

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

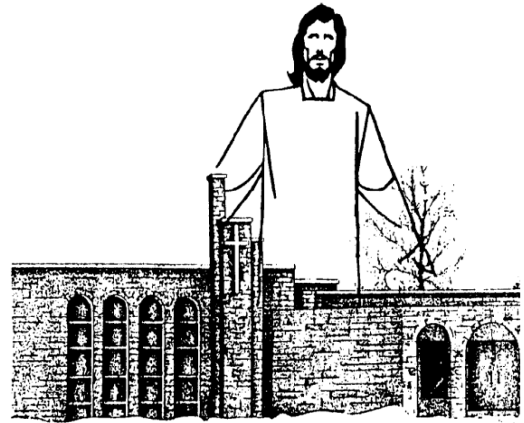
Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the wedding. A preparation course is required.

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



Third Sunday of Advent – December 17, 2023

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing!”

MASS INTENTIONS:

Mon, Dec 18	9am	Suzanne Champagne+ by the family
Tues, Dec 19	9:15am	Intentions of Karen Sherry by Pat Anderson
Wed, Dec 20	9am	Suzanne Champagne+ by the family Intentions of Doreen Primeau by Pat Anderson
Thurs, Dec 21	9am	Intentions of Pat & Louise Barter by Pat Anderson
Fri, Dec 22	9am	Intentions of Father Francis by Doreen Primeau
Sat, Dec 23	4pm	Lillian Morel+ by Michelle Prette
Sun, Dec 24	9am	Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis
	11am	Deceased Members of the Bean family+ by Helen Pharand
Sun, Dec 24 <i>(Christmas Eve)</i>	5pm	Frank Tremblay+ & Frank Tremblay Jr.+ by Nancy Tremblay Assunta, Marisa, & Maria Amendola+ by Fernando & family
	7pm	Archie O'Connor+ by Janet & family
	10pm	In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received by Nestor & Theresa Crawford

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 18 – Dec 24, 2023

Monday	Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-24
Tuesday	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25
Wednesday	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10d; Luke 1:26-38
Thursday	Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45
Friday	1Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56
Saturday	Malachi 3:1-4; 4:5-6; Luke 1:57-66
Sunday	2Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
Sunday	Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-16++ <i>The Nativity of our Lord</i>

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;” 1Thessalonians 5:16

Joy, prayer and gratitude are three attitudes that prepare us to experience Christmas in an authentic way. ““Rejoice always! ”This means always being joyful, even when things do not go according to our wishes; but there is that profound joy, which is peace: that, too, is joy - it is within.

The joy which characterizes the awaiting of the Messiah is based on steadfast prayer. By praying we can enter a stable relationship with God, who is the source of true joy. A Christian’s joy is not bought; it cannot be bought. It comes from faith and from the encounter with Jesus Christ, the reason for our happiness. And when we are rooted in Christ, the closer we are to Jesus, the more we find inner peace...For this reason a Christian, having encountered Jesus, cannot be a prophet of misfortune, but a witness and herald of joy. A joy to share with others; an infectious joy that renders the journey of life less toilsome.

The third attitude is continuous thanksgiving, which is grateful love towards God. Indeed, He is very generous to us, and we are invited to always recognize His beneficence, His merciful love, His patience and goodness, thus living in unceasing thanksgiving. “ Dec.17, 2017

In this last period of the Season of Advent, let us entrust ourselves to the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary. She is a “cause of our joy”, not only because she begot Jesus, but because she keeps directing us to Him.



Sunday December 10, 2023 \$1 964.15

Building Fund balance to date \$160 327.78

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!***

Christmas Mass Schedule 2023



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 17 **6:30PM – Parish Mission & Social**

Tues Dec 19 **9:15AM – St. Luke's School Mass**

Wed Dec 20 **9:30AM – Rosary Cenacle**
1:30PM – Knights (4th Degree)

Thursday Dec 21 **11:30AM – St. Hubert's School Mass**
1:30PM – Choir (11am)
6:30PM – Choir (9am)

Saturday Dec 23 **3:00-3:30PM – Confession**

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 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



2023 Advent Mission:

Carol of Nine Lessons

We thank all who volunteered for our parish

mission this Advent. What a wonderful preparation for Christmas! Thank you to all for coming.



CWL News : 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.

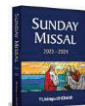
We had a wonderful time at our CWL Christmas Gathering! Thank you to all who came and brought some delicious goodies. Thank you also to Angelo Nunner for playing the guitar for us to sing along. It was beautiful. I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! Christine



Christmas Gift Cards!

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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.

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.)





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