



***SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH***

***219 ADAMS AVENUE  
MONTGOMERY, AL 36104***

***DECEMBER 15, 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT***



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***MASS SCHEDULE***

**Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
Confession 3:30-4:15 PM  
Sunday: 7:00 & 10:30  
AM  
Tuesday-Friday: 12:10  
PM  
Confessions 11:45-Noon  
Holy Days: 12:10 PM &  
5:30 PM**



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**Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday—8:30 AM—4:00 PM**

## Order of Worship

December 15, 2024

Prelude:	<b>Savior of the Nations, Come</b>	Bach
Entrance:	<b>Lift Up Your Heads</b>	SMH #615
Scripture Readings:		TM page 26
Responsorial Psalm:		TM page 26
<b>Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel</b>		
Gospel Acclamation:		TM page 27
Presentation:	<b>Creator of the Stars of Night</b>	SMH #497
Holy:		SMH #193
Mystery of Faith:		SMH #196
Save us Savior, of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free		
Amen:		SMH #197
Agnus Dei:		SMH #198
Communion Music:	<b>Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure</b>	Burkhardt
(4:30 p.m. & 7:00 a.m.)		
<b>Lo, How a Rose</b>		
(10:30 a.m.)		
Praetorius		
Closing:	<b>Hail To The Lord's Anointed</b>	SMH #554
Postlude:	<b>An Advent Postlude</b>	Callahan

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT-12/14-15

Zephaniah 3:14-18a  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:10-18

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT-12/21-22

Micah 5:1-4a  
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45

### DECEMBER 15

Lector: Gary Parker  
Comm. Leon Barwick  
Ministers: Rockie Johnston  
John Johnstron

### DECEMBER 22

Lector: John Martello  
Comm. Gary Parker  
Ministers: Rockie Johnston  
Lucy Morgan



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND** If you would like to make a donation in memory or in honor of someone, fill out the form located in the back of the Church. Each memorial or honorarium is \$10 each. Please make your check payable to **St. Anne's Guild** and place in either the envelope provided in your tithing box or use the Supplemental Envelope and check the box next to "Other" and write Christmas Flowers on the line beside it. You can place these in the collection basket or mail to the church office. **The deadline for donations is December 19th.** Your donation of these poinsettias will make the Church even more beautiful at Christmas time.



**PLEASE CONSIDER** making a donation to our Building Fund as a Christmas offering or an end of year donation. Designate your donation for the 'Building Fund' and place it in the collection basket.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday, Dec 15	7:00	Rhoda & Arthur Chromey (D)
	10:30	PRO POPULO
Monday, Dec 16	12:10	NO MASS
Tuesday, Dec 17	12:10	Cheryl Speake (D)
Wednesday, Dec 18	12:10	Cheryl Speake (D) & Howard Cobb (L)
Thursday, Dec 19	12:10	Howard Cobb (L)
Friday, Dec 20	12:10	Haywood D. Farrell, Sr. (D)
Saturday, Dec 21	4:30	Patricia Ferguson Potter (L)

**RELIGIOUS ARTICLE/JEWELRY SALE** will run thru this weekend. If you haven't already purchased some of the Religious Articles or Jewelry, you still have time. Just visit the shoppe after each Mass and see what is still available.

**PLEASE JOIN US EACH SUNDAY** at 9 AM in the Knights Room located on the 2nd floor of the school building. Steve McCary will be teaching from the book, "Breath of God", 'Living a life led by the Holy Spirit'. Steve will be going over the chapters, "The Spirit is Unlimited" and "The Spirit Adopts Us." If you have any questions, please call Steve at 202-0854.

**PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE** if you know of someone who is sick at home or in the hospital and would like Fr. Maria to come visit and bring them Communion.

**MONTGOMERY CATHOLIC** is seeking substitute teachers for all campuses. There will be a substitute teacher training on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the High School Campus (5350 Vaughan Road). A Child Protection Training class will follow at 6:30 PM. If you would like to attend substitute training, please contact Christy Binns for more information at [cbinns@montgomerycatholic.org](mailto:cbinns@montgomerycatholic.org).



**ATTENTION ALL CHILI LOVERS!! JOIN US FOR THE ST. PETER ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF CONTEST, JANUARY 18TH AFTER THE 5:30 PM MASS.** Bring your appetite and a pot of your favorite chili to share with the crowd. Desserts and cornbread donations are also welcome! Come join us for a really fun evening and see if your chili brings home a prize (A BRAND NEW CHEVY!!; HA!HA!, JUST JOSHIN'), but you can gain bragging rights from the parish.

**THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL** continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles. The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Peter Parish. We encourage you to join our parish family by completing a Registration form located in the vestibule of the Church. You can bring your registration form to the Church office or drop it in the collection basket.

### Active Membership is determined by:

- Registration in the parish
- Faithful attendance at Sunday Masses & Holy Days
- Support of the parish through time, talent & treasures



## JUBILEE 2025—PILGRIMS OF HOPE

### *The Jubilee Prayer*

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the power of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace in our Redeemer through the earth. To you, our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever.

Amen

## ST. PETER ADULT EDUCATION—2025

Jan. 12 Catholic Influence on Sports Fr. James Dean  
Feb. 16 Gueranger – The Birth of Modern Liturgy  
Bill Dean  
Mar. 9 Romano Guardini Dr. Doug Davis  
Apr. 13 The Catholic response to Child Trafficking  
Deacon Jerry Conrad  
May 11 The Foreign Missions Fr. Maria

Classes begin at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Refreshments to follow the talk.

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

**DECEMBER 28/29—ST. VINCENT DE PAU**

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**4:00 PM AND 9:00 PM MASS**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**9:00 AM MASS**

**NEW'S YEAR EVE**  
**NO 12:10 PM MASS**  
**5:30 PM MASS**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
**9:00 AM MASS**

## DECEMBER 8, 2024 - STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY REPORT

2024 Budget	\$310,000.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,961.54
Budget to date	\$ 272,517.17
Collections to date	\$ 267,844.42
Collection last week	\$ 6,770.00 (Regular Envelope Tithes)
	\$ 50.00 (PayPal)
	\$ 6,820.00

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