

# St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church

31300 Overseas Hwy  
Big Pine Key, FL 33043



305-872-2537

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

[www.stpeterbpk.org](http://www.stpeterbpk.org)

## DECEMBER 5, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### PARISH STAFF:

#### Pastor:

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#### Maintenance Supervisor

Vincent Padron

### 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

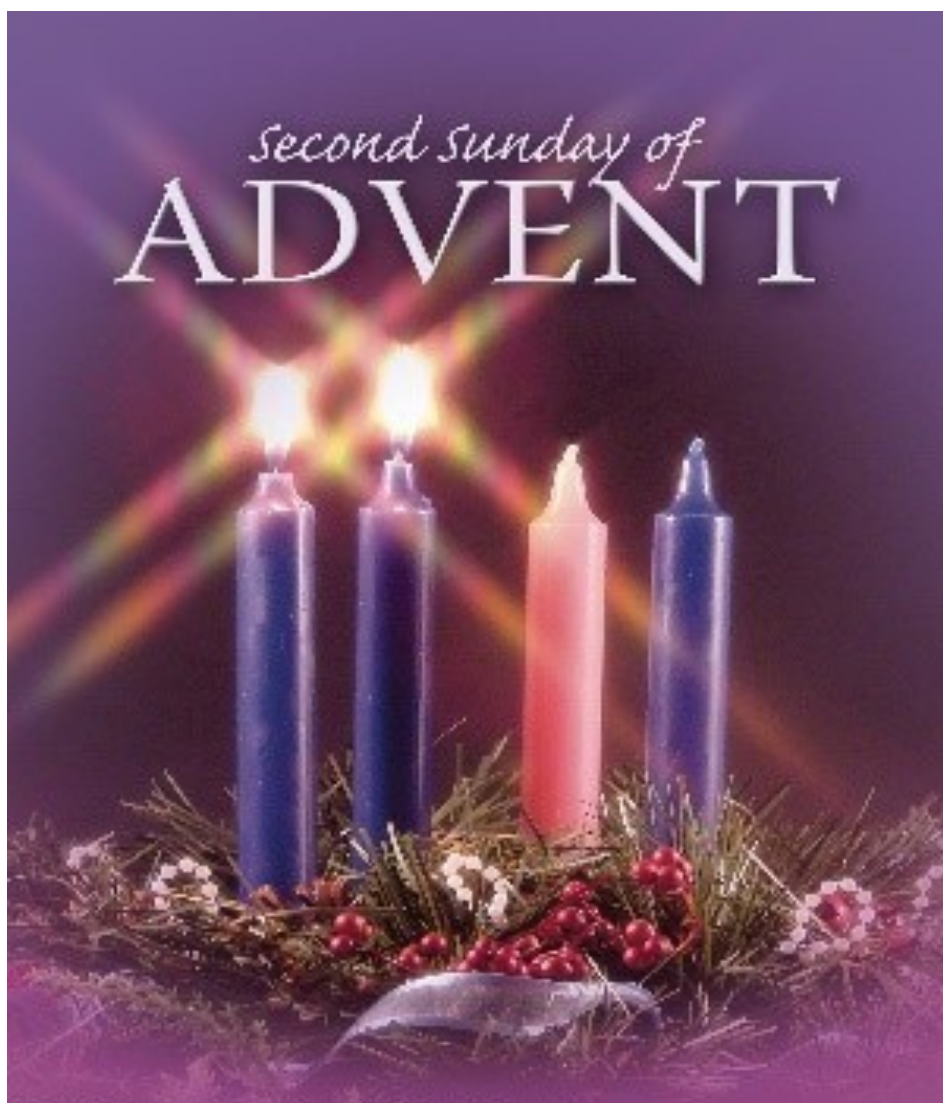
### CONFESSIONS:

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



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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**



**2nd Sunday of Advent:** Advent is a gift to us from God, a reminder of the past when Christ came as a vulnerable baby, is present now as He is here with us today, and when He will come again in the future.

We light a candle for faith. Faith is trusting in God's love for us as His children.

Faith is trusting in God's love for you. Do you?

There will be two opportunities to enrich your Advent journey:

First on **Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00 pm** we will have an



## **Advent Adoration and Prayer Hour**

### **In the Church**

This will be a prayerful hour of scripture, reflection, candle lighting and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It will be a chance to step away from the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping and spend an hour with the Lord. Please consider coming to join your St. Peter Family in prayer.

The second opportunity will be on **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 [drnormally@hotmail.com](mailto:drnormally@hotmail.com) Please consider sharing with the other St. Peter Family members.





This year we are returning to our former custom of offering parishioners a chance to dedicate one of the poinsettias decorating our church in honor of or in memory of a loved one for a donation of \$20. At the entrance to the church there are envelopes for you to fill out.

Poinsettias 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 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

In 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

# 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 4, 2021

5:30pm: +Rose Pasquarella by Mike Coppola

### Sunday, December 5, 2021

8:30am: Deceased Friends and Relatives of  
Betty Maier

11:00am: +Hugh Louge & Nan Ward by  
Margaret & Jim Burns

### Monday, December 6, 2021

9:00am S.I. Sean Pineiro & family  
by Margaret & Jim Burns

### Tuesday, December 7, 2021

9:00am:

6:00pm Vigil Mass: S.I. Nisbet Family by Marla Nisbet

### Wednesday, December 8, 2021 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: (Holy Day)

9:00am: +Robert Aronson by Maria Simms

### Thursday, December 9, 2021

9:00am +Verona Ebel by Connie Hauk

### Friday, December 10, 2021

9:00am : S.I. Nesbit Family by Marla Nesbit

### 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  
Angelo Jordan

11:00am: +Margaret & John Ward 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 November 27/28:

1st Collection: \$3,372.00

2nd Collection: \$ 959.00 (Rebuild)

Direct Debit \$ 565.00

Poinsettia donations \$460.00

**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:***

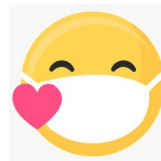
We ask your prayers for Parishioners and friends:

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.



- On Tuesday, December 7, 2021, the Archdiocese of Miami will host <https://givecatholicgt.org/stpeter>
- the 5th Annual #GiveCatholic for #GivingTuesday campaign. This campaign will provide us with the opportunity to share the good stories of the many programs throughout our Archdiocese. Each year, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. The idea behind #GiveCatholic for #GivingTuesday is to bring the many Archdiocesan communities together to donate through an easily accessible platform: the internet. St. Peter Church

has enrolled with three targeted areas of need: Rebuild, Religious Education and Food Bank. Our goal is \$5,000.00. The easiest way to donate is to go to our website: [stpeterbpk.org](http://stpeterbpk.org) on December 7 and use the “Donate Now” button. For that day only the button will connect you to our “Giving Tuesday”. Or go to: <https://givecatholicgt.org/stpeter>.

## 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](http://Giftitforward.com) and for each item ordered, the company will rebate \$8.00 to the Youth Group. **Our code: STPETEFL001**





## **It's Jesse Tree time again!**

**Our Jesse tree is up!!** We have identified needy families in our lower Keys community. These families have filled out forms listing items of clothing and toys that their children would like for Christmas.

Each ornament represents a wish.

If you would like to participate, please take an ornament from the table beside the tree and purchase the item on the ornament (please—new gifts only), wrap it, re-attach the tag and return it to the church by December 11/12. If you find that you cannot fulfill the wish, please return the ornament to the table or the

office as soon as possible so that someone else can purchase that item.

We also greatly appreciate cash donations that will be used to purchase gifts that are not chosen from the tree.

We will sort the gifts into families, attach tags and get them ready for the parents to pick up on the 18th and the 19th. Our Sorting Party will be on Sunday, December 12 after the 11am Mass. If you would like to help, please call Connie in the office at 305-872-2537.

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

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!!



**Fr. Paul** and his brother Mike are hoping to be able to come down here for two weeks 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jack@stpeterbpk.org).



The Religious Education program has begun at St. Peter Church. We are so thankful to God that we have 21 registered students this year in our program. Please keep the students, families and teachers in your prayers. From now until Christmas break, the children will be learning about the Liturgical year and Advent in their classes. We will also have practices for the Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24 at 5:30pm. Thank you for your prayers and support! Rosalinda Hally, Coordinator of Religious Education.

# The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis



**2nd Sunday of Advent • December 5, 2021 • John the Baptist Announces Good News**  
**Sunday Readings:** Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

## Weekly Discussion Questions

**For the Parish Bulletin**

**Life Question:** How will you prepare your heart and home for Jesus' coming at Christmas?

**Gospel Question:** What does God becoming human mean to you?



## Family Corner

### About the Gospel

John the Baptist told people Jesus was coming to save them. He shared the Good News of Jesus, and we should too. John gave hope to people. He was not afraid to talk about Jesus' coming and to encourage people to turn away from sin.

Visit [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings) to read this Sunday's Scripture.

### In Church

Share the Sign of Peace or a smile with someone you don't know.

### Question of the Week

In what new ways can you share Jesus with others?



### Family Prayer

Lord, help us to recognize what hurts your heart and have the courage to work to change it. 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](mailto: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](http://respectlifemiami.org).**



## **Stewardship**

Memorial gifts that help fund an endowment, provide lasting benefits from one generation to the next. To find out how you can create a memorial fund and honor a loved one, contact Nancy at 305-872-2537 or call the Office of Planned Giving at 305-762-1112



*“And this is my prayer; that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception to discern what is of value..”*

*(Philippians 1:9-10)*

During the frenzy of the Christmas shopping season, it is easy to end up buying just for the purpose of purchasing a gift, or are we truly giving something that expresses our sentiments? This year, let's buy less “stuff” and give more by giving your time and talent.

# 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**



Thank you to the CCD students  
who created the Christmas  
ornaments you see on the trees  
in the church and hall!

Santa and helpers at the Knights of  
Columbus Tree Sale



## First Sunday of Advent



## November Anniversary blessing





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

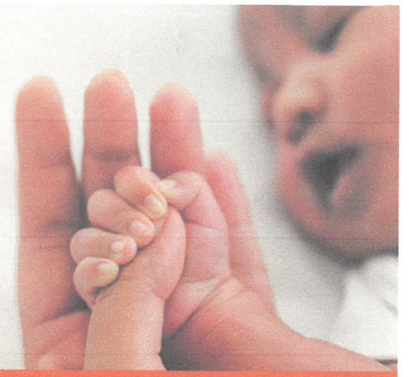
**we need your help to make this happen!**

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](http://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.

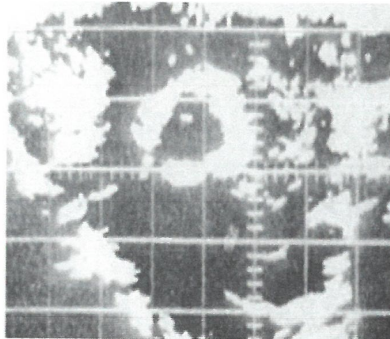
### THE BOTTOM LINE:

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

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

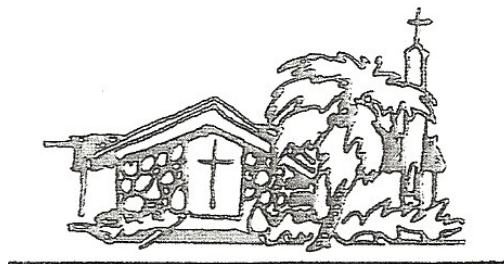
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*Dear Peterites and Friends of St. Peter's,*

*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.

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*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.*

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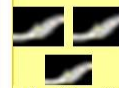
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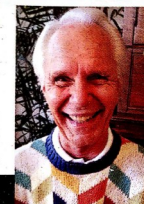
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