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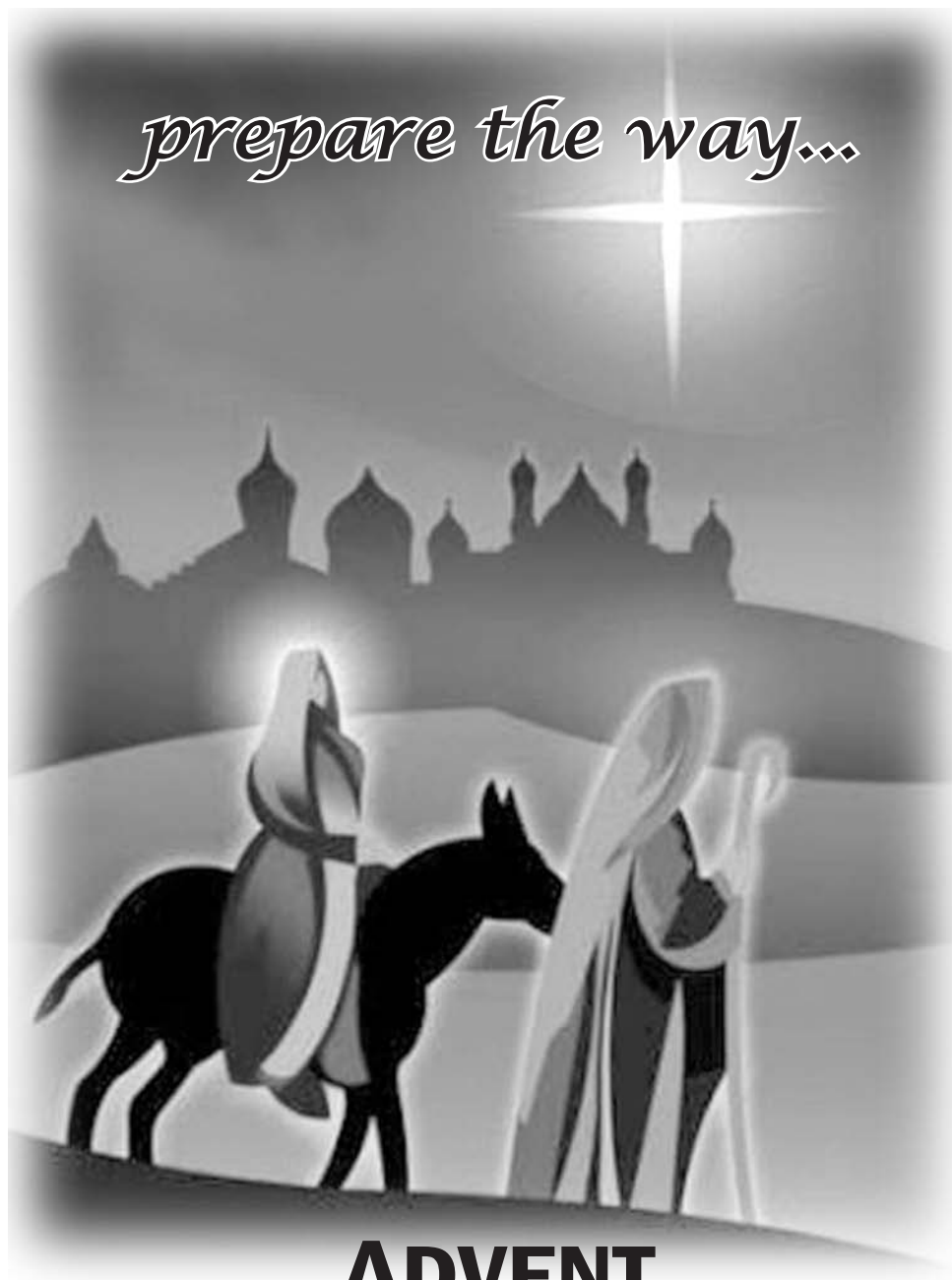
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# Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 22, 2024

“God’s ways are different from ours!”

## MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Mon, Dec 23</b>	<b>9am</b>	In Honour of St. Anthony with Requested Prayers by a Parishioner Ignacy Pelc+ by Doreen Primeau
<b>Tues, Dec 24</b> <i>(Christmas Eve)</i>	<b>5pm</b>	Gloria & Lawrence Souliere+ & Jack Veltri+ by the family Anita & John Kapitanchuk+ by the family
	<b>7pm</b>	Assunta & Marisa & Maria Amendola+ by Fernando & family
	<b>10pm</b>	Greg Birtch+ by Mom & Dad
<b>Wed, Dec 25</b>	<b>9am</b>	Tony & Alice Veltri+ by Victor Veltri & family Mary Costante+ by Victor Veltri & family Gerald Guillemette+ by Mom & Dad & family
<b>Thurs, Dec 26</b>	<b>9am</b>	Lynn (Allen) Snell+ by Wilf Marleau & family
<b>Fri, Dec 27</b>	<b>9am</b>	Vicky Villeneuve+ by Shirley Laporte
<b>Sat, Dec 28</b>	<b>4pm</b>	Evelyn Reid+ by St. Peter’s CWL Margaret Gleason+ (O’Connor) by Peter & Barb McCool
<b>Sun, Dec 29</b>	<b>9am</b>	Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis
	<b>11am</b>	Deceased Members of the Bean Family+ by Helen Alredo & Anna Celebre+ by Sophie Dahiroc

**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:** Marcel Desbiens

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:** Louise Clatworthy+

SCRIPTURE READINGS Dec 23 – Dec 29, 2024	
Monday	Malachi 3:1-4; 4:5-6; Luke 1:57-66
Tuesday	2Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,16; Luke 1:67-79 Isaiah 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17,22-25 Matthew 1:1-25 <i>The Nativity of our Lord</i>
Wednesday	Jeremiah 23 :5-8 ; Matthew 1 :18-24
Thursday	Judges 13:2-7,24-25a; Luke 1:5-25
Friday	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10d; Luke 1:26-38
Saturday	Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45
Sunday	Micah 5:2-5a Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

### Fourth Sunday of Advent



“And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.” Luke 1:45  
Let us fix our gaze Mary – a model of faith and of charity  
“The contrast is obvious between Mary, who had faith, and Zechariah, Elizabeth’s husband, who doubted, and did not believe the angel’s promise. Mary is blessed because she believed: the encounter with God is the fruit of faith.  
Faith is nourished by charity. The event of Jesus’ birth began in this way, with a simple gesture of charity; after all, authentic charity is always the fruit of God’s love. The Gospel passage about Mary’s visit to Elizabeth, which we heard at Mass today, prepares us to experience Christmas properly, by communicating to us the dynamism of faith and charity. This dynamism is the work of the Holy Spirit: the Spirit of Love who made Mary’s virginal womb fruitful and who spurred her to hasten to the service of her elderly relative. A dynamism full of joy, as seen in the encounter between the two mothers, which is entirely a hymn of joyful exultation in the Lord, who does great things with the little ones who trust in Him.” Dec.23, 2018  
“May the Virgin Mary obtain for us the grace to think of our brothers and sisters, especially those in need.”

Sunday December 15, 2024 \$3 539.60

Building Fund balance to date \$184 099.03



**Building Fund Goal: \$200 000**

*Thank you for your generous contributions!*

**2025 Envelopes** are ready to be picked up. Please call the Church office for more information: 705-472-1817 **Please do not use your 2025 envelopes until January!**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
FROM DECEMBER 25 TO JANUARY 6, 2024**

## Christmas Mass Schedule 2024



### Christmas Masses

#### Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Vigil

5:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)  
7:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)  
10:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

#### Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)  
11:30 am Mass (St. Elizabeth's)

### Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

#### Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

#### Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)  
11:00 am Mass (St Peter's)  
2:00 pm Mass (St. Elizabeth's)

### Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

#### Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)  
11:30 am Mass (St. Elizabeth's)

### Epiphany

#### Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

#### Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)  
11:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

## THIS WEEK

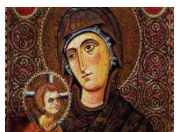
Wednesday Dec 25 **9:00AM – Christmas Mass**  
*Merry Christmas!*

Thursday Dec 26 – Friday Dec 27 **OFFICE CLOSED**



St. Peter the Apostle Youth Choir  
Calling all youth, ages 8+yrs!  
Join us for singing, fun, and friendship!  
**January 10 @ 6:30 PM**

Meet new friends, and enjoy a fun evening together.  
Special Treat: Once a month, we'll have a fun activity!  
We can't wait to see you there!



**Sundays, December 25**, the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ and **January 1**, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God are Holy Days of Obligation in Canada.

## Pope Francis – December Prayer Intention



### For Pilgrims of Hope

Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

### Jubilee of Hope: Holy Door opens on December 24<sup>th</sup> !

Only a few days remain until the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, marking the beginning of the Holy Year 2025.

The Holy Father officially opens the Holy Year with the rite of the Opening



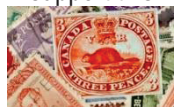
of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St. Peter at 7pm on December 24. He will then preside over the celebration of Mass on Christmas Eve inside the Basilica.

Follow the **opening of the Holy Door on December 24 at 7:00 PM (Rome time)**. All events of the Holy Year 2025 with Vatican News and Vatican Radio via Vatican News YouTube channel or Facebook Live.

**Jubilee of 2025: Tue, Dec 24, 2024 – Wed, Dec 24, 2025** Did you know? The official mobile app for the Holy Year 2025, "Iubilaeum25", is available for download!

### **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 2023 year that requires a tax receipt must be received by December 31, 2024**

**CWL News** Why belong to the Catholic Women's League? The CWL gives members the opportunity to serve God and Canada. Through standing committees, members can feel the pulse of what is happening in church and society.

**Come, join us!**

For more information: Christine Osborne @ 705-303-3808  
Merry Christmas



## Christmas Gift Cards!

**Orchards FUNDRAISING  
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Purchase a \$25 Gift Card & support St. Peter's Church

**Jubilee 2025:** Hallow has made its channels available to the Dicastery for Evangelization to promote the message of Hope that the Holy Year aims to convey to pilgrims worldwide!



The content, produced in audio and video formats, will be accessible by smartphone through the app and online through their website – [www.hallow.com](http://www.hallow.com)





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