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Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10–14 The virgin shall be with child.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24 "Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory."

Second Reading: Romans 1:1–7 Jesus is the son of David and the Son of God.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18–24 Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife.

This Advent, we have heard Isaiah speak of the day when our misery would turn to joy, when the blind would see and the lame would walk, when the wolf and the lamb would play together, and when nations would beat their swords into plowshares. Today we hear him announce a sign: a virgin will bear a son, who will be named Emmanuel, meaning "God is with us." Let us treasure this in our hearts as we contemplate the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies in Jesus.

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022
4:30PM -† Jerome Moody, C.Ss.R. - Rb. Avis Jules

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022:
6:30AM - Brian, Garvin, and Kelvin Laurent - Rb. Christine Laurent
8:30AM-Bernadine Barnes (Blessings)- Rb. a parishioner
10:30AM- Marcus Norkaitis (Birthday) - Rb. his parents
12:15PM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022:
6:45AM - †Theodore Boschulte - Rb. Boschulte Family
9:30 AM - Funeral Mass - Anastasie Thomas

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022:
6:45AM-Joseph and Christine Laurent Rb. Christine Laurent

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022:
6:45AM -† Irene Zolli - Rb. St. Patrick's Manor Nursing Home
12:15PM- Julie, Irvin, Ross, Anicia, Sharicia, Kalicia Dominique - Rb. Julie Dominique

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2022:
6:45AM – Humphrey, Hendricks, and Larsen families Rb. Pearla Larsen and family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2022:
6:45AM - Fr. Thabang - Rb. a parishioner

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022 - Christmas Eve
4:00pm Carols followed by Christmas Vigil Mass

7:00pm Carols followed by Christmas Midnight Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022 – CHRISTMAS DAY
6:30AM SPPC People of the Parish
8:30AM SPPC People of the Parish
10:30AM SPPC People of the Parish
12:15PM SPPC People of the Parish

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1 Thessalonians 5:17

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My Jesus, I believe that You are present in all things and desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You in the Sacrament, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not permit me ever to be separated from You. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori)

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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:
Anyone wishing to have his or her wedding celebrated at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral must contact the parish office 9-12 months prior to the celebration and talk to a priest for pre-wedding counseling. Please visit our website www.cathedralvi.org or call us at 340-774-0201. The Sacrament of Marriage is generally celebrated on a Saturday between the hours of 11:00AM and 2:00PM. Please contact the parish priest if you would like a different time for your wedding. (Note that Saturday mornings are reserved for cleaning and decorating the cathedral.)

VISITING AND ANNOINTING THE SICK:
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FUNERAL MASSES:
Funeral Masses at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral are held on the designated day at 9:30AM. Please make arrangements with the Church office before the funeral home to assure availability of the date requested. The Funeral Program should read "**Christian Burial**" on the cover. If you would like a different time, please contact the parish priest. Viewings will not take place inside the cathedral. Funerals generally are not held on weekends (Saturday or Sunday). Thank you for your cooperation.

ADVENT PRAYER

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom a power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail.

Amen.

(Courtesy Catholic Online)

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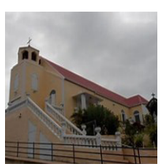

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MASSES
Weekend: Saturday 5:00PM; Sunday 8:00AM
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CONFESSION
Saturday 4:30PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We encourage the faithful to attend the **Weekday Masses at 6:45am and 12:15 p.m. on Wednesdays.**

2. **My Parish App.**, Visit Parish App to get daily information about Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral.

3. **Altar Servers will meet every Wednesday and Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at the cathedral.** We are asking others to join and parents help us help your children by having them join the choir, ushers, and altar servers. Thank you for answering the Lord's calling.

4. The Advent Recollection for the Hispanic Community will take place on **Sunday, December 18, 2022 after the 12:15 Mass.** Continue to prayer for a fulfilling recollection

5. On **December 22, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.,** the CCD Students will have their Christmas Carols at the Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral. Everyone is invited to attend.

6. **Saint Anne: A Soon to be Parish Church**
Saint Anne Chapel will be officially established a Parish in its own right distinct from the cathedral church through a canonical decree by the Most Rev. Jerome Feudjio, Bishop of the Diocese of Saint Thomas, on **December 25 of this year.** As such, **Fr. Boniface and Saint Anne community invite you to join them in prayer and at Holy Mass celebrated by the Most Rev. Jerome Feudjio on December 25 at 10:00am.**

7. The **Ushers and Greeters Ministry** is requesting your assistance as they prepare to provide refreshments for all the masses on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Any form of support would be appreciated, to make these two events extra special for our parishioners and visitors. Please feel free to contact the Church Office or Mr. Gilbert Pinney regarding your donations. Thank you in advance for your support.

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS SEASON

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022 – CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00pm: Carols
4:30pm Christmas Vigil Mass
7:00pm Carols
7:30pm: Christmas Midnight Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022 – CHRISTMAS DAY
6:30AM SPPC The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Mass
8:30AM SPPC The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Mass
10:30AM SPPC The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Mass
12:15PM SPPC The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ Mass (Spanish)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022 – NEW YEAR'S EVE:
8:00PM SPPC Holy Hour and Adoration
9:00PM SPPC Old Year's Night Mass (Bilingual)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 – NEW YEAR'S DAY
6:30AM SPPC Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
8:30AM SPPC Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
10:30AM SPPC Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
12:15PM SPPC Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Spanish)

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS!

JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER
In preparation for the 250th Anniversary of presence in this territory

Eternal Father, In this, Jubilee Year of Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, we praise you for all blessings we have received over the past 250 years of existence. We bless you for the lives of all those who throughout the centuries, have helped build this vibrant community of love and service. May they rest eternally in Your divine and merciful presence. We give thanks for all the people who gather in this Cathedral to worship you, striving to turn away from my sin and follow the teachings of the faithful disciples of your Son Jesus- Christ. May Your Holy Spirit continue to lead us on the path of faith, hope, and charity, so that in every aspect of our lives, and inspired by the example of our patron saints Peter and Paul, we may always be joyous witnesses of Jesus Christ in the world. Amen

ANUNCIOS

1. Alentamos a los fieles a asistir a las Misas de lunes a viernes a las 6:45 a.m. y 12:15 p.m. los miércoles.

2. My Parish App., Visite Parish App para obtener información diaria sobre la Catedral de los Santos Pedro y Pablo.

3. Los monaguillos se reunirán todos los miércoles y sábados a las 3:30 p.m. en la catedral. Estamos pidiendo a otros que se unan, y los padres nos ayudan a ayudar a sus hijos haciendo que se unan al coro, ujieres y monaguillos.

4. La Recolección de Adviento para la Comunidad Hispana tendrá lugar el domingo 18 de diciembre de 2022 después de la Misa de las 12:15.

5. El 22 de diciembre de 2022, a las 4:00 p.m., los estudiantes de CCD tendrán sus villancicos en la Catedral de San Pedro y San Pablo.

6. Santa Ana: una Iglesia Parroquial.
La Capilla de Santa Ana se establecerá oficialmente como una parroquia por derecho propio distinta de la iglesia catedral a través de un decreto canónico del Reverendísimo Jerome Feudjio, Obispo de la Diócesis de Santo Tomás, el 25 de diciembre de este año. Como tal, el P. Bonifacio y la comunidad de Santa Ana lo invitan a unirse a ellos en oración y en la Santa Misa celebrada por el Reverendísimo Jerome Feudjio el 25 de diciembre a las 10:00 a.m.

7. El Ministerio de Ujieres y Saludadores está solicitando su ayuda mientras se preparan para proporcionar refrigerios para después de las misas el día de Navidad y Año Nuevo. Cualquier forma de apoyo sería apreciada, para hacer que estos dos eventos sean muy especiales para nuestros feligreses y visitantes. No dude en ponerse en contacto con la Oficina de la Iglesia o con el Sr. Gilbert Pinney con respecto a sus donaciones. Gracias de antemano por su apoyo.

Próxima temporada navideña
Sábado 24 de diciembre de 2022 – Nochebuena
4:00pm: Villancicos
4:30pm Misa de Vigilia de Navidad
7:00pm Villancicos
7:30pm: Misa de Medianoche de Navidad

Domingo, 25 de diciembre de 2022 – Día de Navidad
6:30AM SPPC La Misa de la Natividad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo
8:30AM SPPC La Natividad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo Misa
10:30AM SPPC La Natividad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo Misa
12:15PM SPPC Misa de la Natividad de nuestro Señor Jesucristo (Español)

Sábado, 31 de diciembre de 2022 – Nochevieja:
8:00PM SPPC Hora Santa y Adoración
9:00PM SPPC Misa de la Noche de Año Viejo (Bilingüe)

DOMINGO, 1 de enero de 2023 – Día de Año Nuevo
6:30AM SPPC Solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios
8:30AM SPPC Solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios
10:30AM SPPC Solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios
12:15PM SPPC Solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios (Español)

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IV DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Primera lectura Is 7, 10-14
En aquellos tiempos, el Señor le habló a Ajaz diciendo: "Pide al Señor, tu Dios, una señal de abajo, en lo profundo o de arriba, en lo alto". Contestó Ajaz: "No la pediré. No tentaré al Señor". Entonces dijo Isaías: "Oye, pues, casa de David: ¿No satisfechos con cansar a los hombres, quieren cansar también a mi Dios? Pues bien, el Señor mismo les dará por eso una señal: He aquí que la virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo y le pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel, que quiere decir Dios-con-nosotros".

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 23, 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6
R. (7c y 10b) Ya llega el Señor, el rey de la gloria.

Segunda lectura: Rom 1, 1-7
Yo, Pablo, siervo de Cristo Jesús, he sido llamado por Dios para ser apóstol y elegido por él para proclamar su Evangelio. Ese Evangelio, que, anunciado de antemano por los profetas en las Sagradas Escrituras, se refiere a su Hijo, Jesucristo, nuestro Señor, que nació, en cuanto a su condición de hombre, del linaje de David, y en cuanto a su condición de espíritu santificador, se manifestó con todo su poder como Hijo de Dios, a partir de su resurrección de entre los muertos. Por medio de Jesucristo, Dios me concedió la gracia del apostolado, a fin de llevar a los pueblos paganos a la aceptación de la fe, para gloria de su nombre. Entre ellos, también se cuentan ustedes, llamados a pertenecer a Cristo Jesús. A todos ustedes, los que viven en Roma, a quienes Dios ama y ha llamado a formar parte de su pueblo santo, les deseo la gracia y la paz de Dios, nuestro Padre, y de Jesucristo, el Señor.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio: Mt 1, 23
R. Aleluya, aleluya.
He aquí que la virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo,
y le pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel,
que quiere decir Dios-con-nosotros.
R. Aleluya.

Evangelio: Mt 1, 18-24
Cristo vino al mundo de la siguiente manera: Estando María, su madre, desposada con José, y antes de que vivieran juntos, sucedió que ella, por obra del Espíritu Santo, estaba esperando un hijo. José, su esposo, que era hombre justo, no queriendo ponerla en evidencia, pensó dejarla en secreto.

Mientras pensaba en estas cosas, un ángel del Señor le dijo en sueños: "José, hijo de David, no dudes en recibir en tu casa a María, tu esposa, porque ella ha concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo. Dará a luz un hijo y tú le pondrás el nombre de Jesús, porque él salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados".

Todo esto sucedió para que se cumpliera lo que había dicho el Señor por boca del profeta Isaías: He aquí que la virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo, a quien pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel, que quiere decir Dios-con-nosotros.

Cuando José despertó de aquel sueño, hizo lo que le había mandado el ángel del Señor y recibió a su esposa.

SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:
December 18, 2022 - **Youth Ministry**
December 25, 2022 **- Christmas**

OFFERTORY / OFERTORIO

Last week's offertory amounted to:
La ofrenda de la semana pasada sumó a:
December 11, 2022

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DAILY READINGS
FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 18, 2022
First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24: 1-6
Second Reading: Romans 1: 1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24

Monday, December 19, 2022
First Reading: Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25a
Gospel: Luke 1: 5-25

Tuesday, December 20, 2022
First Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-14
Gospel: 1: 26-38

Wednesday, December 21, 2022
Saint Peter Canisius
First Reading: Song 2: 8-14/Zephaniah 3: 14-18a
Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45

Thursday, December 22, 2022
First Reading: 1 Samuel 1: 24-28
Gospel: Luke 1: 46-56

Friday, December 23, 2022
Saint John of Kanty
First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-24
Gospel: Luke 1: 57-66

Saturday, December 24, 2022
Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
Second Reading: Acts: 13: 16-17, 22-25
Gospel: Matthew 1: 1-25 or 1: 18-25

RECOMMENDED PRACTICES FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Please be aware that during the COVID-19 pandemic, we recommend the following practices:

1. **Wear a face covering in the cathedral.**
2. **Sanitize your hands.**
3. **Attempt to maintain a social distance of six feet.**
4. **Consider receiving Holy Communion in the hand.**

OUR CHURCH AND OUR SCHOOL ARE SAFE ENVIRONMENTS:
We are all committed to the protection of the children in our institutions. **If you notice any harmful behavior toward our children, do not hesitate to contact us as soon as possible.** Thank you.