



# Saint Peter the Apostle

Catholic Parish & School

**DECEMBER 24, 2023**  
**4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**and CHRISTMAS EVE**  
*Readings on page 958*

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Anticipated: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.\*, 11:15 a.m.\*  
Holy Days: 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 7:30 a.m.

## Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



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## Flowers

If you wish to have flowers on the altar for a specific weekend, please call the parish office.

## Baptisms

Please call the parish office at least six weeks in advance before you make any arrangements. Parents are required to attend a Baptism Class that is offered once a quarter.

## Weddings

Call the parish office at least six months in advance of the intended marriage. Please set no dates until the priest performing the ceremony has been consulted and the church of marriage is available.

## New Parishioners

If you have not yet had an opportunity to register in the parish, please take a Census Form from the narthex of the church or go to the parish website for instructions.



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# MASS INTENTIONS



## FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2023

	<u>INTENTION</u>	<u>REQUESTED BY</u>
SUNDAY	Mike Morett.....	Peters/Unger Family
	St. Peter the Apostle Family and Friends	
	Anna Chuc Nguyen .....	Loving Family
	Charlotte McCarthy .....	Ed & Jenny Ferris
	Jennie Tarver .....	Kindred & Sewell Family
MONDAY	Tom Madison, Sr.....	Kindred & Sewell Family
TUESDAY	Jayne Ducey .....	Keith & Lisa Morgan & Family
WEDNESDAY	Jennie Tarver .....	Maureen & Richard Dascall
THURSDAY	Fr. Richard Young.....	Miskiewicz Family
FRIDAY	Ed Walsh.....	Miskiewicz Family
	John Thang Dang .....	Loving Family
SATURDAY	Tom Madison, Sr.....	Fran & David McCarthy



Fr. Michael J. Kavanaugh, Fr. Luis Fonseca, Deacon Kevin Knight, and the parish staff wish everyone a Holy and Blessed Christmas. At this Christmas Season, a very special thanks goes to all of our parishioners who supported our community outreach programs and brought in hundreds of gifts and food items for those in need. Your generosity is always overwhelming and greatly appreciated. On Christmas the Lord blessed us with His love, joy and light. A Savior was born unto us under a star shining so bright. As the light from that star illuminated the sky on that Holy Night, may His light illuminate your life at this special time of the year. Our Christmas wish is that God will bless you and your family with peace, good health, and happiness this joyous season.

*Merry Christmas to all!*



### CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SECOND COLLECTION

Bishop Stephen Parkes has asked all parishioners to donate generously to the Christmas Day Second Collection for Catholic Schools, which benefits all 18 elementary and secondary schools in the Diocese of Savannah. Half of the money generated by this collection goes to the financial support of the schools in the diocese, the other half goes to an endowment fund which has been established for Catholic education. *Thank you for your generous donations.*

### NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

#### December 31st - New Year's Eve

Regular Sunday morning Masses (7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.)

5:30 p.m. Vigil

#### New Year's Day

#### The Solemnity of Mary

9:00 a.m.

The parish office will be closed December 25th, 26th, 29th and January 1st. The office will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on December 27th & 28th. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 2nd.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

**CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY** This year's discussion is on the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. Any level of knowledge is welcomed. They meet in the parish office on Sundays from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. (no meeting on December 24th). For information contact Tom Madison at [tmad1204@yahoo.com](mailto:tmad1204@yahoo.com).

**LIFETEEN** is for students in grades 8-12. Lifeteen will kick the new year on January 7th. There will be no Wednesday night Bible Study again until January 10th.

**R.C.I.A.** Would you like to become Catholic or might? If so, we invite you to join the R.C.I.A. class. For more information, please contact Phillip Paradise at [philparadise@gmail.com](mailto:philparadise@gmail.com)/803-221-2105.

**MEN OF ST. JOSEPH** meet every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. in the parish office conference room for prayer and discussion of Sunday's gospel. All men of the parish are welcome.

**WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY** will not meet again until January 10th.

## GRACE SCHOLARS



### **Time is Running out! Give the gift of a Catholic Education!**

You can help deserving students in Savannah receive an excellent Catholic education at St. Peter the Apostle School at no cost to you. In exchange for your contribution to GRACE Scholars, you will receive a **100% state income tax credit.**

Please visit [www.gracescholars.org](http://www.gracescholars.org) for more information and/or to register for the tax credit.

**Deadline to register is December 31, 2023**



We are hosting Family Promise families from

December 31st through January 6th. We will need meals (plan for 15) for each night as well as breakfast and lunch items. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. We are also accepting monetary donations or gift cards that will help the families meet any immediate needs. Please contact Paula Hubert in the parish office at 912-897-5156 or email [phubert@spacsav.net](mailto:phubert@spacsav.net) if you have any questions.

### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

December 10, 2023:	\$29,126.00
December 3, 2023:	\$24,692.00
November 26, 2023:	\$19,105.00
November 19, 2023:	\$17,489.00
2023/2024 Weekly Goal:	\$20,258.00
2023/2024 Fiscal YTD:	\$466,867.82
2023/2024 Fiscal YTD +/-:	-\$ 19,326.18
2022/2023 Fiscal YTD:	\$405,569.00

(Fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30)

*Thank you for your most generous gifts to the Stewardship of Treasure. The offertory is the primary means of support for the parish and provides programs, support, and services to our parishioners, school, and community. Because of the early publishing deadline, the December 17th offertory will be in next week's bulletin.*

## ADVENT PRAYER, WEEK FOUR

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**PROGRAM (PREP)** Children in Kindergarten through 8th grade who do not attend a Catholic School should be attending PREP classes. Grades 2-8 meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the parish center and youth center. Sunday School for Kindergarten and 1st grade is held on Sundays. They attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass with their families and are taken to the youth center by their teachers before the readings. They will be returned to the church at Communion. Please contact Paula Hubert at phubert@spacsav.net or 912-897-5156 for more information.

Please Note: Sunday School will NOT meet again until January 7th and Wednesday night PREP classes will NOT meet again until January 10th.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Jesus is waiting  
for you!

Offered Monday 8am  
through Wednesday  
11pm in the  
Daily Chapel



## FORMED

Free  
Catholic: Videos  
Movies  
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MP3s

**FORMED - It's "Netflix for Catholics"** provided to you free of charge by St. Peter the Apostle Parish. Catholic movies, books, audios and more are available. There is

content available for children also. It's easy to do: 1. Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) 2. Click SIGN UP. 3. Click I BELONG TO A PARISH 4. Find our parish by zip code. 5. After you click on our parish you will be asked to enter your email. Once you enter it and you are signed up! There is also an app for your phone which can be downloaded for free.



### Altar servers for December 30th & 31st:

5:30 p.m.: Diego Vigil Calderon, Conner Schnabel

7:30 a.m.: Kinsley Harnan

9:00 a.m.: Sam Turgeon, Connor Corey, Rosalyn Nunnally, Ben & Luke Moye

11:15 a.m.: Luke Babbitt, Dylan, Emily & Skyler Woelber

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass: Jonah Horne, Isabel Connelly

### ATTENTION FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS

We are so excited for your family as your child prepares for First Communion. We wanted to reach out with some dates and reminders:

**Parent Meeting-Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> after the 9am Mass in the Church.** Meeting will be brief and children are welcome.

**First Communion Mandatory Retreat-Saturday, February 3, 2024. Families please join us in the church at 8:30AM\* for Mass.** We are excited that we can start this day of fellowship with Mass.

Immediately following the Mass, we will have a parent/child breakfast in the Parish Center. After breakfast, parents will leave and return for pick-up at 12noon.

**First Penance-Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:30pm in the church.** Children will with their families and after the children receive Penance the rest of the family is encouraged to avail themselves of the Sacrament.

**First Communion-Saturday, May 11, 2024, -First Communion at 9:30AM.** Schedule for the day will be: Children will arrive at 8:30AM (we will have a professional photographer here for individual and group photos). The group photo will be at 9am. The First Communion Mass will begin at 9:30am.





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*For more information or to  
schedule a school tour  
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## Another Great Week at SPA!

Pre-K 4 enjoyed their visit from St. Nicholas on December 6th!



**TOGETHER** we live, pray, learn and serve, **TOGETHER** we make a difference.  
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*Saint Peter the Apostle School provides a quality Catholic education based on Gospel values and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Following the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy, the school educates through a strong academic program and instills in its students a spirit of mercy, justice, and loving concern.*



**BAPTISM CLASS** Anyone who is planning an upcoming Baptism at St. Peter the Apostle Church are asked to first attend a Baptism Class. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish office conference room. Please call the parish office at 912-897-5156 to register.

**GOLD and SILVER**  
**JUBILEE**  
 Anniversary Mass  
 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries in 2024  
 February 10, 2024, 10 am  
 Savannah Cathedral

RSVP by January 25: 912.201.4068  
[diosav.org/gold-and-silver](http://diosav.org/gold-and-silver)



**SAVE THE DATE!**

*Parish Bunco Night*

Friday January 19, 2024



**SENIOR CITIZENS, INC.** has been successfully helping people age since 1959. Their goal is for people to live the life they want to live, where they want to live, and to have the highest possible quality of life. Services they offer:

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**ESCUELA CATEQUÉTICA FRAY PEDRO DE CORPA**

Te invita a inscribirte al curso

**EL CREDO**  
 Impartido por el Padre Rafael Estrada

Clase 1: 2 de enero 2024  
 Clase 2: 23 de enero 2024  
 Clase 3: 13 de febrero  
 Clase 4: 20 de febrero  
 Hora: 7 pm a 9 pm

¡Es gratis!

Regístrate en el siguiente enlace: [bit.ly/Escuela2024](http://bit.ly/Escuela2024) o escaneando el código a la izquierda, o con tu coordinador parroquial

Preguntas y más información: Texto por WhatsApp al 912.201.4067, [hm@diosav.org](mailto:hm@diosav.org) o llama al teléfono regular 912.201.4064

Recuerda que si participas en las 4 clases obtienes un crédito para la Certificación en Formación Catequética.




**VIRTUS “PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN FOR ADULTS” TRAINING CLASSES** There are classes scheduled in January for those who work with children in the Diocese of Savannah in any capacity, whether paid or volunteering. Go to [www.diosav.org](http://www.diosav.org) for more information.

**January 6th** at Catholic Pastoral Center: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**January 10th** on ZOOM: 9:00 a.m. - noon

**January 23rd** at St. Anne: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**ABUSE HOTLINE NUMBER:** To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number at 888-357-5330 or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 201-4073/4. To read diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to the diocesan site at [www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection](http://www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection).







## +++Pray for the Recently Deceased+++

LaVerne McDevitt



## +++ Pray for Our Loved Ones +++

**AT HOME SICK:** Jean Nixon, Emily Pigman, Jennifer Narke, Fr. Dan Firmin, Nancy Stevens, Joyce Cullen, Julia Strickland, Mike Phillips, Kathleen Warezak, Noreen Mangiero, Dick Ogden, Carolyn Groover

### NURSING HOMES, ASSISTED LIVING & REHAB FACILITIES:

**Summer Breeze** - Joan Demcsak, Beth Hill, Eleanor Cerbone, Barbara Galluk, Lou DiBenedetto, Dennis Graney, Dr. James & Maryann Burke, John & Margo Lang, Patricia Lowenthal, Denise Szyper **Buckingham South** - Carol Walsh, Tricia Christensen, Peter & Marceline Preston **Sunabella** - Kathy Wrenn **Azalealand** - Evelyn Edminster **Harmony at Savannah** - Gayle Selcow **Riverview** - Soundra Ray **Tara** - Annie Vause **The Oaks** - Diane Green **Pruitt** - Joe Robertson

**OUT OF TOWN SICK:** Anna O'Brien, Sarah Moak (daughter of Susan Parsley), Harvey Boxer (cousin of Ginny Haberlin), Joseph Rehal (nephew of Francesca Rehal), Paul Grabon (grandson of Helen Grabon), Linda Campbell, Don & Carol Gray, Carol Cillande (sister-in-law of Lucille Rabusin), Florence Reynolds, Frank Graziano, Jr. (brother of Terri Santiago), Fr. Dan O'Connell, Mick McCombs, Bernie Beier, Mary Pawlowski, Bert Grant (friend of the Dobson family), Archie Bunger



## St. Peter the Apostle Parish Upcoming Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>December 24</i></p> <p>Sunday morning Masses: 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. (NO 11:15 am)</p> <p>Vigil Masses at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><i>December 25</i></p> <p><b>Merry Christmas</b></p> <p><b>Mass at 10:00 a.m.</b></p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration 8am Monday-11pm Wednesday</p>	<p><i>December 26</i></p> <p>Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am</p> <p>Parish office closed</p> <p><b>Christmas Holidays-SPA School closed until January 3rd</b></p>	<p><i>December 27</i></p> <p>Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am</p> <p>Men of St. Joseph 6:30 am parish office</p> <p>NO Lifeteen Bible Study P</p> <p>PREP will NOT meet</p> <p>Parish office open 8am-3pm →</p>	<p><i>December 28</i></p> <p>Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am</p>	<p><i>December 29</i></p> <p>Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am</p> <p>Parish office closed</p>	<p><i>December 30</i></p> <p>Rosary 5pm</p>
<p><i>December 31</i></p> <p>Regular Sunday Mass Times Catholic Scripture Study 10am parish office Vigil Mass 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><i>January 1</i></p> <p><b>The Solemnity of Mary Mass at 9am</b></p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration 8am Monday-11pm Wednesday</p>	<p><i>January 2</i></p> <p>Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am</p>	<p><i>January 3</i></p> <p>Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am</p> <p>Men of St. Joseph 6:30 am parish office</p> <p>NO Lifeteen Bible Study</p> <p>PREP will NOT meet</p> <p>K of C Meeting 6:30 pm parish center</p>	<p><i>January 4</i></p> <p>Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am</p>	<p><i>January 5</i></p> <p>Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am</p> <p>Holy Hour of Prayer 8-9am</p>	<p><i>January 6</i></p> <p>Rosary 5pm</p> <p>Rosary 8am followed by Mass at 8:30 am</p>