

# First Sunday of Advent – December 3, 2023

“We must be active in our hope for Christ’s return.”

## MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Mon, Dec 4</b>	<b>9am</b>	Intentions of Carmen Smith Suzanne Champagne+ by the family
<b>Tues, Dec 5</b>	<b>9am</b>	Int. of Pat & Louise Barter & Anniversary Blessings by Nancy Tremblay
<b>Wed, Dec 6</b>	<b>9am</b>	Jean & Bernard Lukasik+ by Suzanne & family
<b>Thurs, Dec 7</b>	<b>9am</b>	Judy Duchesne+ by Dan Clement
<b>Fri, Dec 8</b>	<b>9am</b>	Rheal Beaulieu+ by Nancy Simkins & Kim Lefebvre Suzanne Champagne+ by the family
<b>Sat, Dec 9</b>	<b>4pm</b>	In Thanksgiving to our Blessed Virgin Mary by Nella Verardi Lillian Morel+ by St. Peter’s CWL Wesley Morin+ by Sue & family
<b>Sun, Dec 10</b>	<b>9am</b>	Cheryl Lemieux+ by Roy & Fran Malette Virginia Repaci+ by Domenic & family
	<b>11am</b>	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:** Adele Laferriere+

## SCRIPTURE READINGS Dec 4 – Dec 10, 2023

Monday	Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11, 13++
Tuesday	Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday	Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21,24-27 <i>St. Ambrose</i>
Friday	Genesis 3:9-15,20; Luke 1:26-38 <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Saturday	Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26; Matthew 9:35 - 10:1,5a,6-8++
Sunday	Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 2Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

### First Sunday of Advent

“Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come...” Mark 13:35

Jesus tells us to take heed and watch, so as to be ready to welcome Him at the moment of His return.

“The person who takes heed is the one who, amid the worldly din, does not let himself/herself be overwhelmed by distraction or superficiality, but lives in a full and conscious way, with concern first and foremost for others. With this manner we become aware of the tears and the needs of neighbours and we can also understand their human and spiritual strengths and qualities.

The watchful person is the one who accepts the invitation to keep watch, that is, not to let himself/herself be overpowered by the listlessness of discouragement, by the lack of hope, by disappointment...

Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ’s return. He will return to us in the celebration of Christmas, when we will remember His historic coming in the humility of the human condition; but He enters our heart each time we are willing to receive Him; and He will come again at the end of time to “judge the living and the dead”.” Dec.3, 2017

*Let us allow God to permeate our existence, in order to restore meaning and value to our lives with His presence full of goodness and tenderness. Mary, most holy, lead us to your Son, Jesus, rekindling our love for Him.*



Sunday November 26, 2023	\$3 155.00
Needy Collection	\$1390.70
PADP for October 2023	\$5 247.00
Building Fund balance to date	\$159 462.78

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

Thank you for your generous contributions!



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## Thursday December 14, 2023

10am – 8pm

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

The Catholic Parishes of North Bay present an **Advent Day of Confessions** on Thursday, December 14<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 3 **4:30-6:30PM – TURKEY DINNER**  
 Wed Dec 6 **9:30AM-5:00PM Eucharistic Adoration**  
**9:30AM** Rosary Cenacle  
**6:30PM** 1007 Knights (General)  
 Thursday Dec 7 **1:00PM** – Choir Practice (11AM)  
**6:30PM** – Choir Practice (9AM)  
 Saturday Dec 9 **3:00-3:30PM** – Confession  
 Sunday Dec 10 **2:00PM** – **Children's Christmas Party**



**CWL News** : Please join us on Wed., December 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am for our CWL Christmas Gathering. We are having a potluck this year, so bring your favorite dish and a friend. Please contact Christine Osborne: email [cffeechrisp71@gmail.com](mailto:cffeechrisp71@gmail.com), or 705-303-3808, no late than Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>**.



### Christmas Gift Cards!

Orchards FUNDRAISING GIFT CARD CAMPAIGN  
Purchase a \$25 Gift Card and support St. Peter's Church!



### 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.

### 28<sup>th</sup> Turkey Dinner: TAKE OUT ONLY

St. Peter the Apostle Church - TONIGHT  
Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Pies can be dropped off in the Church hall up to 2pm on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to all those who have donated! Your kindness is most appreciated. We will see



you at the dinner!

### 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:

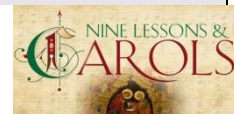
**Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**

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 10<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 7<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.*

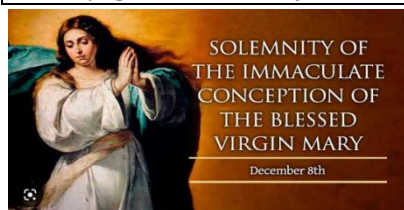


### 2023 Daily Advent Reflections

Watch BEST ADVENT EVER 2023

BEST ADVENT EVER 2.0

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>



Please join us for morning Mass  
**December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9am!**