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prepare the way...



ADVENT

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 24, 2023

“Jesus is our long-awaited Savior, who came to be with us always.”

MASS INTENTIONS:

Mon, Dec 25	9am	Tony & Alice Veltri+ by Victor Veltri & family Mary Costante+ by Victor Veltri & family Gerald Guillemette+ by Mom & Dad & family
Tues, Dec 26	9am	Intentions of Father Francis by Roger & Yvonne Guillemette
Wed, Dec 27	9am	Intentions of Isabel Mihajic & Prayers for Healing by Lorraine Downey
Thurs, Dec 28	9am	Jean & Bernard Lukasik+ by Suzanne & family
Fri, Dec 29	9am	Intentions of Kirk Tremblay & Prayers for Healing by Mom
Sat, Dec 30	4pm	Domenico & Angela Palladino+ by Maria Palladino
Sun, Dec 31	9am	Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis
	11am	Evelyn Chapesky+ by Janet O’Connor

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: Peter Dupuis

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:

SCRIPTURE READINGS Dec 25 – Dec 31, 2023

Monday	Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18 <i>The Nativity of our Lord</i>
Tuesday	Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59;Matthew 10:17-22 <i>St. Stephen</i>
Wednesday	1John 1:1-4; John 20:2-8 <i>St. John</i>
Thursday	1John 1:5 – 2:2; Matthew 2:13-18 <i>The Holy Innocents</i>
Friday	1John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 <i>Fifth Day Within the Octave</i>
Saturday	1John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40 <i>Sixth Day Within the Octave</i>
Sunday	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:22-40 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“The Angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.” Luke 1:26

Today, the Fourth and last Sunday of Advent, the Liturgy wants to prepare us for Christmas - by inviting us to meditate on the Angel’s Annunciation to Mary. “Mary is aware that it is the Lord asking and she entrusts herself totally to Him; she abandons herself to His love. This is the faith of Mary!

Mary also teaches us to seize the right moment when Jesus comes into our lives. He comes and knocks. Each of us is called to respond, like Mary, with a personal and sincere “yes”, placing oneself fully at the disposal of God and of His mercy, of His love. If you feel a longing to be better, He is knocking: don’t let Him pass by!

“In the mystery of Christmas, at Mary’s side there is the silent presence of St Joseph, as he is portrayed in every Nativity scene – as in the one you can admire here in St Peter’s Square. The example of Mary and Joseph is for us all an invitation to accept, with total openness of spirit, Jesus, who for love made Himself our brother. He comes to bring to the world the gift of peace: “on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased” (Lk 2:14), as the choirs of Angels proclaimed to the shepherds.

The precious gift of Christmas is peace, and Christ is our true peace. And Christ knocks at our hearts to grant us peace, peace of the soul. Let us open our doors to Christ!
Dec.21, 2014

Let us entrust ourselves to the intercession of our Mother and of St Joseph in order to experience a truly Christian Christmas, free of all worldliness, ready to welcome the Saviour, God-among-us.



PADP for November 2023 \$4 826.00

Building Fund balance to date \$160 567.78

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!

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
FROM DECEMBER 25 TO JANUARY 8, 2023**

Christmas Mass Schedule 2023



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)

THIS WEEK

Monday Dec 25 **9:00AM – Christmas Mass**
Merry Christmas!

Tuesday Dec 26 – Friday Dec 29 **OFFICE CLOSED**



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



FREE Christmas dinner: Join us for a FREE Christmas dinner! All are welcome!! Come enjoy a warm meal, great festive atmosphere with music and gifts: **Date & Time: Dec 25, 2023**

from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Dine-In) Take Out: 1:00 p.m.-1:30pm Location: **Pro Cathedral of the Assumption, 480 McIntyre Street West** No RSVP is required. (Accessible entrance: Algonquin Ave.)

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.



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 2023 year that requires a tax receipt must be received by December 31, 2023 For those that have moved and wish a tax receipt please let the church office know of any address changes by the second week of January 2024.

CWL NEWS

On this holy night may your heart be illuminated with love, joy and peace.

Wishing you a wonderful season.

Merry Christmas to you all.

Your CWL Executive wishes all its members and the parishioners of St. Peter's a wonderful Christmas filled with family and friends.



Christmas Gift Cards!

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Purchase a \$25 Gift Card and support St. Peter's Church!



Alpha Is Back!!! @ Pro-Cathedral

Tuesday January 16 at 6pm
Register at Alphanorthbay.com

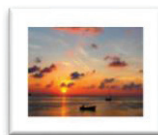


January 16, 2024 – All are welcome to join Tuesday evenings!

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, designed to create conversation. Whether you're just curious about faith or new to Christianity Alpha provides an open and welcoming

environment where you can explore life's biggest questions with people who are asking the same things. www.alphanorthbay.com

Coming to Stillness: An Invitation to Face Sacred Moments – Beginning January 15th, 2024




Is your life too hectic? Out of balance? Do you need renewed energy for your inner life? All are welcome to join a series of **6 ZOOM contemplative prayer experiences** sponsored by Shalom Place and facilitated by Sr Léa Joannis. Held on the third Monday of each month. You

may register for all six sessions or any individual session. **Individual sessions must register by each Tuesday. To register: shalomssm@shaw.ca, www.shalomplace.ca or (705) 254-4690.** A financial gift (whatever you can afford) allows the ministry of Shalom Place to thrive and grow. Thank you for your generosity.



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