

# SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Oak Hill, West Virginia

2021



Dec. 6 - Dec. 12,  
2021

Third Sunday of Advent  
Gaudete Sunday



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## Liturgical Schedules

### Christmas Schedule

#### Masses :

#### Weekday Masses : Tuesdays to Thursdays

Confessions 4:15 - 5:15p.m.

Adult Parish Mass 5:30p.m.

School Mass: Fridays 8:30a.m.

#### Vigil Mass: Saturday Evening

Confessions 4:15 - 5:15p.m.

Adult Parish Mass 5:30p.m.

#### Sunday Masses:

8:00 and 10:30a.m.

## Week of Mass Readings:

Dec. 6 - 12, 2021

### **Dec. 6— Monday – St. Nicholas, Bishop**

Is. 35: 1 - 10; Ps. 85: 9ab, 10 - 14; Lk. 5: 17 - 26

### **Dec. 7 – Tuesday – St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

Is. 40: 1 - 11; Ps. 96: 1 - 3, 10ac, 11 - 13; Mt. 18: 12 - 14

### **Dec. 8 – Wednesday - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feast of the USA)**

Gen. 3: 9 - 15, 20; Ps. 98: 1 - 4; Eph. 1: 1: 3 - 6, 11 - 12; Lk. 1: 26 - 38

### **Dec. 9— Thursday -St. Juan Diego**

Is. 41: 13 - 20; Ps. 145: 1, 9 - 13b; Mt. 11: 11 - 15

### **Dec. 10 – Friday – Our Lady of Loreto/Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Is. 48: 17 - 19; Ps. 1: 1 - 4, 6; Mt. 11: 16 - 19

### **Dec. 11 – Saturday – Advent Weekday/BVM**

Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent

### **Dec. 12– Sunday - Third Sunday in Advent**

(Gaudete/Rejoice Sunday) (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Zep. 3: 14 - 18a; Ps. (Isaiah) 12: 2 - 6;

Phil. 4: 4 - 7; Lk. 3: 10 - 18

## This Week's Mass Intentions

<b>Sat. Dec. 4</b> <b>5:30p.m.</b>	<b>Vigil</b> †M/M Theodore Dixon by, M/M Marvin Vandall
<b>Sun. Dec. 5</b> <b>8:00a.m.</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> †Fonce DiCostantina by, Steve & Debbie Hatcher
<b>10:30a.m.</b>	For All Parishioners
<b>Tue. Dec. 7</b> <b>5:30p.m.</b>	†Terri Lyn Harvey by Art & Mary Gonzales
<b>Wed. Dec. 8</b> <b>5:30p.m.</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception</b> <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b> †Mary & William Neudek by, Victoria Neudek Leach
<b>Thu. Dec. 9</b> <b>5:30p.m.</b>	†Rosemary Coyle by, Alan & Kathryn Wickline
<b>Fri. Dec. 10</b> <b>5:30p.m.</b>	†Mark Caldwell by Ron & Anna Sheehan
<b>Sat. Dec. 11</b> <b>5:30p.m.</b>	<b>Vigil</b> †Deceased Family Members by, Paula Lagos
<b>Sun. Dec. 12</b> <b>8:00a.m.</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> †Joyce Lokant by, Glenn & Dianne Murphy



Now Streaming our 10:30a.m. Mass service on our Facebook Page!

Look for **Spss Church** (account Name) and click on the link.

### Sacraments:

Anointing of Sick/Last Rites & visiting of the sick/homebound - please notify Fr. Tony at (707-812-0084).

### Baptism:

After proper Instructions - contact Fr. Tony to make arrangements.

### Marriage:

After proper instructions, Pre-Cana seminars, contact Fr. Tony **6 months in advance** before date of marriage.

### Scheduled Second Collection: **December**

**December 12, 2021 Retirement Fund for Religious**  
Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious write, " I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us & how they instilled in us the love of faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, & religious order priests. Your gift helps provide care, medicine, & more. Please be generous.

## School Notes and News

### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 2021 - 2022 PRE - K TO GRADE 6

Sts. Peter & Paul School is now open for enrollment for the school year 2021-2022. We invite all to call us (304-465-5045) or come for a tour of our school and what we offer. This school has a high level of success records among our alumni. Many are very successful people today.

Mrs. Hall, who was our 1/2 grade teacher for six years (2014-2020), passed away. Mrs. Hall dedicated the last 6 years of her career to Ss. Peter & Paul School, and we are forever grateful to her. Her daughter, Mrs. McClure, taught 3/4 grade in 2019-2020 and also taught 2nd grade in 2020-2021, filling in for her mom after she was diagnosed with cancer. We are not only saddened, but heartbroken. The school will be sending flowers and cards to the family, and if anyone would like to send a card or flowers to family, you may call the office for an address.

Please pray for Mrs. McClure and all of the Hall family!

### JOB POSITION AVAILABLE

Can you put the following in the bulletin: Ss. Peter and Paul School is looking for a part-time custodian. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the school at 304.465.5045 for more information.

### A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar (Luke) Second Sunday of Advent

Today's gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families. This Advent ask: "Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?"

### Last Weeks Attendance and Giving (Nov. 27/28, 2021)

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Collection</u>	<u>Combined Masses</u>
		<b>Wkly Offering</b>	<b>\$3,520.00</b>
<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>\$525.00</b>
		<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>
<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>Votives</b>	<b>\$24.00</b>
		<b>Parish Maint.</b>	<b>\$220.00</b>
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>Mass Stipends</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>
		<b>CSA</b>	<b>\$1,750.00</b>
		<b>2nd Col. Fund For Religious</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
		<b>Online</b>	<b>\$185.00</b>
		<b>Give Love, Live Love Campaign as of Oct. 29, 2021</b>	<b>\$62,462.74</b>

## **CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL 2021** *(Fund raising for the School)*

For more than a decade, the Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) of the Diocese has been providing support to ministries, services, and programs throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, as well as for parishes and missions.

**WE REACHED OUR GOAL for 2021**—(Donations are still be accepted to go to the school!)

**Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Goal for the CSA 2021: \$16,965.00**

(As of December 2, 2021 - 100% collected. That is \$18,090.00 out of the \$16,965.00)

**\*\* approximately 43 families donating \*\***

*GOAL of CSA 2021: Development of after school Programs for our Children.*

\*We have finished the 50% for the Diocese. The next 50% donation on the CSA will ALL be ours. (Goal amount of our 50% is \$8,482.50+)

### **Announcements:**

- (1) **CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Next Class will be Dec. 5, 2021 at regular time.  
**\*\*Confirmation Class: we are now firming up the dates for the guest speakers on December 12th.  
Two speakers will be coming from Marshall University**
- (2) **CYO** on Sundays from 6 - 7 pm on Sundays.
- (3) **Catholic Sharing Appeal 2021:** We reached our goal which was \$16,965.00—Our total now is \$18,090.00. Grateful and heartfelt appreciation and thanks to the 43 families and anonymous donors who have helped us. The 50% share for Sts. Peter & Paul will go to the School's After School Programs.
- (4) **Christmas and New Year Mass Schedules 2021-2022** are attached to this bulletin. Please take a look at them and if you suggest some changes, please let Fr. Tony know.
- (5) December 12—Third Sunday of Advent—Gaudete Sunday  
Rev. Deacon James Munuhe, Deacon from St. James Church in Charles Town, WV, will give the homilies for this particular Sunday. Let us welcome Deacon James. He will share his homilies for the 3 masses.
- (6) Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Regional Patronal Saint for the Americas.  
Mass in her honor will be on Friday, December 10, 2021, at 5:30p.m. instead of December 12th. (Sunday masses always take precedence). There will be a Silent Holy Hour on December 10 from 4:15—5:15pm in her honor.
- (7) For our Christmas Evening Mass on December 24th - Brother Alex White and Brother Dominic Re will be the liturgical planners for this Mass - in coordination with Mr. Andre Re, Director for Altar Servers.
- (8)  
Sts. Peter & Paul School PTO will be hosting Breakfast with St. Nick on Saturday, **December 11**, from **8:30 to 11:30 a.m.** in the School Cafeteria.

We are looking for vendors (such as baked goods, homemade jewelry, crafts, Christmas décor, etc.) to participate in this event. There will be no set up fee. We only ask that you make a donation to the school.

We have limited available space - so if you are interested, please contact the school at **304-465-5045 or Liz Campbell (PTO) 304640-6411** to reserve your spot.



Our Catholic Faith: In honor of the Immaculate Conception  
December 8, 2021

- (A) To become the Mother of the Savior, Mary “was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role” (Lumen Gentium 56). The angel Gabriel at the moment of the Annunciation salutes her as “full of grace” (Lk 1: 28). In fact, in order for Mary to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God’s grace. (CC 490)
- (B) Though the centuries the Church has become even more aware that Mary “full of grace” through God (Lk 1: 28), was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854: that “the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin” (Pius IX - Ineffabilis Deus 1854) - (CC491).



Reflection: 2nd Sunday of Advent ~ from : Rachel White

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Matthew 3:3*

It's already the Second Sunday of our Advent season and Christmas seems to be approaching fast. There's so much to do, so much hustle and bustle. Lights to hang, trees to decorate, presents to buy and wrap... the list is never ending during this time of year. Our minds can be all over the place, thinking about the next thing to do.

Today in the Gospel we hear “make straight his paths.”

There is a direct connection from each of our hearts to the heart of Jesus in heaven. Maybe it is a string—some sort of connector piece between the Lord and I. Oftentimes, that string from my heart to His seems to develop a knot or get tangled. How did the knot come to be in that connection between us?

It is not a fault of the Lord, but my own.

I tie knots in that string more often than knot. (Get it?) Distractions of the secular world seem so appealing in the moment, but in the end, make my relationship with God more complicated. Presents, decorating, baking, and all of the other distractions that come with the Christmas season are fun, yes, but how do these things help us follow the call of John the Baptist and make paths straight for the Lord?

Here is how I imagine this being put into practice:

When you learn that someone you love is pregnant, you may set aside some of your priorities to help the mother-to-be. You may bake something for their family, get them a gift, send them a card of congratulations. Do the same for Mary and the Child Jesus! Perhaps begin praying the Our Lady Undoer of Knots novena nine days before Christmas. Set aside the time to appreciate Mary's yes to the Lord, celebrate the gift of life in her womb, and prepare your heart for Jesus to enter into it, making the path straight.

Let the Lord help you to untie those knots in your string to truly make the way straight for him. He will assist you. You need only ask.

Our Lady Undoer of Knots, pray for us!

Rachel White  
Christ in the City Missionary



Mass Schedules:

**December 2021 ~ January 2022**

December 8 - Wednesday - **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Patronal Feast of the USA  
- 4:15 - 5:15p.m. Holy Hour  
- 5:30p.m. Mass

December 24 - Friday - Christmas Eve  
- 5:30p.m. Mass

December 25 - Saturday - **Nativity of Our Lord**  
- 10:30a.m. Mass (ONLY)

December 25 - Saturday - Vigil of the Holy Family  
- 5:30p.m. Mass

December 26 - Sunday - **Feast of the Holy Family**  
- 8:00a.m. Mass  
-10:30a.m. Mass

December 31 - Friday - Vigil Mass - Mary, Mother of God  
New Year's Eve  
-5:30p.m. Mass

January 1, 2022 - Saturday - **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
New Year's Mass  
-10:30a.m. Mass (ONLY)

Happy New Year

January 1, 2022 - Saturday - Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord  
-5:30p.m. Mass

January 2, 2022 - Sunday - **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**  
-8:00a.m. Mass  
-10:30a.m. Mass

January 8, 2022 - Saturday - Vigil of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord  
-5:30p.m. Mass

January 9, 2022 - Sunday - **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**  
-8:00a.m. Mass  
-10:30a.m. Mass

*End of the Christmas Season*