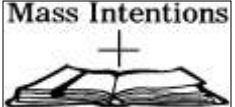








 <p>Recognizable Offering..... \$3,967.63                  Loose Cash ..... \$558.00                  Total Weekly Offering..... \$4,525.63                  Mass Attendance Nov 21/22 347</p> 	<p>Weekly Calendar of Events</p> <p>11/29 No Faith Formation                  No HS/MS Meetings</p> <p>11/30 Rosary - After Morning Mass</p> <p>12/01 Bunco - 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>12/02 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>12/06 K - 5 Faith Formation                  HS/MS Meetings - 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Nov 30 - Dec 6</p> <p>Monday .....Barbara Kirschten(liv)                  Tuesday .....Jefferson T. Barnes(+)                  Wednesday.....Mary Valentine(liv)                  Thursday .....Fr. Lawrence Wagner(+)                  Friday .....Trey Corbitt(+)  <b>Saturday .....Sherwood Fowler(+)(5:00 p.m.)</b>  <b>Sunday .....Angel Biehl(+)(8:00 a.m.)</b>                  .....<b>St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)</b></p>	 <p>Christmas Angel Tree</p> <p>Please follow the guidelines on the tags; however, you may also return gifts to the foyer of the parish center through noon on December 10th, if you prefer. Please note that gifts should NOT be wrapped, this year. Thank you for your continued generosity in our community.</p>
 <p><b>In Loving Memory</b>                  and lasting peace for all who have died, especially <b>Maureen O'Neill</b>, mother of Kathy Cauley. Pray for the consolation of her family as they mourn the loss of their loved one.</p>	<p>Signs of Gratitude</p> <p>With the help of Around Town volunteers, 34 Thanksgiving baskets were put together for the outreach clients served through Shelter House. Thanks to all who supported this effort with your prayers, monetary donations, and groceries. One way your offertory gift enables the parish is by providing the funding for projects in our community that benefit those most in need. Thank you for your generosity.</p> 
<p><b>AROUND TOWN COMMUNITY OUTREACH</b></p>  <p>Shelter House will present the 5th Annual Luminaria Run to End Domestic &amp; Sexual Violence on December 5 at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. in Destin. This unique twilight run begins at 4:30 p.m. and features 5k and 9k routes winding through the Indian Bayou neighborhood. Volunteers are needed. A wide variety of times/ jobs that you can choose from are still available Wednesday, 12/2 –Saturday, 12/5 at <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c48aba92ea2f94-20152">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c48aba92ea2f94-20152</a>. We are also looking to borrow pop-up tents for the event set up. If you have one to lend, or you'd like to help please contact Joni, 830-2875.</p> <p><b>SAVE THE DATE: Holiday Card Mailing Assembly</b>                  Thursday, December 10, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.</p> <p>We need your help spreading holiday cheer! Come out for an hour or spend the morning stuffing Shelter House holiday cards into envelopes.</p> <p><b>Christmas Flowers Delivery</b></p> <p>Want to be a friendly Christmas flowers delivery person for a couple hours? Drivers are needed on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> to take poinsettia orders around town to those individual and companies that ordered them. This is a fundraiser that benefits the Ronda Coon Women's Home. Call Joni, 830-2875 if you are able to help.</p> <p><b>Another way to support Ronda Coon Women's Home is with your purchase of a \$10 or \$25 poinsettia.</b> If you would like to order, call them at 243-5800. All monies raised will support the Ronda Coon Home.</p>	

+ November 29, 2015

# dear Padre

## At college, where do I go to church?

**Q** I am a college student and live with my parents, but I prefer my friend's parish. My father says Church law requires me to go to my home parish. Is this true?

**According to the Code of Canon Law**, parishes and dioceses are normally established according to geographical boundaries. In the United States, Catholics generally attend and support the parish in which they live, just as each pastor is required by *canon law* to care for the spiritual needs of all who reside within his boundaries. Exceptions to this practice include parishes established for specific ethnic groups or for the military.

That said, Catholics may go to another parish to fulfill specific spiritual needs. For instance, they can attend Mass "away from home" to accommodate their work or school schedule. Around the world there may be countless liturgical variations to the Mass, but ultimately it is the same celebration.

As a pastor, I understand that I cannot be everything to everyone. People have different preferences when it comes to worship style, preaching content, and available ministries. I would rather help someone enjoy Mass and be spiritually fed and challenged than remind him or her of our religious obligations.

Your journey toward an adult spirituality is important. The parish you choose should be more than just a place to socialize or be entertained. Be sure it also reflects God's presence and leads you to do the same.

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During this Advent season, "remember the real gift: God giving himself to us through the Incarnation. Reflect on yourself. In how many ways can you become a gift from God to those you know and to those you do not?"

—From *Advent and Christmas Wisdom From Pope Francis* by John Cleary

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First Sunday of Advent C 1  
*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

## Hungry for Justice and Peace

The Scriptures of Advent open this year with an appeal for justice and security. Our society longs for a better life the same way ancient Israel and Judah did. We long for safety within our borders. We long for leaders of blameless conduct. We long for these blessings to last.

During Advent we want to see the fulfillment of **God's promises. God promised peace. God promised safety. God promised good leaders. God promised food, drink, and strength. During Advent we anticipate the fulfillment of God's main promise: salvation. We await the annual celebration of the birth of Jesus, whose name means Savior and whose mission brought redemption.**

**But we still await something more. We need God's presence in our midst now. We need peace in our lives now. We need leaders in whom we can trust, leaders we can admire, leaders who cooperate with the plan of God. And we need them now.**

**Through Jeremiah, we hear God's promise for something unique and wonderful: "a just shoot." God promises a strong sprout of new growth nudging up from the earth. This shoot will flower with justice. The earth and rain will fertilize its seed and make it grow from year to year.**

This Advent our society yearns for a just shoot, the **fulfillment of God's promise.**

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First Sunday of Advent C 2  
*1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2*

## Famous Last Words

What would you like your last words to be? What final instructions would you like to give the ones you leave behind? Enjoy life? Work hard? Play more?

We do not know if Paul thought he was sending his last words to the Thessalonians, but it sounds like it as he nears the end of his letter. He believes Jesus is coming soon. He wants this community to be ready, and he does not know if and when he will see them again.

**His final instructions are these: "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all." Paul wants them to love one another.**

He realizes it is something they cannot do alone. He asks that the Lord do it for them. He wants the Lord to **increase their love. This will make them "blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus."**

As we begin Advent, our thoughts turn to preparations for Christmas. But Paul wants our thoughts turned toward the second coming of Christ, not the first. He wants us to be blameless in holiness before God when Jesus comes again.

This season gives us a perfect occasion to practice love. Let us practice it on those we know best and those we know least. Do these last words sound too hard? God will make it possible for us to love even more.

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## Liturgical Roles\*

Weekend of Dec 5/6

### 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Erin Van Dorn, Kevin Van Dorn  
Extraordinary Ministers: Ron Berthelette, Carrie Gagnon, Patty Shawbitz, Al Perreault, Louise Perreault  
Lectors: Paul Gagnon II, Eric Van Dorn  
Ushers: Mickey Shawbitz, Rachel Metruck, Cora Podrang  
Greeter: Paul Gagnon III  
Sacristan: Doug Hoover  
Elijah Cup: Aidan Murray

### 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jared Dunn  
Extraordinary Ministers: Joyce Klickovich, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen, Michael Klickovich  
Lectors: Paul Landry, Susi Evers  
Ushers: Gary Jordan, Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, Jim Guris  
Greeter: Alma Battaglio  
Sacristan: Maria Bridges  
Elijah Cup: Michael and Joyce Klickovich  
Coffee and Donuts: Stacie Schorzman, L.P. Henley

### 10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Austin Wise, Kadi Casey, Karly Casey  
Extraordinary Ministers: Melody Grogan, Elaine Tennyson, Bob Wall, Pam Wall  
Lectors: Jeremy Fumerola, Abigail Zaleske  
Ushers: Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan, Jim Wise, Brian Prescott  
Greeter: Terri Turnbull  
Sacristan: Jean Jordan  
Elijah Cup: Elaine Tennyson  
Coffee and Donuts: Donna and Ron Fetter

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, please contact Susi Evers at 664-9165 or email her at [saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com)

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

*In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:*

Monday Johanna Adam\*, Charles Cummings\*, Steve Lange, Mike and Jeanne Trueting, Steve Heidbreder

Tuesday Lynn Graham\*, Thomas Holdsworth, Bobby Stockbridge\*, Ashley Marie Code, Mary Eichler

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard\*, James Smith\*, Steve Powell\*, Ken and Bette Dellner\*, Caroline Frederick, Pam Holt, Barbara Kirschten\*, Wilda Mayhew\*

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz\*, Robert Welniak, Frank Crowder\*, Theresa Stegall, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden

Friday Lloyd Biehl\*, Doug Babiak\*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Betty Kever, Vera Thornburg\*

Saturday Peter Adam\*, Mary Anyel\*, Joel & Leo Grieves\*, Dan Brenton\*, Mary Valentine

Sunday Theresa Fowler\*, Mary Beth Downer, Greg Babiak, Tony Kelly, Jeff Harp

\*Indicates our parishioners.

Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.



Young Adults: Dinner is Served! Tuesday, December 8 at 6 p.m. at Christ Our Redeemer Parish, followed by Adoration

Join Our Christmas Choir: No experience needed, all ages welcome.

Any children or adults interested in singing in our season choir – please join us! We would love new members, so if **you've thought about joining before** – feel welcomed to attend our rehearsals!



Sunday, December 6	12:15 p.m.
Wednesday, December 9	12:15 p.m. (Classroom #3)
Tuesday, December 15	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 20	12:15 p.m.
Tuesday, December 22	6:00 p.m.

For more info, please contact Joey Ferreira at the church office or at [music@stpeter.ptdiocese.org](mailto:music@stpeter.ptdiocese.org).



Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation for us, a time to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. (The word “Advent” comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “coming.”) Although Advent refers to Christ’s birth at Christmas, it also refers to the coming of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Finally, it reminds us of the need to prepare for His Second Coming.

Everything we do during this holy period should be aimed at preparing our minds and hearts for Christ’s arrival. Our readings today, from our First Reading in which the prophet Jeremiah predicts the coming of Christ (“The

days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise.”) to our Gospel from Luke (“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”) anticipates Christ’s arrival, both as an infant and in His return.

As individuals and families and households we need to develop or continue Advent traditions. Whether it is setting time aside for special prayer or carefully filling a manger or lighting an Advent wreath or singing Christmas carols or reading Christmas poems and stories, we need to do some different things and do them consistently throughout Advent. This will help us have the both the right focus and the right attitude.

### Living God’s Word

Advent is a time to enter more deeply into conversation with God. Pray with the words of the psalmist, who encourages us to turn to God, who will make known the way, teach us the right paths, and draw us into divine kindness, constancy, and friendship.

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**W**e begin this Church year as we left the last one—with a description of the signs that will come before Christ appears. But where Mark warns of the coming judgment for the enemies of God, Luke, with great subtlety, shifts the nuance so that people will hear the hope of salvation. “Stand erect and raise your head,” he calls out. At the end of the Church year, we meditate on Christ’s coming in glory to judge the living and the dead. In the beginning, we remember the Incarnation: God’s emptying himself to become fully human and to come into the world. Both events are heralded by and will mean great change for us and for the world.

Change happens when God breaks into the world, regardless of the time. In account after account in the Bible, we watch as God visits people and changes their

names (Abraham and Peter), their lives (Jeremiah, the apostles, the woman at the well), and heals their separation and brokenness (the blind man, the paralytic, and Lazarus). Also, sinners are punished (Dives and Jezebel) and landscapes are altered (Isaiah’s vision of valleys lifted up and mountains laid low). This saving action continues throughout history, especially within the Church and among the saints.

Advent is a time to remember that Christ came to change the world and each of us. Have we allowed ourselves to be changed? Are we willing to be shaped by the hand of God, called by a different name, and given a place in Christ’s mission? Let’s hope so because, ready or not, here he comes.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
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 OUT OF DARKNESS

Early Registration: Due by December 6, 2015  
 Cost: \$150.00  
 T-shirt: \$12.00 (optional)  
 Cost after December 6<sup>th</sup>: \$170  
 Final date to register: January 3, 2016. This price includes food, sleeping accommodations, and transportation to and from Conference.

**ALIVE**

THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD TO THESE BONES: LISTEN I WILL MAKE BREATH ENTER YOU SO YOU MAY COME TO LIFE - EZ 37:5



**NURSERY HELP WANTED!!!**

Our parish is currently in need of more help in the nursery. This is a *very* important ministry that allows those with young children to participate more fully in the celebration of the Eucharist. **Adults are required to undergo background screening and safe environment training and there is a stipend paid for your services.** If you enjoy little ones and are willing to share your talents in this way, **PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR DETAILS.**

