

Third Sunday of Advent – December 11, 2022

Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Mon, Dec 12	7pm	Rocco Pettella+ by Pat Porter Birthday Blessings for Paul & Carley Desjardins by Nancy Tremblay
Tues, Dec 13	7pm	Judy Duchesne+ by Dan Clement
Wed, Dec 14	7pm	Intentions of Doreen Primeau by Pat Anderson Intentions of Karen Sherry by Pat Anderson
Thurs, Dec 15	9am	Lenora Comerford+ by Nancy Tremblay
Fri, Dec 16	9am	Walter Van Pinxteran+ by Elisabeth Duggan
Sat, Dec 17	4pm	In Thanksgiving by Ron & Dorothy Aultman Ann & Eugene Ringuette+ by Nancy Tremblay
Sun, Dec 18	9am	Teresa & Saverio Silveri+ by Tony & Pina Celebre 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: Tom Marcotte, Alexander Jessup

SCRIPTURE READINGS <i>Dec 12 – Dec 18, 2022</i>	
Monday	Zechariah 2:10-13; Luke 1:39-47 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
Tuesday	Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13; Matt 21:28-32 <i>St. Lucy</i>
Wednesday	Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Luke 7:19-23 <i>St. John of the Cross</i>
Thursday	Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30
Friday	Isaiah 56:1-3a,6-8; John 5:16-17,33-36++
Saturday	Genesis 49:2,8-10; Matthew 1:1-17
Sunday	Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

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“Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.” Matt 11:4-5



“To the prophet Isaiah’s explicit invitation to joy: “The desert and the parched land will exult, the steppe will rejoice and bloom” (35:1)...The Gospel contrasts with John the Baptist”

“Jesus looks beyond. The Holy Spirit makes His heart feel the power of His promise, and He announces salvation: “Courage, do not fear! Here is your God. He comes to save you” (v. 4). And then everything is transformed: the desert blooms, consolation and joy take hold of the lost heart, the lame, the blind, those who can’t speak are healed (cf. vv. 5-6). Like John, we, too, are called to recognize the face that God has chosen to take in Jesus Christ - humble and merciful.

Advent is a time of grace. It tells us that it is not enough to believe in God: it is necessary every day to purify our faith. The Child lying in the crib has the face of our most needy brothers and sisters, of the poor who “are the privileged ones of this mystery and, often, those who are the most able to recognize the presence of God among us” Dec.15,2019

May the Virgin Mary helps us, so that, as we approach Christmas, we do not allow ourselves to be distracted by the external things, but we make room in our hearts for the One who has already come and wants to come again to heal our illnesses and to give us His joy.

Sunday November 13, 2022 \$4 325.95
 Building Fund balance to date \$125 908.78
Building Fund Goal: \$200 000

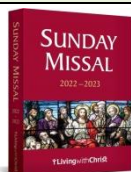
Thank you for your generous contributions!



2023 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 Missals are for sale at the Church Office. They are \$5 each.



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



December 15, 2022

10am – 8pm All Day Individual Confession

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 17th

4:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

Sunday, December 18th

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

11:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

2:00 pm Mass (St Elizabeth's)

Christmas Masses

Saturday, 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)

Sunday, December 25th – Christmas Day

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Saturday, December 31st

4:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

Sunday, January 1st

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

11:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

Epiphany

Saturday, January 7th

4:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

Sunday, January 8th

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 26th until Tuesday January 3rd, 2022.

This Week

Mon Dec 12	7:00PM – Parish Mission & Social
Tues Dec 13	7:00PM – Parish Mission & Social
Wed Dec 14	9:30AM – Rosary Cenacle
Wed Dec 14	11:30AM – Holy Cross School Mass
Wed Dec 14	7:00PM – Parish Mission & Social
Thurs Dec 15	10AM-8PM – Regional Advent Penitential
Friday Dec 16	1:00PM – Choir Practice (11AM)
Sat Dec 17	3:00-3:30PM – Confession

FREE Christmas dinner: Join us for a FREE Christmas dinner! If you are interested in a free turkey dinner, a chance to share a meal with others, listening to some live music and entertainment, and getting a Christmas gift bag:

Date & Time: Dec 25, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Location:** Pro Cathedral of the Assumption, 480 McIntyre Street West No RSVP is required.



Pope Francis - November Prayer Intention



For Volunteer Non-Profit Organizations

We pray for volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development; may they find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

27th Turkey Dinner:

To all volunteers: Thank you to all who peeled, chopped, sliced, cooked, baked, served, setup, cleaned and donated to our December 4, 2022 Turkey Dinner. All the hard work, support and dedication, made it possible to serve approximately 420 people. Your kindness was most appreciated. **Many Blessings!**



CWL News :

It's time to renew your Membership. Your dues for 2023 will be \$35. You can remit your \$35 dues via cash or cheque (made payable to "St. Peter's CWL") by putting it in an envelope in the collection basket with the notation 'CWL'. Make sure to provide your name and phone number. Or you can mail it into the church at: St. Peter's CWL, 299 Airport Road, North Bay ON, P1B 8W7. If you feel that the increase is beyond your means but really do want to remain a member, please reach out to our president, Christine Osborne (705-303-3808) or Organization Chairperson, Nicole Beaulieu, nbeaulieu2@cogeco.ca and maybe we can help. *Blessings from your CWL Executive*



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 **Tuesday, December 13th**.



Christmas Gift Cards!



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

Order forms are available at the front entrance of the Church. The first order of gift cards is in!



2022 Advent Mission:
 with Father Allan MacDonald, CC of the Companions of the Cross

Father Allan will lead us in a three evening journey with the theme: "Give God Permission". What better way to prepare our hearts for Christmas!

Every night – **December 12th, 13th, & 14th**

7:00pm: Mass with extended homily

8:15pm: Social Invite a friend!

