

St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Deacon M. Ketter

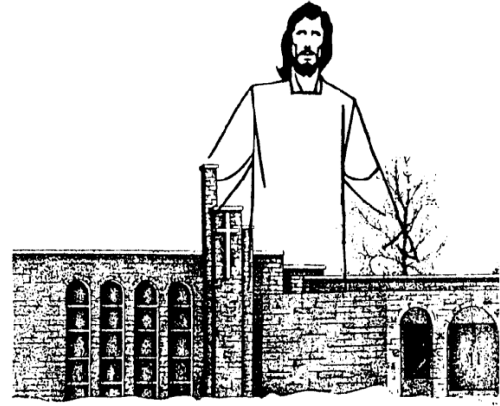
Deacon A. Lamothe

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Mrs. D. Ketter

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Mrs. P. Porter



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



Second Sunday of Advent – December 8, 2024

“We are made pure and blameless through Jesus Christ.”

MASS INTENTIONS:

Mon, Dec 9	9am	Louise Wall+ by Endow
Tues, Dec 10	9am	Helen Bourdon+ by Donna & Marc Perreault Colleen Klein+ by Jim & Cathy Klein
Wed, Dec 11	9am	Lynn (Allen) Snell+ by Theresa Taillefer Intentions of Doreen Primeau by Pat Anderson
Thurs, Dec 12	9am	Denise Turcotte+ by Nipissing Parry Sound Catholic Dist School Board
Fri, Dec 13	9am	Oscar Hason+ by Nancy Tremblay
Sat, Dec 14	4pm	Bob O’Hare+ by Michele, Blayne & Bernie Watson & family Rocco Venditti+ by Romana Caliciuri Judy Duchesne+ by Dan Clement
Sun, Dec 15	9am	Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis
	11am	Vic Pettella+ by Mike & Delma Ketter Keith Ryan+ by the family John Vecchio+ by Pat & Mary Vecchio & 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: Kaylin Wardell, Guido Lavalle

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:

SCRIPTURE READINGS Dec 9 – Dec 15, 2024

Monday	Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38 <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Tuesday	Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday	Zechariah 2:10-13; Luke 1:39-47 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples
Friday	Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19 <i>St. Lucy</i>
Saturday	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:10-13 <i>St. John of the Cross</i>
Sunday	Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent



“Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.”

Luke 3:6

On this second Sunday of Advent, the word of God sets before us the figure of Saint John the Baptist.

“By calling us to conversion, John urges us to go “beyond” where we presently are; to go beyond what our instincts tell us and our thoughts register, for reality is much greater than that. It is much greater than our instincts or thoughts.

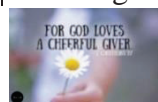
The reality is that God is greater. To be converted, then, means not listening to the things that stifle hope. It means not surrendering to our inner fears, which surface especially at times of trial in order to discourage us and tell us that we will not make it, that everything has gone wrong and that becoming saints is not for us. That is not the case, because God is always present.

We have to trust Him, for He is our beyond, our strength. Everything changes when we give first place to the Lord. That is what conversion is! As far as Christ is concerned, we need only open the door and let Him enter in and work His wonders. Just as the desert and the preaching of John were all it took for Christ to come into the world. The Lord asks for nothing more.” ,Dec.5, 2021

“Let us ask for the grace to believe that with God things really do change, that He will banish our fears, heal our wounds, turn our arid places into springs of water. Let us ask for the grace of hope –reviving our faith and rekindling our charity.”

Sunday December 1, 2024 \$2 095.55

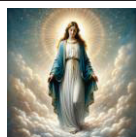
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Building Fund Goal: \$200 000

Thank you for your generous contributions!

December 9th – Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, for from you arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.



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!

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.



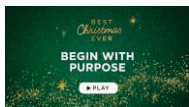
The Jubilee offers a special moment for plenary indulgence, conversion, and grace to rekindle hope in the daily journey of life and the proclamation of the Gospel.
 The Holy Father officially opens the Holy Year with the rite of the Opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St. Peter at 7pm on 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!



THIS WEEK

Sunday Dec 8 **2:00PM – Children's Christmas Party**
 Mon Dec 9 **3:00PM – Finance Committee**
 Tues Dec 10 **10AM-8PM – Regional Advent Penitential**
4:00PM – Parish Pastoral Council
 Wed Dec 11 **9:30AM – Rosary Cenacle**
11:30AM – Holy Cross School Mass
11:30AM – CWL – Pin Presentation & Potluck
 Thursday Dec 12 **1:30PM – Choir Practice (11AM)**
6:30PM – Choir Practice (9AM)
 Saturday Dec 14 **3:00-3:30PM – Confession**
 Sunday Dec 15 **6:30PM – Carol of Nine Lessons & Social**



2024 Daily Advent Reflections

Watch BEST ADVENT EVER 2024

It's a free daily video program (sent straight to your email) that will help you prepare for Christmas like never before! Sign up today @

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html>



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.



29th Turkey Dinner:

To all volunteers: Thank you to all who peeled, chopped, sliced, cooked, baked, served, setup, cleaned and donated to our December 1st, 2024 Turkey Dinner. All the hard work, support and dedication, made it possible to serve more than 526 people! Your kindness was most appreciated. **Many Blessings!**



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 15th @ 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!



CWL News Our Christmas Luncheon and Service Pin Presentation will be on **Wednesday, December 11th 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 16th.**



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