***St. Peter The Apostle Catholic Church***

*Schedule of Masses and Services*

*Advent and Christmas Seasons 2024-25*

**December 1 First Sunday of Advent**

 Blessing of Advent Wreath at the end of the Prayers of the Faithful

**December 8 Second Sunday of Advent**

 Blessing of Ushers

**December 9 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

*(transferred to Dec. 9, Monday)*

 **(***holy day of obligation****,*** *Mass at 9AM)*

**December 11 Parish Advent Reconciliation Service** *(Wednesday)*

 *Service at 7PM*

**December 15 Third Sunday of Advent**

Blessing of Readers (After Homily)

Bambinelli Blessing, Bring Baby Jesus from Nativity scene*(After Post-Communion Prayer)*

**December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Blessing of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

**Dec. 23-Jan. 3**Office is closed

 *Office reopens on January 6, 2025*

**December 24 Christmas Vigil Mass** *(Tuesday)*

 *Mass at 7PM*

**December 25 Christmas Day** *(Wednesday)*

*Mass at 8AM*

**December 26-27*****No Weekday Masses***

*Weekday Masses resume on December 31, 2024*

**January 1, 2025 Solemnity of Mary, the holy Mother of God**

*(holy day of obligation, Mass at 9AM)*

 Bambinelli Blessing

* We introduced in the parish the Vatican tradition of blessing Nativity scene figure of the Baby Jesus (Bambinelli in Italian). The tradition was started by Pope Paul VI in 1969 and ever since, the Bambinelli blessing has been given by the Pope during Third Sunday of Advent. We ask every household in our parish to bring the Baby Jesus from their Nativity scene to the church to be blessed on Saturday, December 14th at 5:30pm Mass and Sunday, December 15th at 8:00 am Mass.
* Announce that the 8th of December is a Sunday, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The celebration, however, is transferred to Monday, 9th of December. **It is a holy day of obligation**. The Mass is at 9:00am.
* Announce that the 1st of January is the Solemnity of Mary, the holy Mother of God. **It is a holy day of obligation**. The Mass is at 9AM.