

St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Office Hours: : Monday 9 am to 12 pm; Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 12 pm & 1 pm to 4 pm

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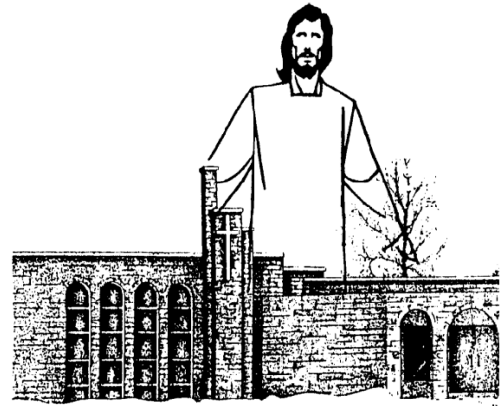
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Baptism

A program of preparation is required. Parents are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to the birth of their child. Adults wishing baptism are asked to contact the Parish Office.

Marriage

Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the wedding. A preparation course is required.

Visitation of the Sick

If any member of your family is sick at home or in the hospital, please call and let us know. If you are confined to home, and would like to receive Communion on Sunday, please call the Office before 3:00 pm on Thursday.

Prayers for the Sick

If you or any member of your family is sick, in distress or experiencing troubling times, we invite you to call the Parish office to place that person on our prayer list.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

For Weekday Mass Schedule please see inside bulletin.

Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:00 - 3:30pm; or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

First Wednesday of each month 9:30 am-5:00 pm.

Children's Liturgy

Each Sunday at the 9:00 am Mass from September to June. All children (beginning from Jr. Kindergarten) are welcome.

Welcome to St. Peter's

We warmly welcome new parishioners to our parish. You are asked to register by completing a registration form. Forms are available in the Entrance or from the Parish Office.



PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS



Third Sunday of Advent – December 15, 2024

“The Lord rejoices over us!”

MASS INTENTIONS:

Mon, Dec 16	9am	Jean Tremblay+ by Nancy Tremblay Marie Buchanan+ by the family
Tues, Dec 17	9am	Shirley McKellar+ by Kathleen Walsh & Victor Hopper Intentions of Natalie Woron with Birthday Blessings by Mom & Dad
Wed, Dec 18	9am	Intentions of the Family of Louise Wall+ by Endow Intentions of Karen Sherry by Pat Anderson Intentions of Pat & Louise Barker by Pat Anderson
Thurs, Dec 19	9am	Aurele Lemire+ by Roger & Yvonne Guillemette
Fri, Dec 20	9am	Int. of Ross & Noreen & prayers for healing by Lorraine Downey
Sat, Dec 21	4pm	Rocco Venditti+ by Concetta Berardi Verl & Blanche Robinson+ by Joan Waugh & family
Sun, Dec 22	9am	Harold Boell+ by the family Virginia Repaci+ by Domenic & family Gerard Lefebvre+ by Jerome & Barb Lefebvre
	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:

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: Gordon Carey+ & Guido Laval+

SCRIPTURE READINGS Dec 16 – Dec 22, 2024

Monday	Numbers 24:2-7,15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27
Tuesday	Genesis 49:2,8-10; Matthew 1:1-17
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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday December 8, 2024 \$2 282.30

Building Fund balance to date \$183 619.03

Building Fund Goal: \$200 000

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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!



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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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent



“The crowds...asked him, “What should we do?” Luke 3:10

Three questions – “What should we do?”. Three answers for an identical path of repentance.

“It is the path that Jesus points to in all His preaching: the path of diligent love for neighbour.

No category of people is excluded from following the path of repentance to obtain salvation, not even the tax collectors...God is anxious to show mercy, to show it towards everyone, and to welcome each one into the tender embrace of reconciliation and forgiveness.

We feel that this question – “What shall we do?” – is ours also. It is necessary to repent, to change direction and take the path of justice, solidarity, sobriety: these are the essential values of a fully human and genuinely Christian life. Repent!

The Liturgy of this Third Sunday of Advent helps us to rediscover a special dimension of repentance: joy. It takes courage to speak of joy, which, above all, requires faith! Christians are a joyful people, and their joy is not something superficial and ephemeral, but deep & stable, because it is a gift from the Lord that fills life. Our joy comes from the certainty that “the Lord is at hand” (Phil 4:5); He is close with His tenderness, His mercy, His forgiveness and His love.” ,Dec.13, 2015

“May the Virgin Mary help us to strengthen our faith, so that we are able to welcome the God of joy, the God of mercy, who always wants to live in the midst of His children. “



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 21st

4:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

Sunday, December 22nd

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

11:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

Monday, December 23rd

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

Tuesday, December 24th

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

Christmas Masses

Tuesday, December 24th – Vigil

5:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

7:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

10:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

Wednesday, December 25th – 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 28th

4:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

Sunday, December 29th

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 1st

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

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

Epiphany

Saturday, January 4th

4:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

Sunday, January 5th

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

11:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday December 25th until Monday January 6th, 2024.



St. Peter the Apostle Youth Choir

Calling all youth, ages 8+yrs!

Join us for singing, fun, and friendship!

December 20 @ 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!

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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday Dec 15 **6:30PM – Parish Mission & Social**

Tues Dec 17 **9:15AM – St. Luke's School Mass**

Wed Dec 18 **9:45AM – Rosary Cenacle**
1:30PM – Knights (4th Degree)

Thursday Dec 19 **11:30AM – St. Hubert's School Mass**
1:30PM – Choir Practice (11AM)
6:30PM – Choir Practice (9AM)

Friday Dec 20 **6:30PM – Youth Choir**

Saturday Dec 21 **3:00-3:30PM – Confession**

Jubilee of Hope: Holy Door opens on December 24th !



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 is a gift of faith, friendship and support, offering leadership development and affirmation. Come, join us! For more information: Christine Osborne @ 705-303-3808
Congratulations to all the Service Pin recipients. Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed our Christmas Gathering.



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