ST. PETER The ROCK CATHOLIC CHURCH
Archdiocese of Atlanta

DECEMBER 15, 2019 A - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Holy Mass Schedule:

Mon, Thu, Fri:	**8:00am**
Wednesday:	**6:30pm**
Saturday:	**5:30pm**
Sunday:	**10:00am, 12:30pm** *(Sp)*

Adoration: **after the 8am Masses to 9am**

Holy Rosary: 30' before weekend Masses

Parish Office:

Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:30am - 2:00pm

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You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church. ***Matt 16:18***

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe • December 12

In Advent of 1531, an Aztec peasant named Juan Diego (whose birth name in the Náhuatl language was Cuautlatohua) saw an astounding sight—a radiant woman clothed in the stars, with the moon at her feet. She bore the appearance of a Central American Indian, and she was dressed in native garb. She even wore the traditional sash of a pregnant woman. This was a paradoxical image, for at the time when the Lady of Guadalupe manifested herself, the Indian people were deeply oppressed by their Spanish conquerors. Their everyday experience was one of profound powerlessness. Indian women, especially, were treated cruelly.

The woman spoke to Juan Diego tenderly, calling him her beloved son. The peasant went to his bishop, but the bishop did not think it possible that the Queen of Heaven would appear to a poor man on a barren hillside. As a sign of her presence for the skeptical bishop, the Lady left her glorious image on Juan Diego's cloak of agave cactus cloth. At her request, a church was built at the site where she had appeared—near modern-day Mexico City. Pilgrims come from many nations to honor her there, especially on her feast day, December 12.

The oppressed native people recognized Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe as a promise of justice and a cause for hope. Peace treaties have been signed in the basilica that bears her name. She is the patron saint of Mexico, and she is honored throughout the Americas.

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***Welcome* and thank you** for choosing to visit and worship with us today at St. Peter the Rock. Please see one of the ushers for more information about our church or ask for a registration form for your family. You can introduce yourself to Fr. Liem after Mass.

December 15 - 21, 2019

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10
Ps 146:6-10 Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11
In the person of Jesus (3), God has come to heal and save us (1, Ps). Patiently, yet joyfully, we await the fulfillment of his advent (2).

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-9 Mt 21:23-27
From Jacob shall come a star (1) which will guide us (Ps). Its light is attested to by John (2).

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17
The blessing of Judah (1) is fulfilled in Jesus, born of the line of David (2). In Christ all shall be blessed (Ps).

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Mt 1:18-25
A descendant of David (1), born to Mary and Joseph (2), will govern with justice and pity the lowly and the poor (Ps).

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:1:3-6, 16-17
Lk 1:5-25
What mighty deeds (Ps)! As an angel announces the birth of Samson (1), so, too, Gabriel heralds the birth of John (2).

Friday: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38
The Emmanuel is a blessing (Ps) and a sign for David's house (1); his role is accomplished perfectly in Jesus (2).

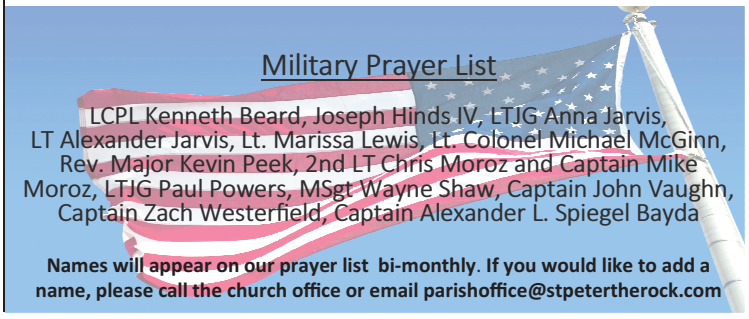
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45
Elizabeth hears Mary's greeting (2) and is glad and exults (1b, Ps), With the advent of the Savior, born of Mary (2), the winter is past and new life is upon us (1a).

Mass Intentions December 16 - 22, 2019

MONDAY	December 16, 2019
8:00 AM	Joe Semcheski ✝
WEDNESDAY	December 18, 2019
7:00 PM	Penance Service
THURSDAY	December 19, 2019
6:30 PM	SueAnn Facey
FRIDAY	December 20, 2019
8:00 AM	Floyd Collins
SATURDAY	December 21, 2019
5:30 PM	For the Parish & Their Families
SUNDAY	December 22, 2019
10:00 AM	Harry Thomas ✝
12:30 PM	

Prayer List ~ Lista de Oración

Kattie Anderson, Miguel Angel, Timothy Anglin, Venus Arce, Morea Ayers, Dollie Ballaro, Pam Barnett, Kay Barton, Nancy Bennett, Gloria Blohm, Diane Boyle, Henry Bradshaw, Crystal Braun, Joe & Kathy Bruno, Edward Carter, Rosemary Cassel, Joe Clark, Joe Coker, Floyd Collins, Tommy Daniel, Larrie Dobberowsky, Glen Dunn, Dalton Elliot, **SueAnn Facey,** Bobbie Foster, Gail Fultur, Freddie Giles, Diane Gillespie, Jimena Gonzales, Dorca Gomez, Dorothine Gray, Chris Gregory, Bill & Kathy Gregory Family, Christine & John Gwizdak, Charlotte Haggerty, Samantha Haggerty, Vickie Hauck, Martha Jo Heaton, Pat Hendricks, Judy Patton Henry, Jerry Henry, Kathy Hill, Jeraldine Horn, James Jackson, Susan Kelly, Hubert Kiehbacher, Kitchens Family, Mary Anne Klein, Lilian Lafortune, Sharon Loeffler, James Luger, Johnny Luger, Ken Luger, Bernard Macknis, Maddie Family, Brian McCarthy, Crystal McChargue, Tom McDevitt, Nelle McLaughlin, Debra McLeod, Guy McMahon, Rainera Melvin, Troy Mixon, Virginia Pastorek, Stephan Pawlowski, Brittany Phillips, Jack & Mary Phillabaum, Lori Pipes, Kelly Richardson, Marilyn Ritch, Joel Rivera, KeiAires Rutledge, Richard & Winifred Schmude Sr., Duane Schultz, Jan Shaw, Jim Shaw, Kurtis Shaw, Brooklyn Simmons, Moses Smith, Special Intentions, Don Stagg, Lisa Strickland, Jason Sumner, Fred Therriault, Angelyn Thomas, Joyce Thomas, Barbara Tolleson, Mary Townsend, Concepcion Tudela, Fidelia Villa, Robert Waterman, Aadyn Watson, Nick Wellman, Bill Wheeless, Lamar Wheeless, Diane Whatley, Curley Whitaker, Rosemary Williams, Velma Wilson, Michael Wright, Angie Yancy



Military Prayer List

LCPL Kenneth Beard, Joseph Hinds IV, LTJG Anna Jarvis, LT Alexander Jarvis, Lt. Marissa Lewis, Lt. Colonel Michael McGinn, Rev. Major Kevin Peek, 2nd LT Chris Moroz and Captain Mike Moroz, LTJG Paul Powers, MSgt Wayne Shaw, Captain John Vaughn, Captain Zach Westerfield, Captain Alexander L. Spiegel Bayda

Names will appear on our prayer list bi-monthly. If you would like to add a name, please call the church office or email parishoffice@stpetertherock.com

Up Coming Events:

Monday, December 16

Morning Prayer 7:30 AM
Mass & Adoration
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Wednesday, December 18

St. Peter the Rock
Penance Service 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 19

Morning Prayer 7:30 AM
Mass & Adoration
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Friday, December 20

Morning Prayer 7:30 AM
Mass & Adoration
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Saturday, December 21

Rosary 5:00 PM
Vigil Mass 5:30 PM

Sunday, December 22

Rosary 9:30 AM
Mass 10:00 AM
No CCD
Lectio: Mary
Session 4: The Queen Mother
11:15 AM
Spanish Mass 12:30 PM

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for December

Universal – The Very Young

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

El futuro de los más jóvenes

Para que todos los países decidan tomar las medidas necesarias para hacer que el futuro de los más jóvenes sea una prioridad, especialmente de aquellos que están sufriendo?

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Safe Environment Archdiocesan Policies can be found at

http://www.archatl.com/ministries-services/safe-environment/policies-and-procedures/

Child Abuse Reporting Procedures

- ✓ Any allegations of abuse of a minor must be reported to DFCS within 24 hours.
- ✓ DFCS Centralized phone number 1-855-GACHILD or 1-855-422-4453
- ✓ Archdiocesan 24-hours Abuse Reporting Hotline 1-888-437-0764
- ✓ Once a report has been made to DFCS, mandatory reporter must follow up with a written letter.
- ✓ All abuse reporting information is available online at this website http://www.archatl.com/offices/child-and-youth-protection/reporting-abuse/

Mass & Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, December 16, 2019 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Thursday, December 19, 2019 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Friday, December 20, 2019 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Elijah Cup December Schedule

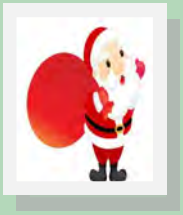
12/01/19 - Joyce Wright
12/08/19 - Barbara Webb
12/15/19 - The Doffings
12/22/19 - Frank Morgan
12/29/19 - The McEvers

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" - Psalm 116:12

During Advent as we are making a way for the Lord," we reflect on our blessings. Please consider changing the beneficiary for your IRA account to include the parish endowment fund. Simply call your IRA custodian for a change of beneficiary form. For more information, contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation at 404-497-9447 or jgreco@cfnga.org.

Catholic Foundation of North Georgia Pastors advisory Council and Board of Directors

Thank you! The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia Pastors advisory Council and Board of Directions have approved St. Peter the Rock Catholic Church to receive a **Parish Enrichment Grant of $1,000.00** intended to support the **Vacation Bible School Program for the Summer of 2020**.



Church Christmas Party

Join us for our **Parish Christmas Party Sunday, December 15, 2019 - 4p to 8p**. There will be food, games for the kids, music, a raffle, 50/50 raffle and a visit from Santa Clause. Don't forget your side dish, drinks and/or desserts to share. The Church will provide Ham and Potatoes.

The Way for Women: a healing retreat for female survivors of abuse

The Way for Women is a 3-day retreat for adult female survivors of abuse offered by the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Victim Assistance Program **January 31 – February 2, 2020** at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, Georgia. **Registration deadline is January 24, 2020**. Please contact **Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7554 or sstubbs@archatl.com for more information**.

If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of someone special for Christmas, please complete a flowering envelope found on the Narthex table. You may return them via the first basket.

Nativity Pageant 2020

Children interested in participating in the Nativity pageant on Christmas Eve, please see Sherre or Sandra Rohling following Mass.

2-Night Silent Retreat

Advent
The Season of Hope
Directed by Joe Lingan, SJ
December 20-22

"See, I am coming to dwell among you, says the Lord." (Zechariah 2:14b). This statement, this promise of God was offered by Zechariah in the year 520 B. C. It reveals the truth of God's profoundly consistent desire to be in relationship with us, and it speaks in response to our deep human longing for the Divine.

3-Night Silent Retreat

New Year Begins
From Gratitude to Hope
December 27-30
Directed by Peter Fink, SJ

Once again a New Year is upon us, a time to remember the gifts of the past, and to look forward in hope for the year that lies ahead. We remember with gratitude the blessings of 2019:

The dreams that were realized and the dreams that were not. And we hope and pray as 2020 unfolds before us. Memory and hope, two gifts of prayer, which Ignatius follows in his Spiritual Exercises.

Register at
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ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2019

Our Archdiocese Annual Appeal makes a real difference in proving to ministries and service. Thank you for your continued support.

Our Parish Goal: $13,400.00

Contributions as of December 10, 2019: $26,728.00

If you still have a pledge balance to the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please complete your payments as soon as possible. For IRS purposes, gifts must be postmarked by December 31, 2019 in order to be included in your 2019 tax letter. Please consider completing your pledge online.

For those who make charitable contributions at the end of the year, please consider gifts to your parish and to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

On behalf of Bishop Konzen, Father Liem, and our parish staff, thank you for supporting your neighbors in north and central Georgia. Every Gift is important and appreciated.

If you wish to be apart of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please visit our website at appeal.archatl.com or you may contact Nancy Stoehr 404-920-7600 or annualappeal@archatl.com or you can visit your church website: www.stpetertherock.com

Weekly Stewardship Scripture Reflections Lectionary Cycle A

Third Sunday of Advent

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

El Tercer Domingo de Adviento

Cada uno de nosotros tiene su propio papel que desempeñar en la venida del Reino de Dios. Juan el Bautista fue llamado a ser el heraldo del Mesías, preparando el camino del Señor. ¿A qué me está llamando el Señor?

WEEKEND COLLECTION

(Based on 2019/2020 Budget Need of: $176,850.00)

Offertory 12/7/19 & 12/8/19:

Weekly Need:	**$3,400.96**
First Basket Collection:	$2,542.00
Online Giving:	$350.00
Difference:	**-(508.96)**
Required Expense Year to Date:	**($78,222.08)**
Income Year to Date:	**($64,045.42)**
Year to Date Budget Short Fall:	**-$14,176.66**

Retirement Fund for Religious: $463.00

Attendance: Saturday Mass - 28 / Sunday Mass - 157 / Sunday Mass - 71

Christmas Baskets (Gifts/Food)

It is that most special time of the year again, when we are given the privilege to share what we have with those who have less. As always, the need is great, with many families and children for some of these, the only presents they receive will be from our generous hearts. As usual, the giving boards will be out with families identified by letter and first names, ages, and gift request of children. There will also be boards for food items. All gifts and food items must be returned back to the church no later than December 22. If you have food items that requires refrigeration please bring them closer to December 22. Deliveries will be made later that day or on Monday, December 23, 2019.

LECTIO: MARY

DECEMBER 15, 2019 following the 10 AM

For information on the 4-week series, please contact Denise Therriault 678-468-4568, leave a message.

Week 3

Mother of the Messiah

Throughout the Old Testament many prophecies foretell the coming of the Messiah, but, interestingly, there also appear prophecies about the Messiah's mother. In this next session, learn more about this long-foretold woman.

This week, go to FORMED and watch *Lectio: Mary*, Session 3.

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DECEMBER 22, 2019 following the 10 AM

Week 4

The Queen Mother

Scripture shows that the Jewish people had a seemingly unusual practice of acknowledging the king's mother, rather than his wife, as queen. See what this fact reveals about how we should honor and rely on Mary for her powerful intercession.

This week, go to FORMED and watch *Lectio: Mary*, Session 4.

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St. Peter Rock the Penance Service
Wednesday, December 18, 2019

RCIA Class will not meet Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, December 21, 2019 5:30 PM

Announcer: TBD
Ushers: Theresa Gassett, Audrey Hutton
Lectors: Renee Hutton
Eucharistic Ministers: Audrey Hutton, TBD

Sunday, December 22, 2019 10:00 AM

Announcer: Karen Harville
Ushers: Joanne Clark, Lisa Minick
Lectors: Carmen Westerfield, Karen Harville
Eucharistic Ministers: Wayne Lowry, Eileen Zymowski, Amanda McEvers, Joyce Wainwright
Altar Servers: Emily McEvers, Emme Lowry
Elijah Cup: Frank Morgan

Horario Liturgico

Domingo, Diciembre 22, 2019 12:30 PM

Ujieres: Lucia Barrios y Nicolas Steward
Lectores: Lucia Barrios y Marisol Rodríguez
Ministros Eucaristicos: Eugenio Ruíz y Isidra García
Servicio En El Altar: Valeria Zepeda y Itzel Ventura

Please remember the following in your prayers , send a card or if possible call and say hello and brighten their day.

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Gloria Blohm
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Chris Gregory
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Barnesville, GA 30204

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Braselton, GA 30517

Nick Wellman *(Caroline Collins)*
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Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to Our Parish Family and Friends Whose Birthdays Fall The Weeks Of 12/14/2019 to 12/31/2019:

Diane Boyer
Holly Delli-Gatti
Manuela Gutierrez
Abigail Gutierrez
Joseph Herold
Alexander Jarvis
Joseph Jaurez
Margaret Karafa
Gary Larson
Sarah Licari
Craig Logan
Luis Martinez
Tom McDevitt
Daisy Molina
Derick Owens
Ida Pollard
Nancy Reyes
Bailey Rohling
Sandra Rohling
Gerardo Rosas-Vazquez
Yolanda Ruhe
Mark Smith
Madalyn Smith
Denise Therriault
Oscar Ventura
David Zepeda Manzo

May God continue to bless you all abundantly and keep you safe in his divine presence in your life and Have a Happy and Holy Birthday.

CCD December Schedule

12/1/2019 CCD

12/8/19 CCD

12/15/19 CCD

12/22-29/19 No CCD - Christmas Holiday

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Caring for a family member or others with a chronic illness? Join our support group to connect with others in a similar situation!

Please Join Us!
Monday, January 13, 2019 4:30 PM
We meet the first Monday of each month.
For more information contact Caroline at 470-338-8274 or qucollins@gmail.com

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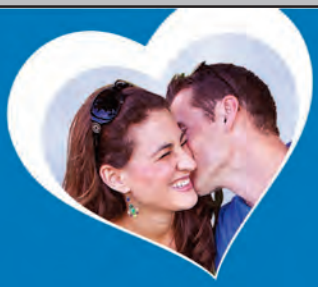

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