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# St. Peter Catholic Church

*The Jesuit Church in Charlotte's Center City*

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## Today's Readings September 12, 2021 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading:

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:8)

### Psalm:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

### Second Reading:

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? (Jas 2:14)

### Gospel:

And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." (Mk 8:29)

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**In light of new data, we encourage everyone to follow CDC guidelines and wear a mask indoors during Mass. Thank you for your care in protecting all members of our community.**

### Our Mission

As a Catholic Jesuit parish in Charlotte's Center City, we are animated by the spirit of St. Ignatius and welcome all to share in the joy of the Gospel and to come to know, love and serve God and one another.

### Mass Times:

Monday-Friday: 12:10 pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:30 am,  
5:00 pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday and Wednesday

11:15 - 11:45 am

or by appointment.

### Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thu. 9am - 4pm

Friday: 9am - 3pm

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# Homecoming Schedule

## Saturday, Sept. 25

*Mass with Candle Lighting 5:00 pm*

## Sunday, Sept. 26

*Mass with Candle lighting 9:00 am*

*10:00 - 11:15 am*

Fellowship Ministry hosts an **Ice Cream Social** outside the church and outside Benedict Hall.

*Mass with Candle lighting 11:30 am*

*12:30 - 1:00 pm*

**RCIA Homecoming** – Mass and social with RCIA alumni, team and new inquirers in Biss Hall.

*Mass with Candle lighting 5:00 pm*

*6:00 - 7:00 pm* Keys to St. Peter

**New member reception and orientation to the parish**, after 5pm Mass in Biss Hall. Join our pastor Fr. Tim Stephens, SJ and Fr. John Michalowski, SJ for a brief overview of what it means to be a Jesuit parish. Get acquainted with members of ministries and parish groups while enjoying refreshments.

Return to Mass at St. Peter with your Homecoming Candle on September 25 or 26!

We will light the candles during the liturgy to commemorate the past year and pray in unity for our community's future. If you are viewing the live stream Mass, light your candle with us!

After the weekend, keep your candle at home and place it on a prayer table or in a special location for use anytime you talk with our Lord. For those who view Mass at home, light the candle during the live stream.

The St. Peter faith family gathers gratefully to encounter Christ in a renewed commitment and to celebrate our resilience in the face of the pandemic. Join us in our mission going forward!

***Drive-Up to get your candle if you cannot come to Mass.  
We will be in front of the church for 15 minutes after every Mass.***

**Decorate St. Peter Candle and bring it back for lighting at Mass on the Sept. 25 & 26 Homecoming weekend.**

### Ideas for Decorating Your Candle:

#### Families:

Baby handprints or footprints  
Names of everyone in your household  
Children's favorite prayer

#### Singles:

Your name and favorite phrase  
A Bible Verse  
Images of God's creation

#### Couples:

Photos of your wedding or anniversary  
Favorite places where you feel grace  
Lyrics of a song



### St Peter Girl Scouts

**will host a Girl Scout recruitment in front of church September 12 after the 9 am Mass.**

We are recruiting girls that are in kindergarten through 12th grade. Leaders and volunteers are needed for new and expanding troops. We will train new leaders and support the new troops throughout the year.

There will be space reserved for scout meetings and activities on Sundays from noon to 3 pm in Benedict Hall. These meetings/activities will be coordinated through Joanne Shea. Please stop by our information table or contact Joanne M. Shea at [joannesh@carolina.rr.com](mailto:joannesh@carolina.rr.com).

### Priests' Retirement Appeal

**Next Sunday, is the St. Peter collection for Priests' Retirement and Benefits at each Mass.** This benefits the Jesuit priests who serve our parish as well as diocesan priests. Our assessment this year is \$49,000. You can donate online through WeShare at <https://stpeterscatholic.weshareonline.org/PriestRetirement> and from our e-Giving page.

The September 10 issue of the *Catholic News Herald* features information on the Priests' Retirement and Benefits Collection. Please take the time to read this article so that you can be better informed about the retirement and benefits plans. All registered families should soon receive information in the mail from Bishop Jugis. Please respond generously to the annual collection for Priests' Retirement and Benefits.

The St. Peter collection is a week earlier than listed in the diocese due to activities surrounding our Homecoming celebration on September 25 & 26.

Thank you for supporting our retired priests.

### MASS INTENTIONS

- Sep. 13 Joseph & Gladys Simon †
- Sep. 14 Heather Barry
- Sep. 15 Jose Antonio Catacora Longhit
- Sep. 16 Open Intentions
- Sep. 17 Open Intentions

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### Pray for the Sick:

##### Members of Our Parish

Frances D'Amato, Adriana Pearson, Julie Cobb, Tom Crozier and Craig Robinson.

#### For Friends & Family

Fr. Conrad Hoover, Walker Mallos, and *all who have asked for our prayers.*

To be added or removed from the prayer list, please ask the person or their family first, then contact Rebekah Thompson in the Parish Office at 704-208-1976. Names will remain on our Prayer List for 30 days unless otherwise specified.

### Welcome newly registered to St Peter parish

Sumner & Sarah Fontaine  
Jeff & Laura Fusaiotti  
Angela & Sri Rajagopalan  
Brendan & Brooke Keane  
Mary Ann & Ed Thomas  
Dana & Kyle Freeman  
Jack & Jessica Funk  
Andy & Juliana Grohman  
Derek & Jenica Kilburn

### THIS WEEKEND AT ST PETER:

#### Ignatian Spirituality 101

Learn more about Ignatian Spirituality after the 9 a.m. Mass downstairs in Biss Hall. Father John will be will engage you in a discovery of the spiritual legacy of Saint Ignatius.

**St. Peter Girl Scouts** are recruiting new members and leaders Sunday after the 9 a.m. Mass out in front of church. Our troops are open to girls in kindergarten through 12th grade.

**Parish Registration** is required for Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, MACS vouchers, and Baptism or Confirmation sponsorship.

All adult children of parishioners 21 years or older register independently of their parents. Registration is online - "I'm new at St. Peter" webpage or cards are in the back of the church, Biss Hall and at the parish office.

**Baptisms** are celebrated on the second and fourth weekends of each month. Contact the Faith Formation Office about the preparation class.

**Marriage Preparation** - it is best to plan 12 months ahead for a wedding at St. Peter. Registration and participation prior to your wedding date is required. Preparation with one of our priests should begin at least six months before your wedding. Contact Rebekah Thompson in the parish office at [office@stpeterscatholic.org](mailto:office@stpeterscatholic.org)



## St. Peter Programs to Renew Your Spiritual Life!



### Ignatian Encounter **BEGINS September 19!**

For those who seek a clearer sense of God's presence and activity in one's life, a renewed sense of purpose, direction and meaning, greater connection with others and to discern further Ignatian Spiritual experiences.

A deeper experience offering you daily prayer, reflection and a weekly one-to-one meeting with a spiritual companion. Meets up to 8 weeks. Anyone having done the "Encounter" before is welcome to do it again, choosing the same or a different spiritual companion. Up to eight-week Directed Retreat includes a weekly one-to-one meeting with a Spiritual Director.

Please fill out this form to register interest: <https://forms.gle/9i4LaDSiWgszcbw8>

For questions, please contact Michelle Maidt at [StPeterIgnatianSpiritualityCLT@gmail.com](mailto:StPeterIgnatianSpiritualityCLT@gmail.com)

"I left this Encounter with a more complete picture of who the face of God is for me, as well as an understanding of Spiritual Freedom, a concept with which I was unfamiliar. The overall experience is highly recommended – even for those with a busy travel schedule. It's wonderful that St. Peter offers programs such as this for its parishioners!" - Michael Corressell



### Meeting Christ in Prayer **BEGINS September 26 and 29!**

*Meeting Christ in Prayer* introduces participants to various ways of praying, helps them form regular habits of prayer, and to experience support in the Christian life in a new way. It can also inspire a profound sense of mission that leads to a new level of discipleship. A small group setting led by St. Peter Ignatian Spirituality Team members, meets for 75 minutes weekly for 7 weeks. Sessions include guided meditation, an orientation to Scripture readings, sharing and reflection, prayer techniques, and an overview of the individual prayer exercises to be practiced in the week ahead.

Choose either small group:

- Sunday mornings in person from 10 - 11:15 am in the Ignatius House
- Wednesday evenings via Zoom from 7 - 8:15 pm.

#### Commitment

- Engage in a daily prayer routine of 30 to 45 minutes
- Attend weekly small group sessions

Starts Sept. 26 & 29!

Sign up at [StPeterIgnatianSpiritualityCLT@gmail.com](mailto:StPeterIgnatianSpiritualityCLT@gmail.com)

See our website "Ignatian Spirituality Programs" page for a complete listing of all the classes and retreats offered through St. Peter.

### Blessing of the Animals

Saturday  
October 2  
10 a.m.



Join the Care for Creation team for our Green Fair on Sunday, October 3 after the 10 AM Mass in front of the Church (Rain location: Biss Hall).

The Green Fair will feature booths led by knowledgeable parishioners who will teach us how to be more eco-conscious in our everyday lives.

*Practice Sustainable Living!*



Dan Maloney, Lead Usher,  
St. Peter Liturgy Commission



### Get to know Lead Usher Dan Maloney

He's at the door almost every Sunday before the 11:30 am Mass. His smile and helpful demeanor welcomes members and visitors alike. For almost 10 years now, Dan Maloney has been ushering at St. Peter. Recently Dan became the Lead Usher for our parish's Liturgy Commission. Let's spend a moment to get more familiar with Dan!

Question: *How long have you been a member of St. Peter?*

Dan:

I joined St. Peter at the end of 2010.

Question: *What do you like about ushering at St. Peter?*

Dan:

Seeing all the great people we have in the parish, especially all the regulars at the 11:30 Sunday Mass.

Question: *What would you tell others about ushering at St Peter?*

Dan:

You can experience what the Parish has to offer and meet many great people, particularly others who are part of the usher ministry, as well as the new parishioners. We help people attending feel welcome and comfortable. Many of us answer questions about the parish and Charlotte in general for visitors to our area.

It is always great to see and hear stories of people who are either new to Charlotte or new to St. Peter who really feel like this Parish is a special home for their faith.

If you would like to volunteer to be an usher, email Dan at [StPeterLiturgyCLT@gmail.com](mailto:StPeterLiturgyCLT@gmail.com).

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## Relief for Hurricane Ida victims

**Hurricane Ida** has wreaked havoc and brought heavy rains, flooding, and "catastrophic transmission damage" to Louisiana's electrical system, leaving the city of New Orleans and over a million people throughout the state without power. If you would like to help the victims, here are some ways:

**Catholic Charities of Acadiana** is on the ground supporting those in Ida's wake; donate to their efforts at [give.classy.org/disaster](https://give.classy.org/disaster). If you know someone in need of help in the impacted areas, they should text DISASTER to 797979 or fill out the form found here: <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/get-assistance/forms>.

**World Central Kitchen**, led by Chef José Andrés, tweeted that a team in New Orleans would activate its kitchen facilities in the city. He said they have supplies already on hand for more than 100,000 meals. Visit <https://wck.org/news/hurricane-ida>

**Imagine Water Works** has a [Hurricane Idea Relief Fund](#) that Jesuit partners in New Orleans recommend as a place-based, creative organization that centers folks with marginalized identities in conversations and action around a shared future living with water, working in an intersection of reducing risk from flooding, pollution, and natural hazards.

## Help Haiti with Long Term Recovery

Magis Americas is organizing folks in the US to donate to an earthquake emergency fund, joining Jesuit international development and mission organizations worldwide in a global fundraising effort for both emergency relief and long-term recovery. This initiative will support the response of Jesuits and Jesuit organizations in Haiti- groups like Foi et Joie (Fe y Alegria school network in Haiti) and Service Jésuite aux Migrants who have long histories working in impacted areas and whose staff are Haitian Jesuits and lay colleagues.

<https://give.magisamericas.org/give/353192/#!/donation/checkout>

## Reflection



### Do You See Jesus?

Do you see Jesus each time you are at Mass? Even better, do you experience Jesus Christ in the many ways that he is in our midst?

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20). Jesus Christ is with us. He is among us through grace. He is in us for we are the Body of Christ, as St. Paul reminds us in his letters. Look around you at Mass. Those you see are members of the Body of Christ. We need to recognize that each one is a member of Christ, rather than trying to judge them, and that all are needed if Jesus’ work is to continue in the world. Do you see Christ in them and in yourself whenever they or you act in grace? We need to pray that we have Jesus’ eyes and Jesus’ heart whenever we gather together.

Do you hear Jesus speak to you in the Word of the Gospel and in the other Scriptures? Do we allow his Word to speak to our

minds and settle in our hearts? Do we take seriously the prayer that the Deacon or Priest prays as we prepare to listen to the Gospel? “Lord, be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart that I might worthily proclaim the Holy Gospel.” We all need to allow the Gospel to speak to our minds and our hearts, so that when we speak to others our words might be words of grace.

Do we recognize Christ Jesus in the Eucharist as we are joined in communion with Christ our Head and with our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ? Jesus came to reconcile us to one another and to all, and it begins each time we pray the Our Father and each time we receive Communion.

Yes, each time we gather together in Christ for Mass, Jesus fulfills his words to us, “where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Christ is more present than we often think.

Fr. John Michalowski, S.J.,  
Parochial Vicar, St. Peter Church

## In the Spirit of Ignatius



Ignatius

May 2021 - July 2022



**RENEWING THE EARTH**  
LIVING LAUDATO SI' IN  
THE YEAR OF IGNATIUS

Ignatius



Jesuit Conference  
Office of Justice and Ecology

St. Peter

<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/ignatian-carbon-challenge/renewing-the-earth-living-laudato-si-in-the-year-of-ignatius/>

Each year, from September to October 4, Catholics are invited to join an ecumenical initiative called the Season of Creation. The Ignatian Solidarity Network (ISN) and Jesuit Conference Office of Justice and Ecology (OJE) have co-developed a year-long program that weaves Laudato Si, the UAPs and the Ignatian Year. **Renewing the Earth- living Laudato Si' in the year of Ignatius** offer a monthly reflections and opportunities for online, communal conversation and reflection. See the URL to sign up above.

## Adult Education Opportunities

### Confirmation Program for Adult Catholics

St Peter is offering an Adult Confirmation formation program for Catholics over 18 years of age who have been baptized and received First Eucharist, but have not been confirmed in the Church.

Deacon Jim Bozik and Fr. John Michalowski, S.J. will conduct the program of seven weekly meetings **beginning on Tuesday, September 28** through November 23, from 7 to 8:30 PM.

For more information and registration, please contact Deacon Jim at [jbozik@stpeterscatholic.org](mailto:jbozik@stpeterscatholic.org).

#### Comments from previous participants:

"It was a very enlightening experience. It brought me closer to God. It taught me more about my faith. It made me start talking about my faith and wanting to learn more. It confirmed my desire to learn and practice how to be closer to God. It's the first step in my relationship with my parish community."

"I would absolutely recommend this program! I grew more spiritually as well as expanded my knowledge in what it means to be Catholic. I would do it all over again is I could!"

"I think that Fr. John and Deacon Jim's knowledge of Catholicism and being able to answer our questions was my best experience. I also enjoyed the flexibility if we were out of town during the regular meeting time."

**Check out the website for Jesuits East**  
<https://www.jesuitseast.org/>

Find useful resources - Ignatius Year news, articles on faith & justice, and Ignatian Spirituality.

### Charlotte-wide JustFaith Ministries Announces Fall programs:

JustFaith Charlotte is hosting three different social justice programs via Zoom starting in September.

Are you looking to connect with others in a small group setting?

Do you want to learn and discuss faith and poverty, racial justice or climate change?

Each program is 2 hours and runs 8 weeks.

*Sign up today!*

<https://justfaith.org/jf-charlotte-registration-page/>

For more information contact Kate Dennstaedt via email [charlotte@justfaith.org](mailto:charlotte@justfaith.org)

#### **Eco-Justice Series**

Small Group Name: Eco-Justice Group 1  
Program: **Sacred Land: Food and Farming**  
Facilitated by: Sister Rose Marie Tresp & **Leslie Tesch (St. Peter member)**

Date and Time of meeting: Wednesday from 10 - 12 pm ET

Start Date: **Wednesday September 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Learn how food and farming practices affect the climate crisis, marginalized communities, and their own health and spiritual wellbeing.

Small Group Name: Eco-Justice Group 2  
Program Name: **Sacred Air: Climate and Energy**

Facilitated by: **Andy Kalchik (St. Peter member)** & Tom Darcy

Date and Time of meeting: **Monday evening from 7 - 9 pm ET**

Start Date: **September 20th**

Learn about causes and effects of the climate crisis.

**Two other programs starting in September!**

• **Faith & Poverty: A Biblical Response**

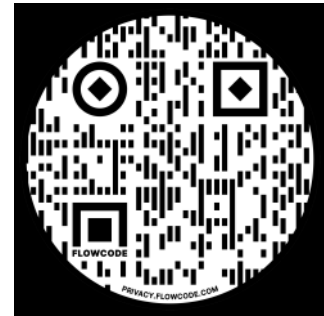
• **Faith & Racial Equity: Exploring Power and Privilege**

*Sign up today!*

<https://justfaith.org/jf-charlotte-registration-page/>

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Scan this Flowcode seen below



### We'd like to get to know YOU!

If you are new to St. Peter please come to one of these receptions we call the "Keys to St Peter" on the dates below:

**September 26** - Sunday 6:15 pm  
downstairs in Biss Hall (after 5pm Mass)

**October 24** - Sunday 10:15 am  
downstairs in Biss Hall (after 9am Mass and before the 11:30 am Mass)

**November 14** - Sunday 6:15 pm  
downstairs in Biss Hall (after 5pm Mass)

Each session lasts about an hour during which you'll meet and hear from our pastor Fr. Tim Stephens, SJ and Fr. John Michalowski, SJ. Enjoy refreshments and meet parish ministry leaders. We look forward to seeing you!

**Look for an email invite and RSVP being sent to your household email inbox!**

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