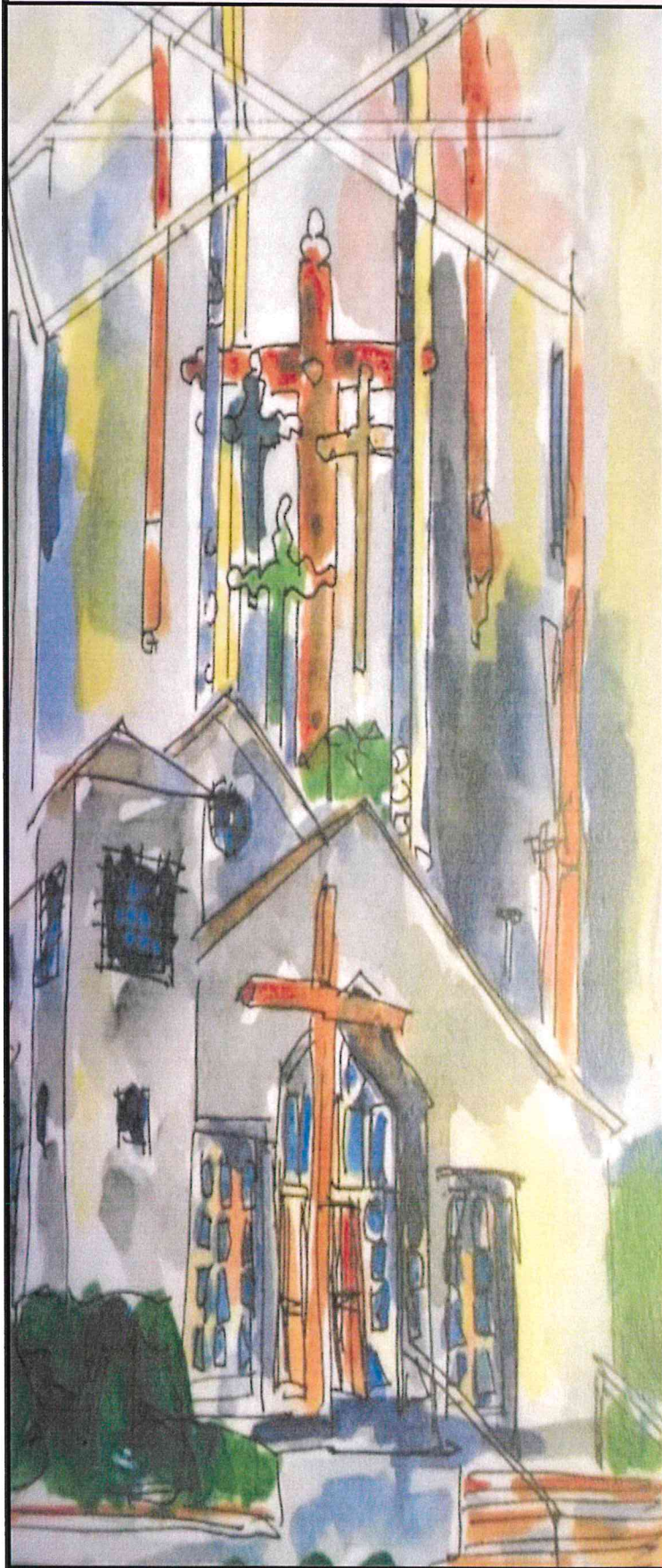


# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 14, 2025**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

*In the person of Jesus, God has come to heal and save us. Patiently, yet joyfully, we await the fulfillment of his advent.*



# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

## PARISH STAFF

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### PARISH COUNCIL

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Mrs. Eileen Barsi, Chair

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Dale Fajardo, Chair

## MASS INTENTIONS

## DECEMBER 15—21, 2025

## MASS READINGS

Mon	15	5:30 P.M.	†Rui Branco
Tue	16	8:30 A.M.	†Mary Clark
Wed	17	8:30 A.M.	†Pedro Gomes
Thu	18	8:30 A.M.	†Aminta Maria Novoa
Fri	19	8:30 A.M.	†Rui Branco
Sat	20	4:30 P.M.	Rita Ramos
Sun	21	8:30 A.M.	†Roy Morales
		11:00 A.M.	People of St. Peter

Mon	15	Reading <i>Numbers</i> 24:2-7,15-17a Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 25:4-5b,6,7bc,8-9 Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 21:23-27
Tue	16	Reading <i>Zephaniah</i> 3:1-2,9-13 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 34:2-3,6-7,17-19,23 Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 21:28-32
Wed	17	Reading <i>Genesis</i> 49:2,8-10 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 72:1-4b,7-8,17 Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 1:1-17
Thu	18	Reading <i>Jeremiah</i> 23:5-8 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 1:18-25
Fri	19	Reading <i>Judges</i> 13:2-7,24-25a Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 71:3-4a,5-6b,16-17 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 1:5-25
Sat	20	Reading <i>Isaiah</i> 7:10-14 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 24:1-6 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 1:26-38
Sun	21	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Reading I <i>Isaiah</i> 7:10-14 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 24:1-6 Reading II <i>Romans</i> 1:1-7 Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 1:18-24

## 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  
 Wednesday, December 24th.



The caroling will  
 start at 8:30 P.M.

We look forward to  
 having you join us.





December 14, 2025

## Third Sunday of Advent

Good news, Christian stewards — we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb, and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.

Our first reading from the prophet Isaiah seems to shout out good cheer as he paints a picture of what the long-awaited Savior will usher in: "the eyes of the blind will be opened, the ears of the deaf will be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag...the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the Lord has ransomed [that's us!] will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee."

Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith, we know this day is coming. Lest we grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord." "Make your hearts firm....Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."

This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life.

In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, "making our hearts firm" by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain. We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, connects the prophecy of Isaiah to the arrival of Jesus, almost word for word. In this passage, we find the imprisoned John the Baptist sending his disciples to ask Jesus if he is indeed the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus' reply is almost identical to Isaiah's prophetic words. He says, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised..." The Savior really has arrived just as promised! Yet that arrival was 700 years after Isaiah's prediction. God always fulfills his promises, but patience and firmness of heart are required as we await his perfect timing.

As John's disciples go off to report this wonderful news, Jesus has high praise for John. "Among those born of women, there has been none greater." Yet, Jesus adds, "The least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." Honorable as it was for John the Baptist to serve as the one who would announce the Savior's arrival, it is a much greater privilege to attain membership in His kingdom.

Let us rejoice in the knowledge that God has called us to enter this kingdom. Let us keep our hearts firmly fixed on this eternal goal and strive with all our might to give God and others the very best of ourselves in gratitude for such a privilege.



# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Double the Donation Fund Raising Challenge



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.

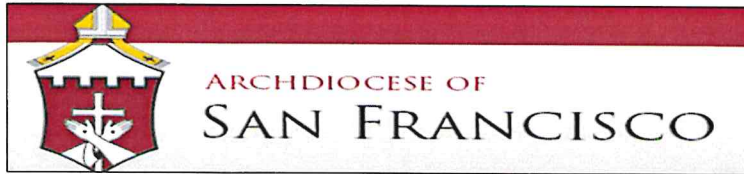
Thank you.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO  
ST. PETER CHURCH  
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2025 AAA CHALLENGE

## ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

### The Second Collection for December 21, 2025 | 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.



### 2025 Annual Appeal

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, Finance Department  
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.

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



**ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Invites you to join us for the**  
**Christmas Pageant**



**Presented by the**  
**Religious Education Program**  
**December 18, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.**  
**In the Gymnasium**

**ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**2025 ANNUAL GIVING TREE**

To those who honored our many brothers and sisters in need with your gifts of generosity during this Christmas Season, thank you.

All gifts are due Wednesday, December 17, 2025 to the Parish Office. There is still time to pick a Giving Tree Gift Tag to the Charities that St. Peter is sponsoring, they are:

Catholic Worker Hospitality House, [www.catholicworkerhospitalityhouse.org](http://www.catholicworkerhospitalityhouse.org)

Epiphany Center, [www.theepiphanycenter.org](http://www.theepiphanycenter.org) | Good Shepherd Grace Center, [www.gsgracenter.org](http://www.gsgracenter.org)

Pacifica Resource Cntr, [www.pacresourcecenter.org](http://www.pacresourcecenter.org) | Linda Mar Care Cntr, [www.lindamarrehab.com](http://www.lindamarrehab.com)

St. Vincent de Paul San Francisco, [www.svdpsf.org](http://www.svdpsf.org) | St. Vincent de Paul San Mateo, [www.svdpsm.org](http://www.svdpsm.org)

**GIFTS WITH TAGS ARE DUE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025**  
**AT THE PARISH OFFICE**

## ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

### SUNDAY COLLECTION | DECEMBER 7, 2025

Offertory \$5,184.50  
 Archdiocese Annual Appeal \$3,085.00

### ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Assessment: **\$62,962.00**

Collected: **\$38,969.00**      Balance: **\$23,993.00**

### PARISH SOFT ONLINE COLLECTION NOVEMBER 29 — DECEMBER 5, 2025 | \$4,456.89

Offertory \$2,994.55  
 Maintenance Fund \$1,071.01  
 Church Roof Fund \$9.01  
 Undesignated \$100.00  
 St. Vincent de Paul \$282.32

If you would like to sign up for *St. Peter Parish Soft Online Giving*, please go to our website at <https://stpetrpacifica.org>.

At the Home Page click on GIVING, go TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH and click on the box that says ONLINE GIVING, go to SIGN-IN and input your information and click CREATE ACCOUNT.

Parish Soft Online Giving—877-316-0260. option 2.

Should you have any further questions, you may contact the Parish Office at 650-359-6313, Monday—Friday, 9:00 A.M.—5:00P.M.

### CALENDAR DECEMBER 15-21, 2025

#### MON 15

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

#### TUE 16

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 17

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 18

8:30 A.M. Daily Mass  
 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
 7:00 P.M. CCD Christmas Pageant

#### FRI 19

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

#### SAT 20

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

#### SUN 21

8:30 A.M. Mass  
 11:00A.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 <b>(2.00)</b> & 100.00 <b>(4.00)</b>	<b>4%</b>	Target 25.00 <b>(.63)</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	Ross 25.00 <b>(2.00)</b>	<b>8%</b>
Visa 50.00 <b>(.63)</b> & 100.00 <b>(1.25)</b>	<b>1.25%</b>	Amazon 25.00 <b>(.50)</b>	<b>2%</b>		
Shell 50.00 <b>(.75)</b> & 100.00 <b>(1.50)</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	Starbucks 10.00 <b>(.45)</b>	<b>4.5%</b>		
Union 76 100.00 <b>(1.50)</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	Chevron 50.00 <b>(.50)</b> & 100.00 <b>(1.00)</b>	<b>1%</b>		

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