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First Sunday of Advent ✝ December 1st, 2024

Welcome to St. Peter the Apostle!

May you encounter Jesus Christ in His church and in His sacraments through your participation in our Parish community. Visit our Welcome Desk before or after our weekend Masses for any information on our parish, it's ministries and it's community. **We sincerely welcome you and are so glad you're here!**

TODAYS READINGS

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
2nd Reading: 1 Thess. 3:12-4.2
Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



OFFER THE GIFT OF THE MASS

To arrange for a Mass to be offered, stop by the Welcome Desk on the weekend, contact the Parish Office or fill out one of the Envelopes located in the Church.

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The Light of the Advent Wreath

Jesus is the light of the world. **The first candle**, when lit, shows some light, and gives us hope. We see a glimmer in the darkness. We hope in the Lord, and trust in His word knowing His goodness and steadfast love for us.

The second candle banishes more darkness. With faith, we listen to the promises made to the prophets, and know the God of faithfulness has promised to set us free.

Joy in our hearts - the Lord will soon be here! **The third candle**, the rose of rejoicing, is lit, more light is revealed, and the way of the Lord is being prepared.

The last and final candle is lit. The wreath is ablaze with light. The coming of the Saviour is truly near. We wait with love with Mary for the birth of her child, and with Joseph, who waits with her.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL AND MEMORIAL MASS

On Friday, December 13, everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate our Advent Candlelight Vigil starting at 6PM followed by the Memorial Mass. The Vigil will begin with meditative instrumental music and conclude with prayer. Celebrating the life of family members and friends is an important way to stay connected to those who pray for us as they head heavenward. We ask for a donation of \$25 for the large candle that is yours to keep after the Mass! To reserve your candle, please visit the Welcome Desk after all weekend Masses or contact the Parish Office during the week. Registration deadline is December 12. We hope that you can join us for this beautiful pre-Christmas tradition.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Sunday, December 15, after the 11AM Mass at the KofC Hall. Tickets are free and must be obtained in advance. You can get tickets at the Welcome Desk this weekend after all Masses. We ask that each family attending will either bring a salad or dessert, and the rest of the refreshments will be provided. Make sure if any children are attending that we get their age as Santa will be making an appearance.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Like last year, we'll have an opportunity for our young people to present a Pageant on Christmas Eve. More details next week.

CHRISTMAS DÉCOR

Help beautify our sanctuary for Christmas with beautiful flowers. Envelopes are now available as you enter the Church. Write names of loved ones to remember during the Christmas season.

2025 SUNDAY MISSAL

With the new liturgical year beginning this weekend, the new Sunday Missals are also now in effect. Want to follow along with the readings and prayers? Be sure to get your copy for just \$5 while they still last.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

From time-to-time phone numbers, addresses and email addresses change. If yours has changed, please update Kristen at the Welcome Desk or contact the Parish Office during the week. If you're a parishioner and didn't get a Christmas Card from Father last year, chances are our information isn't correct - so please update it!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve 4PM & 10PM
 Christmas Day 10AM

Finalizing the details

Planning for the final moments and beyond...

There's no escaping it, our days are numbered. But we can get ready and be prepared. Across five weeks, guest speakers will lead discussions about how each person can finalize the details needed to ensure they are cared for, their wishes are respected and our faith in the resurrection revealed. Join us Thursday evenings in the KofC Parish Hall. **Presentation begins at 7PM;** light refreshments being served at 6:45PM.

Dec. 5th - Planning the Funeral Celebration
 with Fr. Jerry Tavares

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MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, December 4
 10:00AM + Ray Wagner

Thursday, December 5
 NO MASS - Priest Advent Gathering in Peterborough

Friday, December 6 // First Friday
 11:00AM Adoration and Confession
 12:10PM + Phyllis Ertel

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 7
 4:00PM + Bill Brennan

Sunday, December 8
 9:00AM Intentions of the Leroux Family
 11:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)



First Sunday of Advent

This Sunday we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. In the midst of everything that is going on around us, our parish church becomes an oasis of peace and calm. We step aside from the hustle and bustle around us and reflect on God's promise of salvation, the promise fulfilled at the birth of Jesus Christ.

Merciful Father, You have given us your Son as your loving presence in this world. Create in our hearts the room for your love to grow. Forgive our shortcomings and prepare our hearts for your coming. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, God, forever and ever, Amen.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!