

Saint Peter ^{the} Apostle CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Peter the Apostle, a Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Joliet, a faith-filled people, united in the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, strive to be the Body of Christ. We manifest our unity through the celebration of the Sacraments. We pledge to use our gifts and resources to live the Faith, preach the Word, and Service others as we welcome all into our faith community.

December 10, 2023

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am | 10:00 am | 11:30 am

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays | 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Wednesdays | 8:30 am (following 8:00 am Mass)

First Saturdays | 8:30 am (following 8:00 am Mass)

PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

Friday-Sunday: CLOSED (or by appointment)

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please stop by or call the Parish Center (ext. 200) to register or visit the parish website.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS

For details regarding planning a baptism, wedding, or funeral, please call the Parish Center (ext. 200) or visit the parish website.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available at each Mass to distribute Communion to those who have difficulty walking to the front. If you would like to have the Communion brought to you, please let an usher know before Mass begins. At Communion time, when you see the Extraordinary Minister come to the back, please raise your hand to identify yourself to be given Holy Communion.



NATIONAL
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2025



ADVENT



HOPE. PEACE. JOY. LOVE.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners:

This weekend we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent.

How are you doing with your spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christ's coming and for Christmas? Last week I shared some recommendations to help you slow down and to focus on Jesus who is the **"reason for the season."** I hope those were helpful and that you've been able to incorporate a few of them into your daily life.

I encourage you to continue in daily prayer and to attend daily mass when possible. Slow down and find time to spend time with God.

Remember to open your heart and mind to let God speak to you during this holy time.

During this holy season I want you to know that I am praying for each of you and the parish as a whole as we prepare for Christ's coming on Christmas Day.

May you have a blessed Advent.

Remember, God loves you and I love you!



Love and Prayers,

Fr. Tuan

Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle Parish



Plan to Attend...

THE INSTALLATION of Father Tuan Nguyen, Pastor Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church Itasca, Illinois

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On Sunday December 17, 2023,
Bishop Ronald Hicks will celebrate Mass at 11:30 am
to formally install Father Tuan Nguyen
as Pastor of St. Peter the Apostle

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A reception in Father Tuan's honor
will follow Mass in Margaret Woods Hall.

All parishioners are invited to attend the Mass and reception.

If planning to attend the reception,
please RSVP by Friday, December 8,
and indicate the number attending.

To respond, use the QR Code provided below,
follow the link found on the parish website at stpeteritasca.com
or call the parish center.



If you would also like to provide a dessert or assist with the reception,
please feel free to sign-up for a volunteer slot as well.

Call the parish center or email office@stpeteritasca.com
with any questions.

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All are welcome to stop by
Margaret Wood's Parish Hall
following Sunday morning masses.
Grab a doughnut, a beverage
and some fellowship!

Tuesday Rosary Ministry

The Tuesday Rosary Ministry meets weekly at 7:15pm.

Attendees are welcome to lead one of the decades if comfortable and inspired to do so.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your Rosary, your personal intentions and your voice.



THIS WEEKEND—
Sunday, Dec. 10
9:30 am

GRIEF MINISTRY

If you have lost a loved one and would like to meet with people who face similar struggles, please consider joining the Grief Ministry group.

Please meet in Margaret Woods Hall for refreshments before heading to the **Parish Center Conference Room.**

For more information, please contact Deacon Fred at 630-773-1272 (ext. 201)



Liturgical Ministers

Lector Training

Thursday, December 14 | 6:30 pm

If you are currently a Lector (Reader), or are interested in becoming one, please join us on Thursday, December 14, at 6:30 pm in Church for training and a special presentation. There are some updates to our ministry that we will be sharing and we will be practicing in church with the different microphones to help everyone find a good speaking level. Father Tuan will be on hand to commission/recommission those present as Lectors for the 2024 year.



St. Peter the Apostle Women's Club

Thursday, December 14, 2023
7:00 pm

Take some time to unwind and enjoy some Christmas spirit. The ever-popular Christmas BINGO is back!! Please bring a REGIFT item for the prize table. Look around and find an item (**NEW—NOT USED**) that you may have purchased or received as a gift, but haven't found a use for; wrap it; and bring it along for a REGIFT prize. This is a great way to REGIFT, without the worries of getting caught!

There will be a collection of baby items to help mothers in need at the Missionaries of Charity, as a way to share Christmas spirit. Please bring **UNWRAPPED, NEW clothing, diapers and accessories** for children 0 to 24 months to support this outreach project.

Pizza will be served. Ladies are invited to bring a side and/or favorite holiday Christmas cookies or dessert.

Coffee and tea will be provided or feel free to bring a beverage of choice.

Feel free to contact Rose Ann Roll to help with hospitality.

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Parish Center —
by phone at 630-773-1272 ext 200
or by e-mail at office@stpeteritasca.com



Families, please join us for the

Christmas Eve Nativity & Family Mass

Sunday, December 24
3:00pm

Everyone is welcome!

Children and adult volunteers needed

Please see signup sheet in Narthex for more information

or contact Rachel Scheck

219-308-3007 rcooley16@gmail.com

75th Anniversary Opening Mass

December 11, 2023
Choirs begin 5:15 p.m.
Liturgy 6 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus

DIOCESE OF JOLIET



The Opening Liturgy is a ticketed event, but it can be watched via live-stream at www.youtube.com/watch?v=kFavZcgnDBM

Additionally, anyone interested in watching with the parish community is invited to a "WATCH PARTY" of the Opening Liturgy in St. Peter's church on Monday, December 11, beginning at 5:15 pm.

Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24, 2023 (*Christmas Eve*)
3:00 pm (Family Mass) | 5:00 pm | 10:00 pm
Monday, December 25, 2023 (*Christmas Day*)
8:30 am | 10:00 am | 11:30 am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1, 2023
9:00 am

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 6, 2024
Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm
Sunday, January 7, 2024
Masses: 8:30 am | 10:00 am | 11:30 am

Confession



Six Hours of Confession

Saturday, December 16 | 9 am - 3 pm

When was the last time you received Reconciliation?

Was it recently? In the past year? Awhile ago?

You are invited to prepare your heart and soul for Christmas

The priests of 16 parishes of Eastern DuPage County will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Healing of Sin!

There will be select times when the Sacrament will be offered in both Spanish.

All Catholics are invited to receive God's grace

Hosted by Mary Queen of Heaven Church
430 N. West Avenue | Elmhurst, Illinois
630-279-5700

REFLECTION - GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-8

John the Baptist preached repentance and baptized the people, in preparation for the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

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When "checking your list" for tax-deductible donation options, please consider making a gift to St. Peter the Apostle Parish for your year-end giving.

Your support of St. Peter the Apostle Parish provides the opportunity to ensure the stability and growth of a Catholic "home" for current and future generations.

If giving by check or cash, please submit no later than **December 25, 2023**, in order to ensure your donation is applied to the current year. Envelopes can be dropped off at the Parish Center or in the collection basket.

Online donations using [GiveCentral](#) can be made through **December 31, 2023**.



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Weekly Goal \$ 10,971.00 Annual Goal \$ 570,500.00

Fiscal Week 22 - 12/03/2023:

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,971.00	Year to Date	\$ 233,676.00
E-basket	\$ 2,385.00	Year to Date	\$ 24,340.00
GiveCentral	\$ 2,669.96	Year to Date	\$ 12,106.96
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World Mission.	\$ 27.00		
Christmas Flowers	\$ 195.00		
Capital Improvement ...	\$ 255.00		
Parish Poor Fund	\$ 1,166.00		
Transitional Housing.....	\$ 700.00		

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You can also connect directly by using the QR code provided or visiting the website directly at givecentral.org/location/1251



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Retirement Fund for Religious

retiredreligious.org

Collection THIS Weekend: December 9-10

Please donate at your local parish or by mail at:

National Religious Retirement Office
3211 Fourth Street NE
Washington DC 20017-1194

Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

This Week at St. Peter's...

Sunday	December 10
After Masses	Faith & Fellowship (after masses) (MW Parish Hall)
9:30 am	Grief Support Group (PC Conference Room)
Monday	December 11
5:15 pm	DOJ 75th Anniversary Opening Liturgy Watch Party (Church)
Tuesday	December 12
7:00 pm	OCIA Class (PC Conference Room)
7:15 pm	Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
Wednesday	December 13
8:30 am	Confessions (Church)
5:00 pm	Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
6:15 pm	Adult Hand Bell Choir (Church/Choir)
7:15 pm	Adult Choir Practice (Church/Choir Loft)
Thursday	December 14
8:30 am	Father John Project (Church)
6:30 pm	Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration (AFCM Center)
7:00 pm	Women's Club (MW Hall)
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Saturday	December 16
9:00 am	Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
4:15 pm	Confessions (Church)
Sunday	December 17
12:30 pm	Father Tuan's Installation Reception (MW Parish Hall)



SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 16 | Sunday, December 17

Celebrants	Communion Ministers
5:00 pm Fr. Tuan Nguyen	5:00 pm Kay North
8:30 am Fr. Larry Brunette	Rose Ann Roll
10:00 am Fr. Tuan Nguyen	Deacon Anthony
11:30 am Bishop Ronald Hicks	8:30 am Dorie Calip
Lectors	Phyllis Cimaglia
5:00 pm Chris Kunze	Deacon Fred
8:30 am Jean Grote	10:00 am Mary Booth
10:00 am Franco Cascella	Allyson Fricano
11:30 am Diane Blackburn	Deacon Anthony
	11:30 am Deacon Bob
	Deacon Fred
	Deacon Anthony

Mass Intentions For The Week



Sunday December 10 (Second Sunday of Advent)

8:30 am †James Hathaway
10:00 am †Tadeusz Gil
11:30 am †John Elia
†Giuseppe and Giuseppina Fricano
†Tadeusz Gil
†Nancy Horwath
†Irene and Bernard Leonard
†Andrzej Szymikowski
People of the Parish

Monday December 11 (Advent Weekday; St. Damasus I, Pope)

8:00 am †John Hanneman

Tuesday December 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

8:00 am †Robert Proffitt

Wednesday December 13 (St. Lucy Virgin & Martyr)

8:00 am †Stephan Downen

Thursday December 14 (St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church)

8:00 am †Rosemary Gerardi

Friday December 15 (Advent Weekday)

8:00 am †Porzia Carone

Saturday December 16 (Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent)

5:00 pm †Martha Donlan
†Eric Eicholz
†Adeline Magnus
†John Pellettieri
People of the Parish

Sunday December 17 (Third Sunday of Advent)

8:30 am †Edward S. Kryger
10:00 am †Andrzej Szymikowski
11:30 am †Michael Campanella
†Tadeusz Gil
†Irene and Ernest Koletto
†Fr. Robert Noesen
†David Rood

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/
2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/
1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Sue Bobka	Mel Gerard	John North
Rosaleen Bradley	Gary Grote	John O'Dea
Ken Buffo	Joe Halac	Abraham Ortega
Ginger Busato	Martha Hayes	June Pautsch
Joe Busato	Cambria Helle	Cliff Peters
Rocco Busato	Ken Hemstreet	Brendan Reidy
Elio Campanella	Michael Jasiak	Cindy Serrano
Bill Carpenter	Mary Kelly	Wayne Slowiak
Danny Clements	Sylvia Kleinedler	Belinda Sobucki
Regina Conti	Rickie Kruzel	Dan Sobucki
Mary Cummins	Judah Kuhlman	Randy Szveda, USMC
Mike Cummins	Sue McNamara	Dennis Torii
Paul Cummins	Maria Mizera	Marlene Torii
Charlie DeFranco	Richard Mrugacz	Fr. Miroslaw Stepien
Beth Dobose	James Nehf	Holly Vana
Geri Gerard	Loretta Nicolini	Carol Zell

Published prayer requests require permission from the named individual or their family.
Names will be listed for six weeks, after which time you may call the Parish Center to renew your request.

In Memoriam

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of

Michael Lisak

Arlene Harley

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**Join our Holy Father, Pope Francis,
in his December prayers for the Church
and for the world:**



For persons with disabilities.

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

**Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us. We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

PFC Ryan Caspary, US Army 101st Airborne
Cpl James J. Cullotta, US Marines
SGT Michael D'Andrea, US Army
MAJ Joseph DeHaven, US Army
PFC Collin Ensing, US Marines
SGT Michael Helle, US Army
Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines
PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard
CMC Mike Kaszubowski, US Navy
ENS Sean Kaszubowski, US Navy
SGT Jacob Los, US Army
MAJ Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army
1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines
Kevin Noesen, US Coastguard
MAJ Gary Owen, Army National Guard
GySgt Marcin Platek, US Marines
2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard
SGT MacLean Read, Army National Guard
SGT Michael Schatzman, US Army
LTJG Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot (Persian Gulf)
SSGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines
LT Robert P. Woods, US Navy
Thomas Zablocki, US Marines

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