

# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Sacrament of Eucharist

### Mass Schedule

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

#### Weekday Mass

Monday: 5:30 P.M.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays: 8:30 A.M.

#### Holy Day Mass

Vigil: 4:00 P.M. Day: 8:30 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 P.M. — 4:00 P.M., or by appointment.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Contact Sister Hilda Sandoval, 2 months in advance.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the Parish Office, 6 months in advance.

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with us", risen from  
the dead. He is the king of glory.

# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

## PARISH STAFF

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### PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs. Kathleen Bissell, Chair

### LITURGY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Eileen Barsi, Chair

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Dale Fajardo, Chair

## MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 22-28, 2025

## MASS READINGS

Mon	22	5:30 P.M.	†Darlene Brucia
Tue	23	8:30 A.M.	Virginia P. Castro
Wed	24	4:30 P.M.	Our Families & Friends
		9:00 P.M.	Our Families & Friends
Thu	25	8:30 A.M.	Our Families & Friends
		11:00 A.M.	†Lydia Eva
Fri	26	8:30 A.M.	†James Bruce III
Sat	27	4:30 P.M.	People of St. Peter
Sun	28	8:30 A.M.	Virginia P. Castro
		11:00 A.M.	†Ann Schembari

Mon	22	Reading 1 <i>Samuel</i> 1:24-28 (Psalm) 1 <i>Samuel</i> 2:1,4-8d Gospel <i>Luke</i> 1:46-56 <i>Saint John of Kanty, Priest</i>
Tue	23	Reading <i>Malachi</i> 3:1-4,23-24 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 25:4-5b,8-10,14 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 1:57-66
Wed	24	Reading I <i>Isaiah</i> 62:1-5 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 89:4-5,16-17,27,29 Reading II <i>Acts</i> 13:16-17,22-25 Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 1:1-25
Thu	25	Reading I <i>Isaiah</i> 52:7-10 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 98:1-6 Reading II <i>Hebrews</i> 1:1-6 Gospel <i>John</i> 1:1-18 <i>Saint Stephen, the First Martyr</i>
Fri	26	Reading <i>Acts</i> 6:8-10;7:54-59 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 31:3cd-4,6,8ab,16bc-17 Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 10:17-22 <i>Saint John, , Apostle, Evangelist</i>
Sat	27	Reading 1 <i>John</i> 1:1-4 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 97:1-2,5-6,11-12 Gospel <i>John</i> 20:1a,2-8
Sun	28	<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</i> Reading I <i>Sirach</i> 3:2-6,12-14 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 128:1-5 Reading II <i>Colossians</i> 3:12-17 Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 2:13-15,19-23

## Christmas Caroling

*Wednesday, December 24 at 8:30 P.M.  
Come! Join us!*

## Church Cleaning and Decoration

*If you would like to give a helping hand with your time and decorating expertise, please come (or stay) Sunday, December 21 after the 11:00 A.M. Mass. We thank you in advance.*

## Parish Office Schedule

*The Parish Office will be Closed  
Thursday, December 25 & Friday, December 26  
in observance of the Christmas Holiday.*

# *December 21, 2025*

## *Fourth Sunday of Advent*



As our Advent preparations end and Christmas fast approaches, it is fitting that today's readings demonstrate the intensity of the Father's perfect and passionate love for each of us, culminating in the gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day. As we reflect on the enormity of this gift, let us ask ourselves what we can offer in return.

In our first reading, from Isaiah, the Lord invites King Ahaz to "ask for a sign from the Lord, your God." And not just any sign. The Lord says, "let it be deep as the nether-world, or high as the sky!" Ahaz, though, cannot arouse himself from his bleak and limited outlook, and actually refuses this invitation. Undeterred by his negativity, the Lord says through the prophet Isaiah, that he himself will provide the sign: "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son" and his name will be Emmanuel which means, "God with us." What great love and patience our heavenly Father has shown his people throughout all ages!

In the second reading, from Paul's letter to the Romans, St. Paul sends a blessing of "Grace...and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. This — grace and peace — is precisely the gift we celebrate on Christmas Day. Through his incarnation, Jesus brings the intimate love of God right into our midst; and through His death and resurrection, He saves us from our sins and restores us to right relationship with the Father. This is the peace that the world cannot offer.

In response to such an overwhelming gift, what can we do except offer our lives as gift in return, embracing a stewardship way of life with all the love and strength we have to give?

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we find an unparalleled example of one who embraced this way of life in St. Joseph, as he responds to God's call to him through the message of an angel. St. Joseph immediately and humbly obeys the instruction from the angel: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Open to this extraordinary role, he did as the angel commanded and "takes Mary into his home."

We never hear St. Joseph speak, but the Scriptures tell us he was always listening, attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit for his family. It was Joseph who found the stable where the baby Jesus would be born. No doubt it was Joseph who cleaned it up and prepared it for Mary and Jesus since we know that Mary was about to give birth. Joseph protected the family, guarded them, and tended to their safety, their comfort, and their well-being at the expense of his own plans and preferences. Though we do not hear any words from St. Joseph his actions clearly show that he offered himself, his whole life, as a gift to his family through his strong guidance, protection, and service.

Let us imitate St. Joseph, then, as good stewards, giving our very lives to those around us in love and gratitude to God who has given us everything we have, especially His own Son, Jesus Christ. We will no doubt find that the more we give ourselves away, the more our generous Father will fill us with His grace and peace — these are truly the best Christmas gifts we could receive.



# The Nativity of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation

## Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24, 2025,

4:30 P.M., Christmas Caroling at 8:30 P.M., and 9:00 P.M.

Thursday, December 25, 2025, 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

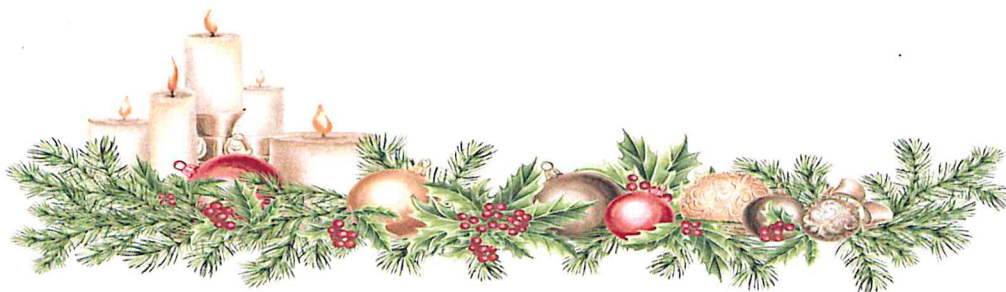
# The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of Go

Holy Day of Obligation

## Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 31, 2025, 4:00 P.M.

Thursday, January 1, 2026, 7:30 P.M.



## ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH



ARCHDIOCESE OF  
SAN FRANCISCO

## ANNUAL APPEAL

2025 Assessment: **\$62,962.00**

Collected: **\$39,319.00**

Balance: **\$23,643.00**

If you would like to give a Stock Donation to the Archdiocese and need a copy of the instructions, please contact the Parish Office at 650-359-6313. These instructions can also be found on the Archdiocese website under:

➡ **DONATE** — Other ways to support.

All Stock gifts received in the account of the Archdiocese on or before Wednesday, December 31, 2025, will be recorded as 2025 donations.

AAA checks sent directly by donors to the Chancery, must be dated December 31, 2025 and the envelopes must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, December 31, 2025, to be recorded as 2025 donations.

Mailing address:

Archdiocese of San Francisco

One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109

AAA checks submitted to St. Peter are due in the Parish Office by Monday, December 29, 2025 to give time to prepare and hand deliver to the Post Office, as our envelope must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, December 31, 2025, to be recorded as 2025 donations. Please make your check payable to St. Peter Church and in the memo area, write 2025 Annual Appeal.

Any AAA checks received after Wednesday, December 31, 2025 will be recorded into the 2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Collection.

**The last AAA Mass Collection is December 24/25, 2025.**

**Last day to bring your AAA donation to the Parish Office is Dec. 29, 2025.**

# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Double the Donation Fund Raising *Challenge*

*DEADLINE TO DONATE TO THE AAA IS DECEMBER 29, 2025.*



A member of our parish recently made a generous donation of \$5,000.00 to our parish fund.

We would like to challenge other members of the parish to help us to double this donation.

Imagine...If 34 individuals each donated \$150.00, the donation would be matched.

Or consider small groups of 5 individuals, each contributing \$30.00, would help us to reach our goal.

As always, your support in any amount is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO  
ST. PETER CHURCH  
AND IN THE MEMO SECTION OF YOUR CHECK, WRITE  
2025 AAA CHALLENGE

# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

## SUNDAY COLLECTION | DECEMBER 8,14, 2025

Immaculate Conception	\$1,325.00
Offertory	\$5,416.00
Retirement for Religious	\$1,839.00

## ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

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2025 AAA Donations are due in the Parish Office Monday, December 29, 2025.

Donations received after December 29, 2025 will be applied to the 2026 AAA Collection.

We extend our deepest *Thank You* to everyone who has supported the Annual Appeal.

## PARISH SOFT ONLINE COLLECTION DECEMBER 6—12, 2025 | \$1,545.87

Offertory	\$975.23
Maintenance Fund	\$228.08
Church Roof Fund	\$28.08
Special Donation	\$4.22
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$70.20
Religious Education	\$19.07
St. Vincent de Paul	\$65.87
Archdiocese Annual Appeal	\$155.12

## CALENDAR DECEMBER 22-28, 2025

### MON 22

3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
5:30 P.M.	Evening Mass

### TUE 23

8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy

### WED 24

4:30 P.M.	Vigil Mass
9:00 P.M.	Vigil Mass

### THU 25

8:30 A.M.	Mass (Parish Office Closed)
11:00 A.M.	Mass

### FRI 26

	Parish Office Closed
8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy

### SAT 27

3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
3:30 P.M.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 P.M.	Mass

### SUN 28

8:30 A.M.	Mass
11:00 A.M.	Mass



## GIFT CARD YEAR-ROUND FUNDRAISER

The St. Peter Gift Card Fundraiser takes place year-round. The gift cards are very popular and are used with popular stores, including a Visa Gift Card that may be used at any retail store.

*Gift Cards are sold after all weekend masses and at the Parish Office, Monday—Friday, 9 A.M.—5 P.M.*

Denomination (s) for sale; **Rebate Percentage per card** and **amount made** by St. Peter with each card sold:

Safeway 50.00 (2.00) & 100.00 (4.00)	4%	Target 25.00 (.63)	2.5%	Ross 25.00 (2.00)	8%
Visa 50.00 (.63) & 100.00 (1.25)	1.25%	Amazon 25.00 (.50)	2%		
Shell 50.00 (.75) & 100.00 (1.50)	1.5%	Starbucks 10.00 (.45)	4.5%		
Union 76 100.00 (1.50)	1.5%	Chevron 50.00 (.50) & 100.00 (1.00)	1%		

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Print the Form, fill-out and re-  
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