

# St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church

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## JANUARY 7, 2024

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### PARISH STAFF:

#### Pastor:

Rev. Fr. Jesus "Jets" Medina

#### Property Manager/Bookkeeper:

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### MASSES:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm  
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: 4:50 pm to 5:20 pm  
in the Church (or by appointment)

**BAPTISMS, FUNERALS and WEDDINGS** Please contact the office for more information.

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



# 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, January 6, 2024

**5:30 pm:** +Judy O'Hare by John & Ginny Quinn

### Sunday, January 7, 2024 **The Epiphany of the Lord**

**8:30am:** S.I. Joe Jennison by Henry Gallenstein

**11:00am:** +Genevieve Isaksen & +Frank & Theresa  
Cerchio by John Isaksen

### Monday, January 8, 2024

**9:00am:** S.I. Rev. Alex Kroll by Kathy Pierce

### Tuesday, January 9, 2024

**9:00am:** S.I. Rev. William Novak by Kathy Pierce

### Wednesday January 10, 2024

**9:00am:** S.I. Joan Height by Kim Francis

### Thursday, January 11, 2024

**9:00am:** Rev. Mariados Manti by Kathy Pierce

### Friday, January 12, 2024

**9:00am:** S.I. Donna & Darrell Dye by Connie Hauk

### Saturday, January 13, 2024

**5:30pm:**+Robert & Marie Handlow by Kevin Handlow  
+Bob Harrell by Clara Harrell

### Sunday, January 14, 2024

**8:30am:** +Genevieve Isaksen & +Frank & Theresa  
Cerchio by John Isaksen

**11:00am:** +Tito Bigelow and S.I. Nita Bigelow by  
Charlotte Bill Rudy

## This week in our parish:

### Monday, January 8, 2024

9:00am Mass  
Knights of Columbus meeting  
7pm in the Ministry Center

### Tuesday January 9, 2024

9:00am Mass  
9:30-10:30 am  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Wednesday, January 10, 2024

9:00am Mass  
Food Pantry open 9:30-11:30am

### Thursday, January 11, 2024

9:00am Mass

### Friday, January 12, 2024

9am Mass  
Centering Prayer 3:30pm in the Church

### Saturday, January 13, 2024

5:30pm vigil Mass

### Sunday, January 14, 2024

Loaves and Fishes Collection for our Food Pantry  
8:30 Mass  
11:00am Mass  
CCD (Religious Education) classes  
In the Ministry Center 8:45-9:45am

### Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for January 2024:

#### For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us  
recognize the gift of different charisms  
within the Christian community, and to  
discover the richness of different ritual  
traditions in the heart  
of the Catholic Church.



*Thank You*

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,  
TALENT AND TREASURE

### **Collections:**

**Donations received: Dec.30-31, 2023**

**1st Collection: \$ 5,305.00**

**2nd Collection: \$ 729.00 (Summer Blues)**

**Direct Debit: \$ 815.00 (Weekly)**

**Thank you to those of you who regularly mail your donations to us, and Thank You to those of you who elected to increase or change to Direct Debit!**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### ***Understanding the “Summer Blues Fund” as a 2nd Collection taken at Masses***

*Off season and summer time in the Keys is typically associated with the season of warmest weather, longer days and many empty pews in church every week as our seasonal parishioners are back up north.*

*However, in the parish finance world, the summer months are also associated with low or loss of financial support to adequately cover parish overhead costs, also known as the “Summer time Blues.” So, to assure coverage of our property expenses during these summer financially lean months, the 2nd Collection named “Summer Blues Fund” will help with our property overhead financial needs.*

*Thank you for your continued generosity. For detailed information, see Nancy in the Parish Office.*

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

**We ask your prayers for  
Parishioners and friends:**

Rachel Miles, Bill Carver, John Snyder, Javier Herrera, Ann Fisher, Pat and Connie Medina, Belle Medina-Ricasio, Beth Rodman, Flo Boyle, William Scheidell, Mike Graham, Tiffany Howard, Jim Oettle, Kate Menser Hughey, Marilyn Nichols, Mark Stump, Randy Reinhart, Fr. Peter Scott, Maria Wirshing, Ruth Fidler, Nita Bigelow, Olga Nunez, Br. Bud Luks, Dolores Gibson, John Spencer, Cornelia Meyers, Colleen Burns, Ted Kruzel, Katie Rocha, Carmella Russo, Nathaniel Burgess, Penny Holum, Scott Bush, Larry Johnson, Elaine & Stewart Caplin, Deacon Bill Rich, Roxanne Brown, Terri Roman, Brenda Haskins' mother, Greg Oarsley, the Paans family, the Pontecrovo family, Mindy & Tom Carlson, Lani Duggers, Tim Age, Fr. Darin Robert, Maria Sims, Nancy Lopez, Rosemary Farrell, Tyler Pappadakis, Howard Bleich, Marissa Sibucio & family, Donna and Darrell Dye, Riley Faith, Michael Buchard, Janet Maxwell, Molly Mescal, Joe Gregoria, Carl Crouch, Frank Sergi, Ava, Barbara Barzen, Katharine Lawrence Joe Jennison, Noel 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.**



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.





Fourth  
Sunday of  
Advent—  
lighting  
four  
candles



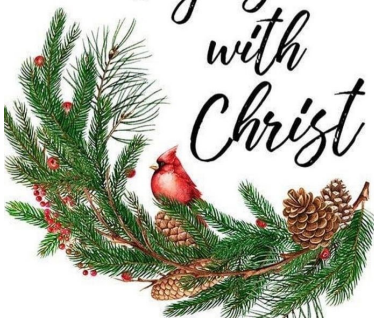
Lighting the  
Christ Candle on  
Christmas Eve







*Christmas  
begins  
with  
Christ*



Christmas  
2023





Children's  
Christmas  
Eve  
pageant







### **2023-2024 Religious Education Program.**

We thank you, the parents, for entrusting your children to our program. Please know that we have been praying for you and your children as we embark on this new year.

CCD students put on a beautiful pageant on Christmas Eve, and will be returning to class Sunday, January 14th.

Please continue to pray for this ministry and for our wonderful teachers, students and their families. For more information about the Religious Education Program, please contact Rosalinda Hally at

[rosalinda@stpeterbpk.org](mailto:rosalinda@stpeterbpk.org)

**Blessings to all this Christmas Season  
and a Happy New Year!**


Religious Education classes will resume  
Sunday, January 14th at 9:45am  
in the Ministry Center.







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NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

## ***Jesus and the Eucharist: A Small Group Study Series for Eucharistic Revival***

***Dear St. Peter Parishioners,***

The National Eucharistic Revival is happening in our parish! I would like to invite you to grow closer to Jesus alongside fellow parishioners through the *Jesus and the Eucharist* study series. This study was specifically designed for this Year of Parish Revival, and we will be joining many other parishes throughout the United States in participating in this small group study as we journey together through this three-year National Eucharistic Revival.

Each session is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies, and unique and timely messages from individual bishops across the country. This is a great opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith.

This 7-session weekly study will be a special time to grow in community within our parish as we walk this sacred year together, and we really desire you to join us.

Please join us on **Wednesdays, from January 31st to March 13th, 2024, 6 - 8 p.m.** at the Parish Hall.

To learn more please visit [eucharisticrevival.org/jesus-and-the-eucharist](https://eucharisticrevival.org/jesus-and-the-eucharist) or email our parish study lead **Mark Berenz** at [mberenz58@yahoo.com](mailto:mberenz58@yahoo.com). To register please email **Lisa Lewis** at [lislewis1645@att.net](mailto:lislewis1645@att.net). Pre-registration is required. Hurry, seats may be limited!

Hospitality will be provided. We hope to see you there!

*Fr. Jets Medina*

**Thank you to parishioners who donated money for the Poinsettias decorating our church;**  
**They have been donated in honor of:**

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**NOTE TO DONORS:**

Christmas Season ends with  
the Baptism of the Lord.  
Please do not take **any** of  
the poinsettias until  
announced to do so.

**Thank you!**



**Our collection envelope boxes came in!! They are in the Narthex in alphabetical order for you to pick up!**

## **The Christmas Season (for Catholics)**

*December 25 – The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*

**Roman Catholics (and some other Christians) mark the end of the liturgical Christmas season with the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls this year on Monday, January 8, right after the Feast of the Epiphany, January 7th. Ordinary Time begins the day after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**

**Fun fact:** Centuries ago, the baptism of Christ was the primary event celebrated as part of the feast of the Epiphany, along with the visit of the Magi and other events from the childhood of Jesus. *Epiphany* means “manifestation” or “appearance.” So while the baptism of Christ marks the beginning of his public ministry, it is also part of his “manifestation” or “appearance”—one of the events signaling that God has broken into human history in a unique way.

### **ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI HOTLINE NUMBERS Statewide (DCF) Abuse Hotline**

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(1-800-962-2873)

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#### **Victim Assistance Coordinator**

Peter Routsis-Arroyo

1-866-802-2873

### **Virtus: (Protecting God’s Children and Vulnerable Adults)**

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)

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PROTECT



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HEAL



**St. Peter Community Food Pantry**  
**Open Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am**

**The second Sunday of every month is designated as “Loaves and Fishes” weekend.** A cart will be set in the Narthex for your donations. The Pantry clients are in need of dry pastas, canned meats, hearty soups, canned fruits, vegetables and tomato sauce food items. Also needed include personal care items such as laundry detergent, shampoo, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brushes, body wash and bug spray. We are considerably grateful for any food or cash donations.

**Thank you for caring and helping us bring HOPE & JOY  
into the lives of many people.**

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

**Your parish contact for all things related to the Food Pantry is Director, Lisa Ford,  
through the Church office at 305-872-2537.**



Thank you on behalf of the **Missions** for saving cancelled stamps, eyeglasses, tabs from pop top cans, and rosaries broken or whole.

Donna Dye, a parishioner, Sacristan and Eucharistic Minister, will always see that they get where they are most needed.

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For job requirements, position description inquiries or  
to receive an employment application,

Contact Property Manager/Bookkeeper, Nancy McCrosson  
in the parish office

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

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(cash or check only)*

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**St. Peter Catholic Church Website**

St. Peter Church website at  
<http://www.stpeterbpk.org>

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



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Contact Nancy McCrosson in the Parish Office M-F 9:30am-3:30pm at 305-872-2537 or email [nancy@stpeterbpk.org](mailto:nancy@stpeterbpk.org)

**Thank you!**





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