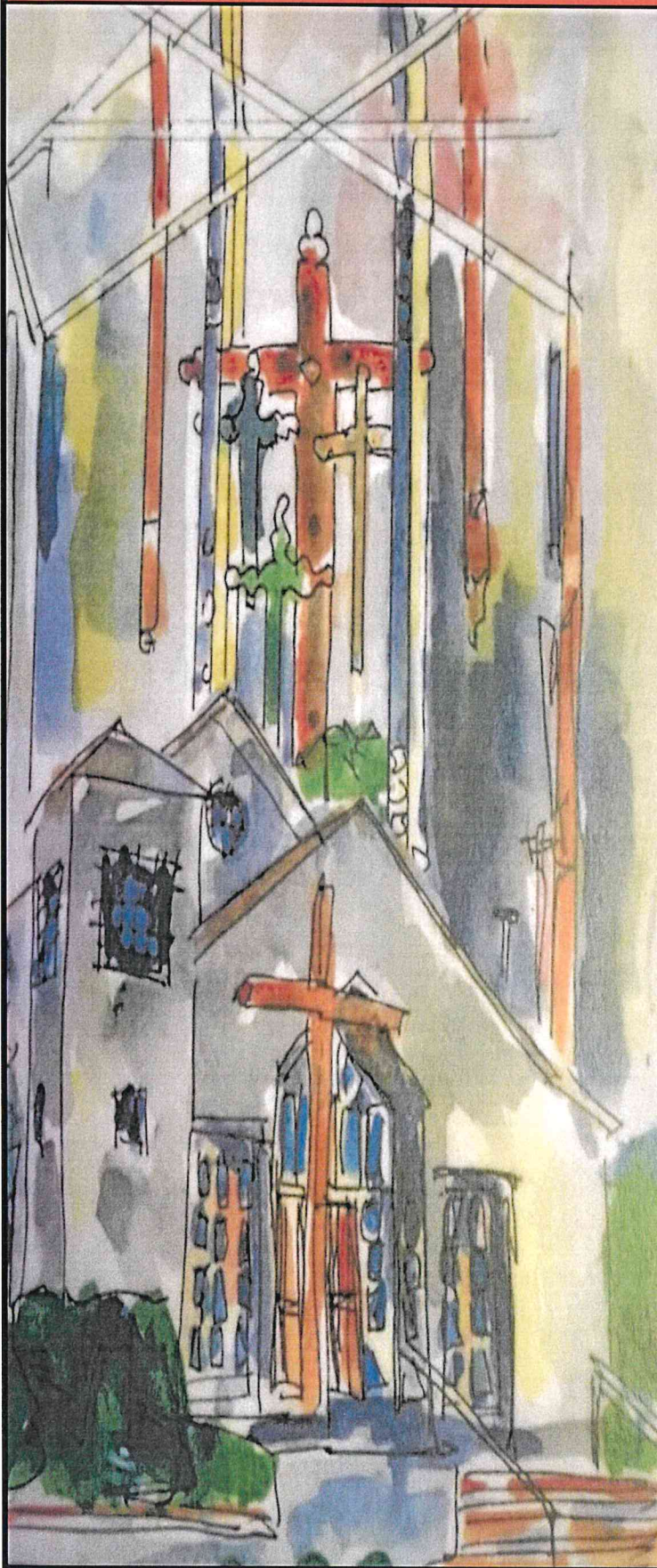


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Sacrament of Eucharist

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 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 25, 2025

Nativity of the Lord/Christmas

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 23-29, 2024

Mon 23	5:30 P.M.	For the Elderly & Homebound
Tue 24	4:30 P.M.	†Emilio Fernandez
	9:00 P.M.	†Cecilia Torres
Wed 25	8:30 A.M.	Herb Rosen
	11:00A.M.	†Lydia Eva
Thu 26	8:30 A.M.	†James Bruce
Fri 27	8:30 A.M.	Tim Durkin
Sat 28	4:30 P.M.	Herb Rosen
Sun 29	8:30 A.M.	Christopher & Nicole Ybarra
	11 A.M.	People of St. Peter Parish

WEEKDAY READINGS

	<i>Saint John of Kanty, Priest</i>
Mon 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
	<i>Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord</i>
Tue 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
	<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>
Wed 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>
Thu 26	Reading <i>Acts</i> 6:8-10;7:54-59 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 31:3c-4,6,8a,16b-17 Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 10:17-22
	<i>Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist</i>
Fri 27	Reading I <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
	<i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>
Sat 28	Reading I <i>John</i> 1:5—2:2 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 124:2-5,7b-8 Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 2:13-18
	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
Sun 29	Reading I <i>Sirach</i> 3:2-6,12-14 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 128:1-5 Reading II <i>Colossians</i> 3:12-21 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 2:41-52

A MESSAGE FROM TONY EIRAS, MUSIC DIRECTOR

We warmly invite you to join with our choir for some joyful *Christmas Caroling* before the 9:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Mass on December 24th. The caroling will start at 8:15 PM.

We look forward to having you join us.



December 22, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent



Our Blessed Mother takes center stage on this fourth Sunday of Advent, and fittingly so, as we draw near to the celebration of her Son's birth. After our Lord Himself, Mary is our model and guide to a stewardship way of life.

Today's Gospel passage from Luke describes Mary's actions immediately after her "yes" to the angel Gabriel's message. "Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah... and greeted Elizabeth." Mary immediately begins to think of others before herself, setting out quickly to be with her cousin, modeling two of the pillars of stewardship – Hospitality and Service.

What warmth and humility the Mother of our Savior shows, traveling to Elizabeth to spend time with her, rejoicing with Elizabeth over her own incredible pregnancy, and assisting her in a time of need. And what joy this hospitality and service brings to Elizabeth.

Our Blessed Mother's example of a stewardship way of life is one that we, her children, can follow in our own lives today. With all the gifts God gives us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — we, too, can offer ourselves to God by using these gifts to serve and glorify Him. In so doing, we will effectively spread the Good News of the Gospel to the world around us today.

We will be stewards after our Mother's own heart.

*God grant you lightness in your step,
a smile on every face you meet,
Loved ones gathered at your hearth,
and at your door, good folk to greet . . .*

*A holy hymn upon your lips,
a window candle burning bright,
and may the Good Lord bless your heart
and come to dwell there Christmas night.*



The Nativity of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2024, 4:30 P.M. and 9:00 P.M.

Caroling at 8:15 P.M.

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December, 25, 2024, 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31, 2024, 4:30 P.M.

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1, 2025, 8:30 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.

WHY WE NEED TO STOP CONFESSING OTHERS SINS

Detraction is, without objectively valid reason, disclosing another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them. — Catechism #2477

I was listening to Catholic radio a few weeks ago to an interview with a woman who was a fallen away, but now returned Catholic. She recounted the sordid details of her two failed marriages and some of the history of abuse in her family of origin. Part of her story was disclosing the misdeeds of various people in her life who had hurt or failed her, including family members, clergy and especially one of the men she had divorced. I winced as I thought of those people she was, with good intent, exposing to the light. Bad means to a good end.

As Evangelical-style testimonials of sin and repentance have become more prevalent in U.S. Catholic culture, the temptation to engage in detraction has also escalated. Whether in teaching, preaching, witness talks or autobiographical memoirs, people seem to feel more and more free to say dreadful, shameful and embarrassing things in public about other *identifiable* people. This includes recounting, often in graphic detail, the hurtful, immoral, abusive, stupid, reckless words and deeds of parents, siblings, spouses, coworkers, clergy or friends. While it can make for riveting and compelling storytelling, seeming on the surface to be a sign of personal authenticity ("keeping it real") or a healthy form of "catharsis," it fails to consider the great cost at which these goods are obtained; or the potential damage such revelations can effect in others' lives. "Disclosing another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," as an act of testimony to God's amazing grace, is too often done *without* an objectively valid reason.

We live in a pathologically voyeuristic and gossipy culture that is largely unconcerned whether or not damaging information about other people's "faults and failings" should be revealed in public. Christians must judge whether or not disclosing another's sins, weaknesses or failings (be they living or dead) is *required and demanded* (or at the very least, *permitted*) by justice or charity. The late Fr. John Hardon offered some useful criteria for judging if revealing another's faults, whether those people be living or dead, is warranted:

The essence of detraction is the unwarranted disclosure of a hidden failing, which implies that there are occasions when the disclosure can and even should be made. When the revelation of another person's fault is necessary or very useful, as in defense of self or of others, no injustice is done in revealing it. This would be the case when the failing or defect is made known to parents, or superiors, or for the purpose of seeking counsel or help, or to prevent harm to others. It is also not detraction to make known what has become legally and publicly notorious, since the culprit has lost his right to esteem in the matter. It is conducive to public security that criminals should be known for what they are. However, since one's reputation may reflect upon a group like an organization or class of people, criminal acts of a single member of that group should not be widely disclosed so as not to jeopardize the reputation of all the persons with whom this one individual is commonly identified. Indiscriminate disclosure of this kind is the seedbed of class prejudice.

Detraction and calumny destroy the reputation and honor of one's neighbor. Honor is the social witness given to human dignity, and everyone enjoys a natural right to the honor of his name and reputation and to respect. Thus, detraction and calumny offend against the virtues of justice and charity.

Detraction also applies to more *private* contexts of disclosure where another's faults and failings are revealed to another without proper warrant. Again, the rule of thumb is to ask yourself: Am I required by justice or charity to make known these dark details. If I cannot speak this sentence in all sincerity and truth, it's probably best not to share damaging information: "I want to tell you this information about Person X for their own welfare and salvation, for your benefit and the benefit of others, and for the glory of God."

DECEMBER 15, 2024 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Offertory \$3,228.00
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PARISH CALENDAR DECEMBER 23-29, 2024

MON 23
 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 5:30 P.M. Evening Mass

TUE 24 *Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord*
 4:30 P.M. Mass
 9:00 P.M. Mass

WED 25 *The Nativity of the Lord*
 8:30 A.M. Mass
 11:00 A.M. Mass

THU 26
 8:30 A.M. Daily Mass
 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

FRI 27
 8:30 A.M. Daily Mass
 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

SAT 28
 3:30 P.M. Sacrament of Reconciliation
 4:30 P.M. Mass

SUN 29 *THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH*
 8:30 A.M. Mass
 11:00 A.M. Mass

2024 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Assessment \$65,782.00 | Collected \$38,831.00 | Balance \$26,951.00

The final reconciliation for 2024 status report will be mailed to St. Peter, Pacifica in Mid-January 2025.

To make a final donation for *The 2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal*, write check to **St. Peter Church**, bring to the Parish Office by December 30, 2024, to be postmarked by the post office on December 31, 2024.

If you plan to mail your donation check directly to the **Archdiocese of San Francisco, 1 Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109, Attn: Finance Department** for the *2024 Annual Appeal*, your check must be dated by December 31, 2024, and envelopes must be postmarked by December 31, 2024. Write your check to Archdiocese of San Francisco and write in the "Memo" section of your check, *2024 AAA, St. Peter, Pacifica*.

Also, all stock donations received by the Archdiocese on or before Tuesday, December 31, 2024, will be treated as 2024 donations. Stock or Mutual Fund donation forms are available at the Parish Office.

Any balance remaining for *The 2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal* is paid by St. Peter Church.

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