

December 21,
2025



Fourth Sunday of
Advent



St. Peter the Apostle **National Shrine of** **St. John Neumann**

A Redemptorist Parish
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m (Vigil).

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Spanish),
12:30 pm

Weekdays: 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

O.L.P.H. Novena: 7:00 p.m. (Shrine) Filipino Sponsored

CONFESSIONS

Mon - Sat: 11:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)

RECTORY OFFICE

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

GIFT SHOP SCHEDULE

Monday - Sunday: 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS: You are asked to arrange an appointment in advance by telephone with the Priest you wish to see.

SICK CALLS: Emergencies & Hospital Visitation: Please contact the Rectory office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is administered monthly. Arrangements are made in advance at the Rectory. Sponsors must provide proof of eligibility by a letter from their respective pastors, and must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. Parents attend a Pre-Jordan meeting prior to Baptism, which is arranged at a mutually convenient time.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least six months before the date of the wedding. Pre-Cana instructions are required. Couples rather than parents or wedding coordinators should contact the church. If either party was previously married, an annulment must be granted prior to the selection of a future wedding date.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

5:30 PM † Thomas McGrath, Sr. - rb: Wife

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society

9:30 AM † Denise Marie Bryan - rb: Geri Kotch

11:00 AM Armando Valez – rb: Haydee Velazquez

12:30 PM Parish Family and † Elizabeth J. Thiel -
rb: Thiel Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Isabella Malave B-Day– rb: The Malave Family

5:30 PM † Thomas McGrath - rb: Mother

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Antoinette & Anthony Giannini - rb: Annette
Giannini

5:30 PM † Oscar Ocava - rb: The Malave Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 - *Christmas Eve*

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGUE

5:30 PM † Jerry Fedorowycz - rb: Christine Bottomer

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 - *The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)*

9:30 AM Purgatorian Society

11:00 AM Michelle Avila - rb: Family

12:30 PM † Denise Hall Bryan - rb: Geri Kotch

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Neumann Guild

5:30 PM † John Fairey, Sr., - rb: Kimberly Piedra

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGUE

REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

In your prayers, please keep in mind our sick, homebound, and those in healthcare facilities including: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSsR, Jennifer Woods, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, Wayne Shaak, Michaela Breslin, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martinez, Juana Ortiz, Charles Ambrose, Ann Pham, Danielle Sorrichillo, Jack Michael Little, Reinalce Colon, Donna Marie Simpson, Tanya Rapone, Jane Kernan, Alicia Ann Chomo, Gayle Munford, Betty Santos, Mary Zajac, Kathy Griffin, Michael Micciola, Jeanette Troutman, Linda Butter, Ann Russo, Brian Devers, Terri Campione, Richard Simpson, Orlando Morales, Monsarate Torres, Lisa Belle, Wayne Belle, and William Vaughn. *Please call the rectory office to add a name.*

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

A poem by Henry Vaughan Christ's Nativity
Awake, glad heart! Get up and sing,
It is the birthday of thy King,
Awake! Awake!
The sun doth shake
Light from his locks, and all the way
Breathing perfumes, doth spice the day.

Awake, awake! Hark, how the wood rings,
Winds whisper, and the busy springs
A consort make;
Awake, awake!
Man is their high-priest, and should rise
To offer up the sacrifice.

I would I were some bird or star,
Fluttering in woods, or lifted far
Above this inn
And road of sin!
Then either star, or bird, should be
Shining, or singing still to Thee.

I would I had in my best part
Fit rooms for Thee! Or that my heart
Were so clean as
Thy manger was!
But I am all filth, and obscene,
Yet if Thou wilt, Thou canst make clean.

Sweet Jesu! will then; Let no more
This leper haunt, and soil Thy door,
Curse him, ease him
O release him!
And let once more by mystic birth
The Lord of life be born in earth.

On behalf of the Redemptorist Community, we wish
you and your families a very Merry and Blessed
Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Blessings,
Fr Mike



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THE ROSARY

We invite you to join us each day at
11:55 a.m. in the Shrine as we pray the Rosary
for peace. Please come and pray with us.



ELECTRONIC GIVING

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tab **Donate** and select the link with the
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WEEKEND COLLECTION - 12/14/2025

Due to early printing, the collections of last
weekend will be in the next bulletin

SANCTUARY CANDLES

This week, the candles in the sanctuaries will burn
for the following intentions:

Blessed Sacrament Altar (Lower Church)

Nguyen Family - rb: *Le Nguyen*

OLPH Shrine (Upper Church)

Little Family - rb: *Nora Little*

St. John Neumann Altar

Nguyen Family - rb: *Le Nguyen*

Blessed Sacrament Altar (Upper Church)

All the faithful departed - rb: *Patricia and Raymond
Villanueva*

Redemptorist Chapel

† *Lorraine Kingsbury Miner*



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LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM Armando Valez – sp: Haydee Velazquez

CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL

10:30 AM

DONACIONES DE UNITED WAY

Si usted contribuye a United Way a través de su trabajo, favor considere designar a la **Escuela San Pedro, United Way #52989**, para que su donación ayude a nuestra escuela.

VELA DEL SANTUARIO

Esta semana, las velas de los santuarios se encenderán por las siguientes intenciones:

Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Abajo)

Familia Nguyen

- sp: Le Nguyen

Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro (Iglesia de Arriba)

Familia Little

- sp: Nora Little

Altar de San Juan Neumann

Familia Nguyen

- sp: Le Nguyen

Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Arriba)

Fieles almas fallecidas - sp: Patricia y Raymond

Villanueva

Capilla de los Redentoristas

Lorraine Kingsbury Miner

RECORDEMOS A LOS ENFERMOS

DE LA PARROQUIA

En sus oraciones, por favor, tenga en cuenta a nuestros enfermos, confinados en casa, y aquellos en los centros de salud, incluyendo: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSsR, Jennifer Woods, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, Wayne Shaak, Michaela Breslin, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martines, Juana Ortiz, Charles Ambrose, Ann Pham, Danielle Sorrichillo, Jack Michael Little, Reinalee Colon, Donna Marie Simpson, Tanya Rapone, Jane Kernan, Alicia Ann Chomo, Gayle Munford, Betty Santos, Mary Zajac, Kathy Griffin, Michael Micciola, Jeanette Troutman, Linda Butter, Ann Russo, Brian Devers, Terri Campione, Richard Simpson, Orlando Morales, Monsarate Torres, Lisa Belle, Wayne Belle, and William Vaughn. Favor de llamar a la rectoría para incluir un nombre en la lista.

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DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Queridos Feligreses,

Un poema de Henry Vaughan: La Natividad de Cristo
Despierta, corazón alegre! Levántate y canta,
Es el cumpleaños de tu Rey,
¡Despierta! ¡Despierta!
El sol sacude
la Luz de sus cabellos, y todo el camino
Respirando perfumes, sazona el día.

¡Despierta, despierta! Escucha, cómo suena el bosque,
los vientos susurran, y los agitados manantiales
Un consorte hacen;
¡Despierta, despierta!
El hombre es su sumo sacerdote, y debería levantarse
Para ofrecer el sacrificio.

Ojalá fuera un pájaro o una estrella,
Revoloteando en los bosques, o elevado muy Por
encima de esta posada
Y camino de pecado!
Entonces, la estrella o el pájaro,
Brillaría, o aún te cantaría.

¡Ojalá tuviera en mi mejor parte
habitaciones adecuadas para Ti! ¡O que mi corazón
fuera tan limpio como
lo fue Tu pesebre!
Pero soy todo suciedad y obsceno,
Sin embargo, si Tú quieres, puedes limpiar.

¡Dulce Jesús! lo harás entonces; No dejes que más
Este leproso ronde, y ensucie Tu puerta,
Maldícelo, alivielo,
¡oh, libéralo!
Y que una vez más, por nacimiento místico,
el Señor de la vida nazca en la tierra.

Bendiciones,
Padre Mike



VELA DEL SANTUARIO

Considere encender una vela por sus intenciones, o en memoria de un ser querido. Estas velas se encuentran en el Altar del Santísimo Sacramento, el Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro, el Altar de San Juan Neumann, el Altar Principal de la Iglesia de Arriba, y la Capilla de los Sacerdotes. Si usted está interesado, comuníquese con la oficina de la rectoría para más detalles.
Donación: \$20.00 por 2 semanas; \$10 por una semana.



EL ROSARIO

Les invitamos a unirse a nosotros todos los días a las 11:55AM en el Santuario a rezar el Rosario por la paz. Venga y únase a nosotros con el arma espiritual.



DONACION ELECTRONICA

Ingrese a la página spaphilly.org y seleccione el enlace bajo el logotipo **Parish Giving**. Siga las sencillas instrucciones para registrarse.



COLECTAS DEL FIN DE SEMANA 12/07/2025

Misas	\$3,718.75
Sobres por Correo - Ofrendas	\$530.00
Donaciones Electrónicas -	\$1,774.96

Total.....	\$6,023.71
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**ST. PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, December 24th:

Regular weekday masses in Shrine at
7:00 AM and 12:15 PM
Only 11:45 AM Confessions

Choir Concert at 5:00 PM
Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM in the Upper Church

Thursday, December 25th:

9:30 AM (English), 11:00 AM (Spanish), and
12:30 PM (English)
In the Upper Church, NO Confessions

Thursday, January 1st:

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Regular Mass and confession schedule
in the Shrine.

Join us for the
**ST. JOHN NEUMANN
FEAST DAY**
Masses

**SUNDAY,
JANUARY 4, 2026
FEAST DAY MASS**

12:30 PM
UPPER CHURCH

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**MONDAY,
JANUARY 5, 2026**

12:15 PM
UPPER CHURCH

with our school community



Candlelight
St. Peter the Apostle
January 3, 2026

6:30 PM Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*
8:45 PM Bach to Beatles



Experience the magic of live music
surrounded by hundreds of candles in a
breathtaking setting.

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Christmas Hours

Please note that our museum, gift shop,
shrine and rectory offices will close early at
12 Pm on Wednesday, Dec. 24th and
CLOSED on Thursday, Dec. 25th and
Friday, Dec. 26th.

We will also be closed on
New Years Day, Thursday, Jan. 1st.

