

Parish Events Calendar

The Parish Office will be closed most of the week.

Tuesday, December 26

7:00 pm Siervos de Cristo Vivo (Gymnasium)

Wednesday, December 27

No Catechism Classes

6:30 pm Youth Group (Parish Hall)

7:15 pm Legion of Mary (O'Brien Hall)

Friday, December 29

No Eucharistic Exposition

7:00 pm Crecimiento (Gymnasium)

Saturday, December 30

No Catechism Classes

1:30 pm-2:30 pm Applications for assistance
(Parish Hall)

6:15 pm Vespers in Spanish and Eucharistic
Exposition (Church)

Sunday, December 31

5:00 pm Solemn Vespers in English

Monday, January 1

7:00 pm Siervos de Cristo Vivo (Church)

7:00 pm-8:00 pm Eucharistic Exposition (Church)

Sacrificial Offerings

Weekly giving December 10\$7,158
YTD weekly giving.....193,960
YTD budgeted giving155,077
Difference38,883
Retirement Fund for Religious2,597

Electronic Giving

Paypal or an automatic payment sent from your checking account are two options available to St. Peter parishioners to give electronically. To donate to St. Peter Church online through Paypal, please see stpeterchurch.net/donate for the link.

Sacred Liturgies

Monday, December 25

12:00 am Midnight Mass in English: pro populo

9:00 am Mass in English: Mary Sullivan+

11:00 am Mass in Spanish: Mosqueda Barrón Family

Tuesday, December 26

7:30 am Confessions

8:00 am Mass in English: Ambrose Terneus and
Anastasia Evich

6:00 pm Confessions

6:30 pm Mass in Spanish: Leonardo Tule+

Wednesday, December 27

7:30 am Confessions

8:00 am Mass in English: Roy Birch

6:00 pm Confessions

6:30 pm Mass in Spanish: Silverio Díaz Castelán+

Thursday, December 28

7:30 am Confessions

8:00 am Mass in English: Dolores Sambol+

Friday, December 29

7:30 am Confessions

8:00 am Mass in English: Richard, Roberta, Laurie
Stevens, and Jessica Buresh+

No Eucharistic Exposition

Saturday, December 30

7:30 am Confessions

8:00 am Mass in English: Joseph Kurcz Family

4:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass in English: David Dickinson+

6:15 pm Vespers in Spanish and Eucharistic Exposition

Sunday, December 31

7:30 am Confessions

8:00 am Mass in English: pro populo

9:00 am Confessions

9:30 am Mass in English: Benefactors of the
Seraphic Sisters

12:30 pm Confessions

1:00 pm Mass in Spanish: Minerva Castro

5:00 pm Solemn Vespers in English

5:30 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Mass in Spanish: Victoria Lugo Cota+

Monday, January 1

8:30 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass in English: Loreta DeMarco+

11:00 am Mass in Spanish: José de Jesús Valadez+

7:00 pm-8:00 pm Eucharistic Exposition

December 24, 2023

IV Sunday of Advent

Saint Peter Catholic Church



GENERAL SCHEDULE

HOLY MASS

Saturday	5:00 pm English
Sunday	8:00 am, 9:30 am English 1:00 pm, 6:00 pm Spanish
Monday-Saturday	8:00 am English
Tuesday-Wednesday	6:30 pm Spanish

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Every day of the week	7:30 am
Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am 12:30 pm
Sunday	5:30 pm
Tuesday and Wednesday	6:00 pm

SOLEMN VESPERS

Saturday in Spanish with Exposition	6:15 pm
Sunday in English	5:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

First Saturdays	6:15 pm-12:00 am
Other Saturdays	6:15 pm-7:00 pm
First Mondays	7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Second Tuesdays	7:30 pm-8:30 pm
Third Wednesdays	7:00 pm-8:00 pm
First Fridays	8:30 am-7:30 pm
Other Fridays	8:30 am-6:00 pm

CLERGY

Rev. John P. Broheimer, Pastor
Rev. Joseph Broudou, Parochial Vicar
Deacon John J. Zak
Deacon Gregorio Elizalde
Deacon Daniel DeLuca

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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday
9:00 am-12:00 pm; 1:00-5:30 pm
Closed on Mondays

Emergencies

402-346-9273

Catechism Office

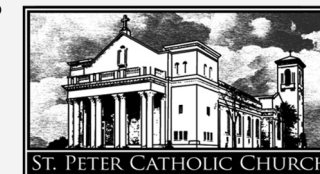
Telephone: 402-341-4560, ext. 113
Email: catechism.sp@gmail.com
Wednesday 5:30-7:00 pm
Saturday 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Director of Sacred Music

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This is an ongoing summary of *Veritatis splendor*, an encyclical by Pope St. John Paul II 30 years ago. This was the first magisterial encyclical devoted entirely to issues regarding a fundamental understanding of the Church's teaching on moral theology. It is a magisterial document of the highest importance and relevance then, today, and ages to come.

Chapter Three – Fundamental choice and specific kinds of behavior (paragraphs 65-68)

This long but important section of the Encyclical is concerned with the moral theory of the “fundamental option.” To paraphrase this erroneous notion we might say: “I’m basically a good person, I think, so those sins I committed – even the mortal ones – those don’t matter. I know I’m saved because the overall direction of my life is mostly good.” This theory holds that only the deep direction of one’s life (the fundamental option) is what matters for salvation, and the individual mortal sins that one might commit are somehow separated from the soul and from having a meaning toward one’s eternal disposition.

This is a very alluring idea, for if we hold it, it opens wide the door to sin and to sin mortally, we think, with no ramifications. Holding this idea actually means one believes it is not possible to commit mortal sin.

Pope John Paul dispels this dangerous idea with these words among others: “The so-called fundamental option, to the extent that it is distinct from a generic intention and hence one not yet determined in such a way that freedom is obligated, is always brought into play through conscious and free decisions. ... To separate the fundamental option from concrete kinds of behavior means to contradict the substantial integrity or personal unity of the moral agent in his body and in his soul.”

This moral error is contradicted in Sacred Scripture, by the Councils of Trent, Vatican I, and Vatican II, by the constant teaching of the Church. Those who hold it believe they know better than the Church about the way to salvation. This error is quite prevalent these days. But to hold this view and to lead others to it opens wide the door to sin and leads people to think they can act in any way one desires without consequence, however, this is an easy way to eternal destruction.

“The Pope is not an absolute monarch whose thoughts and desires are law. ... He must not proclaim his own ideas, but rather constantly bind himself and the Church to obedience to God’s Word, in the face of every attempt to adapt it or water it down. ... It is incumbent upon him to ensure that this Word continues to be present in its greatness and to resound in its purity, so that it is not torn to pieces by continuous changes in usage”

-Pope Benedict XVI

If you are an adult not receiving Communion, please do not approach the Communion rail. Children who have not received their First Communion should not kneel or stand at the Communion rail. Children should remain behind those who receive Communion. Children are always welcome at Sacred Liturgies. If children become noisy and need a break, there are speakers in O’Brien Hall and the church vestibule from which the Mass may be heard. Blessings are not permitted by the Church during the Rite of Communion.

Due to the holiday weekend, there will not be Eucharistic Exposition on Friday, December 29. On January 5, Eucharistic Exposition will be offered after the 8:00 am Mass until 12:00 pm due to an afternoon wedding.

St. Peter March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. January 16-20, 2024 Cost is \$450. Registration and \$200 are due with final payments January 4. Register by contacting Sara Jane at sarajcc7@gmail.com.

Vocations Crucifix You are invited to host a traveling Vocations Crucifix for a week. Place the Crucifix in your home and pray for vocations in the Archdiocese of Omaha. There is a signup to reserve your week at SignupGenius.com. Search for the signup using the creator’s email olsotszakpak@yahoo.com. Pass on the Crucifix kit to the next household before or after the 9:30 am Mass in O’Brien Hall.

Like each year, the priests are offering Epiphany Home Blessings by request. Call the office.

Father's Christmas Wish List

If you're looking to give a special gift to the parish this year, this is a list of some of our current needs in the parish. Thank you.

Parish Buildings and Grounds

- Storage cabinets in O'Brien: ~\$3,000
- Ongoing landscaping of the campus: \$8,000
- Irrigation around the Convent: ~\$20,000
- Preparing the loft for the organ: \$40,000

The Sacred Liturgy

- Liturgy Guides for one month: \$40
- Hosts/Wine for one month: \$125
- Altar Candles for one month: \$250
- Incense for one year: \$500

Catechism Program

- Baltimore Catechisms: \$400



The St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry needs brown paper grocery bags, pasta sauce, soup, cereal, oatmeal, dried or canned fruit, boxed side dishes, mac & cheese, pasta, ramen, toothbrushes, tooth paste, travel size toiletries, toilet paper, small size dish soap and laundry soap, all purpose cleaners, shampoo, and conditioner. Leave items in the brown bins at the church entrances.

Please Pray for the Sick

Juan Arce and Juana Ochoa, María Isabel Arce Peña, Juliana Arciniega, Brigitta Aumen, Phil Bawden, Judy Buhlke, Aniceta Carmona Pérez, Carlos Carrillo, Minerva Castro, Juan Manuel Chaidez, José Lucio Chávez, Gabe Chubb, Maximina Cruz, Sidonia De la Rosa, Rick Duros, Kevin Engelkamp, Daniela Escalante, Lilia Gloria Espinosa, Justina Franquez, Juanita García, María García, Dolores Hernández, Octavia Hurtado, Ashley Ibach, Rosalba Kohout, Ruby Mesa Lara, Patricia López Elizalde, Jerry M., Francisca Magallón, Michelle Methe, Juan Esteban Ocaña Balboa, Cindy Ortiz, Carol Ortlieb, Nora Guadalupe Peralta, Michael Phillips, John Piper, Susan Polson, Mark Ptacek, Patrick Ptacek, Edith Rodríguez, Matt Shimerdla, Mary Kay Sullivan, Rick Swanson, María Jerónima Trejo Vizcaya.

One must attend two Masses for the two obligations of the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas. This can be a little confusing, so any one of the following combinations will fulfill your obligations:

1. Saturday evening for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and any Christmas Mass (Sunday evening, midnight, or Monday)
2. Sunday Mass earlier in the day for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and any Christmas Mass (Sunday evening, midnight, or Monday)
3. Sunday evening Christmas Mass and another Christmas Mass which is at midnight or any on Monday

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Sunday, December 24

- 6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Spanish)
- 10:30 pm Confessions, Office of Readings (English), Carols

Monday, December 25

- 12:00 am Mass (English)
- 9:00 am Mass (English)
- 11:00 am Mass (Spanish)

Omaha Urban Council of Catholic Women Scholarship for high school senior Catholic young women. Applications must be submitted by January 15. For details: oaccw.org/home/about.