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Feast of the Holy Family

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – December 28, 2025

“The Holy Family models a foundational community of love.”

MASS INTENTIONS:

Thurs, Jan 1	9am	Rheal Beaulieu+ by the family Dorothy Aultman+ by Reg & Rita Gauthier
Sat, Jan 3	4pm	For Those Injured in a Serious Car Accident by Nancy Tremblay
Sun, Jan 4	9am	Giacinto Castrilli+ by Barbara & family
	11am	Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis

PRAYER LINE: *In sorrow and suffering, go straight to God with confidence, and you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed.* If you or any member of your family, or anyone you know, is sick, in distress or experiencing troubling times, we invite you to call the Parish Office to place that person on our prayer list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Len Weisflock, Nancy Tremblay, Shirley Divine, Victor Veltri, Mary Saini

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: Gord Beattie+

SCRIPTURE READINGS Dec 29 – Jan 4, 2026

Monday	1John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 <i>Fifth Day Within the Octave</i>
Tuesday	1John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40 <i>Sixth Day Within the Octave</i>
Wednesday	1John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 <i>Seventh Day Within the Octave</i>
Thursday	Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21 <i>The Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord World Day of Peace</i>
Friday	1John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 <i>St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen</i>
Saturday	1John 2:29 – 3:1-6; John 1:29-34 <i>(The Most Holy Name of Jesus)</i>
Sunday	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

The Holy Family

“After the wise men had left, an Angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you...”” Matthew 2:13

We celebrate today the feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth – it is truly a beautiful day.

“The holy family of Nazareth were totally available to God’s will. Today’s Gospel reading (cf. Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23) recalls this obedience of the righteous Joseph three times, referring to the flight to Egypt and the return to the land of Israel. Under God’s guidance, represented by the Angel, Joseph distances his family from Herod’s threats, and saves them. The Holy Family is thus in solidarity with all the families of the world forced into exile, in solidarity with all those who are compelled to abandon their own land due to repression, violence, and war.

With Mary, Jesus will exalt her greatness not so much for her role as a mother, but for her obedience to God. Jesus said: “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it” (Lk 11: 28), like Mary. And when she does not fully understand the events that involve her, Mary meditates in silence, reflects and adores the divine initiative. Her presence at the foot of the cross consecrates this total willingness.

Finally, the third person of the Holy Family, Jesus. He is the will of the Father: in Him, says Saint Paul, there was no “yes” and “no”, but only “yes” (cf. 2 Cor 1: 19).

Mary, Joseph, Jesus: the Holy Family of Nazareth which represents a choral response to the will of the Father: the three members of this family help each other reciprocally to discover God’s plan. They prayed, worked, communicated. May the Holy Family be a model for our families, so that parents and children may support each other mutually in adherence to the Gospel, the basis of the holiness of the family.” Dec.29, 2019

Let us entrust to Mary, “Queen of the Family”, all the families in the world, especially those who suffer or who are in distress, and invoke upon them her maternal protection.

Sunday December 14, 2025 \$2 202.00
Building Fund balance to date \$27 087.10

Building Fund Goal: \$100 000

Thank you for your generous contributions!



2026

Envelopes are ready to be picked up. Please call the Church office for more information: 705-472-1817 Please do not use your 2026 envelopes until January!





SOLEMNITY OF
MARY, MOTHER
OF GOD

January 1st

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Thursday, January 1st

9:00 am

Mass (St Peter's)

Epiphany

Saturday, January 3rd

4:00 pm

Mass (St Peter's)

Sunday, January 4th

9:00 am

Mass (St Peter's)

11:00 am

Mass (St Peter's)

THIS WEEK

Thursday Jan 1 **9:00AM** – New Year's Day Mass
Happy New Year!

Monday Dec 29 – Friday Jan. 2 **OFFICE CLOSED**

World Day of Peace: January 1, 2026

Theme for this year: **"Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace".**

Celebrated on January 1st every year, this Catholic feast day began in 1968 by Pope Paul VI. He asked that, "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise ... that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come." The benefits

of a peaceful society have been the emphasis of every year's World Day of Peace. Each year a specific theme is chosen by the Holy Father. **To read the message for Jan. 1st, 2026:**

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-08/pope-leo-xiv-theme-2026-world-day-peace-lev-book.html>

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St. Peter the Apostle Youth Choir

Calling all youth, ages 8+yrs!

Join us for singing, fun, and friendship!

January 16, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

Meet new friends, and enjoy a fun evening together.



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St. Peter's Church

Pope Leo – January Prayer

Intention

For Prayer With The Word Of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities,

helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



Closing of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica and Holy Mass January 6, 2026

***Jan. 6- Closing of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica** The Jubilee Year 2025 ends on January 6, 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, marking the formal conclusion of the special holy year that began on Christmas Eve 2024.

Reminder: We are still collecting stamps! Help fund



Projects for Development & Peace. Please support this initiative by simply cutting off the stamps from your envelopes without damaging the perforations. Save them in baggies/ envelopes & drop them off at the church office.

For tax purposes, any donations for the 2025 year that requires a tax receipt must be received by December 31, 2025

For those that have moved and wish a tax receipt please let the church office know of any address changes by the second week of January 2026.

Eucharistic Adoration - Spend an hour with Jesus! Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration **9:00am - 5pm** **Wednesday, January 7th** beginning at

9:00am. Everyone is invited. Please sign the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the Church and select your hour time slot as we do not want to leave Jesus alone. **The Church will remain open all day if all time slots are filled.** **Unscheduled drop-ins are welcome.**



A Celebration of Song to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 2:00 PM
Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption
480 McIntyre Street West

Come and sing beautiful hymns and listen to church choirs sing inspirational anthems!

ALL ARE WELCOME

Social will follow in Parish Hall

One Body, One Spirit

ST. JOSEPH-SCOLLARD HALL INFORMATION NIGHT

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026
(Alternate date in case of inclement weather is Wednesday, January 21)

EVENT STARTS AT 6:00PM
-DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM-

• PRINCIPAL WELCOME • INFORMATION SESSIONS • GUIDED AND SELF-GUIDED TOURS •

*** REGISTER FOR UP TO TWO SESSIONS ***

• ARTS
• ATHLETICS
• FRENCH IMMERSION
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• HOCKEY CANADA SKILLS ACADEMY

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