

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

Pastor - Father Francis Chidi Ezenezi

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Permanent Deacons

Deacon M. Ketter

Deacon A. Lamothe

Diocesan Order of Women

Mrs. D. Ketter

Mrs. B. Lamothe

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

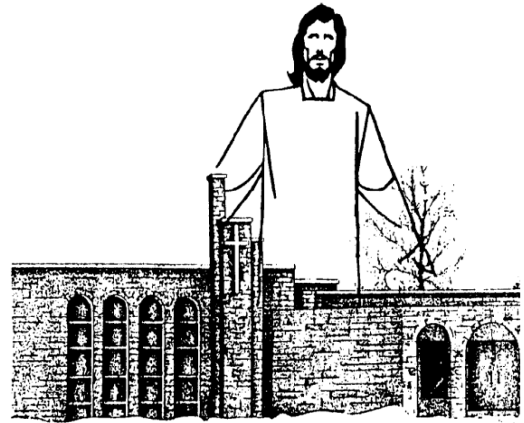
Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the wedding. A preparation course is required.

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 4:00pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

For Weekday Mass Schedule please see inside bulletin.

Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:00 to 3:30 pm or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 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 10, 2023

“Prepare for the coming of the Lord.”

MASS INTENTIONS:

Mon, Dec 11	9am	Intentions of Father Francis by Christine & Bob Miller
Tues, Dec 12	9am	Marilyn May+ by the family
Wed, Dec 13	9am	In Honour of St. Lucy by Fernando Amendola Lucille Hill+ by Cheryl & Karen Hill
Thurs, Dec 14	9am	Denae Wiebe+ by Doreen Primeau
Fri, Dec 15	9am	Toni Gerard+ by Art & Laura Tiernay
Sat, Dec 16	4pm	Reg Lukasik+ by Suzanne Lukasik Rheal Beaulieu+ by Nancy & Vic Pettella
Sun, Dec 17	9am	Virginia Repaci+ by Domenic & family Mario Celebre+ by Maria Caliciuri Marie Buchanan+ by the family
	11am	Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis

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 11 – Dec 17, 2023

Monday	Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday	Zechariah 2:10-13; Luke 1:39-47 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples
Wednesday	Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30 <i>St. Lucy</i>
Thursday	Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15 <i>St. John of the Cross</i>
Friday	Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:10-13
Sunday	Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 1Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>

Sunday December 3, 2023 \$4 165.00

Building Fund balance to date \$159 742.78

Building Fund Goal: \$200 000

Thank you for your generous contributions!



2024 Envelopes are ready to be picked up. Please call the Church office for

more information: 705-472-1817 Please do not use your 2023 envelopes until January!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

“John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” Mark 1:4 Advent proposes - that we prepare ourselves to receive the Lord at Christmas.



“John the Baptist was “preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (v. 4). Receiving baptism was an outward and visible sign of the conversion of those who had listened to his preaching and decided to repent.

Conversion involves sorrow for sins committed, the desire to be free from them, the intention to exclude them from one’s own life forever.” This is the first aspect of conversion: detachment from sin and worldliness. The other aspect of conversion is the aim of the journey, that is, the search for God and His kingdom.

Conversion is a grace: no one can convert by his or her own strength. To ask God to convert us to the degree in which we open ourselves up to the beauty, the goodness, the tenderness of God. Think about God's tenderness. God is not a bad father, an unkind father, no. He is tender. He loves us so much, like the Good Shepherd, who searches for the last member of His flock. It is love, and this is conversion: a grace of God. “ Dec.6, 2020

May Mary Most Holy, help us to separate ourselves more and more from sin and worldliness, in order to open ourselves to God, to His Word, to His love which restores and saves.

St Peter the Apostle Church
Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule December



December 14, 2023

10am – 8pm All Day Individual Confession

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd

4:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

Sunday, December 24th

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

11:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24th – Vigil

2:00 pm Mass (St. Elizabeth's)

5:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

7:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

10:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

Monday, December 25th – Christmas Day

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)



Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday, December 30th

4:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

Sunday, December 31st

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

Monday, January 1st

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

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

Epiphany

Saturday, January 6th

4:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

Sunday, January 7th

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

11:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed from Monday December 25th until Wednesday January 3rd, 2023.

THIS WEEK

- Sunday Dec 10 **2:00PM** – Children's Christmas Party
- Mon Dec 11 **6:30PM** Social Life Committee
- Tues Dec 12 **1:30PM** St. Luke's School Christmas Play
- Wed Dec 13 **9:30AM** Rosary Cenacle
11:30AM Holy Cross School Mass
1:30PM CWL (General)
- Thursday Dec 14 **10AM-8PM** – Regional Advent Penitential
- Saturday Dec 16 **3:00-3:30PM** – Confession
- Sunday Dec 17 **6:30PM** – Parish Mission & Social

Sunday Missal 2023-2024 - Sunday Missals are for sale at the Church Office. They are \$5 each.



Pope Francis – December Prayer Intention



For Persons with Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

28th Turkey Dinner:

To all volunteers: Thank you to all who peeled, chopped, sliced, cooked, baked, served, setup, cleaned and donated to our December 3rd, 2023 Turkey Dinner. All the hard work, support and dedication, made it possible to serve more than 500 people! Your kindness was most appreciated. **Many Blessings!**



2023 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 17th @ 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 : Please join us on **Wed.,**

December 13th at 11:30am for our CWL Christmas Potluck. Bring your favorite dish and a friend. Please

contact Christine Osborne: email cfteechrsp71@gmail.com, or 705-303-3808, no later than Monday, December 11th, if you will be joining us. Its that time of year again, memberships are due. Please consider joining or renewing your membership with the CWL. The **cost is \$35**, and can be made by cash or cheque, payable to St. Peter's CWL. Please put it in an envelope marked St. Peter's CWL, include your name and contact information. The envelope can be put into the collection box or dropped off at the parish office during office hours.



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 **Friday, December 15th.**



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