

*A Place to Share God's Word, Faith, Family Life & Fellowship*  
St. Peter Claver St. Pius V Catholic Church – “One in the Spirit”



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### December 24, 2023

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:30 a.m.

#### **DAILY MASSES**

Mondays 8:00 a.m.  
Tuesdays 8:00 a.m.  
Thursdays 8:00 a.m.  
Fridays 8:00 a.m.

#### **HOLY DAYS**

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#### **Religious Education**

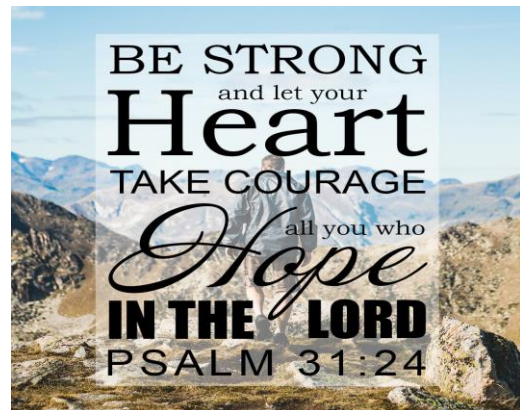
Elementary & First Communion  
Sundays: Immediately following Mass

High School & Confirmation  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays – 11:00 a.m.

RCIA – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays – 7 p.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays – 11 a.m.

#### **Baptism & Marriage Preparation**

By Appointment



*Thank You!*

For delighting us with your presence. We hope you will come again!

*“The Lord is near to all who call out to him,  
to all who call out to him sincerely.”*

**Psalm 145:18**

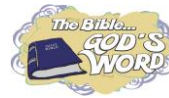
# PASTOR'S CORNER

“In life, you can only do your best, not someone else’s best!! Your best may not be the best for another person!! But once it’s your best, it’s good enough!! And when you’ve done your best, take a deep breath, relax and be happy even if there are some who want you to think/feel you are a failure!!”

## Upcoming Events/Meetings

**December 28** – Health & Wellness Exercise  
**January 4** – Health & Wellness Exercise  
**January 7** – Elementary PREP/RCIA/Sodality Meeting  
**January 8** – Exercise with Young Adults  
**January 11** – Health & Wellness Exercise

## Weekly Readings



**Sunday:** 2 Ssmuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29/ Romans 16:25-27/ Luke 1:26-38  
**Monday:** Isiah 62:11-12/ Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12/ Titus 3:4-7/ Luke 2:15-20  
**Tuesday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/ Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17/ Matthew 10:17-22  
**Wednesday:** 1 John 1:1-4/ Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/ John 20:1a, 2-8  
**Thursday:** 1 John 1:5—2:2/ Psalm 124:2-5, 7cd-8/ Matthew 2:13-18  
**Friday:** 1 John 2:3-11/ 96:1-2a-3, 5b-6/ Luke 2:22-35  
**Saturday:** 1 John 2:12-17/ Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/ Luke 2:36-40

## PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-IN OF OUR PARISH

Alfreda Butler	Catherine Case	Bridget Chase	Ellen Dutton
Sylvia Ford	Debbie Holly	Melvinda Jones	Mary Malachi
Warren Nixon	Shirley Payne	Cecelia Price	Romaine Price
Anthony Scales	Norma Shaw	Bessie Wilson	

**December 16 & 17**  
Total Attendance - 107  
Total Collections -\$3,987  
Year to date Collections -\$261,196.81

## Fourth Week of Advent - Love



Love is the central theme of the fourth Sunday of Advent, particularly the love that God has for the world, Christ has for each and every one of us, and we have for our neighbors. The fourth candle on the advent wreath is called the Angel's Candle, and it is purple once more. The angel's words, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors," are symbolized by this candle.

Jesus gave a unique type of love to this world when he came. This is unconditional, kind, and selfless love. He accepts us for who we truly are. His love is unaffected by our situation. It is a love that meets us exactly where we are in life and takes us farther than we could ever go by ourselves. He offers us his love so that we could return the favor in the same selfless, caring, and unconditional manner that he showed it to us. He claims that this love will serve as our brand. It will set us apart as Jesus' disciples.

The world around you sees Jesus in your actions. Love is something you may give or withhold. Ask him to fill your heart with an abundance of his own love so that you can give it away when circumstances make it difficult to give it.

This week, as you approach Christmas, remember what makes you unique as a follower of Jesus. When you engage with others, ask for his love to be apparent in both your words and deeds. Try to infuse relationships and circumstances with harmony and balance. Be genuinely interested in what others have to say. When you interact with people in your circle, ask for a graciousness that comes from his Spirit.



Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. *Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.*

# OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION

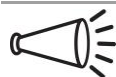
**Evening Prayer Vigil for Lives Lost to Homicide** - A coalition of public, private and faith-based partners will hold a one-hour evening prayer vigil on Wednesday, Dec. 27 to remember the lives lost to homicide this year and plead for an end to violence. Meet at 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Monastery Parish at 3801 Old Frederick Road for the 10 – 15 minute walk to My Brother's Keeper. Hot chocolate and fellowship will be offered afterward at the Catholic Charities resource center.

**Seek the City to Come** - For the past year, parishioners throughout the city have showed up to participate in open/public gatherings. This mission has been a yearlong listening journey to engagement all 61 parishes in the City and Eastern vicariate, and your time to help reshape the new model for our city church is NOW!! Your VOICE MATTERS.....and your City Church needs You! Please sign up at <https://bit.ly/4aoxMYj> for the January 7th City-wide Visioning Workshop at St. Matthew parish from 2:00pm – 5:00pm or contact Geri Byrd at [geri.byrd@archbalt.org](mailto:geri.byrd@archbalt.org).

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The Visioning Workshop for the Black Catholic Focus Group, originally scheduled for Thursday, December 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Matthew, 5401 Loch Raven Boulevard, has been moved to January 17, 2024. Register for this event at <https://bit.ly/stc-bcfg> or email [OBCM@archbalt.org](mailto:OBCM@archbalt.org)

**11th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr./Msgr. Edward M. Miller Peace Walk** – Join Archbishop Lori and Bishops Lewandowski and Madden for the peace walk on January 15, at noon at St. Bernardine's Church, 3800 Edmondson Avenue.



You have three (3) ways to submit bulletin items/church announcements: email to [saintpeterpius@gmail.com](mailto:saintpeterpius@gmail.com); contact form on the church's website; or text to (443)527-5478. All announcements must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

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