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About our Parish

St. Peter the Apostle is a Catholic parish community serving Parry Sound and the surrounding area. We gather for worship, prayer, and service, and seek to grow in faith together through the celebration of the sacraments and parish life. Whether you are visiting today or have been part of the parish for many years, we are grateful to worship with you.

TODAY'S READINGS: ① **Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7** ② **Titus 2:11-14** ③ **Luke 2:1-16**

MASS INTENTIONS

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 27

4:00PM **Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)**

Sunday, December 28

9:00AM + Len Yauk

11:00AM + Vic Brunatti

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (HOLY DAY)

Wednesday, December 31

4:00PM **Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)**

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration

7:00PM **Benediction**

Thursday, January 1, 2026

10:00AM **Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)**

PRAYER FROM FATHER'S HOMILY

Lord God, I accept Jesus Christ as my Saviour.

*I seek to know Him in a personal way,
a way that brings His presence into my life.*

RING UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE?

Some lucky man or woman may have found an engagement ring under the tree this Christmas. Congratulations! Keep in mind that the Diocese of Peterborough requires one full year's notice before a marriage can take place. Make an appointment to see Fr. Jerry before you set any dates or make any other plans.

ARE YOU NEW OR NEED TO UPDATE YOUR INFO?

If you are new to St. Peter the Apostle, have recently moved, or need to update your contact information, we would love to hear from you. You can connect with Kristen at the Welcome Desk or contact the Parish Office during the week. Staying connected helps us serve you better and stay in touch as a parish family.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office is closed until January 8 as our parish staff wraps up the Christmas celebrations and then takes some time to celebrate with their families. Think of it as a little post-Christmas hibernation. We will reopen the Parish Office on January 8 and look forward to serving you then.

OFFER THE GIFT OF THE MASS

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

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

Join us on New Year's Eve as we gather to celebrate Mass, followed by Eucharistic Adoration, as we give thanks to God for the year that has passed and entrust the year ahead to Him. Following Benediction, all are invited to remain for some light refreshments and fellowship.

END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS & TAX RECEIPTS

Thank you for the many ways you support St. Peter the Apostle Parish throughout the year. Tax receipts for donations made in 2025 will be issued in the new year; please note that, in order to be included on your 2025 tax receipt, donations must be received by the parish on or before December 31. If you give online, please keep in mind that some transactions may take a few days to be processed by financial institutions, so we encourage you to make your online donation a little earlier. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and for the many ways you help make our parish mission possible.

A special
Welcome

Whether this is your first time at church, or you've been here more times than you can count, **you are welcome here.**

Christmas has a way of drawing people in for all kinds of reasons. Some come full of joy. Some come tired. Some come unsure. However you arrived today, **there is a place for you here.**

You are welcome if you are single, married, divorced, "it's complicated," filthy rich, dirt poor, or still figuring things out. You are welcome if life feels settled, and you are welcome if life feels overwhelming or heavy.

We welcome those who don't like "organized religion," those looking for a fresh start, a fresh cup of coffee, or a hug from a new friend. We are glad to see those who are inked, pierced, or both; those who could use a prayer right now; those who haven't been to church since Aunt Carol's funeral; and those who somehow wound up here by mistake.

There is a place for you if you are over sixty but not grown up yet, or a teenager growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms and hockey dads, Leafs fans and Bruins fans, those in recovery, and those still finding their way.

You are welcome if you sing like Pavarotti or can't carry a note in a bucket. You are welcome if you're just browsing, just woke up, or just stepped inside with more questions than answers.

At Christmas, **we celebrate a God who chose to come close.** A God who entered real life, with all its beauty and brokenness. That is why, wherever you come from and whatever you are carrying, **you belong here.**

Merry Christmas from Fr. Jerry and all of us at St. Peter the Apostle.



You don't have to figure things out alone.



**Stay connected.
Reach out anytime.**

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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