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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 60:1-6 ② Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 ③ Matthew 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, January 7
6:00PM Church Decor Donors

Thursday, January 8
6:00PM + Margaret O'Neill

Friday, January 9
12:10PM + Members of the Bonoczay Family
6:00PM Parish Christmas Movie Night

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 10
4:00PM Intentions of Marian McIssac

Sunday, January 11
9:00AM + Vic Brunatti
11:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)



Epiphany of the Lord

This Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The great thing about the Magi was their faith. Even though they were outsiders (Gentiles), they recognized Christ as the Saviour of the world. They are models of faith for us. Let us ask the Lord to increase our faith, so that we may recognize His presence in the Eucharist, and welcome Him with joy in our hearts.

O God, who on this day revealed Your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant us in Your mercy that we, who know You already by faith, may be brought to behold Your sublime glory. Amen.

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

You don't have to figure things out alone.
Scan the QR code to connect with us.



WITH THANKFUL HEARTS

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our celebration of Christ's birth so prayerful, joyful, and beautiful. We are grateful to our Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Hosts, Greeters, Musicians, Altar Servers, Ops Team, and Decorating Team for the many ways you served. Our parish is truly blessed.

GRATEFUL

Fr. Jerry would like to thank all who so generously shared Christmas gifts with us here at St. Peter the Apostle Parish. Your kindness, thoughtfulness, and delicious contributions of cookies, treats, and even a little "liquid happiness" helped us celebrate the joy and spirit of the season in a very tangible way. Thank you!

ENGAGED OVER CHRISTMAS?

Did anyone receive a ring under the tree? If so, congratulations on your engagement! We extend our warmest good wishes as you begin this exciting new chapter together. A friendly reminder that the Diocese of Peterborough requires one full year's notice for wedding dates. Please stop by the Welcome Desk for more information or contact the Parish Office.

REACHING OUT IN JESUS' NAME

Sharing the faith is part of the mission of every Catholic. The Christmas season is a beautiful time to invite others to encounter Jesus in a personal and meaningful way. This may be the moment to reach out to those who feel lost, uncertain, or distant. Invite them to Mass and continue to walk with them in the days and weeks that follow.

CELEBRATE BAPTISM

If you are hoping to have a child baptized, please contact the Parish Office to begin the process. Please note that Baptism is required before a child may receive First Communion or Confirmation. Adults seeking Baptism or exploring the Christian faith are warmly invited to speak with Fr. Jerry or contact the Parish Office for more information.

2026 OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Parishioners should now be using 2026 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.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECOR

Our sincere thanks to everyone who generously donated toward the decoration of the sanctuary for Christmas, including the gift of our new Nativity set. Your generosity helped create a beautiful and prayerful space for our parish celebrations.

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!

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 this year, chances are our information isn't correct - so please update it!

CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR

Last weekend, on the Feast of the Holy Family, our Bishop, along with bishops around the world, formally closed the Jubilee Year in their dioceses. This marked a significant moment of thanksgiving for the many graces received throughout this special year of prayer, renewal, and hope.

The Jubilee Year for the Universal Church will be formally closed on January 6 in Rome by Pope Leo XIV. As the Jubilee comes to an end, may the fruits of this holy year continue to shape our lives, drawing us closer to Christ and renewing our faith as His people.

Happy New Year!

WORSHIP OFFERING

A summary of your financial stewardship

December 21st - 4th Sunday of Advent

Total Offertory: \$5,802.17

December 25th - Christmas

Total Offertory: \$9,258.27

December 28th - Feast of the Holy Family

Total Offertory: \$11,678.32

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