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*prepare the way...*



**ADVENT**

# Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 21, 2025

"Through Jesus we have received the grace of apostleship."

## MASS INTENTIONS:

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
Thurs, Dec 25	7pm	Marisa Amendola+ by Fernando & family
	10pm	Intentions of the friends of Doreen Primeau
	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	
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	
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 &amp; Joseph</i>

Sunday December 14, 2025	\$2 202.00
Building Fund balance to date	\$27 087.10
<b>Building Fund Goal: \$100 000</b>	
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 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)

**Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

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

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

**Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm	Mass (St Peter's)
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**Sunday, December 28<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**

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Epiphany**

**Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

4:00 pm	Mass (St Peter's)
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**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

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!

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**January 16, 2026 @ 6:30 PM**

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#### 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 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 21<sup>st</sup> @ 2pm**

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

**Food will be provided**

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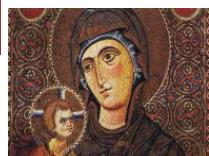


**The St. Peter's Giving Tree**

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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