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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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NOVEMBER 30, 2025 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man. ... Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming (Mt 24:37-39, 42).

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.



SATURDAY

Mass Intentions for the Week November 29 - December 7, 2025

November 29, 2025 President Trump, Melania, Barron, & Family

5:30 PM **SUNDAY** November 30, 2025 10:00 AM Tony Yannaco & Don 12:30 PM For the People of the Parish

MONDAY December 1, 2025 8:00 AM Everyone on Cathy Stucko's Holy Alliance

WEDNESDAY December 3, 2025 6:30 PM Consuelo Cervantes **†** December 4, 2025 **THURSDAY** 8:00 AM Ignacio Garcia +

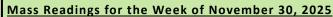
FRIDAY December 5, 2025 **First Friday Adoration**

8:00 AM Jan and Czeslawa Targonski 🕇

SATURDAY December 6, 2025

8:00 AM **First Saturday Mass** 5:30 PM All Souls Remembrance

SUNDAY December 7, 2025 10:00 AM Urszula Targonski † 12:30 PM For the People of the Parish



Sunday: 1: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44 Monday: Is 4:2-6 (second choice) Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37 see 685: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 16:15-20 Thursday: Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-6

Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

<u> Prayer List ~ Lista de Oracíon</u>

Mike Birdsong, Ron Gillen, Lillian Logan, Deacon TC Meuninck, Frank Morgan, Rebecca Ramsey

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:

- Confession (shortly before or after the First Saturday so long as the person receives Holy Communion in a state of
- Holy Communion received on the First Saturday of each 2) month;
- the Holy Rosary, five decades recited sometime during the day; and
- meditating for 15 minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary



Advent / Adviento



Saturday Evening Prayer I on November 29, 2025 - ends Midafternoon Prayer December 24, 2025 on Christmas Eve.

<u> What is Advent?</u>

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest wears violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose may be worn (GIRM, no. 346). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

From the Catechism:

524 When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.200 By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease." 201 (1171)"

Primera oración del sábado por la tarde, el 29 de noviembre de 2025; finaliza la oración de media tarde, el 24 de diciembre de 2025, en Nochebuena.

¿Qué es el Adviento? El Adviento (de "ad-venire" en latín o "venir a") es el comienzo del año litúrgico de la Iglesia y abarca los cuatro domingos (y días de la semana) previos a la celebración de la Navidad.

El Adviento es un tiempo de preparación que dirige nuestros corazones y mentes hacia la segunda venida de Cristo al final de los tiempos y al aniversario del nacimiento de Nuestro Señor en Ñavidad. Desde los primeros días de la Iglesia, la gente ha estado fascinada por la promesa de Jesús de regresar. Pero las lecturas de las Escrituras durante el Adviento nos dicen que no perdamos el tiempo con predicciones. El Adviento no se trata de especulaciones. Nuestras lecturas de Adviento nos llaman a estar alerta y listos, no agobiados ni distraídos por las preocupaciones de este mundo (Lc 21:34-36). Al igual que la Cuaresma, el color litúrgico para el Adviento es el morado, ya que ambos son tiempos que nos preparan para los grandes días festivos. El Adviento también incluye un elemento de penitencia en el sentido de preparar, aquietar y disciplinar nuestros corazones para la alegría plena de la Navidad.

Mientras nos preparamos para la Navidad, la Instrucción General del Misal Romano señala algunas diferencias en la Misa que se deben observar durante la temporada. Por ejemplo, el sacerdote viste de violeta o morado durante el Adviento, excepto el Tercer Domingo de Adviento (Domingo de Gaudete) cuando se puede usar el rosa (IGMR, no. 346). Aparte de lo que viste el sacerdote, otros cambios estéticos en la Iglesia pueden incluir un altar decorado más modestamente.

Del Catecismo

524 Al celebrar anualmente la liturgia de Adviento, la Iglesia actualiza esta espera del Mesías: participando en la larga preparación de la primera venida del Salvador, los fieles renuevan el ardiente deseo de su segunda Venída, 202 Celebrando la natividad y el martirio del Precursor, la Iglesia se une a l deseo de éste: "Es preciso que él crezca y que yo disminuya" (Jn 3, 30).

Women's Group Meeting - Sunday, December 7th 2:00 pm Clean the Church for the holidays - Saturday, December 13th 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Volunteers Needed

Decorate Christmas Tree - Wednesday, December 17th after the 6:30 pm Mass

Parish Christmas Party - Sunday, December 28th 2:00 pm



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.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE



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



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 - CH. TWO I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY SON OF GOD

423 We believe and confess that Jesus of Nazareth, born a Jew of a daughter of Israel at Bethlehem at the time of King Herod the Great and the emperor Caesar Augustus, a carpenter by trade, who died crucified in Jerusalem under the procurator Pontius Pilate during the reign of the emperor Tiberius, is the eternal Son of God made man. He "came from God,"4 "descended from heaven,"5 and "came in the flesh."6 For "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.... And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace."7

424 Moved by the grace of the Holy Spirit and drawn by the Father, we believe in Jesus and confess: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."8 On the rock of this faith confessed by St. Peter, Christ built his Church.9 (683, 552)

"To preach... the unsearchable riches of Christ"10

The transmission of the Christian faith consists primarily in proclaiming Jesus Christ in order to lead others to faith in him. From the beginning, the first disciples burned with the desire to proclaim Christ: "We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."11 And they invite people of every era to enter into the joy of their communion with Christ: (850, 858)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.12

4 Jn 13:3. 5 Jn 3:13; 6:33. 6 1 Jn 4:2. 7 Jn 1:14, 16. 8 Mt 16:16. 9 Cf. Mt 16:18; St. Leo the Great, Sermo 4, 3: PL 54, 150–152; 51, 1: PL 54, 308–309; 62, 2: PL 54, 350–351; 83, 3: PL 54, 431-432. 10 Eph 3:8. 11 Acts 4:20. 12 1 Jn 1:1-4.

CCD SCHEDULE (11:15 am—12:15 pm)

11/30/25 - No Class - Thanksgiving Break 1st Sunday of Advent

Guadalupe Rosary: 6:00 PM - Mass: 6:30 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 8:00 AM & 6:00 PM 12/12/25 - Our Lady of Guadalupe / Nuestra Señora de



Religious Christmas cards are on Columbus display in the Narthex and can be purchased after Mass from the

Knights of Columbus. Monies raised from the sale help to defray the cost of Christmas cards given to over 400 residents in surrounding nursing homes. Help "Keep Christ in Christmas" by sending religious cards.



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. 16th \$4,255

Weekly budget \$3,835

over/(under)

\$420

KIDS CORNER

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

Now it's time for Communion! How am I, a small human being, supposed to receive our great God? We say: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof; but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed!" (see the words of the Roman centurion in Lk 7:6).

The Eucharistic Prayer begins with the Sanctus: "Holy, holy, holy..." About 2,700 years ago, the prophet Isaiah had a vision of God and his angels. He heard the angels singing this beautiful song. Now with the angels and the saints, we sing the same song. Our loved ones already in heaven are singing it, too.

Heaven and earth are united at the Consecration, when bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. The crucified and risen Lord is made present. While this is happening, we kneel, full of reverence, in humble awe before this miracle.

Saint Quote: Whoever receives the Holy Eucharist loses himself in God like a drop of water in the ocean. The two can no longer be divided. If after Communion someone surprised us with the question: "What are you carrying home with you?", we could answer: "We are carrying heaven with us." St. Jean-Marie Vianney (1786-1859), parish priest of Ars, France



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