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As Advent begins in this Jubilee Year, we enter a season of renewed hope. In the quiet and the candlelight, God prepares our hearts for the grace and favour He longs to pour out. May this holy season awaken hope within us once again.



#### **MASS TIMES**

**SATURDAY** 4PM

#### **SUNDAY** 9AM & 11AM

For Weekday Mass Times see inside.

#### **SACRAMENTS**

Confessions

Saturday 3PM - 3:45PM

For more information about booking baptisms, weddings, marriage preparation, or other inquiries, please contact us.

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Wed: 12 Noon - 5PM Thurs. & Fri.: 10AM - 2PM

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> **Pastor: Fr. Jerry Tavares Administrative Assistant: Kristen Penfold**

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### Welcome

St. Peter the Apostle Parish is a **Catholic** Christian Community of **Disciples of the Lord Jesus**. We believe that everyone is called to be on a spiritual journey and what matters is not where a person is on that journey, but actually being on the journey. Therefore we seek to **welcome** all people, regardless of the stage of their spiritual life, their struggles and failures. We simply ask that you walk with us and **be open** to what **God** is calling you to. We believe that God calls each member of our parish to **worship**, to **grow**, to **serve**, to **connect** and to **give**.

#### **TODAYS READINGS:** ● Isaiah 2:1-5 ● Romans 13:11-14 ● Matthew 24:37-44

Wednesday, December 3
6:00PM + Barbara Ryan

Thursday, December 4

12:10PM Intentions of our Friends and Benefactors

Friday, December 5

11:00AM Adoration & Confession

12:10PM + Phyllis Ertle

Saturday, December 6

9:00AM + Fr. John Albao

#### **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Saturday, December 6

4:00PM Deceased members of the Zammit Family

Sunday, December 7

9:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

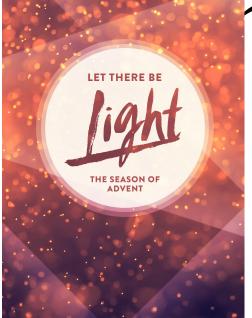
11:00AM Intentions of Janusz Paruzel



To request a Mass, visit the Welcome Desk, contact the Parish Office, or use the envelopes in the Church.



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## 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.

O Corne, O Corne, Ermmanuel

## 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.

#### **HOW TO ADVENT**

Advent can feel busy, but it is meant to be a season of joyful preparation. Join us for How to Advent, a four-part video series that explores the traditions that help us get ready for the birth of Jesus: the Advent calendar, wreath, Jesse tree, and nativity scene. Gain simple, practical ways to enter the season with purpose. Join us Fridays following the 12:10PM Mass.

#### **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

We are looking for children to be actors for the 4PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Interested? Know someone who might be? Stop by the Welcome Desk or call the Parish Office. Rehearsals will start December 13th at 10AM.

#### 2026 SUNDAY MISSAL

With the new liturgical year beginning this weekend, the new Sunday Missals are 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.

#### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Sunday, December 14, after the 11AM Mass at the KofC Hall. Tickets are free and must be obtained at the Welcome Desk in advance. 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.

#### **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

This year's offertory envelopes are ready for pickup in the Narthex for anyone who used them last year. If you'd like to start using envelopes, Kristen can set you up with a blank box at the Welcome Desk; just be sure to add your name and address on the first few

You can also give online by credit card or through Automatic Giving, which provides a simple and reliable way to support the parish. Thank you for your generosity. Tax receipts are issued for all methods of giving.

#### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING**

Please mark on your calendars Thursday, December 4th at 1:30PM in the Knights of Columbus Hall. All women of the Parish are Welcome.

#### **GIVING TUESDAY**

Tuesday, December 2nd is Giving Tuesday, a day to support charitable work after the rush of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Thank you for considering a gift to our parish. To give online, visit **spta.church/give**.

#### 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.

#### **UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION**

If your phone number, address, or email has changed, please let Kristen know at the Welcome Desk or contact the Parish Office. Keeping our records current helps us stay connected and ensures you receive everything we'll be sending out as we prepare for Christmas.

# CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE Christmas Eve 4PM & 10PM Christmas Day 10AM

#### **WORSHIP OFFERING**

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