

# 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.

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

*Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father.  
He is the light of the nations and Lord of all creation.  
To Him be all glory and praise!*



# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 12 — 18, 2026

## MASS READINGS

Mon 12 5:30 P.M. †Arlene Ryan  
 Tue 13 8:30 A.M. †Robert Durkin  
 Wed 14 8:30 A.M. †Edward Gonzalez  
 Thu 15 8:30 A.M. †The Bowler Family  
 Fri 16 8:30 A.M. Gonzalez Family  
 Sat 17 4:30 P.M. People of St. Peter  
 Sun 18 8:30 A.M. †Joshua Matthew Finno  
 11:00 A.M. †Lance Gureghian

Mon Reading 1 *Samuel* 1:1-18  
 12 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 116:12-19  
 Gospel *Matthew* 1:14-20  
*Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*  
 Tue Reading 1 *Samuel* 1:9-20  
 13 (Psalm) 1 *Samuel* 2:1,4-8d  
 Gospel *Mark* 1:21-28  
 Wed Reading 1 *Samuel* 3:1-10,19-20  
 14 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 40:2,5,7-10  
 Gospel *Mark* 1:29-39  
 Thu Reading 1 *Samuel* 4:1-11  
 15 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 44:10-11,14-15,24-25  
 Gospel *Mark* 1:40-45  
 Fri Reading 1 *Samuel* 8:4-7,10-22a  
 16 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 89:16-19  
 Gospel *Mark* 2:1-12  
 Sat Reading 1 *Samuel* 9:1-4,17-19;10:1  
 17 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 21:2-7  
 Gospel *Mark* 2:13-17  
*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Sun Reading I *Isaiah* 49:3,5-6  
 18 Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 240:2,4,7-10  
 Reading II 1 *Corinthians* 1:1-3  
 Gospel *John* 1:29-34

## TAX CONTRIBUTION

The 2025 Tax Contribution information will be available January 12, 2025.

Call the Parish Office at 650-359-6313 to request your Tax Contribution Letter.

It takes about 1 1/2 weeks to receive the letter.



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# January 11, 2026

## The Baptism Of the Lord



Today marks the close of the Christmas season, but before we return to Ordinary Time, we have one more great feast to celebrate — The Baptism of the Lord. And, as we are still in New Year's resolution season, today's feast is a perfect opportunity to consider the privileges and responsibilities we all share as Christian stewards by virtue of our own Baptism, and how we might live them out more fully in the year ahead.

At the moment of our Baptism, whether in infancy or later in life, we became adopted sons and daughters of God, members of his holy, Catholic Church. Though we may not have realized it, the moment of our Baptism is also the moment we become Christian stewards, disciples of Jesus Christ, tasked with the work of following in His footsteps day by day and sharing the Gospel message with all those around us.

Our first reading from the Book of Isaiah describes some of the infinitely wonderful characteristics of Christ that we, as his disciples, are called to imitate. Through the prophet, the Father calls His Son "my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased." Christ's actions are powerful in effect — "He shall bring for justice to the nations" — yet humbly and gently carried out — "not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street, a bruised reed he shall not break..." This is a description of the way of life we must go about in our work as disciples of Christ: humbly and lovingly, without calling attention to ourselves and yet without backing down when the going gets tough.

In our second reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter reminds us that God has no favorites; Jesus is "Lord of all" and all are equally wanted and cherished by the Father. Peter gives us yet another glimpse of the person of Jesus we should imitate. "He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." Again, by virtue of our Baptism, God is with us, too. We, therefore, must live our lives like Jesus, seeking to do good to everyone we encounter; not just those in our inner circle of family and friends, but everyone in our community since the Father loves us all and Jesus sought out everyone with His saving message.

Finally, in the Gospel passage from Matthew, we see yet another aspect of Jesus in action, this time as he humbly stands before John to be baptized by him. Imagine the Son of God waiting his turn in line with sinners seeking baptism. What humility and what willingness to unite Himself to us our Lord demonstrates by this act. We can do no less as we live out our daily lives as his disciples. And when we do strive with all our might to live out our Baptismal call to Christian stewardship, we will experience the deep honor of knowing that our we, too, are God's "beloved" sons and daughters "with whom He is well-pleased."

There is no greater honor, no greater satisfaction than living well this stewardship way of life. Let's resolve in the year ahead to use our Time, Talents, and Treasure in ways that allow us to walk more closely in the footsteps of our incredible Lord and Savior.

JANUARY 18, 2026 SECOND COLLECTION — MAINTENANCE FUND

For the continued upkeep in maintaining the Church to keep the facilities operational and to cultivate and care for the gardens, trees and grounds surrounding St. Peter Church.



## MUSIC MINISTRY IS ABOUT MORE THAN SINGING THE CORRECT NOTES.

By JOHN T. KYLER April 12, 2021

Thursday evening rehearsals always ended the same way. We turned off the lights, lit candles in front of an icon of Mary and Jesus gifted by the monks from the Abbey of Gethsemani, and sang the striking James Quinn text “Day Is Done” paired with a traditional Welsh melody. After the song, still basking in the warm glow of the candles, choir members would share their prayer intentions.

The vulnerability of the prayers was always striking but never surprising. We prayed for parents fighting cancer and for roommates struggling with self-love. We prayed for an increase in vocations to religious life and for the men at the Indiana State Prison. We prayed for those who have died and for the loneliest person on campus.

Moments like these with the University of Notre Dame Folk Choir taught me that music ministry is more than singing the correct notes. Music ministry is about building relationships and witnessing, remembering and hoping, upholding and mentoring. It is about cultivating faith and challenging the status quo just as much as it is about teaching and sharing. Music ministry is about prayer, not performance; humility, not power; and the cultivation of joy that transcends even the darkest moments. It is about inclusion, self-gift, and growth as a community of disciples to proclaim the greatness of our loving God.

By its very nature, liturgy is the work of the people, and people by their very nature are multidimensional. With this in mind, here are five best practices for all who serve in music ministry.

### PRAYER, NOT PERFORMANCE

While liturgical prayer is a multisensory experience, it is important to be mindful that music ministry is rooted in prayer, not performance. “Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship,” a document issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, reminds us of this reality: “The role of music is to serve the needs of the Liturgy and not to dominate it, seek to entertain, or draw attention to itself or the musicians.”

While we certainly always want to make music to the best of our abilities, liturgical music is not about us. Rather, as liturgical musicians we are called to use our gifts to help the gathered assembly participate more fully in the liturgy and grow in relationship with God. Quite the responsibility, isn’t it? This is the fundamental difference between prayer and performance. Our music must serve the liturgy. If what we do seems to dominate the prayer experience or draw unnecessary attention to ourselves, it might be time to reevaluate.

### MUSIC MINISTRY IS ROOTED IN PRAYER, NOT PERFORMANCE

### REPRESENTATION MATTERS

The Irish author James Joyce remarked, perhaps jokingly, that *Catholic* means “here comes everybody.” We are abundantly blessed by the rich diversity of people within our individual and universal communities, but unfortunately what we sing and pray does not always reflect this gift. For far too long the liturgical landscape, especially in the United States, has been dominated by composers who do not necessarily reflect the diversity of the church.

When preparing the liturgy, we should be intentional about selecting music from a variety of composers. Take a look at one of your recent planning pages. How many female composers are included? How many pieces were written by people of color? Do we honor the voices of the LGBTQ community? Whose voices are upheld? Whose voices are ignored?



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Attention to these details is not some nicety but rather a concrete way to ensure the varied voices of the church are celebrated. Working toward better representation in repertoire does not happen overnight or without challenges. Naming and being mindful of this reality is an important step toward celebrating inclusive liturgy.

### WORDS MATTER

Text is important. The words we sing shape our understanding of God and ourselves. Just like intentionality is important when selecting composers, we must also deliberately choose text that represents the realities of our church and world. "Sing to the Lord" emphasizes this point, noting that texts must be doctrinally sound and express beliefs that are true of the Catholic faith. This is the relatively easy part, for we would never intentionally sing a text that denies Christ or suggests a nontrinitarian God.

It is much more difficult, however, to include texts that speak the very real needs of our time. Do our texts denounce racism and bigotry and uphold the unity to which we are called? Do they mention the pains of abuse of leadership in our church, country, and world? Do they call us to steward the environment, work for economic justice, and build up the kingdom of God in our midst? As music ministers we must dare to be prophetic. Jesus made it abundantly clear in the gospels that we do not pray in a vacuum. Are we willing to follow this example? Because of the incarnation, the God we worship is intimately present in these realities.

### AS MUSIC MINISTERS, WE MUST DARE TO BE PROPHETIC

#### SPEND TIME IN THE PEWS

It might sound strange, but liturgical ministers should spend time not ministering. Accompanists, cantors, choir members, and even music directors should regularly participate as intentional members of the gathered assembly. While music ministers are always part of the gathered assembly, we can gain important insight when we pray from the pew instead of from the organ bench or choir loft.

This is important for two reasons. First, we must be intentional about cultivating our own prayer life. Praying without explicitly ministering gives us the opportunity to be attentive to God in new ways. Second, spending time not ministering allows us to participate from the congregation's perspective, giving us the chance to see and hear new things. We might learn that the voice of a certain psalmist is constantly being overpowered by the piano or see more closely how the assembly responds to a new hymn or song. Spending time not ministering allows for both prayer and perspective.

#### BE SURE TO MENTOR

I'll never forget the day I asked Mrs. Rojek if I could play piano at Mass for the first time. I was in sixth grade, incredibly nervous, and prepared for rejection. "Are you possibly singing this song tomorrow? And, if you are, can I maybe play it?" I never could have imagined that accompanying the choir on "We Come to Your Feast" that Thanksgiving would be the beginning of a life of liturgical music ministry. Mrs. Rojek continued to encourage me to play, both affirming me and challenging me to grow. She believed in me, trusted me, and saw a gift that I wasn't ready to see on my own.

If we don't empower others by nurturing their gifts, especially those young people who are yearning to be involved, we miss an important opportunity. It takes time and effort to mentor. But if liturgy is the work of the people, we must make sure it is the work of all the people—children, teenagers, and young adults included. I am forever grateful for all those who have served as liturgical music mentors for me. I do what I do because of them.



**A letter received December 2, 2025 from Genevieve Elizondo,  
Archdiocesan Mission Director,  
The Society of the Propagation of the Faith**

Reverend Jerome P. Foley  
St. Peter Church  
700 Oddstad Boulevard  
Pacifica, CA 94044

Dear Father Foley,

As part of our call to missionary discipleship, the Archdiocese of San Francisco participates in the Missionary Cooperative Plan appeals in support of mission dioceses, religious orders, and lay organizations working all over the world.

You may recall that through this very special plan, a missionary visited your parish to engage and share the needs of their mission work. Through their testimony, your parish community was given the opportunity to build community, create relationships, and respond with generosity and prayerful support.

At this time, I would like to thank you for your parish participation in the 2025 Missionary Cooperative Plan appeal. Your parish donation of \$2,407.00 towards this year's appeal is very much appreciated. We will in turn forward a check in the name of St. Peter Church to the Diocese of Fort Portal that preached at your parish and will most certainly help in their evangelization efforts.

Over, 1,124 mission dioceses have experienced the love and compassion of Jesus through the multitude of missionaries who tirelessly labor to bring the Good News to all in need. Thank you for joining them in this important endeavor. For more information about the Pontifical Mission Societies, please visit our website at [www.sfarch/MissionsSF.org](http://www.sfarch/MissionsSF.org).

**A letter received December 26, 2025 from Peter Stiehler, Director,  
Catholic Worker Hospitality House**

Dear St. Peter's Parishioners,

Thank you so much for the very generous donation of gift cards for our guests at Catholic worker Hospitality House. Your kindness helped us provide gifts for all our guests this Christmas.

On Tuesday, Dec. 23 we hosted our annual Christmas Dinner. It was a lovely event with over 175 folks enjoying a bountiful feast with ample food and gifts for all. All went well and it was a special day for all.

Again, thank you for your continued very generous support of our work with those in need in our community.



## ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

### SUNDAY COLLECTION | JANUARY 1 & 4, 2026

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God	\$1,104.00
Offertory	\$4,170.00
2026 Annual Appeal	\$2,868.00

### 2025 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

**Assessment: \$62,962.00**

**Collected: \$42,629.00    Balance: \$20,333.00**

The 2025 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Status  
Balance Report will be received mid-February 2026.

### PARISH SOFT ONLINE COLLECTION DEC. 27, 2026 — JAN. 2, 2026 | \$2,067.08

Offertory	\$1,130.05
Maintenance Fund	\$607.85
Church Roof Fund	\$9.01
Religious Education	\$47.38
2026 Annual Appeal	\$239.51
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$33.28

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### PARISH CALENDAR JAN. 12 — 18, 2026

#### MON 12

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

#### TUE 13

8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
3:45 P.M.	Religious Education
3:45 P.M.	Confirmation
7:00 P.M.	OCIA

#### WED 14

8:30 A.M.	Daily Mass
3:00 P.M.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
3:00 P.M.	Religious Education
3:00 P.M.	Confirmation
7:00 P.M.	Confirmation
7:00 P.M.	Choir Practice

#### THU 15

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

#### FRI 16

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

#### SAT 17

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

#### SUN 18

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.

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