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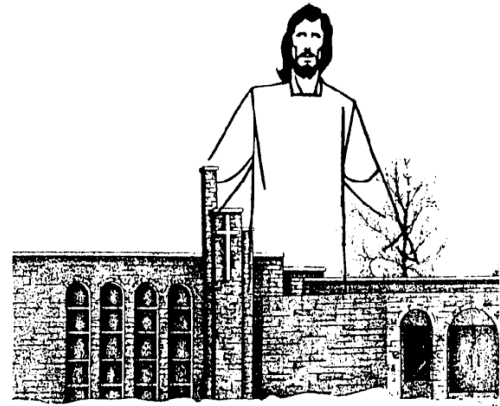
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Baptism

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

Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30pm; or by appointment.
By appointment only from May to August.

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 14, 2025

“Lord, come and save us.”

MASS INTENTIONS:

Mon, Dec 15	9am	Rheal Beaulieu+ by the Family
Tues, Dec 16	9:15am	Dorothy Aultman+ by Doreen Primeau
Wed, Dec 17	9am	In Honour of St. Joseph & In Gratitude for Favours Received by Paula Brito & Vitor Ferreira
Thurs, Dec 18	9am	Int of Patrick Floegel with Prayers for Healing by Eithne dePencier
Fri, Dec 19	9am	Int of Owen Wells with Prayers for Healing by Nancy Tremblay
Sat, Dec 20	9am	Int of Barbara McCool & Prayers for Healing by a Parishioner
	4pm	Int of Katie Laporte & Prayers for Healing by Lorraine Downey & Greg Godin
Sun, Dec 21	9am	Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis
	11am	Judy Duchesne+ by Dan Clement Robert Côté+ by Marga & Family

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, Flo Travis, Shirley Divine, Victor Veltri, Mary Saini

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:

SCRIPTURE READINGS <i>Dec 15 – Dec 21, 2025</i>	
Monday	Numbers 24:2-7,15-17a; Matt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13; Matt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Genesis 49:2,8-10; Matthew 1:1-17
Thursday	Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-24
Friday	Judges 13:2-7,24-25a; Luke 1:5-25
Saturday	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10d; Luke 1:26-38
Sunday	Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent



“Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Matthew 11:2

Indeed, John, hearing of Jesus’ works, is seized with doubt as to whether He is really the Messiah or not.

“John is in prison. In prison there is darkness, there is no possibility of seeing clearly and seeing beyond it. In effect, the Baptist is no longer able to recognize Jesus as the awaited Messiah.

This means that even the greatest believer goes through the tunnel of doubt. God is always greater than we imagine Him to be. His works are surprising compared to our calculations; His actions are different, always, they exceed our needs and expectations; and therefore, we must never stop seeking Him. This is what the Baptist does - in doubt, he still seeks Him, questions Him, “argues” with Him and finally rediscovers Him. John, defined by Jesus as the greatest among those born of women (cf. Mt 11:11), teaches us, in short, not to close God within our own mindsets.

Advent, then is a time for overturning our perspectives, for letting ourselves be surprised by God’s mercy. It is a time to leave behind certain preconceptions and prejudices about God and our brothers and sisters.”
Dec.11, 2022

May Our Lady take us by the hand, like a mother, in these days of preparation for Christmas, and help us recognize in the smallness of the Infant the greatness of God who is coming.

Sunday December 7, 2025 \$2 850.20
Building Fund balance to date \$26 617.10



Building Fund Goal: \$100 000
Thank you for your generous contributions!

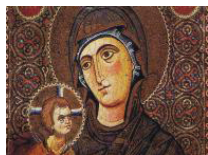
2026 Envelopes are ready to be picked up. Please call the Church office for more information: 705-472-1817 Please do not use your 2026 envelopes until January!



Christmas Gift Cards!

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 20th

4:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

Sunday, December 21st

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

11:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

Monday, December 22nd

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

Tuesday, December 23rd

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

Christmas Masses

Wednesday, December 24th – Vigil

5:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

7:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

10:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

Thursday, 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 27th

4:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

Sunday, December 28th

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

Thursday, January 1st

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

11:30 am Mass (St. Elizabeth'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)

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday

December 25th, 2025 until Monday January 5th, 2026.



THIS WEEK

Tues Dec 16 **9:15AM** – St. Luke's School

Wed Dec 17 **9:30AM** – Rosary Cenacle

1:30PM – Knights - 4th Degree

Thursday Dec 18 **12:00PM** – St. Hubert School

6:30PM – Choir Practice (9AM)

Friday Dec 19 **1-3PM** – NPSC Staff Christmas Luncheon

Saturday Dec 20 **3:00-3:30PM** – **Confession**

Sunday Dec 21 **2:00PM** – **Children's Christmas Party**

Pope Leo – December Prayer Intention

For Christians In Areas of Conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.



Closing of the Holy Door of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major and Holy Mass Dec. 25, 2025

***Dec. 27 -Closing of the Holy Door of the Basilica of Saint John Lateran**

***Dec 28 -Closing of the Holy Door of the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls**

***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



2025 Advent Mission: Carol of Nine Lessons

Please join us for an evening of scripture readings and hymns! What better way to prepare our hearts for Christmas!

Mission Date: Sunday December 14th @ 6:30pm

We look forward to spending the evening with you! Food Provided in the Hall Afterwards!



Children's Christmas Party – Dec 21st @ 2pm

St. Peter the Apostle Church

All are invited for Christmas fun & games Food will be provided

Sponsored by the St. Peter's Knights of Columbus



The St. Peter's Giving Tree

All gifts are due back to the parish office this week! Deadline for gifts is **Monday, Dec. 15th.**



St. Peter the Apostle Youth Choir

Calling all youth, ages 8+yrs!

Join us for singing, fun, and friendship!

December 19, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

Meet new friends, and enjoy a fun evening together.

Morning Eucharistic Adoration

Join us for Weekday Adoration during Advent!

8:00–9:00 AM — Adoration

9:00 AM — Mass

Prepare your heart for Christmas.

*****Adoration on 9 AM Weekday Mass days only.*****





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