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ADVENT

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 21, 2025

“Through Jesus we have received the grace of apostleship.”

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Mon, Dec 22 | 9am | Harold Boell+ by Marcelle Beaulieu |
| Tues, Dec 23 | 9am | Gilles Pleau+ by the Watson family |
| Wed, Dec 24 (Christmas Eve) | 5pm | Gloria & Lawrence Souliere+ & Jack Veltri+ by the family Virginia Repaci+ by Dominic & family |
| | 7pm | Marisa Amendola+ by Fernando & family |
| | 10pm | Intentions of the friends of Doreen Primeau |
| Thurs, Dec 25 | 9am | Gerald Guillemette+ by Mom & Dad & family Tony & Alice Veltri+ by Victor Veltri & family Mary Costante+ by Albert Costante & family |
| Fri, Dec 26 | 9am | Helen Bourdon+ by the family |
| Sat, Dec 27 | 4pm | Marjorie & Tony Badalato+ by Joanne Cutsey |
| Sun, Dec 28 | 9am | Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis |
| | 11am | Deceased members of the Bean+ family by Helen Intentions of the Duffy Family by Colleen & Bart Hutson |

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 Dec 22 – Dec 28, 2025

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| Monday | 1Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56 |
| Tuesday | Malachi 3:1-4; 4:5-6; Luke 1:57-66 |
| Wednesday | Isaiah 9:2-4 6-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-16++ <i>The Nativity of our Lord</i> |
| Thursday | Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18 <i>The Nativity of our Lord</i> |
| Friday | Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22 <i>St. Stephen</i> |
| Saturday | 1John 1:1-4; John 20:2-8 <i>St. John</i> |
| Sunday | Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i> |

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!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent



““Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.”” Matthew 1:20

Today, the fourth and final Sunday of Advent, the liturgy presents the figure of Saint Joseph to us (cf. Mt 1:18-24) – a man who is about to get married.

“Joseph’s dreams for the future come up against a disconcerting discovery. Mary, his betrothed, is expecting a child, and the child is not his. At the height of his crisis God gives Joseph a new light in his heart: Mary’s motherhood came from the work of the Holy Spirit, and the baby to be born would be the Saviour!

What does Joseph say to us today? We, too, have our dreams, and perhaps we think of them more - we talk about them together at Christmas. Joseph shows us the way. We need to attentively welcome surprises, the surprises in life, even crises.

Like Joseph, who “considered everything” (cf. v. 20), we should focus on the underlying certainty of God’s mercy. God can intervene when we keep the doors open for Him. He is an expert in transforming crises into dreams – yes, God opens crises into new horizons we never would have imagined before, perhaps not as we would expect, but in the way He knows how.” Dec.18, 2022

May the Virgin Mary help us live - open to God’s surprises.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
FROM DECEMBER 25 TO JANUARY 2, 2026**

Christmas Mass Schedule 2024



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)

THIS WEEK

Thursday Dec 25 9:00AM – Christmas Mass
Merry Christmas!

Thursday Dec 25 – Friday Jan 2 OFFICE CLOSED



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

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St. Peter's Church

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

Thank you to all our volunteers!

We had a wonderful evening of singing and reflection!

Merry Christmas

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

St. Peter the Apostle Church



All are invited for Christmas fun & games

Food will be provided

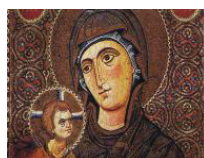
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The St. Peter's Giving Tree

Thank you to all those who donated to the Pregnancy Centre, and local needy families through our Giving Tree! All organizations were so grateful for St. Peter's generosity!



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!



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.



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