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Are you new here? Welcome!
We welcome new parishioners and visitors.
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Please register at the Parish Office.

LORD'S DAY MASS
SATURDAY: 4PM
SUNDAY: 9AM & 11AM

WEEKDAY MASS
See Mass times inside

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:00PM until 3:45PM

BAPTISM
Parents seeking baptism for their children should approach the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE
Couples seeking the Sacrament of Marriage must meet Fr. Jerry at least one year prior to a desired date.

HOLY ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?
Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith?
Interested in receiving the Sacraments?
Contact the Parish Office.

Pastor: Fr. Jerry Tavares
Administrative Assistant: Kristen Penfold

OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday - Friday 9AM - 12Noon
Parish Office is located behind the Church

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*"Each of us is the result of a thought of God.
Each of us is willed. Each of us is loved.
Each of us is necessary."*
- Pope Benedict XVI

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Epiphany of the Lord ✠ January 8, 2023

Welcome to St. Peter the Apostle!

If this is your first time at church, or your first time in a long time, we're so glad you're here! We exist to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ; make disciples of all nations. If we can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call on us.

TODAYS READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:23, 5-6
 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



For the sick

Teresa Agnello, Maria Lewis, Mary Renaud, Judith Romero

► New prayer requests are in **bold type**. To have a person added to our prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. The person's name will remain on the prayer list for **four weeks**.

For the deceased

Leo Heintz, Carlos Isidoro, Emile Lamothe

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Christmas Season ends with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord.

Join us for Mass on Monday, January 9th at 12:10PM.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 9 - Baptism of the Lord
 12:10PM Intentions of Joe & Teresa Tavares

Thursday, January 12
 Belvedere 10AM For the Residents
 Lakeland 11AM For the Residents
 6:00PM Memorial Mass for Pope Benedict XVI

Friday, January 13
 12:10PM + Phyllis Ertel

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 14
 4:00PM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

Sunday, January 15
 9:00AM + Margaret O'Neill
 11:00AM + Vern McLeod and deceased relatives

*** No Mass on Wednesday, January 11th ***

Fr. Jerry will be in Peterborough attending a full-day Pastoral Planning meeting at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR POPE BENEDICT XVI

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI died on December 31st, at the age of 95. Father Jerry will celebrate a Memorial Mass for the late Holy Father on Thursday, January 12th at 6PM in the church. A Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow.

"Know that God will never abandon you. Turn your eyes to him often. He gave his life for you on the cross because he loves you. Contemplation of this great love brings a hope and joy to our hearts that nothing can destroy. Christians can never be sad, for they have met Christ, who gave his life for them." - Benedict XVI, World Youth Day 2012

WITH THANKFUL HEARTS

Big thank you to everyone who helped make our celebration of Christ's birth a joyful and beautiful experience: Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Hosts, Greeters, Musicians, Altar Servers, Ops team, and our Decorating Team for making our Sanctuary beautiful. **We are blessed!**

GRATEFUL

Father Jerry would like to thank all who generously shared Christmas gifts with us here at St. Peter the Apostle Parish! You have helped us celebrate the spirit of the season with your kind and generous gifts of cookies, treats and liquid happiness!

ENGAGED OVER CHRISTMAS?

Anyone receive a ring under the tree? If yes, we extend our warmest good wishes on the occasion of your engagement! Just a reminder that the Diocese of Peterborough requires one full year's notice for wedding dates. Stop by the Welcome Desk for more info or call us at the office.

WINTER WEATHER

When snowflakes do fall, please be extra cautious and courteous in our parking lot, for everyone's safety. Also, if you park on nearby side streets, be sure not to block traffic for our neighbours. Thank you for helping us be gracious neighbours!

REACHING OUT IN JESUS' NAME

Evangelizing, sharing the faith, is the work of every Catholic. Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to invite others to encounter Jesus in a deeply personal way. It's a good time to reach out to the lost, the confused and the alienated. Bring them to Mass and then follow up in the days and weeks that follow.

CELEBRATE BAPTISM

If you're looking to have a child baptized, please contact the Parish Office to get the process started. NOTE: In order to receive First Communion or Confirmation, your child must first be baptized. If you're an adult seeking Baptism or thinking about becoming Christian, speak to Fr. Jerry or contact the Parish Office for more information.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECOR

Thanks once again to everyone who donated funds towards the decoration of the sanctuary for Christmas. We've included an insert this weekend that honours those we remember with our gift.

2023 OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Parishioners should now be using 2023 Offertory envelopes. If you haven't picked up your new box yet they are still available in the Narthex. Not using envelopes but want to start? Just pick up a blank box from Kristen and write your name and address on the first few envelopes.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2022

Tax Receipts will be issued for all donations received by December 31. If you haven't already updated your address with the Parish Office please do so within the next week as Kristen is in the process of preparing the tax receipts. Thank you!

TREE OF DREAMS

The children in our Friends of Honduran Children's orphanage, wish to thank each and every one who donated to make a better Christmas for them with gifts and essential clothing. Our parishioners donated: **\$765!** Thank you for your generosity. (Please note that this does not include any online donations or donations mailed in directly to Friends of Honduran Children).

CHRISTMAS BULLETIN COVER CONTEST

Thank you to everyone who submitted creative and artistic designs. Congratulations to Skylar who's winning design made the cover of our Christmas Bulletin. We've included the other designs - thanks to all who participated.

LOOKING FOR A CERTIFICATE/REFERENCE?

Anyone requesting a re-issued Baptismal Certificate or Reference Letter or any other documentation, please allow for a 2 week turnaround time. Thank you for your patience.



WORSHIP OFFERING

A summary of your financial stewardship

• December 18, 2022	
*Offertory Envelopes	\$10,491.00
Offertory Loose	176.05
Electronic Giving	1,370.87
Total Offertory	\$12,037.92

* includes Canadahelps.org and tithe.ly donations

• December 25, 2022 - Christmas Offering	
Christmas Envelopes	\$2,675.62
Offertory Loose	464.25
Electronic Giving	1,955.00
Total Offertory	\$5,094.87

• January 1, 2023	
Initial Offering	\$345.00
Mary Mother of God	810.00
Offertory Envelopes	1,170.00
Offertory Loose	428.10
Visioning for the Future	190.00
Electronic Giving	1,383.56
Total Offertory	\$4,326.66

We count on your generosity - and we thank you!