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Welcome home for Christmas! In these final days of Advent, may every heart find a place here as we prepare to celebrate the gift of Christ among us.

**MASS TIMES**  
**SATURDAY 4PM**  
**SUNDAY 9AM & 11AM**  
 For Weekday Mass Times see inside.

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

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**CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US!**  
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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:** ① Isaiah 7:10-14 ② Romans 1:1-7 ③ Matthew 1:18-24

## MASS INTENTIONS

### CHRISTMAS - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (HOLY DAY)

**Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24**  
 4:00PM **Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)**  
 10:00PM **Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)**

**Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25**  
 10:00AM **Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)**

### 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**



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**CHURCH CLEANUP AND DECORATING**  
 On Sunday, December 21st at 1PM we will have our pre-Christmas Church Cleanup and Decorating. Sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Desk after all weekend Masses. Many hands make light work!

**CHRISTMAS DÉCOR**  
 Help beautify our sanctuary for Christmas with flowers. Envelopes are available as you enter the Church. Write names of loved ones to be honoured (living or deceased) this Christmas season.

**OFFICE CLOSURE**  
 Please note that the **Parish Office is now closed until January 8th**. Our parish staff is gearing up for Christmas and will then have some much needed time off with their families.

**UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION**  
 From time-to-time phone numbers, addresses and email addresses change. If yours has changed or you have moved, 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 in the past, chances are our information isn't correct - so please update it!

**END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS & TAX RECEIPTS**  
 Tax receipts for donations made to the parish in 2025 will be available in the new year. Parishioners making end-of-year donations are reminded that only those envelopes and online donations received by the parish on/prior to December 31st can be included on 2025 tax receipts. Online donations sometimes lag by several days as transactions are posted by banks, please keep this in mind when making your offering.

# A word from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,  
 It's hard to believe how quickly Christmas has come, but here we are. The final days of Advent are upon us, and as a parish, we're getting ready.

In just a few days, our church will be filled with people. People who are here every week. People who are returning after some time away. People who may be stepping into a church at Christmas for the first time in years. Together, we get to help shape what that experience feels like.

Because of so many generous volunteers, we'll be ready. Our church will be clean and beautifully decorated. Our liturgies will be prayerful and joyful. We're still looking for people to help serve at our Christmas Masses, and if you're able to help, even in a small way, we'd love to have you. Signing up is easy. Just stop by the Welcome Desk or visit [spta.church/christmas](http://spta.church/christmas) and click "Serve Christmas."

Christmas is one of those moments when people arrive with a lot on their hearts. Some come joyful. Some come tired. Some come unsure. The way we welcome them matters more than we may realize.

So as we enter these final days of Advent, here are five simple things we can all keep in mind:

- We pray.** Beginning now and throughout the Christmas season, we pray for all those who will join us.
- We anticipate newcomers.** We expect new faces and returning faces. We stay aware of how it feels to walk into a church, maybe unsure, maybe hopeful. Sometimes that means sharing space, letting go of a usual seat, or making room with patience.
- We invite.** We look for opportunities to invite family members, friends, neighbours, and coworkers to join us for Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.
- We welcome warmly.** We offer smiles, kindness, and a welcoming presence that helps people feel at ease.
- We connect.** We take a moment to say hello, to introduce ourselves, and to help others feel at home.

None of this requires anything complicated. It simply asks that we be attentive and intentional. Together, these small acts can make Christmas at St. Peter the Apostle a place where people feel welcomed, encouraged, and glad they came.

I look forward to celebrating Christmas with you and to welcoming many home in the days ahead.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Jerry Tavares*  
 Pastor



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