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## DECEMBER 9, 2018

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### MASSSES:

Daily Mass: Mon thru Fri 9:00 am

#### Saturday Vigil Masses:

Sugarloaf Firehouse 4:00 pm

St. Peter Pavilion 5:30 pm

#### Sunday Morning Masses

8:30 am & 11:00 am

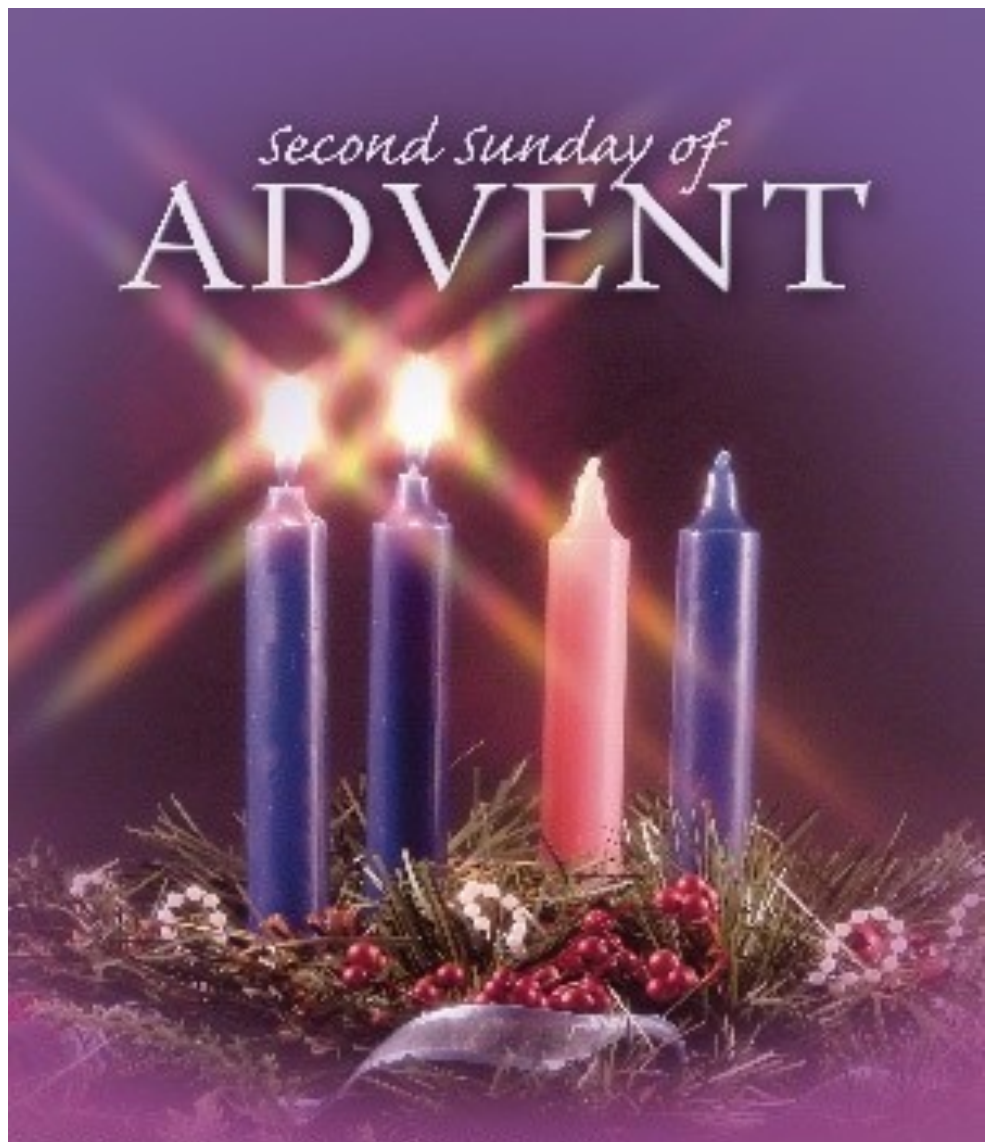
Holy Days: Vigil Mass 6 pm

Holy Day Mass 9 am or 10am

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:45 pm to 5:15 pm  
(or by appointment)

**BAPTISMS, FUNERALS and  
WEDDINGS** (by appointment)



# All Are Welcome

*No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,  
No matter what your current family or marital situation,  
No matter what your past or present religious situation,  
No matter your personal history, age, background, race etc.,  
No matter what your own self-image or self esteem,  
**YOU are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected  
here at St. Peter Catholic Church.***



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 8, 2018

4:00 PM Sugarloaf: +Deceased members of Sugarloaf mission family

5:30 PM +Deceased members of St. Peter Parish

### Sunday, December 9, 2018

8:30 AM S.I. Todd Bilecki by John & Pauline Snyder

11:00 AM +Michael Rizzon by Ruth Rizzo &  
Richard Gambescia

### Monday, December 10, 2018

9:00 AM +Verona Ebel by Connie Hauk

### Tuesday, December 11, 2018

9:00 AM +Oettle Family by Jimmy Oettle

### Wednesday, December 12, 2018

9:00 AM + Marlene Robert by Richard DiBonaventura

### Thursday, December 13, 2018

9:00 AM +Irene Chrzanowski by Rita Orzel

### Friday, December 14, 2018

9:00 AM +Deborah Williams Jenkins

### Saturday December 15, 2018:

4:00 PM Sugarloaf Mass: +Arlene Luizza by Linda Luizza

5:30 PM S.I. Chris Burns (Birthday)  
by Margaret and Jim Burns

### Sunday December 16, 2018

8:30 AM +Beatriz Mendoza-Singer by  
Richard DiBonaventura

11:00 AM +Quinton Weeks by Rosalinda Hally

## This Week In Our Parish

### Monday, December 10

Daily Mass: 9:00 a.m.  
Food Bank: 9:30am-noon

### Tuesday, December 11

Daily Mass: 9:00 a.m.  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
after Mass until 11am  
Food Bank: 9:30 am-noon

### Wednesday, December 12

Daily Mass: 9:00 a.m.  
Food Bank: 9:30 am-noon

### Thursday, December 13

Daily Mass: 9:00 am  
Food Bank: 9:30am—noon  
Advent Penance Service 6pm

### Friday, December 14

9:00 am Mass  
5:30pm Parish Christmas Party

### Saturday, December 15

4pm Vigil Mass at Sugarloaf Firehouse  
5:30pm Vigil Mass at St. Peter Pavilion

### Sunday, December 16

Masses at 8:30 am & 11:00 am  
CCD Classes 9:30-10:45  
Youth Group Caroling after 11am Mass  
Jesse Tree Sorting Party after 11am Mass

## Daily Mass Readings

**Monday, Dec. 10: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26**

**Tuesday, Dec. 11: Isaiah 40: 1-10;  
Matthew 18:12-14**

**Wednesday, Dec. 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:39-47**

**Thursday, Dec. 13: Isaiah 41:13-20;  
Matthew 11:11-15**

**Friday, Dec. 14: Isaiah 48: 17-19;  
Matthew 11: 16-19**



**Jesse Tree update:**

Our sorting party will be Sunday, December 16th after the 11am Mass. We will sort the gifts into families, attach tags and get them ready for the parents to pick up on the 22nd and 23rd. If you would like to help, call Connie in the office at 305-872-2537.

Thank you for helping to make Christmas happier for needy families in our area!



**St. Peter Community Food Bank**

**Winter Hours:**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
9:30 am to Noon**

Most needed are canned tuna/chicken, Spam, hearty soups (pull-top cans are especially helpful) & peanut butter. Please bring your donations to the Food Bnk or Ministry Center.

Thank you in advance for bringing brighter days to the needy in our community!

**Special thanks to Brian Morgan, his neighbors and friends for conducting a holiday food drive and donating the goods to St. Peter Community Food Bank! We are blessed to receive their donations. Their contributions put many smiles on the faces of needy people!**



If you are new to our St. Peter community—welcome to the family.

We invite you to worship with us—to pray with us, to sing with us and to rejoice with us for all God's blessings.

We have a Community Food Bank which helps the less fortunate in our midst.

We have an active, caring community—people you can call on in time of crisis.

We have opportunities to share our Faith with one another in Prayer Groups, in a number of different Ministries—we have religious education classes for our children and social events to mark the seasons.





**The Knights of  
Columbus** are selling



**Blessed Christmas Trees** this year  
again in the tent by the Pavilion.

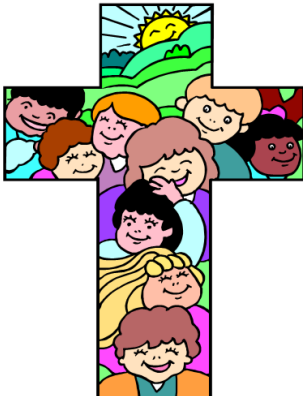
The Knights are in charge of the  
**Parish Christmas party**. They need to set up for  
the Christmas Party on Friday Morning, Dec. 14  
and on Saturday morning Dec, 15th they need to  
re-arrange everything for the weekend Masses—  
and **they Really, Really need some extra help!**

There are **two Sign-up Sheets** near the door —  
one if you are attending the Christmas Party and  
one if you can find the time to come help them  
and thank them for all they do for our parish.

## **CCD has started!**

**Classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 in  
the Ministry Center**

The greatest gift we can give our children  
is a Catholic education.



Please make sure  
your child is registered  
and attends classes  
each week.

Mark your calendars for  
the 5:30 Mass on  
Christmas Eve—  
featuring the Children's  
Christmas Pageant!

Lower Keys Community Choir  
Keys Chamber Orchestra present:

## **International Carol Suites**

Monday, Dec. 10—7:30pm

Big Pine Methodist Church

Wednesday, Dec. 12

Venture Out— 7:30pm

Thursday, Dec. 13—7:30pm

San Pablo Catholic Church—Marathon



This year, prepare for Christmas in a different  
way. Join our parish for BEST ADVENT EVER,  
a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that  
will help you slow down and focus on what  
matters most during the busy holiday season.

Each day of Advent, you will receive  
an email with:

- Short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt and  
Dominick Albano, with guest appearances  
from Matthew Kelly
  - Practical tips for your everyday life
  - Real-life stories to encourage you in  
your faith journey

Plus, every Sunday during the program, you will  
receive a thought-provoking video reflection that  
will help you understand how the Gospel  
relates to your own life.

To sign up, visit:

**BestAdventEver.com/Christmas**



## **Youth Group Christmas Caroling**

Christmas Caroling Sunday, Dec. 16 after the 11am Mass—  
Youth Group and Confirmation teens.

For more information, call or text Barbara Jackowski 305-304-8191



Please let us know in the office if you or someone else is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist at home. Call the office at 305-872-2537.



*Thank You*

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,  
TALENT AND TREASURE

STEWARDSHIP

### ***Collections for the Weekend:***

#### **December 1 & 2**

**Sugarloaf 1st: \$ 92.00**

**2nd \$ 23.00**

**Big Pine 1st: \$3,062.00**

**2nd: \$ 811.00**  
**(Rebuilding Fund)**

**Direct Debit: \$ 380.00**

### ***GRIEF SUPPORT***

If you are dealing with the loss of a loved one, grief support is available.

Contact Mary Quirk at 305-744-0139,  
or through the church office at  
305-872-2537.

### ***St. Peter Catholic Church Website***

Visit the St. Peter Church website at <http://www.stpeterbpk.org>. Click on the Photos tab or follow us on Facebook to look at the photos taken at recent events at St. Peter Church!

## ***Pray For Those Who Are Sick***

We ask your prayers for Parishioners:

Roger Lederer, Guenther Glatt, Rachel Miles,  
Mary Doris Scheidell, Kim Padron, Doug Krout, Bill Carver,  
William Kin Koeber, Bob Harrell, Mrs. Pfeifer,  
LouAnn Lansing, Kevin Kenny, Sue Cherrybon, Don Stulken,  
Lani Boski, Rosemary Farrell, John Mescal, Mary Quirk,  
Ismael Lopez, Jorge Ramos, John Snyder, Dee Johnson and  
Javier Herrera.

### ***Those Serving Us:***

#### **Saturday December 8: 5:30 Mass:**

Lector:

EME: Deacon Jack,

Altar Server: Kacper Jachym

#### **Sunday December 9: 8:30 Mass:**

Lector: Cathy Hoffman

EME:

Altar Servers: Emilia Havlicek, Samson Fernsel

#### **Sunday December 9: 11:am Mass:**

Lector:

EME: Rosalinda Hally,

Altar Servers: Louis Rosasco, Matthew Rosasco



### ***50 / 50 Weekly Jackpot***

**No winner this week. #173**  
**was drawn and did not play.**  
**The Jackpot now rolls over to**  
**\$485.00.**

**Part-time Residents can still**  
**participate year round by using**  
**Direct Debit.**

**Process:** Deposit your envelope in either the first or second collection at Mass if you don't use Direct Debit.

**Criteria:** The envelope must include \$5.00 cash or check and your name and the date on the outside as well, please—this is in addition to your regular offering.

# ***St. Peter Catholic Church***

## ***Holiday Schedule***



### **Beginning *First Sunday of Advent* (Dec. 1 & 2)**

All weekend Masses at St. Peter in the Pavilion again

- Sugarloaf Firehouse 4pm Vigil Mass begins
- Blessed* Christmas Tree sale by Knights of Columbus starts
- CCD classes start in the Ministry Center, Sunday at 9:30am

### **Tuesday, December 4, 7pm — *Advent Candlelight Prayer Service***

- Come, open your heart in prayer to the Light of Christ

### ***Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

( Holy Day of Obligation)

- Vigil Mass Friday, December 7 at 6pm
- Holy Day Mass Saturday, December 8 at 9am  
(this Saturday Mass does not fulfill the Sunday obligation)

### **Thursday, December 13, 6pm—*Advent Penance Service***

- Prayer Service and individual Confessions (with 4 priests)

### **Friday, December 14, 5:30pm - *Parish Christmas Party***

- Finger Food, Drinks and Carols under the Stars @ The Pavilion  
Please sign up if you plan to attend...Thank you!

### **Monday, December 24 - *Christmas Eve Masses***

- 5:30pm *Children's Christmas Mass & Pagaent*
- 11:00pm *Christmas Midnight Mass*  
(with Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long at 10:30pm)

### **Tuesday, December 25, 10 am—*Christmas Day Mass***

### **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

(Holy Day of Obligation)

- Monday, December 31, 6pm, *Vigil Mass*
- Tuesday, January 1st, 9am, *Holy Day Mass*



St. Peter Catholic Church, thanks you for your generous contribution to our

Annual Fall Fundraiser held at Boondocks' November 9<sup>th</sup>.

This year, because of your giving, we are proud to announce we have raised \$14,000.00, in Sponsorship and Live Auction sales, benefiting your contribution choice of either Food Bank or Rebuild Fund.

## *Special Thanks to Our Wonderful Sponsors*

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## ADVENT

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 also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

### **Advent Penance Service**

Prayer Service and Individual Confessions  
(with 4 priests)

Thursday, December 13, 6pm in the Pavilion



*As St. Joseph prepared the manger for the arrival of the Christ Child, we should clean out from our hearts the garbage and sin and bad habits. We then receive an infusion of Sacramental grace to enable us to live holier lives.*



**Parish Christmas Party** Friday December 14 5:30pm

Finger Food, Drinks, Live Music and Christmas Carols  
Under the Stars @ The Pavilion

Attention: Parish Ministries: you are invited to sing a Christmas Carol as a group and vie for bragging rights to the titles of "Best Vocals ", "Best Costume" and "Best Choreography"!





## Our Lady of Guadalupe

### December 12

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga.

The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac

### ***Reflection:***

Mary's appearance to Juan Diego as one of his people is a powerful reminder that Mary—and the God who sent her—accept all peoples. In the context of the sometimes rude and cruel treatment of the Indians by the Spaniards, the apparition was a rebuke to the Spaniards and an event of vast significance for the indigenous population. While a number of them had converted before this incident, they now came in droves.

According to a contemporary chronicler, nine million Indians became Catholic in a very short time. In these days when we hear so much about God's preferential option for the poor, Our Lady of Guadalupe cries out to us that God's love for and identification with the poor is an age-old truth that stems from the Gospel itself.

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