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## SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### THOUGHT FOR THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

"The best time you will spend on earth is the time you spend with your best Friend, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament". 

St. Teresa of Calcutta

# **WEEKLY MASS CALENDAR**

Days		Mass Times	Mass	
Saturday,	Jan 21	6:00 pm - St Peter	Mass	
Sunday,	Jan 22	9:00 am - St Peter	Mass for the people of St Peter	
Sunday,	Jan 22	11:30am - St John	Mass for the people of St John	
Tuesday,	Jan 24	5:30pm – St Peter	Mass	
Wednesday,	Jan 25	5:30 pm - St Peter	Mass	
Thursday,	Jan 26	9:00 am - St Peter	Mass	
Friday,	Jan 27	9:00am - St Peter	Mass	

Dear brothers and sisters, greetings!

- A mission statement of a Parish is **a concise explanation of the parish's reason for existence**. It describes the parish's purpose and its overall intention. The mission statement supports the vision and serves to communicate purpose and direction to our parishioners. Our Pastoral and Finance Councils have defined a Mission Statement for us. It is inserted in our weekly bulletin this week. Kindly reflect on it and try to cooperate for the development of our community.
- Remaining quiet for some moments in the presence of the Lord is a concept in all religions. It makes us aware of ourselves in the sight of God. Jesus went to a deserted place and to the top of the mountain to pray with His Father. It is also the Catholic devotion to remain silent in the church, especially where-in the Blessed Sacrament is instituted. Hence starting from next week-end, January 21/22, 2023 we will have a quiet time of 10 minutes before Mass. This is a period of extreme quiet, absolute silence so you can hear a PIN-DROP. This helps us to go through the Readings of the Day from the Missal and reflect upon them for our life. I ask our entire parish to make use of these sacred moments.
- The Finance Council will update the financial status of our parish on a quarterly basis.
- · My birthday is on January 26. I was born on January 26, 1956. I ask you to kindly remember me and my family in your special prayers. Thank you all.

God bless ~ Arokia S Savio.

#### **SPECIAL THANKS:**

A Special thanks goes out to Bob Holland, Miriam and Buddy Honeycutt, Barbara and Mike Liberto, Myra and Raymond Liberto, Dorothy Mariscalco, Lynne Mariscalco, Debbie and Dr. John Speca as well as Fr. Savio who so graciously helped to decorate our church and /or remove the decorations to prepare for Ordinary Time. You certainly put your heart into making St Peter's Church beautiful and prayerful for Christmas. Once again, thank you for answering the call. ~Irene Stark, Sacristan

# **FONTANINI NATIVITY SET:**

Third Sunday in

**Ordinary Time** 

The lucky winner of the 26 piece Fontanini Nativity set that was drawn on the Feast of the Epiphany was Candace Williamson.

Congratulations! The sum of \$525 was collected to go toward purchasing a replacement for our aging nativity set used inside the church.

Thank you for your participation in this much needed endeavor. 

~Food Pantry Team

#### FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY UP-DATE:

St Peter's Food Pantry continues to be a very busy place with a steady increase in the number of individuals seeking help. During the past 4 months, September 5<sup>th</sup> to December 22, we served 410 individuals comprising of families, elderly and the homeless. These people who come to our food pantry are in need in so many ways. If we are feeling the effects of the economy how much more affected are those who come seeking help. They are always so appreciative for what they receive. We would like to thank all who contributed to the food basket project. During the months of November (Month of Gratitude) and December (Month of Giving) we were blessed to collect two large baskets of non-perishable food products as well as large monetary donation to this cause. Without your continued help this Parish Ministry would not be possible. Thank you once again for your active participation in this vital Parish Ministry.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!" ~ Helen Keller

~Food Pantry Team

#### **FAITH FORMATION MEETS JANUARY 22:**

Our Monthly class for faith formation is this weekend. Please have your children and teens attend. We will be discussing Mary as Mother of God.

### MALE CHAPERONE NEEDED:

We need a male chaperone who is 21 or older for March 3-5 for our Youth Conference in Vicksburg. Child Protection is required and can be applied for before the conference. Please contact Annette Tipton if you are able to attend.

**Collection 1-15-2023:** General Fund \$1937

Building Fund \$40 Saltillo \$220

**Next Special Collection:** Catholic Service Appeal -Feb 13

**BIRTHDAYS** 

January 21 – Krystal Hogan January 21 – Jeanie Logan January 22 – Jan Guilambo January 25 – Raymond Liberto

Ianuary 26 – Father Savio

## PRAY FOR THEM

Sister Regina Barrett, John Bell, Liz & Hollis Bloodworth, Dan Brewster, Rosa Buzzarde, Jenny Seymour Coger, Kevin Cook, Sarah Criss, Rod Crosby, Frankie Fortier, Krystle Harris, Jim Hertel, Joan Hogan, Kylee Hogan, Debra Hornady, Garth Huddleston, Norman Huddleston, Daniel Leeton, Mary Liberto, Cecilia Lucio, Robert Marascalco, Mary McCormick, Debbie Mitchell, Paul Lee Mitchell, Norma Morgan, Julie Morris, Rudy Osing, Ann Reece, Mary Seymour, Joan Stewart, The Don Tartt family, Cathy Tipton, Jesse Tilman, Pricilla Tillman, Benjamin Welch, Thomas Aguilar, Benny Aguilar, Bishop Moses.

\*\*\*To add names to the prayer list, please call the office and leave a message for Krystal, or drop a note in the collection box.

## REMEMBER!!!!

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays 5:15 – 5:45pm and by appointment.

### **Apostolate Prayer Group (ARK):**

Every Thursday after 9am Mass, a group of parishioners gather for a Lay Apostle Prayer Group (ARK) in the Religious Education building. For more information on the apostolate you can go to <a href="https://www.direction-forourtimes.com">www.direction-forourtimes.com</a> All are invited to join us. Contact Annette Tipton for more information or to have any questions answered. Annette can be reached at 985-518-5674.

<u>Christopher Harris Scholarship Trust -</u> Each January, proceeds from this trust are distributed to qualifying college students from St. Peter Parish from applications submitted the previous fall semester. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to this trust, make checks payable to, "The Catholic Foundation". Write "Chris Harris Trust" in the memo section, and mail to: Catholic Foundation, PO Box 2248, Jackson, MS 39225-2248, or place in the collection plate. You may wish to place a note in with the check designating the donation is for the Chris Harris Trust. As of January 2022, over \$15,500 has been distributed to college students of St. Peter Parish.

**Please......** check thermostats, lights, doors, and clean up when leaving our buildings. We have received some high utility bills for the Family Life Center, please turn things off, check thermostats and lights, etc.