

St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church

31300 Overseas Hwy
Big Pine Key, FL 33043



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Office: 9am-3pm Mon.-Fri.

www.stpeterbpk.org

DECEMBER 12, 2021 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MASSES:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30-pm
Sunday Masses 8:30 and 11:00am

Daily Masses: 9am Mon-Fri.

HOLY DAYS: Vigil Mass 6 pm
Holy Day Mass 9 am

CONFESSIONS:

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

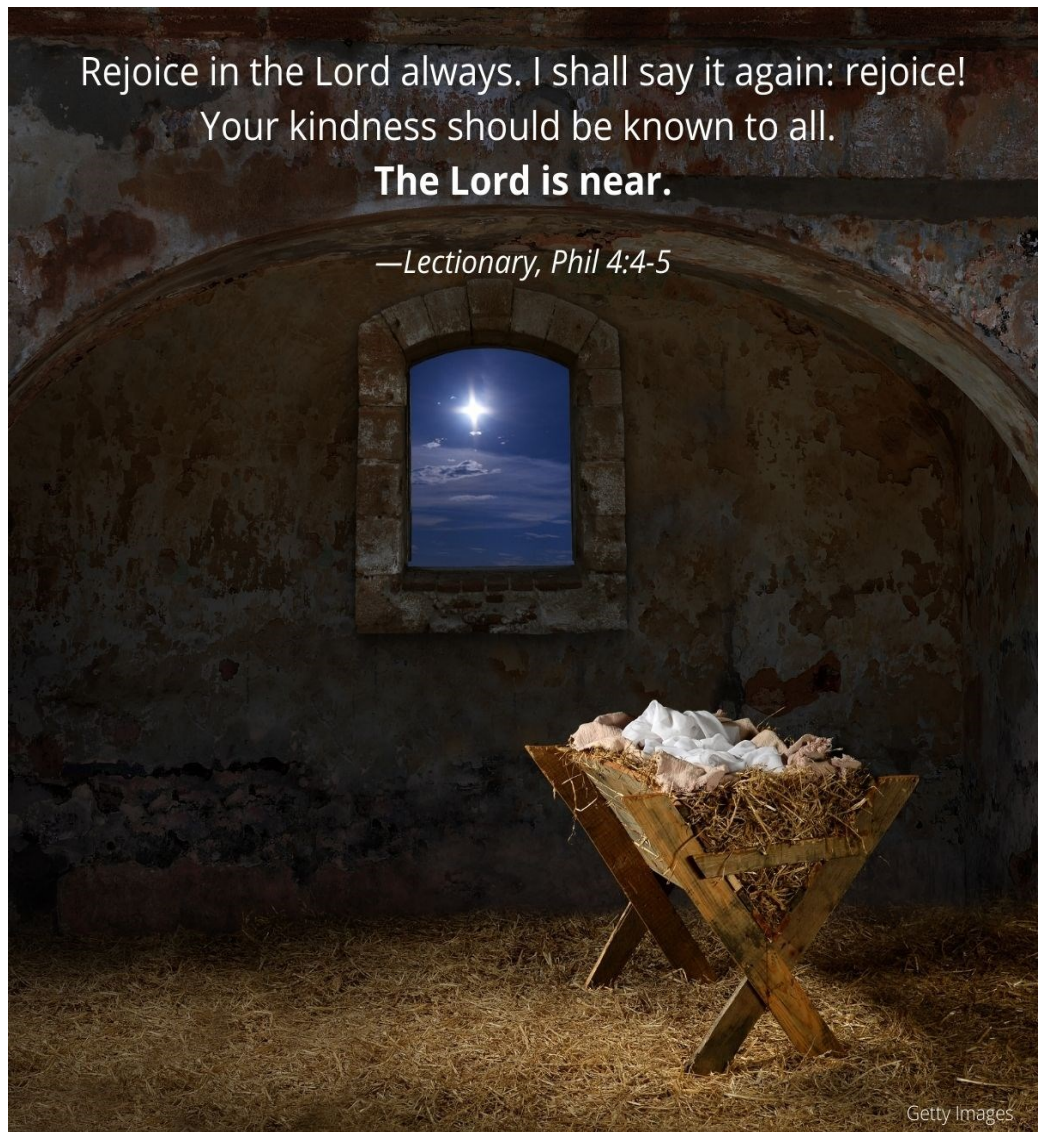
**BAPTISMS, FUNERALS and
WEDDINGS** (by appointment)
Contact Nancy or Connie in the
parish office

Office Hours: M-F 9:30am-3pm

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!
Your kindness should be known to all.

The Lord is near.

—Lectionary, Phil 4:4-5

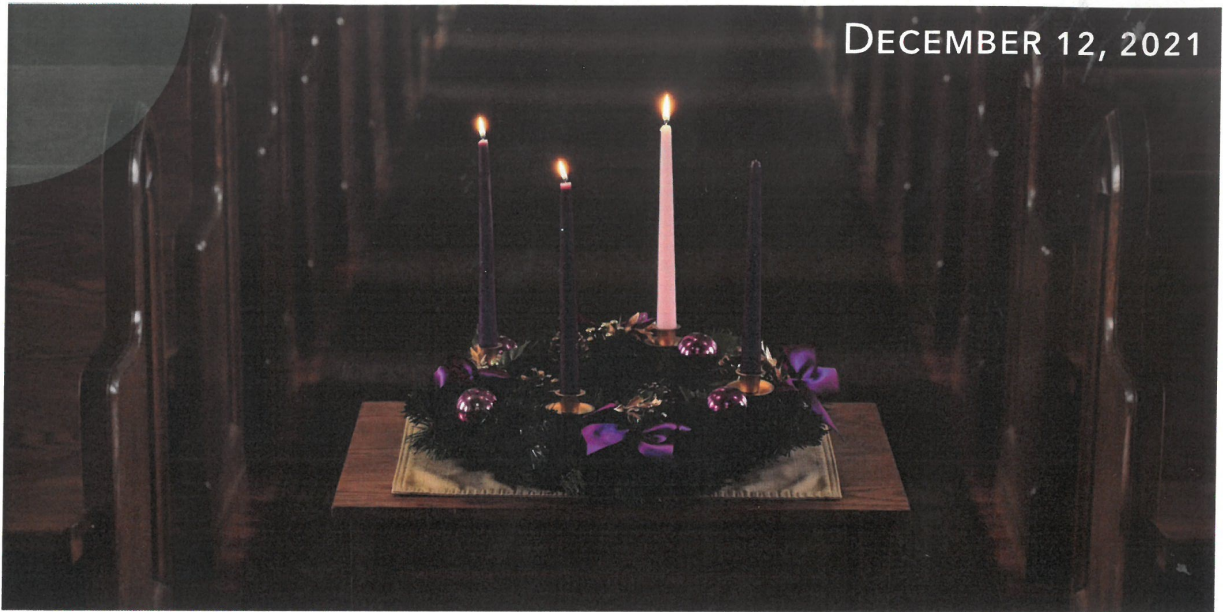


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The Third Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 12, 2021



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Lighting the Rose Candle

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple, and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

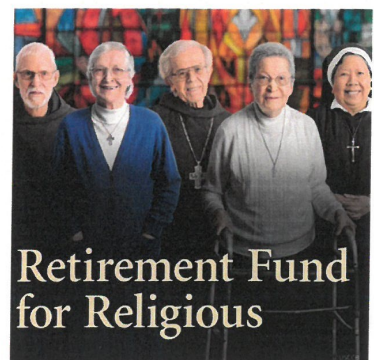
The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time.

The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Say thank you to the senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who devoted their lives to serving others. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious at Mass today. Learn more at retiredreligious.org.



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BULLETIN



3rd Sunday of Advent: We light the candle this week for Joy—rejoicing.

It is also the Sunday we remember the mother of Jesus. Mary sang joyfully at being part of God's work in the world . Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

When have you known the deepest joy in your life?

How is your joy making a difference in the world?

Save the date!!

Wednesday, December 15 at 10:00am for an

Advent Reflection and Sharing

With Norma Thompson in the Ministry Center



This will be a very casual gathering of people who want to reflect on the Unjust Judge and the Persistent Widow. We will have some prayer and reflection, but mainly we will share our response to some thought-provoking questions about this parable.

In order to have enough supplies and chairs, I ask that you sign up on the sheet in the back of church or email me at drnnormally@hotmail.com Please consider sharing with the other St. Peter Family members.



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2021-2022 Advent-Christmas-New Year Schedule

Tues. Dec. 7, 6 p.m. Vigil of the Immaculate Conception

Wed. Dec. 8, 9 a.m. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



Wed. Dec. 8, 7 p.m. Advent Adoration and Prayer Hour
Wed. Dec. 15, 10 a.m. Advent Reflection and Sharing

Tues. Dec. 21, 9:30 a.m. Advent Penance Service
(Individual confessions with Fr. Darin or Fr. Jets)
Wed. Dec. 22, 6 p.m. Advent Penance Service
(Individual confessions with Fr. Darin or Fr. Jets)

Fri. Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m. Christmas Children's Pageant Mass
Fri. Dec. 24, 11:30 p.m. Christmas Midnight Mass *preluded by Christmas Carols Singing*



Sat. Dec. 25, 10 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (NO 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses)

Sat. Dec. 25, 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass of The Holy Family

Sun. Dec. 26, 8:30 & 11 a.m. Feast of The Holy Family



Sat. Jan. 1, 5:30 p.m. Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord
Sun. Jan. 2, 8:30 & 11 a.m. The Epiphany of the Lord

Poinsettias decorating the church have been donated :

In Memory of Bobby & Wilma Birch
by Rileigh Stevens

In Memory of Frank & Nell Krueger
by Kathleen Henry

In Memory of Lee Jansen by Diane Neault

In Memory of Pete Kruzel & Family
by Karis & Mike Kruzel

In Honor of Bruno & Lettie Kruzel
by Mike & Karis Kruzel

In Memory of Schulz & Weis Family Members
by Carol Schulz

In Honor of Lynn Weatherly by Mike & Karis

In Memory of Julia Gonzales by Ginni Gaster

In Memory of Julia South Bob & Clara
Thompson & Carroll Family
by Norma & Jim Thompson

In Memory of Hortense Crumely by Lisa Ford

In Honor of the Ford Family by Lisa Ford

In Memory of Domingo Rivera by Nancy Lopez

In Honor of America Rivera by Nancy Lopez

In Memory of Kelly by the Quirks

In Memory of Daniel T. Rosasco by Peter Rosasco

In Honor of Fr. Jets by Peter Rosasco

In Memory of Flora & Daniel Garcia
by Peter Rosasco

In Honor of St. Peter's Parish Family
by Peter Rosasco

In Memory of Joseph & Eunice Beaton and
Elizabeth Beaton by Gary Beaton

In Memory of Fred & Marilee Pellegrini by
Pamela-Geoff & Alfredino Families

In Memory of Dom & Connie Yascavage by
Dominic & Pam, Ron, David & Cindy & Families

In Memory of Harold & Verona Ebel
by Connie Hauk

In Memory of Andrea McCarthy by Connie Hauk

In Memory of Robert J. Hancock by Pam, Chris,
Cole, Graycen, Cassie, Brayan, Apollo

Memory of Robert J. Stangler by Pam, Chris,
Cole, Graycen, Cassie, Brayan, Apollo

In Memory of Francis Crumely by Lisa Ford

In Honor of the Ford Family by Lisa Ford

In Memory of Patricia Skalbeck Sexton (Patty
Dyson) by Mark & Susan Berenz

In Memory of Bob & Gen Davies by Kim Roney

In Memory of the Scheidell Family
by William John & Mary Doris Scheidell

In Memory of the Jenkins Family
by William John & Mary Doris Scheidell

In Honor of William John Scheidell by
Mary Doris Scheidell

In Memory of Anthony McCarthy
by his mother Linda McCarthy

In Memory of Dorothy & Wallace Moore
by Teresa Valdez

In Honor of Fr. Wm. J. Axe D.SST
by Teresa Valdez

In Memory of the Mallorys & Castillos
by Roberta Castillo

In Memory of Valeen Silvy by Nova Silvy

In Memory of Thomas & Margot Estrada
by Isabel & Steve Paul

In Memory of Pat Parenty by Becky Parenty

In Memory of Unita Eggert by Becky Parenty

In Memory of Theresa Walters by Peggy Zoppy

In Memory of the Majeske Family
by Catherine (Majeske)Baugh

In Memory of Ed Baugh by Michele White

In Memory of Dick Anderson
by Patrick & Erin Hart

In Memory of Veronica Sheehy
by Patrick & Erin Hart

**Poinsettias decorating the church
donated...**

In Memory of MaryAnne, Grace, & Wayne
Lahey by Donna

In Memory of Katherine Fasano
by Carolyn Fasano

In Memory of Joe & Alberta Trendle & in Honor
of their 12 children by Betsy Shew

In Memory of Phil Embry
by Linda, Shannon & Ali Embry

In Memory of Frank & Nell Krueger by
Kathleen Henry

In Honor of the Deceased Members of the
McCrosson & Deane Families
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles T. McCrosson

In Memory of Betty Folse Bennett by
Jack & Lisa Lewis

In Memory of Rita Vinet Holzenthal by
Jack & Lisa Lewis

In Memory of Adrienne Miller Gunther by
Jack & Lisa Lewis

In Memory of Judith Mara by Martin Mara

In Memory of the Hanifan Family by
Mary Ann Nelson

In Memory of Thom O'Donnell by
Don & Mary Ann Nelson



Jesse Tree:

Thank you for your generous response to
our Jesse Tree project!
This weekend after the 11:00 Mass we will
take all the gifts to the Hall, sort them into
family groupings, label them
and get them ready for parents to pick up on
the 18th and 19th of December.

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

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 is,
YOU are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and
Respected here at St. Peter Catholic Church.*



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 11, 2021

5:30pm: S.I. Burns & Mescal Families
by Margaret & Jim Burns

Sunday, December 12, 2021

8:30am: +Angelo Giordano & Patricia Jordan
by Angela Jordan

11:00am: +Margaret & John Ward
by Margaret & Jim Burns

Monday, December 13, 2021

9:00am +James Maun by Connie Hauk

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

9:00am: S.I. Burns & Mescal Families
by Margaret & Jim Burns

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

9:00am: Friends and Benefactors of St. Peter Parish

Thursday, December 16, 2021

9:00am Friends and Benefactors of St. Peter Parish

Friday, December 17, 2021

9:00am : Friends and Benefactors of St. Peter Parish

Saturday, December 18, 2021

5:30pm: S.I. David Brummer by Vivian Brummer

Sunday, December 19, 2021

8:30am: +Andrea McCarthy by Connie Hauk

11:00am: +Andrea McCarthy
by Margaret & Jim Burns

Prayer for the Rebuilding of St. Peter Church:

Heavenly Father,
We ask Your blessings on all those involved in
our church rebuilding.

We ask you to guide the minds and the hands of
the planners and workers so that they know
they are doing Your work.

We ask Your blessings on those who have made
the rebuilding possible through their generous
donations, that their lives may be enriched.

We ask Your blessings on the family of St. Peter
that we may continue to flourish through the
challenges we face as we rebuild and renew
ourselves as a true and loving community.

May we listen to Jesus' words and act on them
so that we will be like the wise man who built
his house on rock, and pray the psalm:

"Only goodness and love will pursue me all the
days of my life. I will dwell in the house of the
Lord for years to come."

Amen

Norma Thompson, St. Peter Church

If you cannot attend Mass in person, or attend
on line or on tv, here is another variation of the
Spiritual Communion prayer
(often recited by Blessed Solanus Casey).

Lord, please come to me in Spiritual Communion.
Send your body and blood gushing through my
veins. Send your love into my heart, my soul and
my mind. Lift me up to your bosom and infuse
me with your divine love. Amen



Thank You

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,
TALENT AND TREASURE

Collections for the Weekend:

Donations received:

Weekend of December 4/5:

1st Collection: \$3,700.00

2nd Collection: \$1,378.00 (Rebuild)

Direct Debit \$ 565.00

Poinsettia donations \$500.00

Thank you to those of you who mailed your weekly donations to us, and **Thank you** to those of you who elected to change to Direct Debit!

Thank you for your generosity!



There is a **Financial Transparency binder** in the bookkeeper's office with detailed statements, financial reports and parish budget history. This information is available to registered parishioners who wish to view it. Call and make an appointment with Nancy in the office at 305-872-2537.

St. Peter Catholic Church Website

Visit the St. Peter Church website at <http://www.stpeterbpc.org>

Click on the Photos tab, or follow us on Facebook to look at the photos taken at recent events at St. Peter's!

You can also donate to our Rebuild Fund on the website now!



Pray For Those Who Are Sick:

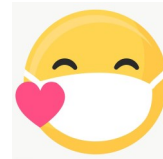
We ask your prayers for Parishioners and friends:

Guenther Glatt, Rachel Miles, Bill Carver, Lani Dugger, John Mescal, John Snyder, Javier Herrera, Ann Fisher, Frank Fasano, Pat and Connie Medina, Belle Medina-Ricasio, Beth Rodman, Bill Van Ryn, Flo Boyle, Mary and William Scheidell, Mike Graham, Tiffany Howard, Jim Oettle, Kate Menser Hughey, Marilyn Nichols, Mark Stump, Pat McCullah, Lance Hill, Randy Reinhart, Patrick Mescal, Mickey McEnaney, Fr. Peter Scott, Maria Wirshing, Ruth Fidler, Kaylee Mescal, Nita Bigelow, Jim Burns, Olga Nunez, Chad Barnick, Br. Bud Luks, Dolores Gibson, Sarah Peteck, John Spencer, Cornelia Meyers, Colleen Burns, Ted Kruzel, Larry Dorry, Fr. Darin Roberts, Katie Rocha, Pat DiBonaventura, Bonita Boski, Jim Thompson, Eliseo Pombo, Bill Rudy, Carmella Russo, Larry Johnson, Nathaniel Burgess, Penny Holum, Elizabeth Beaton, Scott Bush., Sean Piniero

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.

Address Change: We have closed our Post Office box. Our only mailing address now is: 31300 Overseas Highway, Big Pine Key, FL 33043 .

Masks are now optional for those who have been fully vaccinated. We will still be continuing social distancing in the church and the parish hall. Please help keep the most vulnerable among us safe.



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.



ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

Office of the Archbishop

Given the improvement in the positivity rates in the three counties of our Archdiocese, we are making some changes in our protocols. Hopefully, further relaxation will occur in future weeks; however, if the numbers go in the opposite direction, we may have to reinstate some of these protocols.

Effective the weekend of November 6/7, the following adaptations of our COVID protocols for Mass are approved.

- Mask usage: we ask that the unvaccinated still wear their masks; for the vaccinated, masks are optional.
- Social distance (minimum 6 feet between households will continue to be practiced – at least, for the time being.
- Holy water fonts should remain empty.
- No invitation to exchange “the Sign of Peace”.
- Use of hand sanitizer should continue to be made available. Priests and others who distribute Holy Communion should sanitize their hands.
- Use of worship aids (song sheets, missalettes, hymnals) is permitted.
- Choirs: unvaccinated should continue to wear masks; optional for those vaccinated. Choirs should carefully practice required social distancing when rehearsing or singing in Church
- Bulletin or pulpit announcement or signage should encourage use of masks for the unvaccinated; however, *no checking of vaccination status is needed or advised.*

The above applies to the COVID regulations **in church only**.

Parish meetings and religious education classes should continue to use masks and social distance for the time being.

Proposed changes in schools will be provided separately once all vaccination data is received from the schools.

We continue to **encourage** all to be vaccinated as this offers the best way of putting this pandemic behind us.

Does anyone know where we might find a large clam shell?

Remember the one in our Baptismal font/Holy Water receptacle that was in the old church and then in the Pavilion? Fr. Tony would like one just like it for his new home in Port. St. Lucie. If you have one you would be willing to part with, or know where we can find one, please call us in the office. Thank you!!



Wish List

If you are interested in volunteering your time at St. Peter Church, we will be posting a wish list of projects we need help with.

To start, we are looking for persons who would like to do light gardening. If this is you, please call Debbie in the office at 305-872-2537.

Gift It Forward The Youth Group is once again offering Holiday Wreaths, Holiday Door sprays, Holiday Centerpieces and Tabletop Holiday Trees. This year **all orders** will be made on line. The website is Giftitforward.com and for each item ordered, the company will rebate \$8.00 to the Youth Group. **Our code: STPETEFL001**



Lighting the Advent Candle last weekend



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
at the Advent Adoration and Prayer
Hour on Wednesday.





December Birthdays



Fr. Paul and his brother Mike are hoping to be able to come down here for **two months** (NOT two weeks—that was a typo) this winter again. They have put this ad in the Key West Citizen....If you know of a place, please let them know. Thank you!

"Two Grand Rapids, MI. brothers, senior citizens, looking for an affordable Lower Keys, FL accommodation for January & February or February & March 2022
Excellent renters; superb references, Contact Fr. Paul at
616-481-0697 or pam1029@yahoo.com"



Calling for More Ushers

We are looking for more ushers to serve at Mass. The Usher Ministry will hold trainings. Please consider serving the Lord and our parish in this wonderful and essential ministry to keep a safe and sacred worship space. Men, women and couples are welcome to serve together. Please call the office or email our Head Usher Ms. Debbie Krieger



Virtus: If seasonal parishioners who are Virtus certified with their “back home” parish are volunteering at St. Peters, they can have their Virtus accounts mirrored with both Dioceses/Churches. This also works in reverse if our full time parishioners want to volunteer in another location.

If this pertains to you, email helpdesk@virtus.org or call Virtus National at 1-888-847-8879 and have your account mirrored with the Archdiocese of Miami, St. Peter Church, Big Pine Key.

Your parish contact for all things related to the Virtus (Protecting God’s Children and Vulnerable Adults) program is Ellen Age: Ellen@stpeterbpk.org



If you are interested in singing for our Christmas Masses, please come to rehearsal on Thursdays at 6.30pm in the hall. The adult choir is open to all ages from high school to senior citizens. If you can’t make it on Thursday, please see Jack Loudon. Cantor practice will take place at 6pm on Thursdays. Our Music Ministry is also looking for instrumentalists who can read music.

For more information about any of the music ministry groups, contact Jack Loudon at 770-870-8334 or e-mail jack@stpeterbpk.org.



CCD students meet at 9:30am on Sundays in the Parish Ministry Center. For the next 2 weeks in class they will be practicing for the Christmas Pageant which will be on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24 at 5:30pm. We look forward to sharing this annual tradition with our parish this Christmas Eve. In the peace of the Advent season—Rosalinda Hally, Coordinator of Religious Education.

The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

Gospel Weeklies
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

3rd Sunday of Advent • December 12, 2021 • John the Baptist Helps Us Prepare
Sunday Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: Who are the kind and gentle teachers in your life?

Gospel Question: What do you do with your extra coats? What do you do with your abundance?



Family Corner

About the Gospel

John the Baptist told people how to live holy lives. The people had a real desire to change for the better; they wanted to hear truth. They wondered if John was the Messiah, but he told them about someone who would be coming soon (Jesus) who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings to read this Sunday's Scripture.

In Church

Look around your church for images of the Holy Spirit (e.g., fire, wind, dove).

Question of the Week

How can the Holy Spirit help you on your faith journey?



Family Prayer

Holy Spirit, you move us and help us change. Teach us to follow Jesus in all things. Amen.



St. Peter Community Food Bank

Wednesdays from 9:30am—11:30am

We are now located on the Southeast corner of the property.

Dear Peterites:

THANK YOU for your kind and generous donations of food and cash!

Together we are working to provide hope and a positive impact on the lives of the needy in our community.

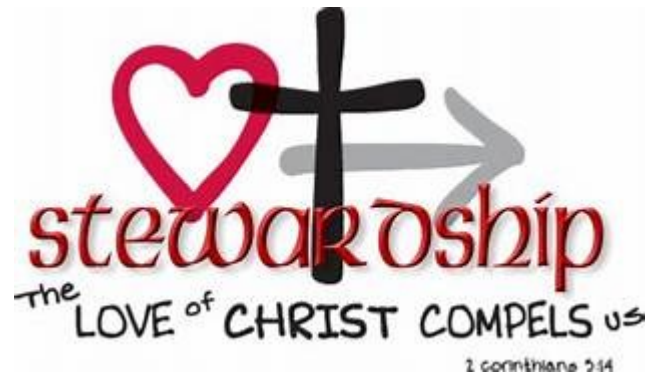
Most needed items are canned goods i.e. tuna & chicken, Vienna sausage, hearty soups, canned meats—Chef Boyardee products, (flip top cans appreciated), canned vegetables and fruit.

A heartfelt thank you— the Food Bank All Volunteer Staff

St. Peter Catholic Church is a 501(c)(3) corporation

Your Parish contact person for all things related to the Food Bank is Director,
Mary Quirk: azquirk@gmail.com

For more information and ways to participate and volunteer in the Respect Life Ministry in our parish, please contact Maria Sims at 305-394-7857 or the parish office, Please review the information in more detail at the website respectlifemiami.org.



If you own a life insurance policy , you might want to consider making it a gift to the Parish. Contact your financial advisor or call the office of Planned Giving to ask about the tax advantages of such a gift.

305-762-1112



"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with Thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.."

(Philippians 4:6)

Our God is an abundant God.
He is the ultimate giver of gifts.
He promises to give us
all that we need.

Placing our trust in God frees us
from being a slave to possessions.
It allows us to share ourselves
and our goods
gratefully and generously
with others.

FINISH YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING YET?

We have \$25.00 Gift Certificates for the



Square Grouper Bar & Grill Milagro Restaurant & Bar KiKi's Sandbar Bar & Grill

A percentage of the \$25.00 goes to our Religious Education Fund and helps finance our Religious Ed and Scholarship Programs.

SHOP and SUPPORT @ ST. PETER'S

Need to buy a gift for someone that has much? What if you could find a gift that goes further than anything you could ever wrap in a box?

GIVE A GIFT of DONATION THIS YEAR IN THE NAME of a FAMILY MEMBER or a FRIEND! {Checks payable to St. Peter Church, note on the memo line your choice of one of the following needs}:

- ♦ **Food Bank** {assist those in need}
- ♦ **Knights of Columbus** {providing charitable services}
- ♦ **Rebuilding Fund** {assisting with needs beyond insurance}
- ♦ **Religious Education** {CCD, VBS and Jesse Tree}
- ♦ **Youth Group**



If you are thinking of joining St. Peter's Youth Ministry team, please know that you will receive more than you give.

The opportunities, the sharing, and the teaching are truly amazing. To know that you have touched the heart of one teen for Jesus is so rewarding!

Some of the exciting opportunities are;

Christmas Caroling to the homebound,

helping with the Pumpkin Patch,

helping the Knights with the Fish Frys,

trips:

Steubenville Florida Youth Conference,

National Catholic Youth Conference

.....just to name a few.

Our youth are the future of the Catholic Church and

we need your help to make this happen!

If you feel God is calling you to this Ministry, please call the office.



Thank you on behalf of the Missions for saving cancelled stamps, eye-glasses, clean, empty pill bottles, tabs from pop top cans and rosaries—broken or whole. Donna Dye, a parishioner. Sacristan and Eucharistic Minister will see that they get where they are most needed.

PRAY FOR DOBBS



Case Name: *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*

U.S. Supreme Court Docket Number: 19-1392

U.S. Supreme Court Oral Arguments Date: December 1, 2021

Significance: Whether all pre-viability prohibitions on elective abortions are unconstitutional.

Hashtag: #PrayforDobbs #EmpowerWomenPromoteLife #LifeIsAHumanRight

Website: www.prayfordobbs.com

Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health

BACKGROUND:

Mississippi's Gestational Age Act protects the health and wellbeing of pregnant mothers, the life and dignity of unborn children, and the integrity of the medical profession by limiting abortions after 15 weeks gestational age except in medical emergencies or for severe fetal abnormality. By 15 weeks, a baby has a heartbeat, can move and kick, can sense movement outside the mother's womb, has eyes and eyelids that are beginning to open, can hiccup, and can hear her or his mother's heartbeat. The people of Mississippi understand that life is a human right and every life deserves to be protected. So, they chose to pass a law to protect unborn children and their mothers. Mississippi's law is consistent with what more than 90% of countries worldwide already do. In fact, the United States is an extreme outlier in abortion law and policy, being one of only four countries, including China and North Korea, that allows the abortion of a child any time during a woman's pregnancy.



Shortly after Mississippi's law was enacted in 2018, the only abortion clinic in Mississippi challenged the law. On May 17, 2021, the Supreme Court granted review of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The specific question the Court will answer is whether a state may enact limits on abortion before viability, *i.e.*, when the baby is capable of living outside her mother's womb. The Supreme Court will consider the correctness of its previous rulings in *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, which severely limit the ability of states to protect their interests in unborn life and maternal health. Notably, the State of Mississippi explains in its brief that neither the right to an abortion nor a viability line have any basis in constitutional text or history, and that the medical research into fetal development over the last half century establishes that states have a compelling interest in protecting unborn life at 15 weeks.

More than 80 friend-of-the-court briefs were filed with the Supreme Court in support of the Mississippi law—exceeding the amicus brief filings in an average case multiple times over and resulting in the most amicus briefs ever filed in support of a pro-life law.

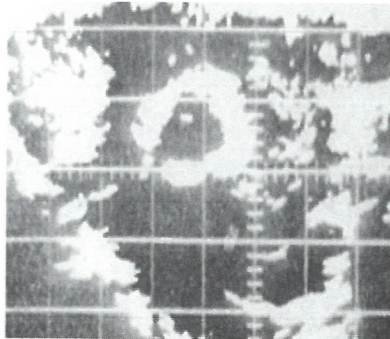
THE BOTTOM LINE:

The U.S. Supreme Court should affirm that life is a human right and uphold Mississippi's law.

Timeline of Mississippi's 15-Week Law Protecting Life and Women's Health

January-March 2018	Mississippi legislature introduces, debates, and passes 15-week law (HB 1510)
March 19, 2018	Mississippi Governor Bryant signs HB 1510; Mississippi's lone abortion clinic immediately sues to block enforcement
March 20, 2018	Federal district court in Mississippi temporarily blocks law
November 20, 2018	Federal district court rules that Mississippi law is unconstitutional
March 2019	Attorneys file amicus brief in Fifth Circuit on behalf of Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant in support of the 15-week law
December 13, 2019	Fifth Circuit upholds lower court ruling
June 15, 2020	Mississippi petitions Supreme Court to review case
May 17, 2021	Supreme Court grants review
December 1, 2021	Oral arguments to be heard
June 2022	Opinion expected

Fifteen-week ultrasounds around 1973 when *Roe* was decided and today:



Amici Curiae Brief for the American College of Pediatricians and the Association of American Physicians & Surgeons, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

Baby on first page: iStock.com/Mongkolchon Akesin. Model used for illustrative purposes only.

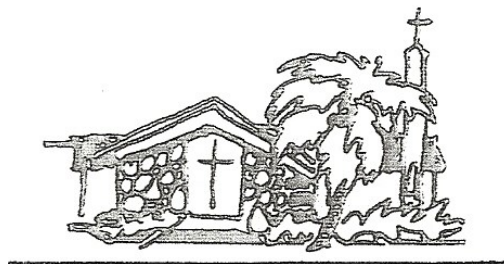
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Dear Peterites and Friends of St. Peter's,

St. Peter Catholic Church invites you to consider the option of Direct Debit, an electronic collection program to automate your regular weekly offerings, pulled directly from your checking or savings account.

Would you prefer to go paperless and take advantage of any of the following Direct Debit choices?

Here are the choices currently available to consider:

Weekly Offering: Funds pulled weekly.

Weekly 50/50: Suspended until we are in the new church.

{The 50/50 Drawing: ACH weekly debits & collecting of cash or checks have been suspended until we are in the new church.}

Monthly Choices:

Funds pulled on the next Business Day after 20th of the Month.

Monthly Rebuild Offering: Funds pulled on next Business Day after 20th of the Month.

Direct Debit giving is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for our parish, especially during these times. There is no cost for you to participate.

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To get started, simply call and speak to Nancy McCrosson in the Parish office to answer any questions you may have #305-872-2537.

We thank you for your continued support to our parish here at St. Peter and we pray all of you and your loved ones are safe and well.

God Bless You,

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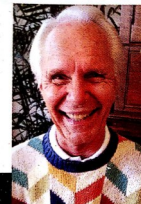
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