

# 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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## Pastor - Father Francis Chidi Ezenezi

Administrative Assistant - Dawn Marie Duffy

### Permanent Deacons

Deacon M. Ketter

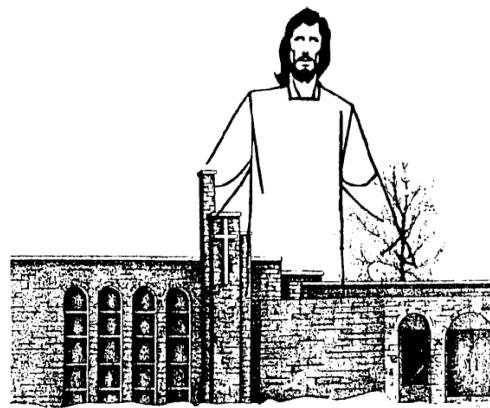
Deacon A. Lamothe

### Diocesan Order of Women

Mrs. D. Ketter

Mrs. B. Lamothe

Mrs. P. Porter



## 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.

## 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.



**PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS**



# First Sunday of Advent – December 1, 2024

“Prepare for the coming of the Lord.”

## MASS INTENTIONS:

Mon, Dec 2	9am	Maureen Tallon+ by Donna & Marc Perreault
Tues, Dec 3	9am	Dan Mantha+ by Art & Laura Tiernay
Wed, Dec 4	9am	Shirley McManus+ by Peter & Pat Croteau
Thurs, Dec 5	9am	Harvey Carmichael+ by Jean & family
Fri, Dec 6	9am	Alfredo Celebre+ by Nipissing Parry Sound Catholic Dist School Board
Sat, Dec 7	4pm	Gelsomina Venditti+ by Angelina & family Intentions of the Pettella family by Mark & Lori Angelo Wesley Morin+ by Sue & family
Sun, Dec 8	9am	Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis
	11am	Jack Veltri+ by Victor Veltri & family Alfredo Celebre+ by Settimio & Nella Verardi Maria Caliciuri+ by Judy & Gerry Bitonti

**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:**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Dec 2 – Dec 8, 2024	
Monday	Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11, 13++
Tuesday	Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24 <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>
Wednesday	Isaiah 25:6-10a ; Matthew 15 :29-37
Thursday	Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday	Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26; Matthew 9:35 – 10:1,5a,6-8++ <i>St. Ambrose</i>
Sunday	Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>

Sunday November 24, 2024 \$2 800.20

Building Fund balance to date \$179 829.03

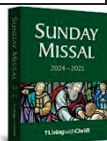
**Building Fund Goal: \$200 000**

*Thank you for your generous contributions!*



**Sunday Missal 2024-2025**

Sunday Missals are for sale at the Church Office. They are \$5 each.



St Peter's is able to accept e-Transfers! Please use our email address: [office@stpetertheapostle.ca](mailto:office@stpetertheapostle.ca) when e-Transferring. Make sure to also include **purpose of e-Transfer** in the subject line so that an appropriate tax receipt will be issued.



**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!

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

### First Sunday of Advent



*“Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory.” John 21:27*

We await Him with joy, even in the midst of tribulations, during life's crises and the dramatic events of history. We await Him.

“Jesus points the way with a strong reminder: “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy... Be vigilant at all times and pray.” (Lk 21:34, 36)..

Today is a good moment to ask ourselves: what weighs on my heart/spirit? What are the mediocrities that paralyze me, the vices that crush me to the ground and prevent me from raising my head? How about the burdens that weigh on the shoulders of our brothers and sisters, am I aware of them or indifferent to them?

These are good questions to ask ourselves, because they help guard our hearts against apathy. Apathy is a type of laziness that makes us slide into sadness, it takes away our zest for life and the will to do things.

The secret to being vigilant is prayer. Prayer is what keeps the lamp of the heart lit. Prayer re-lights our enthusiasm, because it brings us back to God, to the centre of things. Prayer reawakens the soul from sleep and focuses it on what matters, on the purpose of existence. During Advent, let us pray: “Come, Lord Jesus.” Let us repeat this prayer all throughout the day!”  
Nov 28, 2021

*And now we pray to the Madonna: may she who awaited the Lord with a vigilant heart accompany us during our Advent journey.*



**Tuesday December 10, 2024**

**10am – 8pm**

**All Day Individual Confession @ St Peter's**

The Catholic Parishes of North Bay present an **Advent Day of Confessions** on **Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm at St.

**Peter the Apostle Church.** Priests will be available all day for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Take this opportunity to encounter God's mercy through this Sacrament. Prepare your hearts, prepare the Way of the Lord!

***THIS WEEK***

Sunday Dec 1 **4:30-6:30PM – TURKEY DINNER**  
 Wednesday Dec 4 **9:30AM-5:00PM** Eucharistic Adoration  
**9:30AM** – Rosary Cenacle  
**6:30PM** - 1007 Knights (General)  
 Thursday Dec 5 **1:30PM** – Choir Practice (11AM)  
**6:30PM** – Choir Practice (9AM)  
 Saturday Dec 7 **3:00-3:30PM – Confession**

**CWL News** Our Christmas Luncheon and Service Pin Presentation will be on **Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.** Menu includes chicken, roasted potatoes m, salad and dessert with tea and coffee. Tickets are \$10/ person and are available from Christine (705-303-3808). Bring a guest, the more the merrier! Deadline to purchase tickets is December 3rd.

Memberships are due by December 31st at a cost of \$35 for the year. Payable by cash or cheque (St. Peter's CWL). Please put in an envelope marked CWL, with your name, phone number, address and email address. Belonging to the CWL is a wonderful thing, full of spirituality, sisterhood and fun. Mark your calendars!



**The St. Peter's Giving Tree**

The Giving Tree has arrived! Please take a gift tag home with you. After purchasing the gift, bring your unwrapped gift with the gift tag back to the Church during a weekend Mass or to the parish office during the week. Deadline for gifts is **Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.**



***Journey Through Advent 2024 – Video Series to Introduce and Reflect on the Season***

Beginning November 25, 2024, and every Monday in Advent! Designed to help the faithful prepare for the memorial of the birth of Our Lord celebrated at Christmas. These videos provide valuable resources and opportunities for faith formation. <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>



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**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.

***29<sup>th</sup> Turkey Dinner TAKE OUT ONLY***

***St. Peter the Apostle Church - TONIGHT***

***Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> - 4:30pm to 6:30pm***

***Pies can be dropped off in the Church hall up to 2pm on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to all those who have donated! Your kindness is most appreciated. We will see you***



***at the dinner!***

***2024 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 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm***

***St. Peter the Apostle Church***

***The evening will conclude with a social in the Hall.***

***Invite a friend!***

***We look forward to spending the evening with you!***



***Children's Christmas Party – Dec 8<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm***

***St. Peter the Apostle Church***

***All are invited for Christmas fun & games***

***Food will be provided***

***All are Welcome!***

***Sponsored by the St. Peter's Knights of Columbus***

***Eucharistic Adoration - Spend an hour***

***with Jesus! Please join us for Eucharistic***

***Adoration 9:30am - 5pm Wednesday,***

***December 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30am. 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.***



**St. Peter the Apostle Youth Choir**

**Calling all youth, ages 8+yrs!**

**Join us for singing, fun, and friendship!**

**December 13 @ 6:30 PM**

**Meet new friends, and enjoy a fun evening together.**

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**We can't wait to see you there!**





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