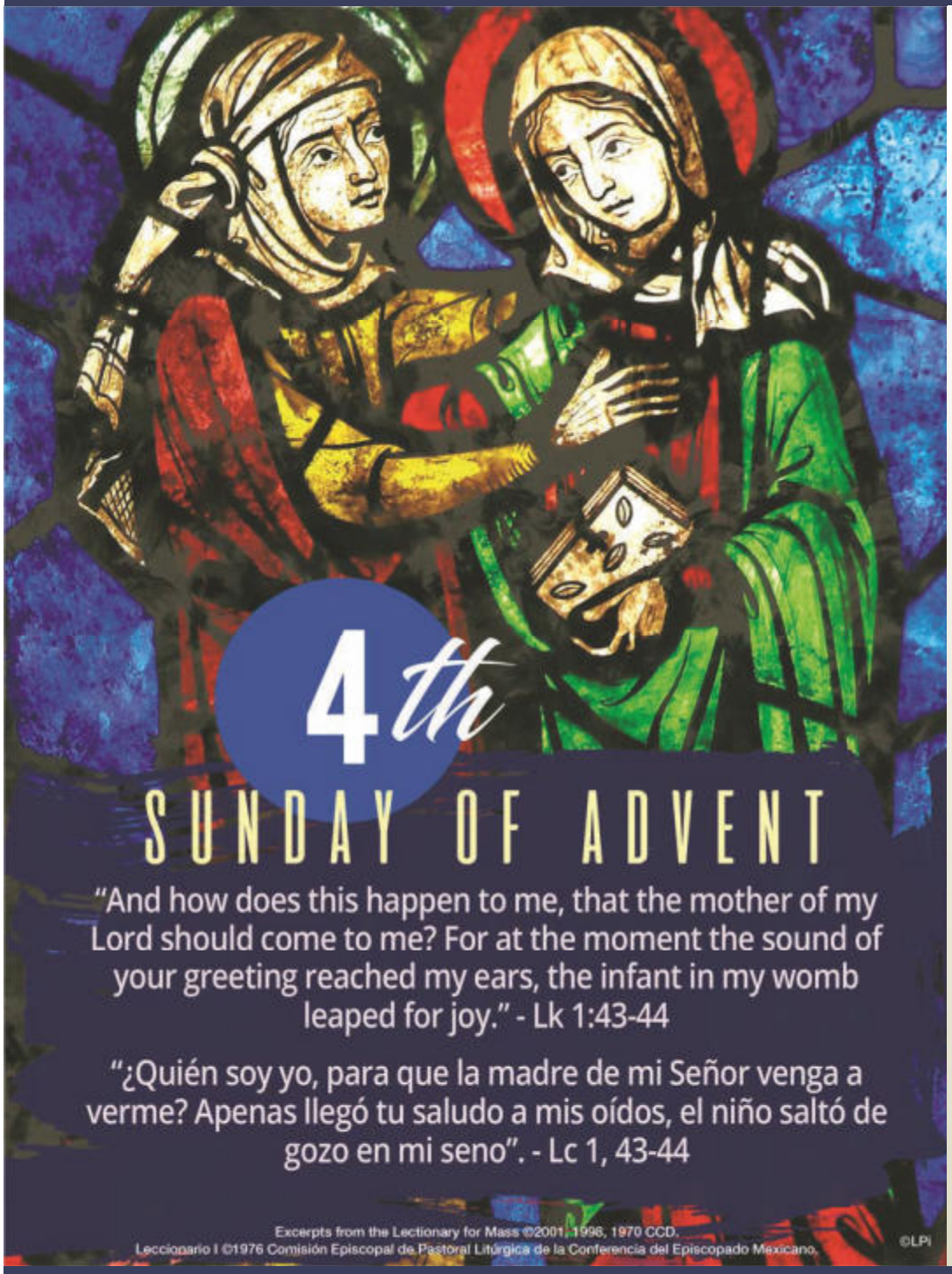
St. Peter the Apostle

4th Sunday of Advent | **December 23, 2018**



Mission

We are an ACTIVE, GROWING, WELCOMING, SPIRIT-FILLED Roman Catholic community nourished by the Liturgy to serve God and others.

Celebration of the Eucharist
Celebración de la Eucaristía

Saturday (sábado) • 5:30 pm
Sunday (domingo)
9:00 am, 11:00 am &
12:30 pm (en español)
6:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Monday (lunes) • 6:30 pm

Tuesday (martes) • 8:30 am

Wednesday & Thursday

(miércoles y jueves)

6:15 am

Friday (viernes) • 10:00 am

Reconciliation
Reconciliación

Tuesday (martes) • 6:00 pm

Saturday (sábado) • 10:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Adoracíon del Santisimo

Wednesdays (miércoles)
4:30 - 8:00 pm
Fridays (viernes)
10:30 am - 5:00 pm

***Note**: There may be modified schedules for holidays and special events.*

***Nota**: Puede haber horarios modificados para eventos especiales.*

Nuestra Misión

Somos una comunidad Católica Romana, ACTIVA, CRECIENTE, ACOGEDORA Y LLENA DEL ESPIRITU alimentada por la liturgia para servir a Dios y al prójimo.

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BAPTISM • BAUTISMO

Parents should complete the appropriate registration form and attend a preparation class. For more information and classes in English, contact Debra Martini.

Los padres deben completar el formulario de inscripción correspondiente (a continuación) y asistir a una clase de preparación. Para más información y clases en español, llame a Christy Samarripa-Olivarez.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST
PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN Y EUCARISTÍA

All Children in second grade or older who have received the Sacrament of Baptism and are ready to prepare for First Eucharist (First Communion) are invited to participate with their parents in this process in the Fall. For more information call Julia Cortez.

TO REPORT ABUSE
INFORMAR ABUSO

If you have knowledge or suspicion that a child has been abused or neglected, call **CPS** at **1 (800) 252-5400** or local law enforcement. A report can also be made online at **www.txabusehotline.org**.

*Si tiene conocimiento o sospecha de que un niño ha sido maltratado o descuidado, llame a **CPS** al **1 (800) 252-5400** o a la policía local. También se puede hacer un informe en línea en **www.txabusehotline.org**.*

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS)
EL DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS PARA LA FAMILIA Y DE PROTECCIÓN (DFPS)
1-800-252-5400

OFFICE OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE & SAFE ENVIRONMENT
OFICINA DE ASISTENCIA A VÍCTIMAS Y AMBIENTE SEGURO
(210) 734-7786 • (877) 700-1888 • ovase@archsa.org

BOERNE POLICE DEPARTMENT
DEPARTAMENTO DE POLICÍA DE BOERNE
(830) 249-8645

Todos niños del segundo grado o mayores que son bautizados están invitados a participar en la preparación para Primera Reconciliación y Primera Eucaristía o Comunión. Para más información llame a Laura Balderrama-Contreras.

CONFIRMATION • CONFIRMACIÓN

Confirmation is a two-year program at St. Peter. Teens must actively attend Life Nights the first year, which is typically freshman year. Upon satisfactory attendance, they will then be eligible to attend Confirmation Prep classes the second year. Confirmation Mass is typically in early spring. For more information, contact Lacey Sorrell.

La Confirmación es un programa de dos años en San Pedro. Los adolescentes deben estar activos con Life Nights el primer año, que generalmente es el primer año. Luego de una asistencia satisfactoria, serán elegibles para asistir a las clases de preparación de Confirmación el segundo año. La Misa de Confirmación es típicamente a principios de la primavera. Para más información, llame a Lacey Sorrell.

MARRIAGE • MATRIMONIO

If you are interested in having your wedding at St. Peters, please contact Terise Bransford for information. For use of the Cana Ballroom, please contact Jamie Pontillo.

Si está interesado en tener su boda en St. Peters, comuníquese con Terise Bransford para obtener más información. Para utilizar Cana Ballroom, contáctese con Jamie Pontillo.

QUINCEAÑERAS

St. Peter's would love to celebrate your quinceañera! Applicants must be a member of the parish in good standing and have regularly attended faith formation at St. Peter's for two years. For more information, please contact Terise Bransford.

¡A nuestra parroquia le encantaría celebrar tu quinceañera! Los solicitantes deben ser miembros de la parroquia que estén en buen estado con la iglesia y haber asistido regularmente a la formación de fe en San Pedro durante dos años. Para más información llame a Terise Bransford.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

***Jenny Halbert, our Bookkeeper** for the past twelve (12) years, announced her retirement recently. She will continue to work until the end of January to provide time to hire and train the new person. Jenny takes her job and ministry very seriously as the guardian and steward of parishioners' donations and generosity. She was hired by Fr. Tony and has been masterful in keeping financial records for daily parish operations and multiple capital campaigns. Jenny has worked collaboratively with the Archdiocese of San Antonio in meeting procedural expectations and being accountable to the Archbishop and his business office staff. Jenny also served as the Human Resources Director and in Safe Environment (background checks, etc.) for the parish. Jenny anticipates taking care of her health, the birth of a second grandchild, reading, traveling, and spending more free and quality time with her husband, Barry, their children and grandchildren. We thank Jenny for her dedicated service and for helping transition and mentor Fr. Norman into the financial life of the parish.

*Clara Santos, Debra Martini, Fr. Norman and the St. Peter's Capital Campaign Committee are working hard to do a **second wave Pledge Drive for our Combined Capital Campaign** to invite parishioners who have not yet donated or pledged to do so. Presently we have pledges totaling $5,440,231.37 and are hoping to continue growing the pledge level, aspiring to reach our next "Victory Goal" level of $5.6 million and then to reach toward the highest goal level, the "Transformational Goal," of $6.6 million. To accomplish this, we need the participation of as many parishioners as possible donating/pledging generously.

We anticipate sending out solicitation letters before Christmas. Please pray about the possibility of contributing and allow the Holy Spirit to inspire and lead your decision. Blessings to all parishioners who have already made donations and others who are paying in their pledges. We appreciate your generosity! Hopefully by February or March we will be able to complete renovations to the first phase of the new property to open it for parish use. At that time we will host an 'open house' for parishioners to see the progress and facility in action.

*The **goal and mission of the Pastoral Council** (P.C.) of every parish is to set the theological, spiritual and pastoral/ministerial vision for the parish leading to its strategic future fulfilling the Gospel of Jesus Christ and building the Kingdom of God in our area of the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Our Pastoral Council is larger than most parishes due to the size of our parish and the approximately 90 ministries, services and organizations that require attentive coordination. As normal at this time of the year, we have members of the Pastoral Council who are completing their terms and new parishioners coming onto the council.

We thank the following P.C. members who completed their terms with the December 8th meeting: Mike Lyle, Judy Gleason, Kathleen Tong, Shirley Melcher, Mary Jo Perly and Doug Vogt.

We welcome the new P.C. members who officially begin their terms in January 2019: Heidi Abshire, Justin Boerner, Phillip Hunter, Tommy Mangold and Carrie Sabine.

Our new slate of P.C. Officers will be: Brian Seastrunk, Chair; Bill Strain, Vice-Chair; and, Molly Birkett, Secretary (once Peggy Pillar can train her to be replaced). Special thanks to Peggy for her years of service as past Secretary and to Kathleen Tong who also served as Secretary and in doing so many other special projects and services for the Council.

Each of the outgoing and incoming P.C. members have brought to the council their God-given skills-set, deep faith, commitment, hard work and love for our parish.

I owe a special debt of gratitude to the outgoing Chair, Mike Lyle, for his incredible leadership. Mike makes leadership look so easy because it comes natural to him with his lifetime of professional experience in the military and secular positions of leadership. He leads by integrity of person and by example of hard work and great humility. Mike has his priorities in life clearly set and met: to God, marriage, family, country, faith, church and parish. Mike has provided very strong, stable, and professional leadership guiding us through our Stewardship Process, purchase of the Benedictine property, Combined Capital Campaign, the 150th Anniversary of our parish with its twelve special events, the establishment of our first and updated versions of the St. Peter's Parish 7-Year Pastoral Plan and many other special spiritual events/activities. Mike has also helped this sometimes grumpy old pastor remember to see the bright side of life and wear a smile rather than a frown. Mike has garnered the gifts, talents and efforts of all our P.C. members meeting the spiritual needs of our parish. Blessings to you, Mike, for all you have done and will continue to do for our parish!

Blessings to all our outgoing members for your hard work and unique contributions!

Please note that we have six other parishioners who are interested in becoming new P.C. members and have attended the P.C. learning and orientation session led by Deacon Ken in the past. Each of these

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potential P.C. members will be given the preferred opportunity in the next rotation of members to become members themselves. Some need to complete background checks and safety training to be completely eligible.

***We have a new special project started in the parish. Tommy Macias and his son, Benjamin, have volunteered their expertise to put together short documentary videos of some of the many ministries of our parish that can be used later on our parish website.** These videos will document ministries, services and organizations of our parish at work in service in the community. They will be informational and inspirational in nature. Please be cooperative with them, especially if they ask you to participate. Please support them in this wonderful new gift for our parish.

*Again, I want to thank **Elizabeth Davis and the Guadalupana Society**, members of the **Ultreya Community, Joe & Julia Cortez** and other members of the Hispanic community for your help in organizing and executing the **Dia de Guadalupe celebrations on December 12th** for Las Mañanitas and the evening Mass, meal and entertainment. Special thanks to **Olga Moreno and her husband, Reyes**, for organizing the food and to **Cecilia Ybarra** for preparing and delivering the Matachines performance. What a wonderful celebration to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and to cross cultures for an enriching spiritual and cultural experience for the young and old alike. Blessings to all who participated to make this event so memorable.

*Please mark your calendars to attend the **Monday, February 11th, Mission Talk & Presentation by Fr. Louis of the "Mission of the Beloved" in Haiti** It will start after the Monday evening mass. **Johnny Lozano,** who served at the mission in Haiti for a year and recently returned to his job in Boerne, is helping as a liaison between our parish and the Haiti Mission. As you know, **P.J. & Kerri Mecke-Lozano** and their family served in the Haiti mission in the past and presently **Mariah Escajeda** is serving there. **This will be an informative fundraising event for the Haiti Mission.** A more informative ad on this event will appear in a future bulletin.

***We are happy to announce that we have retreat leaders for our 2019 and 2020 Lenten Retreats already scheduled. Fr. David Garcia, a priest of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, will lead our March 25th thru 27th, 2019 Lenten Retreat at 7:00 pm each night. Fr. David has served in many archdiocesan positions and is an excellent, inspirational and motivational speaker/preacher/homilist. He is presently completing a year's long term working with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and is in charge of all the historic missions of San Antonio. He has the unique ability to integrate church leadership with business, government and political leadership for the good of the entire community. Fr. David is well-known throughout our Archdiocese and the country. He is also an excellent and experienced fundraiser.**

Fr. David Cruz, a priest of the Diocese of Lubbock, will lead our March 9th thru 11th, 2020 Retreat. You will remember Fr. Cruz from his previous pastoral help with Masses during Fr. Tony's term as pastor and his previous leadership in retreats and talks here at St. Peter's. Fr. Cruz was the Rector of Assumption Seminary with Fr. Norman serving as Vice-Rector at the same time. Fr. Cruz most recently helped begin a new parish in Lubbock that our parish helped with a special collection. That parish will soon move out of a strip-mall setting into its first own new building for worship, etc.

*Congratulations to **Mr. Deane Schoeppe** who was inducted as the incoming Scout Master at their Court of Honor last Monday evening. Deane takes the reigns of leadership from **Mr. Chris Brown** who served very well for several years. Deane brings over ten years of history and involvement with the Scouts. We thank Chris for his hard work and commitment to the Scouting program. Congratulations also to the boys who were honored during this ceremony for their hard work, earned badges and advancement in the Scouting program. Thanks to **Mr. John Peterson** who serves the Scouts so well and promotes them throughout the community.

***Scout Sunday** will take place here at St. Peter's Parish on Sunday, **February 3rd for Pack 18, Troop 18, Crew 18 and soon to be Troop 180.** All Scouts, including Catholic and ecumenical members, are invited to participate during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses helping greet, lector, present gifts and serve as Ministers of Hospitality. The Scouts will hand out song sheets and possibly some Scouting promotional materials at the beginning of Mass and hand out bulletins as people exit the services. This will be a great way for children, teens and their parents to see our Scouts in action, engage them, and to be inspired to join.

*Anticipate the beginning of a **new Troop 180 for girls in the "Scouts BSA" program**. This is distinct from the long-established and traditional "Girl Scouts of the USA" in that females ages 11-17 will be invited to join and experience the same curriculum of the traditional Scouts program for boys in the past. **It will be a distinct female troop separate from the boy's troops**. The parent organization of "Scouts BSA" will remain the "Boy Scouts of America." The initiation date is February 1st. Lance Hirsch of our parish is spearheading this effort with new leaders: Liz Luper, Scout Master, Mary & Lance Lyra, who will be filling-in, Rocio Ekblad, who will serve on the initiating Committee. Assisting them from our parish also is Joel Salazar and John Bonnin. **A Recruitment & Information Day will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2:30 pm at the Pavilion (near bar-b-que pits). All girls and their parents are invited to attend, learn about this new troop and sign-up to participate. Come one and all! This is an exciting new development!**

SINCERELY
FR. NORMAN A. ERMIS, **PASTOR**

In Sympathy • En simpatía

Our parish extends its deepest sympathy to the families of
Nuestra parroquia extiende su más profunda simpatía a las familias de

Daniel Hernandez, Sr. • Richard Meneses, Sr. • Leonard Pugh • Carol Rearick • Maria Santana

May the Lord comfort the family in their time of need and welcome the deceased into heaven.
Que el Señor consuele a la familia en su momento de necesidad y acoja al difunto en el paraíso.

Please pray for the sick of our parish • Por favor oren por los enfermos de nuestra parroquia

Edwin Brady
Caliste Burt
Maribel Casaraz
Lucero Castro
Mercedes Garcia
Jim Gleason
Sr. Mechtilde Goertz
Dorothy Hillemon
Doug Irving
Becky Jensen
Mark Juliano
Nancy McAngus
Patsy Meneses
Bernard Ogurek
Santos Ortiz
Lissy SanMiguel
Carissa Villalobos
Joe Vina
Dominick Wingfield
Mary Alice Yelverton
Landon Zeiner

Please contact pastoral care for family requests to In Sympathy and Please pray for the sick of our parish.
Por favor, llame a la oficina pastoral para las solicitudes de la familia a En simpatía y oraciones por los enfermos.

Need a prayer?
Call (210) 912-3432
or (830) 816-5657

Sanctuary Light Memorial
December 23 - December 29
Danny Pillar

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Message line for those in need
(830) 816-5646

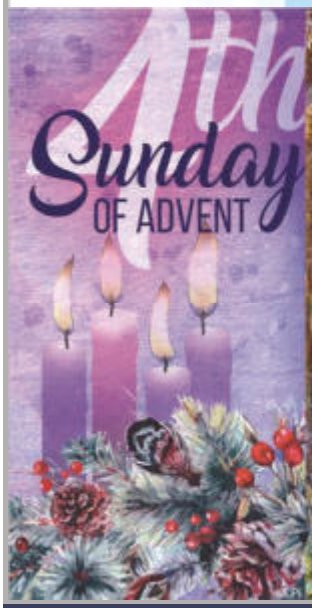
Readings for the Week of December 23, 2018

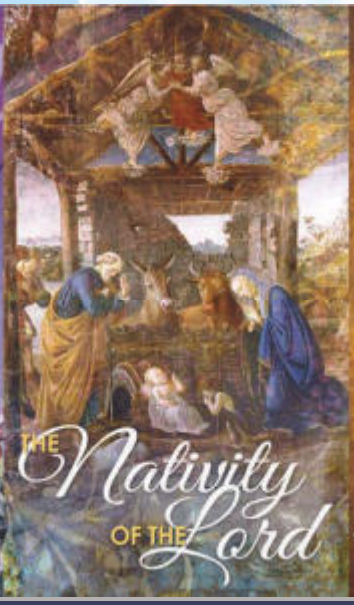
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-18 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday: **Vigil**: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 **Midnight**: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn**: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 **Day**: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

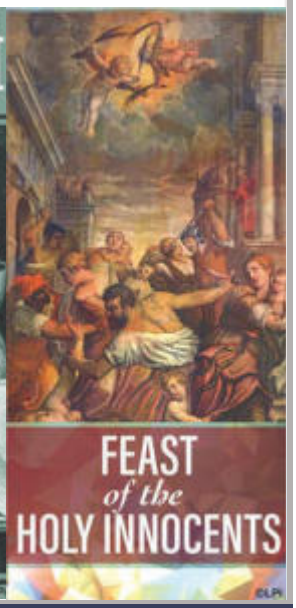
Las lecturas de la semana del 23 de diciembre de 2018

Domingo: Miq 5, 1-4/Sal 80, 2-3. 15-16. 18-18 [4]/Heb 10, 5-10/Lc1, 39-45
Lunes: 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 89, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29 [2]/Lc1, 67-79
Martes: **Vigilia**, Is 62, 1-5/Sal 89, 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 [2]/Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25/Mt 1, 1-25 o 1, 18-25 **Medianoche**, Is 9, 1-3, 5-6/Sal 96, 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13 [Lc2, 11]/Tit 2, 11-14/ Lc2, 1-14 **Matutina**, Is 62, 11-12/Sal 97, 1. 6. 11-12/Tit 3, 4-7/ Lc2, 15-20 **Dia**, Is 52, 7-10/Sal 98, 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 [3]/Heb 1, 1-6/Jn 1, 1-18 o Jn 1, 1-5. 9-14
Miércoles: Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-59/Sal 31, 3-4. 6 y 8. 16 y 17 [6]/ Mt 10, 17-22
Jueves: 1 Jn 1, 1-4/Sal 97, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12 [12]/Jn 20, 2-8
Viernes: 1 Jn 1, 5-2, 2/Sal 124, 2-3. 4-5. 7-8 [7]/Mt 2, 13-18
Sábado: 1 Jn 2, 3-11/Sal 96, 1-2. 2-3. 5-6 [11]/Lc2, 22-35
Domingo siguiente: 1 Sm 1, 20-22. 24-28/Sal 84, 2-3. 5-6. 9-10 [cfr. 5]/1 Jn 3, 1-2. 21-24/Lc2, 41-52

SECOND COLLECTIONS • December 25 - Assumption Seminary







PRAYER VIGIL, PROCESSION AND MASS FOR LIFE

Sunday, January 20, 2019 • 4:00 pm

St. Mary's Church Downtown
202 N. St. Mary's Street, San Antonio, TX 78205

The vigil begins at 4:00 pm at St. Mary's Church Downtown, followed by a prayerful procession (10-12 min. walk) to San Fernando Cathedral at 4:30 pm.

The Mass will start at 5:00 PM. Mass presided by Most Reverend Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S., Archbishop of San Antonio.

Because of the prayerful nature of this event, please do not bring signs or distribute literature of any kind.

Free Parking is available in the Frost Bank Parking Lot (121 N. Main Ave., San Antonio, TX 78205).

Contact Nicky Mata for more Information:
(210) 734-1651, Nicky.Mata@archsa.org

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Available for 9:00 am and 11:00 am Sunday Masses
Ages: Kindergarten through 5th grade

Liturgy of the Word for Children provides an opportunity within the Sunday Mass for children (kindergarten through 5th grade) to hear the Sunday readings at their own level in order to develop a love for Scripture, the Mass and to deepen their relationship with the Lord. It is available at the 9am and 11am. Children are called forth at the beginning of Mass and are dismissed to the Day Chapel. They do not have to register to attend.

NURSERY HOURS

Open for 9:00 am, 11:00 am and
12:30 pm (Spanish) Sunday Masses
Ages: infant - 5 years (not in Kinder)

Parents may NOT leave campus while child is in Nursery. Please pick up child promptly.

The nursery will be open for Masses on December 16 and January 6. It will be **CLOSED** December 30 and during the week from December 17 to January 7.

Open for the following meetings
55 Minutes (Sunday morning & Wednesday evening), Cartas de San Pablo (jueves), Couples Enrichment (Wednesday evening), Families of Little Saints, First Corinthians (Monday morning), Psalms (Friday morning), Guadalupanas Meeting, Tuesday Morning Ladies Scripture Study, Ultreya (Friday evening)

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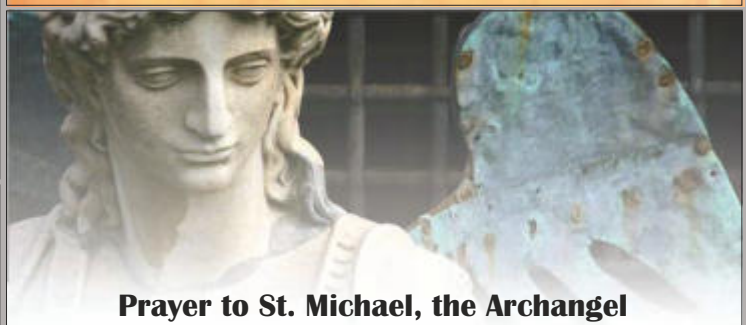


Prayer to St. Michael, the Archangel

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Oración al San Miguel, Arcángel

O San Miguel, Arcángel, Defiéndenos en la lucha; Sé nuestra protección contra el mal y las trampas del Diablo; humildemente te rogamos que Dios los reprenda. O Príncipe Celestial de la Santa Hostia, que con la ayuda de Dios eches a Satanás al infierno y a los espíritus que vagan por el mundo para arruinar las almas. Amén

PARISH CALENDAR

OFFICE & CAMPUS CLOSED

December 24, 2018 • December 25, 2018 • January 1, 2019

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018

4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 am **MASS - Magdalen Wiatrek**
11:00 am **MASS - Marion Scanio**
12:30 pm **MISA EN ESPAÑOL - Ánimas del Purgatorio**
3:30 pm Cub Scout Pack 18 Christmas Party - AC
4:15 pm Life Teen Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
6:00 pm **Life Teen MASS - Barbara Spruce**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018

CHRISTMAS EVE / CHURCH OFFICE & CAMPUS CLOSED
9:30 am Environment Ministry - Sanctuary
4:00 pm **MASS - Christmas Eve - Sanctuary**
4:10 pm **MASS - Christmas Eve - Cana Ballroom**
6:00 pm **MASS - Christmas Eve - Sanctuary**
9:00 pm **MASS - Christmas Eve - Sanctuary**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2018

CHRISTMAS / CHURCH OFFICE & CAMPUS CLOSED
9:00 am **MASS - Christmas Day - Sanctuary**
11:00 am **MISA EN ESPAÑOL - Navidad**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2018

6:15 am **MASS - Holy Souls in Purgatory**
7:00 pm Estudio Biblico para Hombres: El espíritu santo

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2018

6:15 am **MASS - Henry Canamar, III**
4:00 pm CYO Basketball Practice (Salinas / Tot2) - AC
5:30 pm CYO Basketball Practice (Salinas / Girls M2) - AC
7:00 pm CYO Basketball Practice (Thornton/ Boys PW2) - AC
7:00 pm Spanish Men's ACTS - FLC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2018

10:00 am **MASS - Emanuel Salaiz**
10:00 am **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Day Chapel**
4:00 pm CYO Basketball Practice (Thornton / Girls PW1) - AC
5:30 pm CYO Basketball Practice (Thornton / Boys PW2) - AC
7:00 pm CYO Basketball Practice (Onofre Team) - AC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2018

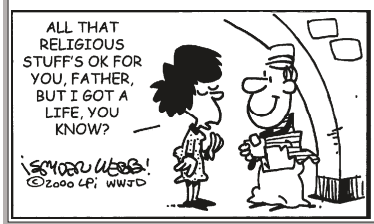
10:00 am **Reconciliation - Day Chapel**
5:30 pm **MASS - John Mahler**

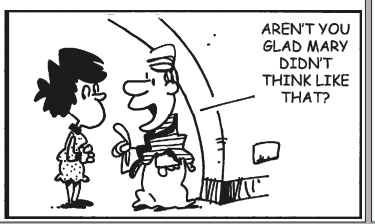
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018

The Holy Family

9:00 am **MASS - Dorothy & Allen Pratka**
11:00 am **MASS - Anne Stephens**
12:30 pm **MISA EN ESPAÑOL - para los feligreses**
4:15 pm Life Teen Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
6:00 pm **Life Teen MASS - Sylvia Cortez**

AC - Activity Center / Gym
FLC - Family Life Center





SPECIAL COLLECTION

This coming 2019, four men will be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Assumption Seminary is grateful for the generosity of this parish that enables these men and many others to receive the Pastoral training, theological education and spiritual preparation needed to be Christ-centered priests. The 2nd collection at Christmas is designated for the mission of your seminary - Assumption Seminary. Please continue praying for vocations.

The second collection at the Christmas Mass is designated for the mission and ministry of Assumption Seminary. This is our Seminary. Please be generous.

COLECCION ESPECIAL

El próximo 2019, cuatro hombres serán ordenados al sacerdocio para la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio. El Seminario de Asunción está agradecido por la generosidad de esta parroquia que les permite a estos hombres y muchos otros recibir la capacitación pastoral, la educación teológica y la preparación espiritual necesarias para ser sacerdotes centrados en Cristo. La segunda colección en Navidad está designada para la misión de su seminario: el Seminario de Asunción. Por favor continúa orando por las vocaciones

La segunda collecta en la misa de Navidad esta designada para la misión y ministerio del seminario de la Asuncion. Este es nuestro seminario. Por favor sean generosos.

The Sounds of Christmas

Presented by Catholic Television of San Antonio
Watch on Spectrum channel 15 or on Facebook at any time

December 23	3:30 pm
December 24	10:00 pm
December 25	10:00 am & 7:00 pm
December 27	11:30 am
December 28	6:30 pm
December 29	2:30 pm
December 30	6:30 pm
December 31	11:00 am & 9:00 pm

Young Adults

WORLD YOUTH DAY SAN ANTONIO

January 26, 2019

World Youth Day San Antonio (WYDSA) is a FREE event happening January 26 at St. Pius X Catholic Church. WYDSA is open to young adults (18 –35 years old) who want to take part in a festive encounter centered on Jesus Christ.

This archdiocesan event coincides with WYD Panama 2019 where Pope Francis will meet with the youth of world to deepen faith and grow closer to Christ.

St. Peter young adults will meet at St. Peter's upper parking lot at 5:15 pm to carpool to the event.

More information: Mary Ann Matteson • (210) 241-5511

The 2018-2019 Faith Formation year has begun!

Registration forms & information about Faith Formation can be found at www.StPetersBoerne.com or in the Pastoral Office.

Elementary Faith Formation (EFF)

Last sessions for 2018 were December 9 & 12

Sessions will resume **January 9th (Wednesday) and 13th (Sunday) in 2019**

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (EFF)

Kinder - 5th Grade

Julia Cortez
(830) 816-5667 • Julia@StPetersBoerne.com

Laura Balderrama-Contreras
(830) 816-5668 ••Laura@StPetersBoerne.com

We offer Sundays (9:30 - 10:45 am) or Wednesdays (4:30 - 5:30 pm)

EFF (Elementary Faith Formation) is a traditional religious formation which builds a foundation for a lifelong relationship with Jesus through Scripture, prayer, and building faith community.

We also offer faith formation for children with Special Needs, Sundays 9:30 - 10:45 am.

FORMACIÓN DE FE (DOCTRINA) ESCUELA PRIMARIA Grados Kinder - 5

Tenemos clases Domingos (9:30 - 10:45 am) o Miércoles (4:30 - 5:30 pm)

Clases de doctrina o catecismo que construye una base en la relación permanente con Jesús a través de las escrituras, la oración y la construcción de una comunidad de fe.

Tenemos formación de fe para niños con necesidades especiales, Domingo 9:30 - 10:45 am.

Director of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Angela Spino • (830) 816-5664
goodshepherd@stpetersboerne.com

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based religious formation for 3-12 year olds.

It seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, "hands-on" space called an atrium, in which both the children and the catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Christian faith as revealed in the scriptures and the liturgy.

During Advent we offer the children, the greatest mysteries of our faith, included in those great mysteries is the Incarnation, how God comes to dwell among us. The child, for their personal growth and joy, needs to be oriented to these mysteries and how they are celebrated within the Church community.

The *Infancy Narratives* we focus on in the atrium are:

- The Annunciation of the Angel to Mary
- The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
- The Birth of Jesus and the Adoration of the Shepherds
- The Presentation in the Temple
- The Adoration of the Magi
- The Flight into Egypt (for children age six and older)

ADVENT

Atriums will resume in the New Year beginning on Tuesday, January 8th.
Have a wonderful Christmas!

2018-2019 First Eucharist (Communion) Preparation

Children in 2nd Grade or older who have been baptized and are attending Faith Formation (EFF or GS).
Complete the 6 lessons in the First Reconciliation workbook.
Plan to attend the 3 weeks of First Reconciliation Meditations in January.

2018-2019 Preparación de Primera Eucaristía (Comunión)

Niños del segundo grado o mayores que son bautizados y atendiendo a la Formación de la Fe.
Completen las 6 lecciones en el libro Primera Reconciliación.
Atiendan las 3 semanas de Meditaciones de Primera Reconciliación en enero.

Middle School & High School YOUTH MINISTRY

Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Confirmation
Lacey Sorrell ~ (830) 816-5663
lacey@stpetersboerne.com

Asst. Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Confirmation
Michelle Pechacek ~ (830) 816-5665
michelle@stpetersboerne.com

EDGE
6th - 8th Grade Faith Formation

Social Time
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
pizza available $1/slice

Edge Night
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

LIFE TEEN
9th - 12th Grade Faith Formation

Edge & Life Teen are on break for the holidays!
We pray you have a Joyous Christmas.
Edge Night resumes January 16.
Life Night resumes January 13.

HEB GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER
Benefitting Edge & Life Teen!

Many thanks to all who support our youth through the HEB Gift Card Fundraiser program!

These funds have allowed us to offer financial assistance for Teen ACTS Retreats, Confirmation Retreats, Life Teen Summer Camp and the Life Teen Leadership Conference as well as assist with Edge Summer Camp and Fall Retreat.

Your purchase of HEB Cards is allowing the teens of St . Peter's the opportunity to attend life changing events that bring them to a closer encounter with Jesus Christ and a deeper love of our Catholic Faith.

How does this fundraiser work?

You buy cards after Mass or at the front office. Use them for anything sold at HEB including groceries, gas & medicines.
You get the full value of the cards you purchase & HEB gives 5% of that amount back to us (the youth receives 4% to help with camp & retreat expenses.)

A $100 card = $5 to St. Peter's youth. 20 people each buying $100/week = $400 to St. Peter's in a month!

Cards sold after 5:30 pm, 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm Masses benefit the youth selling; or purchase in the Parish Office if you'd like a particular youth or Edge to receive credit.

Many thanks to the women of the Catholic Daughters for decorating and cooking a wonderful meal for the Life Teen Christmas Party! We greatly appreciate your support of Life Teen!

CONFIRMATION CORNER

Teen Confirmation Coordinator • Lacey Sorrell
Confirmation Class • December 12 • 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Please pray for the youth as they continue their journey to the Sacrament of Confirmation!

Mark your calendar
Confirmation Mass • April 7 at 5:00 pm

END-YEAR CHARITABLE DONATIONS

The source of parish funds in every parish in the world is its parishioners. Occasionally outside donors and companies will provide a small amount of funding. At St. Peter's Parish we are tremendously blessed and grateful for all our parishioners who so generously support all our regular Stewardship efforts, including support for all our administrative/maintenance costs, ministries and services, expansion needs, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, our Combined Capital Campaign (funding the purchase of the new property from the Benedictine Sisters and supporting the Archbishop's Archdiocesan Capital Campaign), and parishioners who serve as missionaries.

End-of-year donations to charitable organizations is a tradition in the United States and our parish. Each year individuals, couples and families review their yearly budgets, savings, portfolio performance and results, health care costs, and potential tax consequences at reporting time to determine what end-year charitable donations can be made. We trust that many of our parishioners are in that review and discernment process at this moment. We encourage your consideration of St. Peter's Parish for your additional end-year charitable donation. Below is a list of where and how to support our parish, its efforts and outreach with your **end-year charitable giving**:

***Please designate specifically where and how in our parish you want your end year donation to be used**. Donations can be designated to support any aspect of parish life, but best be used in our **operating account** and specifically in the **St. Peter's Parish Combined Capital Campaign** to help fund the payment of the mortgage for the purchase of the Benedictine Property. If you have not yet made a one-time donation or pledge to this **Campaign**, we encourage you to do so. Complete a donation/pledge card with Debra Martini in the office or by phone. Even if you have already made a commitment to the Campaign, we welcome additional gifts beside your original pledge/donation. Please call Debra or write a mailed donation note specifying that your end-year donation is in addition to your original gift if that is your wish. Such additional donations/ pledges help pay-down the mortgage more expediently, which saves the parish extra money.

*You can donate in **cash, by check, money order, or electronic money transfer in any amount you wish.**

***Many people own stocks, bonds, mutual funds, ETF's, CD's, gold, donor-advised funds (charitable accounts), real estate, art, life insurance policies, etc.** Any of these can be donated to St. Peter's Parish as well, but should be done with the professional advice/consultation of your banker, broker, financial/investment advisor, accountant, tax expert, attorney, etc. There can be tax advantages to your donations, but all U.S. laws must be followed for such purposes with full professional advice.

*St. Peter's Parish has a brokerage account with Frost Bank to facilitate direct transfer of publicly traded securities (without your selling them) to maximize your tax deduction. After professional advice, you must instruct your financial/investment advisor to transfer any assets you wish to donate (it cannot be done by our parish staff on your behalf). Please contact Jenny Halbert, our Bookkeeper, at 830-816-2233 to receive instructions on how to transfer such donations to our parish through the Frost Bank account.

***Donor-advised funds (charitable accounts)**, once legally set-up and active, allow holders to receive deductions for donations immediately while spreading payments over the next several years. Reports are that contributions to these so-called donor-advised funds have increased over the years. Grants from these funds can be made to qualified charities, such as your parish. It is unclear how the recent tax overhaul will affect donor-advised fund contributions in the long term. Speculation is that continuing strength in the stock market is likely to fuel growth of such funds, even if the tax changes reduce the benefits of giving to a donor-advised fund and philanthropy in general. If you already have a legal and active donor-advised fund and want to make a charitable donation from it to the parish, you must designate such a gift with expert legal and tax-expert advice and make the proper instructions for it.

*Another example of a great end-year charitable contribution to the parish is a **Required Minimum Distribution at and following age 70 ½ from your Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's). For greatest tax deduction benefit, transfer assets directly (without selling). Use professional advice.**

*Consider remembering St. Peter's Parish when drafting or revising/ updating your **Will and overall Estate Plan.** Such gifts are a wonderful memorial and go a long way in our parish continuing to be the strong Catholic presence it is in Boerne and the surrounding Texas Hill Country.

***We strongly encourage online giving through "WeShare" used in our parish for your convenience. See the attached Online giving ad for instructions on how to set up your "WeShare" account which allows you to donate using specific approved credit cards. Call Jenny Halbert, our Bookkeeper, if you have any questions or difficulties.**

I appreciate your wonderful generosity all through the year and at special times of the year such as Easter and Advent/Thanksgiving/ Christmas (end-year). Such gifts help perpetuate your faith and commitment to the Church and will be used specifically for what you have designated them. In the spirit of biblical stewardship, we ask that you consider how your donations can be used in a way that accomplishes the most good in and through the parish community. Your gift to the parish is reciprocity to God for the greatest gift of all: God's love in sending his Son, Jesus, into the world for our salvation. Our parish is here at the most important times and seasons in our lives: We are Baptized into life in Christ in the Church, married in the Church, receive Eucharist and Confirmation, and when our lives are over, we are laid to rest through the Church. In between, the church is here to help us meet our spiritual, faith and communal needs. A special end-year gift is an investment in God's work and in the future. Blessings to you all!

SINCERELY
FR NORMAN, **PASTOR**

St. Peter's Blood Drive Ministry

2019 Annual Health and Wellness Fair

Sunday, January 13, 2019
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Cana Ballroom

St. Peter's cares about your health. Start the new year right by attending our first annual St. Peter's Health and Wellness Fair hosted by our own Blood Drive Ministry. Take this opportunity to meet health care professionals in many fields, ask questions and obtain informational and educational materials.

Learn about the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center (STBTC)'s Wellness Points Program. Donate blood to acquire Wellness Points that may be redeemed for free screenings. You may also donate points to anyone over 18 years old or the St. Peter's wellness pool for non or underinsured parishioners.

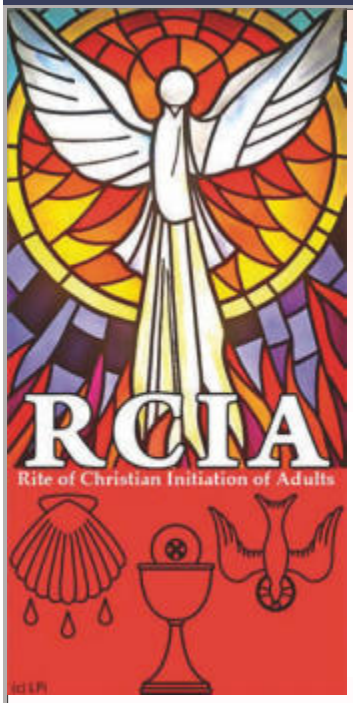
In conjunction with STBTC, the Blood Drive Ministry will be conducting screenings for cholesterol, diabetes and prostate (PSA). Due to the generosity of parishioners who have previously donated, we have accumulated enough points in our St. Peter's wellness points pool to offer these services at no charge during the fair. THIS IS NOT A BLOOD DRIVE; IT IS A BLOOD DRAW FOR FREE SCREENINGS.

Sunday, December 16 after 6:00 pm Mass is the deadline to sign up for free screenings. You must have an appointment for screenings. After signing up, you will be contacted for an appointment time and for details regarding the screenings.

If you have any questions, please contact **Greg Gonyer** at (830) 816-5661.

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to start 2019 on a healthy note!

My dear friend, I pray that everything may go well with you and that you may be in good health - as I know you are well in spirit. 3 John 1:2



RCIA is a sacramental formation process primarily intended for those who are unbaptized (ages 7+ to adult) to prepare to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The rite provides adaptations for those who are already baptized to prepare for a profession of faith and full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

RCIA meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Family Life Center.

Parish Office
(830) 816-2233

RICA (en Español)

Este es un proceso de formación sacramental destinado principalmente para aquellos que no son bautizados (edades 7 + para adultos) para prepararse para recibir los sacramentos de Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía.

El rito ofrece adaptaciones para los que ya están bautizados para prepararse para una profesión de fe y de comunión plena con la Iglesia Católica Romana.

RICA se reúne los domingos por la mañana a las 11:00 a.m. en el Family Life Center.

Parish Office
(830) 816-2233

Adult CONFIRMATION

A number of Catholics missed out on the preparation for Confirmation as teenagers, or have perhaps been away from Church and are now being drawn to a fuller, deeper relationship with God through their faith.

If you are an adult Catholic who has been baptized Catholic and received First Communion, but has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, we invite you to contact **Lacey Sorrell** at (830) 816-5663 and set up an appointment to discuss our upcoming preparation sessions and to register.

Our series for Adult Confirmation will take place on Sunday mornings from **January 20 through March 10th**, 9;00 am - 10:30 am. Adults must be in good standing with the Catholic Church while providing copies of Baptismal Certificate and Marriage Certificate, if married.

ADULT BIBLE AND FAITH STUDIES

Let us bring God's revelation into your life!

NEW ABFS STUDIES

Starting January 24 (12 sessions)
Thursday Evenings 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Child Care Provided by Request
Pillar I: The Creed
Facilitator: Judi White
(830) 336-4515 or (210) 288-2414
or judiblanca@yahoo.comjudiblanca@yahoo.com

Starting January 23 (8 sessions)
Wednesday Evenings 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Child Care Provided by Request
COUPLES ENRICHMENT
Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage
Facilitators: Ray & Angelique Macias
(210) 378-4343 or adeffy@gmail.com

Starting January 10 (10 sessions)
Thursday Mornings 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained
Facilitators: Sam & Nancy Roberts
(830) 755-8822 or cococat@gvtc

Starting January 11 (10 sessions)
Friday Mornings 10:30 am - Noon
Child Care Provided by Request
LECTIO:EVANGELIZATION AND THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
Facilitator: Ree Laughlin
(830) 249-0828 or reelaughlin@icloud.com

Young Adult Study - Ongoing
Thursday Evenings (except Theology on Tap Hill Country nights) 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Child Care Provided by Request
Facilitator: Mary Ann Matteson
mattesonmaryann@yahoo.com

To register call or email facilitator or
www.stpetersboerne.com/abfs

For more information on Adult Faith Formation contact
Mary Ann Matteson
210-241-5511 • mattesonmaryann@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adoration, Community, Theology, Service
Experience God's love and joy; return with a deeper love for each other and a desire to be more involved in the St. Peter's community. All retreats are held at the Omega Center in Boerne.

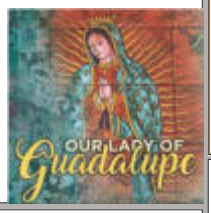
2019 Retreat Schedule
WACTS (Women's) - Jan 31 - Feb 3, 2019
SMACTS (Spanish / Men's) - March 21 - 24, 2019
SWACTS (Spanish / Women's) - July 25 - 28, 2019
MACTS (Men's) - October 10 - 13, 2019

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Great Marriages Don't Just Happen, Couples Make Them!

May the peace of Christ be with you this Christmas! Enrich your marriage by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in San Antonio on March 29 – 31, 2019. Submit your application online: www.mesanantonio.org or call Ed and Cindy Turski at (602) 421-4154 for more info.

Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe
St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
We meet the first Wednesday of each month. Rosary @ 6:30 pm, followed by the meeting in FLC 138. If you want to join the Society or for more information please contact **Elizabeth Davis** at (830) 249-9369. Childcare available.

Sociedad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de la Iglesia de San Pedro Apóstol
Nos reunimos cada primer miércoles de cada mes. Empezamos con el rosario a las 6:30 pm seguido por la reunión en el FLC 138. Si usted desea participar o por más información por favor llamar a **Elizabeth Davis** al (830) 249-9369. Tenemos guarderia.



EL GRUPO DE LA ULTREYA
De San Pedro Apostol

Te invitamos a nuestra ULTREYA reunión, cada Viernes, 7:00 pm a 9:00 pm en el FLC donde compartimos temas de gran interés y canciones para crecer en nuestra vida espiritual. ¡Los esperamos! No falten. Todos son bienvenidos y tenemos guarderia. ***Cursillos de cristiandad***

Para más información
Leo Lopez
(210) 844-5345

SAVE THE DATE
Women's ACTS Retreat
January 31 - February 3, 2019
stpetersboerne.com/
actsandspanishactsretreats

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
CDA Local Court Court #2690

Unity and Charity
One of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas, we donate to charities, administer scholarship programs and strive to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow or sickness.

Want to join CDA?
Contact: **Debbie Simnacher**
(209) 482-5201
swisslstix@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus
Council 10940 / Assembly 3417

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization whose first principle is charity

Congratulations!

- **Bill Wladika**, awarded Knight of the Month. He will receive a $25 HEB gift card.
- **Beaton Family**, Kevin and Paula Beaton, awarded Family of the Month. Their love of family and the Catholic faith are an inspiration for all St. Peter's families. They will receive a $100 HEB gift card.

Want to Join the Knights?!
Contact **Charlie Wasson** (210) 478-8555
http://www.kofcboerne.com

Don't forget to like the Knights on Facebook! All parishioners are invited to join our page-
Knights of Columbus Council 10940
facebook.com/groups/127298281303660

Catholic Charities offers low-cost counseling on site at our parish to anyone in need. Counseling is available for anyone 4 years of age and older. Call Catholic Charities Counseling Center at (210) 377-1133 to schedule a session with the counselor on-site at our parish.

BULLETIN DEADLINE!
For bulletin submissions due dates, go to stpetersboerne.com/communications; scroll to the bottom.
bulletin@stpetersboerne.com • (830) 816-5660
"Video killed the radio star, but nothing will kill the humble printed church bulletin." -Steve Fogg

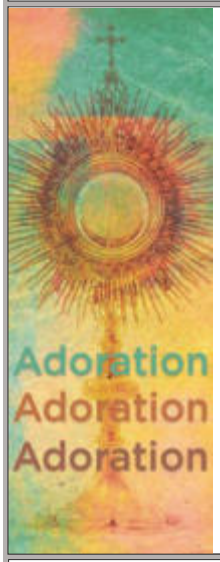
Mental Health GraceAlliance Support Groups

FAMILY GRACE
for family members/friends of a loved one living with a mental health condition. Drop-ins welcome. FLC 164

LIVING GRACE
for adults living with a mental health condition. Drop-ins welcome. FLC 144

Both groups meet every 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm -8:30 pm. Share, Listen, Learn, Grow, Recover!

Don and Mary O'Connor • (830) 368-4112
Jenny • jlr8546@yahoo.com



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Is there someone who asked you to pray for them or someone you are concerned about? Our Lord invites you to cast your burdens into his care and spend time in Eucharistic Adoration with Him.

Cards to send to your loved ones to let them know you lifted them up in this caring way, are available at the table near the entrance of the Day chapel during adoration times

Wednesday - 4:30 - 8:00 pm
and
Friday - 10:30 am - 5:00 pm

Criminal Justice Ministry (CJM)
Day of Reflection
Guests
Fr. Bill Shaughnessy • Keynote Speaker
Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S
January 26, 2019 • 8:00 am - 3:30 pm
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church • San Antonio

BULLETIN BLOOPER

The church office will be closed until opening. It will remain closed after opening. It will reopen Monday.

Pope Francis says / Papa Francisco dice:
"'Comfort, comfort my people" (Is 40,1). How does the Lord give comfort? With tenderness." ~ *PopeFrancis@Pontifex*

"¡Consuelen, consuelen a mi pueblo! (Is 40,1). ¿Cómo consuela el Señor? Con la ternura."

Photo Credit: Catholic Church (England and Wales)

Financial Peace University

Worried about the economy? Worried about your economy? Imagine YOU telling your money what to do instead of YOUR MONEY telling you what you CAN do. Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, a 9 week course that meets once per week will teach you step-by-step how to do just that. Classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 pm beginning January 10, 2019 in the St. Peters Family Life Center.

The cost of the class is approximately $109 per couple or individual which covers cost of materials including an online book, a workbook including shipping costs and lots of online resources. We highly recommend that couples participate together.

For additional information or to register for the class, please contact **Tom or Janis Fuchs**, (830) 537-3958 or go to the Dave Ramsey website at http://fpu.com/1077723.

Adult Faith Formation

PSALMS

Last Class!

December 7, 2018
stpetersboerne.com/abfs

SAVE THE DATE

Six Dates for Catholic Couples

Beginning February 28, 2019

For more information or to register, go to:
stpetersboerne.com/sixdatesforcatholiccouples

VOCATION CORNER

Father, we're your people, the work of your hands. So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus. Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love. We, the baptized, realize our call to serve. Help us to know how. Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. With our hearts you continue to love your people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. For more information

Mary Ann Matteson
(210) 241-5511
mattesonmaryann@yahoo.com

Read the Vocations monthly interview with
Arianna Johnson
FOCUS Missionary, St. Peter the Apostle parishioner
at
stpetersboerne.com/vocations

SAVE THE DATE

Catholic Daughters of America - Chapter #2690

EPIPHANY PARTY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5th, 2019
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

DINNER SERVED AT 7:00 PM
THE CANA BALLROOM
BYOB • Door Prizes • Silent Auction • & FUN
$25 Per Guest
Looking forward to seeing everyone at our annual event!!!

PICK UP MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers

Liturgical ministers who have requested a paper copy of the ministry schedule will find your new schedule located at the sign-in table near the main entrance of the church. This schedule covers the period from **January 1 through March 31, 2019**.

The schedules will be available for pickup every day the church is open, **beginning December 20, 2018**.

Those ministers who agreed to receive their schedules as an email attachment and those ministers who access the ministry schedule via the church's web page at www.stpetersboerne.com/Liturgical-Ministry-Schedule- do not need to pick up a packet. Please feel free to contact

Debra Martini
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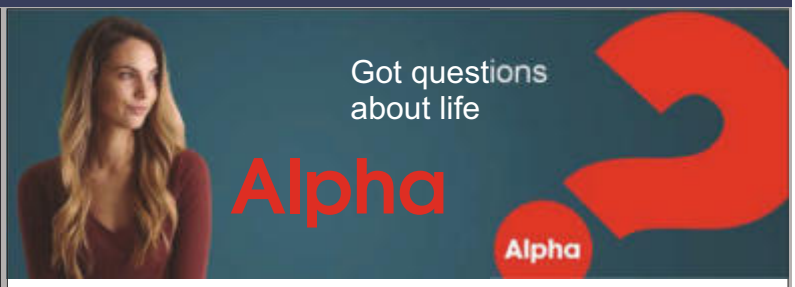

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- Provides direct support to the Pastor and Parish Operations director for all administrative needs including, answer e-mail, returning messages, managing calendar.
- Provides coverage for the front desk, including answering the phone, receiving Parishioners and guest during lunch and as a back-up.
- Arranges and coordinates events for staff such as birthday celebrations, and other special events.
- Assists in planning and coordination of Parish Appreciation Dinner, Ministry Fair, Parish Festival and other activities.
- Coordinates weekend events at parish such as Blood Drives and other similar events.
- Manages and coordinates Fellowship Sunday events.
- Prepares and assist with Mass preparation including scheduling pulpit talks, prayers to the faithful and Mass Intentions.
- Maintains and organizes Family Life Center Kitchen.
- Researches, organizes and completes administrative responsibilities, as directed, on topics that cross the Pastor's desk, i.e., admissions, applications packages.
- Writes, maintains and distributes meeting minutes and agenda for staff meeting and any other assigned meetings.
- Writes correspondence and other messages for the Pastor, on behalf of the Parish.
- Directs the printing and mailing of the Parish mailers and all in-house printing as assigned.
- Organizes the bulk-mailing ministry.
- Organizes and executes the Parish Pictorial Directory.
- Responsible for managing Rice Bowl, Devotional Books, etc.
- Secures and schedules all substitute Priest as needed.
- Orders Liturgical items (paschal candle, ashes, palms, as well as Christmas and Easter gifts)
- Qualifications
- High School Diploma or equivalent.
- Great written and oral communication skills (Both Spanish and English preferred).
- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook.
- Detailed oriented and excellent in time management.
- Must be well organized and be very effective in follow-up.
- Basic knowledge of computer technology a must.
- Previous administrative experience a plus, but not required.

Hours are negotiable though tentative schedule is 25 – 29 hours a week working on Mon, Tue, Wed and Friday.

Must successfully pass a background, criminal history and credit history check. Must have a clean, neat appearance and professional demeanor.

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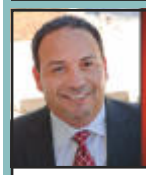
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