communication and build virtue. This workshop places a special focus on the virtue of chastity. Sat., Feb. 7, 2026 Location: St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 91 North Park Street, Dahllonega, 30533 GA <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/real-love-real-life-dahllonega-tickets-1821381714739?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Catechism Class
Mon. 6 pm

OCIA
Wed.
7:15 pm
No Class 12/24

Bible Study
Thu. 6 pm
No Class 12/25

Clase de estudio bíblico en español
Miércoles 7:15 pm
¡Qué falta de clase! 12/24

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

I. Jesus

435 The name of Jesus is at the heart of Christian prayer. All liturgical prayers conclude with the words "through our Lord Jesus Christ." The Hail Mary reaches its high point in the words "blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus." The Eastern prayer of the heart, the Jesus Prayer, says: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Many Christians, such as St. Joan of Arc, have died with the one word "Jesus" on their lips. (2667-2668, 2676)

II. Christ

436 The word "Christ" comes from the Greek translation of the Hebrew Messiah, which means "anointed." It became the name proper to Jesus only because he accomplished perfectly the divine mission that "Christ" signifies. In effect, in Israel those consecrated to God for a mission that he gave were anointed in his name. This was the case for kings, for priests and, in rare instances, for prophets.²⁹ This had to be the case all the more so for the Messiah whom God would send to inaugurate his kingdom definitively.³⁰ It was necessary that the Messiah be anointed by the Spirit of the Lord at once as king and priest, and also as prophet.³¹ Jesus fulfilled the messianic hope of Israel in his threefold office of priest, prophet, and king. (690, 695, 711-716, 783)

437 To the shepherds, the angel announced the birth of Jesus as the Messiah promised to Israel: "To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."³² From the beginning he was "the one whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world," conceived as "holy" in Mary's virginal womb.³³ God called Joseph to "take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit," so that Jesus, "who is called Christ," should be born of Joseph's spouse into the messianic lineage of David.³⁴ (525, 486)

²⁹ Cf. Ex 29:7; Lev 8:12; 1 Sam 9:16; 10:1; 16:1,12-13; 1 Kings 1:39; 19:16. ³⁰ Cf. Ps 2:2; Acts 4:26-27. ³¹ Cf. Isa 11:2; 61:1; Zech 4:14; 6:13; Lk 4:16-21. ³² Lk 2:11. ³³ Jn 10:36; cf. Lk 1:35. ³⁴ Mt 1:20; cf. Mt 1:16; Rom 1:1; 2 Tim 2:8; Rev 22:16.

CCD SCHEDULE (11:15 am—12:15 pm)

12/21/25 - No Class Christmas Break, 4th Sunday of Advent

12/24/25 - The Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord

4:00 PM MASS 6:00 PM Misa en Español

12/25/25 - Holy Day of Obligation

The Nativity of the Lord 10:00 AM MASS

12/28/25 - No Class New Year's Holiday

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



SECOND COLLECTIONS
DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS OFFERING
DECEMBER 25 - CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Merry Christmas
Feliz Navidad
to the parishioners of
St. Peter the Rock Catholic Church!
Have a Blessed Christmas Season!

INCOME FY 2025-2026

Weekly offertory	week ending Dec. 7th	\$4,398
Weekly budget		\$3,835
over/(under)		\$563

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:

I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh. (Jn 6:51)

Real Presence

In the Gospel of John, when Jesus called himself the "bread of life", which must be eaten to have eternal life, many of his disciples were shocked: "This is d hard saying; who can listen to it?" (6:60). In fact, "many of his disciples drew back and no longer walked with him" (Jn 6:66).

Jesus said to his twelve apostles, "Will you also go away?" Peter answered for them and for all believers down to the present day: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (Jn 6:67-68).

Saint Quote: Your life must be woven around the Eucharist. Direct your eyes to Him, who is the Light; bring your hearts very close to His Divine Heart; ask Him for the grace to know Him, for the charity to love Him, for the courage to serve Him. Seek Him longingly St. Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

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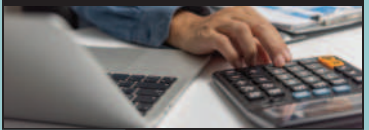
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