



ST. PETER
CATHOLIC CHURCH
A Dominican Parish

Established in 1840



Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 20, 2020

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Fridays - 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

www.stpeterchurch.org



Welcome to St. Peter!

*While we celebrate the rich history of our parish,
we strive to promote the promise of the future through the
Four Pillars of Dominican Spirituality—
Prayer, Study, Community and Preaching.*

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Cycle B) – December 20, 2020

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 | Psalm 89 | Romans 16:25-27 | Luke 1:26-38

From the Second Book of Samuel:

“I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!”

Reflection by Br. Carlos Salas, OP:

As we continue to prepare for Christmas, to receive Christ into our hearts, we need to evaluate and recognize those moments when we give preference to ourselves instead of God. Like King David, we cannot do it in the busyness of our daily life, so we must recollect by ourselves in silence, aware of the omnipresence of God. The Lord will help us in this process if we give Him the time and our full attention. After all, it is He who has provided for us all along, the One who gives us the breath of life at every moment. “Should *you* build me a house to dwell in?” We cannot make ourselves worthy of Him, but He can transform us and prepare our hearts to receive Him this Christmas as He prepared Mary to receive Him in her womb and her heart.

Something to think about:

- How have I put my interests above giving honor to You? In what ways have I put You in a tent while I constructed a house of cedar for myself?
- May I follow the example of Mary, who humbly allowed Him to do His will in her, “May it be done to me according to your word.”

Christmas Mass Schedule

Church doors will open 30 minutes prior to each Liturgy

***Pew reservations needed for Vigil Masses by December 21,**
527-8282 or secretary@stpeterchurch.org

Thursday, December 24

- 4 PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (incense free) *
- 6 PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (incense free) *
- 11 PM Christmas Eve Mass during the Night

Friday, December 25

10 AM Christmas Day Mass

PRAYER LIST—If you would like to be added to the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass or the Prayer List in the bulletin, please contact Jane Scharding Smedley at mrsjane@stpeterchurch.org.

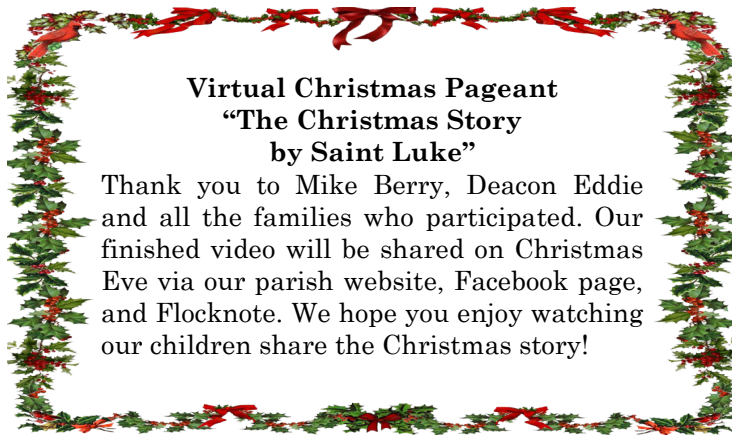
EMERGENCY LINE—If you need to contact the priests for Anointing of the Sick or an emergency when the parish office is closed, dial the office number, 901-527-8282 and then press “9”.

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS
Mon.-Fri. at 12:05 p.m.
SATURDAY VIGIL - 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAYS - 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

CONFESSION

WEEKDAYS
Mon.-Fri. at 11:30 a.m.
SATURDAY - 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.



Virtual Christmas Pageant "The Christmas Story by Saint Luke"

Thank you to Mike Berry, Deacon Eddie and all the families who participated. Our finished video will be shared on Christmas Eve via our parish website, Facebook page, and Flocknote. We hope you enjoy watching our children share the Christmas story!

Curious about the Catholic Church? RCIA NEWS

RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and is the process for adults who would like to join the Catholic Church, or just find out a little more. All are welcome to join anytime during the year. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM. No sessions on Dec. 23rd and 30th. Sessions resume on January 6th. For more info and/or Zoom link contact Christina, cklyce@stpeterchurch.org. Our RCIA Team would love to meet you!



Pledge Card Reminder

Please turn in your pledge cards and make your commitment official! The sooner received, the sooner we may achieve the goals of our strategic plan.

Thank you to those who have turned in their pledge cards of Time, Talent & Treasure!

Faith Formation Holiday Schedule

There will be no faith formation sessions for children or teens on December 27th or January 3rd. Sessions resume on January 10th. Have a blessed Christmas!



Christmas Holiday Schedule

Office Closed December 25—January 4

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Catholic Diocese of Memphis in Tennessee encourages all victims, or parents of minors who are victims, of sexual abuse by a bishop, priest, deacon or diocesan employee or agent, to report such abuse by phoning any of the following numbers:

- Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline (1-877-237-0004)
- Victim Assistance Coordinator (901-652-4066)
- Dir. of Child and Youth Protection (901-359-2027)

All reports will be treated in a confidential manner. The Diocese of Memphis offers a program of psychological and spiritual assistance to abused victims in need.

Access to Live and Recorded Masses

Please go to <http://www.stpeterchurch.org/live-and-recorded-masses/> to view live and recorded audio and video simulcasts of the Masses here at St. Peter.

FAITH FORMATION 2021



Bible In a Year Podcast

Looking for a New Year's resolution that will deepen your faith? Try the new *Bible in a Year* Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz! Each 20-25 minute episode will include:

- Two to three scripture readings
- A reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.

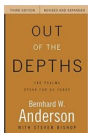
Ascension's *Bible in a Year* Podcast for Catholics follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure *Bible Timeline*® learning system. At St. Peter, many of our parishioners have participated in the Bible Timeline studies and found them to be extremely helpful in understanding and praying with the Bible. All are welcome to sign up for the podcast. No previous Bible experience needed! For more information and to sign up please go to ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration or contact Christina, cklyce@stpeterchurch.org.

New Book Study

Out of the Depths:

The Psalms Speak for Us Today

In January, we are starting a new book study about Psalms. We'll be using Bernard Anderson's *Out of the Depths: The Psalms Speak for Us Today*. Led by Jennie Latta, this study will meet via Zoom on Tuesday evenings. We plan to cover one chapter a week, with participants encouraged to read the chapter before each week's meeting. Copies are available online or at St. Paul Books. To sign up or for more information, please email Christina at cklyce@stpeterchurch.org.



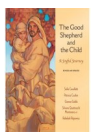
History of the Catholic Church with Fr. Carmen

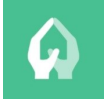
Join Fr. Carmen on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. Fr. John Vidmar, O.P.'s book *The Catholic Church through the Ages: A History* is the text. No charge but donations to the St. Martin de Porres National Shrine & Institute will be gratefully accepted.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Book Study

The Good Shepherd and the Child: A Joyful Journey

This user-friendly book for parents, grandparents and catechists is an excellent introduction to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, prayer and spirituality of the young child. We meet via Zoom on Thursday mornings at 9:30. All are invited to join, and it's okay if you haven't participated in previous sessions. After Christmas, we will pick up with Chapter 4 "Sources of Nourishment." To receive the Zoom links, email Christina at cklyce@stpeterchurch.org.





Thank you for supporting the Dorothy Day House in 2020! In a year full of unprecedented times, we have kept our homes running nonstop providing shelter for families in need. As we continue with our mission, please keep the DDH in mind for your end-of-year giving. Please go to www.dorothydaymemphis.org/donate or mail checks to P.O. Box 40269, Memphis, TN 38174. Thank you for helping us keep homeless families together.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



The Sandwich Ministry is looking for Sunday Sandwich Deliverers & Makers

Please contact the office or Annette Askew, aaskew3@comcast.net. Sandwiches may be brought to the church during office hours or before Mass. Here are the instructions: www.stpeterchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/SANDWICH_INSTRUCTIONS.pdf



Keep Our Neighbors Warm This Winter!

The Urban Bicycle Food Ministry is taking gloves, hats, hand warmers, and tall socks to distribute to the homeless this winter. Donations can be dropped off in the UBFM box in the West Tower. We truly appreciate your generosity!

Annual Campaign: #SERVELOVE

Join us as we serve hope and love to our brothers and sisters in need! Catholic Charities of West Tennessee, www.ccwtn.org/donate, 901-722-4700

ST. PETER ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Go to website online, www.stpeterchurch.org/give/

- Select GIVE, Select VANCO, Select CREATE/LOG IN.
 - Regular donations: Offertory, Literary Society & Miscellaneous Collections
 - ⇒ Select ADD TRANSACTION – use regular donations for your offertory.
 - ⇒ Select Donation Amount, Frequency and Start Date (Choose weekday date rather than weekend date)
 - ⇒ Miscellaneous Donations can use the same procedures as the regular offertory donations. .
- You have completed your contribution. Thank You!

Public Mass Notes

- Masks & 6 feet of distancing **always required**.
- The quiet room & nursery **ARE NOT** available.
- Receiving Communion **is the only time** anyone is permitted to remove mask.
- **Ushers will direct you when to leave after Mass.**
- Please do not linger in front of the church.

TAKE A MISSALETTE HOME! - Since we still cannot use Missalettes nor Hymnals at worship (due to sanitation concerns), copies of the next addition of Missalettes (Readings for Advent until the end of Lent.) are available for pick up in the back of the church for your use at home.



Saturday Afternoon Rosary at 3 p.m. - Our parish rosary team is leading a rosary on Zoom on Saturdays at 3 PM. All are welcome, and it's okay to join us if you don't know how to pray the rosary. Contact Christina cklyce@stpeterchurch.org for the Zoom link. We hope to see you on Saturday!

ADVENT FAITH FORMATION FOR HOME OR ON THE GO

LET YOUR SOUL SHINE

This Advent, join Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team for a free email program that will help you rediscover the beauty and joy of the Gospels. Sign up at BestAdventEver.com.



WORD ON FIRE ENGAGE

Engage is a video library with Bishop Barron and Word on Fire videos, and all are invited to sign up courtesy of Lumen Civitatis. Lumen to 84576 or email Christina Klyce at cklyce@stpeterchurch.org.

THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

The Road to Bethlehem includes:

- Daily Advent reflections by Dr. Tim Gray
- weekly videos, audio talks, and book excerpts on FORMED related to the weekly theme
- Email reminders every morning
- Brother Francis Advent reflections for kids
- A weekly action item to help you put the Advent message into practice.

Sign up at FORMED.org/Advent

Not yet on FORMED? Our parish is blessed to have a subscription to FORMED, a digital platform with a variety of Catholic movies and programs. It's easy to sign up!

Visit <http://signup.formed.org/>.

Click Sign Up

Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"

Find our parish: St. Peter Church Memphis TN 38103

Additional Advent Resources, including ideas for children and teens, are available here:

www.stpeterchurch.org/advent-faith-formation-for-home-or-on-the-go/

**The Southern Dominican Province
Gift of Prayer ~ Solemn and Annual Enrollments**
Enrollments may be used to recognize a special occasion or in times of illness and death. www.opsouth.org, call 504-837-2129 x16 or the church office, 527-8282

MASS INTENTIONS for the week ~ Call the office to reserve a Mass intention date

Sunday, December 20	Clarence Taylor †	8:30 a.m.
	For the Parish	11:00 p.m.
Monday, December 21	Edith Whalen †	12:05 p.m.
Tuesday, December 22	Rose Alexander Wiseman †	12:05 p.m.
Wednesday, December 23	James H. Pendergast, II †	12:05 a.m.
CHRISTMAS EVE Thursday, December 24	Clayton Poole †	4:00 p.m.
	Members of the DeArmond † & Notariano Families †	6:00 p.m.
	For the Parish	11:00 p.m.
CHRISTMAS DAY Friday, December 25	Mike Fitzmorris †	10:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 26	Peggy & Salvatore Palazolo †, Alice Rowland & Brigid Reade †	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 27	Clarence Taylor †	8:30 a.m.
	For the Parish	11:00 p.m.

PRAYER LIST

~ Call the church office to update this list. ~

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Francis Reis Costa, mother of parishioner John Costa.
May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.**

Parishioners who are homebound: Myra Wilson, Lynn Eastin

Parishioners, family & friends who are requesting prayer:

Beth Brooks	Julie Mills	Lena Reese
Joe Clark	Caleb Brannon	Tara Chambers
Marilyn Dilworth	Willie Lee Phillips	Fran Costa
Jennie Latta	Gene Gianini	Mitch Morgan
John Bryant	Pam Campbell	Brian Hudgens
Eleanor Klyce	Parker Anthony	Rachel Yarbrough
Lane Whitehead	Kate Sevier Cole	Willie Mae Ellis
Carrie Robinson	Jennifer Munn	Laurie Viglietti
Jan Payne	Mathew Dickson	John Novarese
Jim Heirigs	Yancey Tallent	Frank & Mary Dudley
Beth Miller	Maria Tangonan	Camille Angele Pool-Owen
Felice Carrozza	Corey Seeto	Jennifer Warren Rhem
Samira Collado-Yunes	Madison Martin	Helen & George Seeto
Cindy Duck	Mike Martin	

Prayers for New Life Please pray for our expectant parents and their babies!

Rima & William Phillipin	December 18
Beth & Roy Messina	December 24
Lana & Darren Meyers	January 29
Kathleen & Jack Byrnes	January 26
Cali & Richard Boyette	February 8
Tyler & Danielle Thompson	April 14



EXPECTANT PARENTS: Would you like to be included on our Expectant Parents Prayer List? Would you like to receive the Expectant Parent packet? Contact Christina Klyce at cklyce@stpeterchurch.org or (901)527-8282.

Prayers for Those Serving in Harm's Way: Remember these parishioners and family members who are serving in harm's way around the world: *Pvt. Jonathan Paul Shiberou, Ensign Walker Sims, Capt. Robert Campbell, William Perry, Lt. Col. Steve Reed, PFC Corey Seeto, Major Nicholas Beck*

Prayers for Healthcare and Essential Workers during this Pandemic.

Lori & Tony Harrington	Dr. Brennan McCullar	Julie Jones	Chandler Williams
Dr. Brian Anthony	Michelle Grzybowski	Aja Jenkins	Jessica Galtelli
Charles Fletchinger	Mary Kate Henderson	Kelli Arnold	Freddie Thorne
Dr. Mary Avery Poole	Emily & Will Shorter	Krystal D Way	Sarah Harlan
Staff at St. Francis Park	Sandra Douglass	Martha Mitchell	Matthew Hayes
Hunter Strohm	Sandy Murphy	Megan Murphy	

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If you wish to participate in any of these ministries, contact for details:

PRAYER

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OUTREACH

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