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For more information about booking baptisms, weddings, marriage preparation, or other inquiries, please contact 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 49:3, 5-6 ② 1 Corinthians 1:13 ③ John 1:29-34

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, January 21
6:00PM + Maria Chan & Thomas Tan

Thursday, January 22
The Gardens 10AM Intentions of Nancy Loch

Friday, January 23
12:10PM + Vance Dunk

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 24
4:00PM + Tony Goulée

Sunday, January 25
9:00AM **Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)**
11:00AM Intentions of Mary van Diepen

CELEBRATE BAPTISM

If you're looking to have a child baptized, please contact the Parish Office to get the process started. NOTE: In order to receive First Communion or Confirmation, your child must first be baptized. If you're an adult seeking Baptism or thinking about becoming Christian, speak to Fr. Jerry or contact the Parish Office for more information.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's prayers and reflections have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, together with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches. The theme for 2026 is drawn from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (4:4). The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity reminds us that unity is not merely an ideal, but a divine calling at the heart of our Christian identity, inviting us to grow more deeply in the fellowship we share in Christ, who unites Christians throughout the world. To learn more, visit weekofprayer.ca.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

As we begin a new year, we invite parishioners to consider serving in one of our liturgical ministries. Lectors proclaim the Word of God at Mass, while Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist Father in the distribution of Holy Communion. Both ministries help shape our prayer each weekend and are an important part of our worshiping community. Training and support are provided. If you feel drawn to serve in this way, please contact the Parish Office or stop by the Welcome Desk to learn more.

If you've ever thought, "Maybe I could do that," this might be your moment. We'd love to help you take that next step.

INVITE ONE

Sometimes the most meaningful invitation is the simplest one. Consider inviting a friend, neighbour, or co-worker to join you at Mass. You might even offer to pick them up or go for coffee afterward. Your invitation might be the start of something incredible.

JANUARY SCHOOL MASS

Father will be celebrating the first Mass of the New Year at St. Peter the Apostle Elementary School on Thursday, January 29 at 9:30AM. Parishioners are welcome to join our students and staff as we gather to begin the year rooted in faith and prayer. This Mass will take place at the school.

OLD OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

As we begin a new year, parishioners are kindly asked to recycle any offertory envelopes from previous years. Envelopes are renumbered annually to reduce waste, and using outdated envelopes can make it difficult to properly record your offering and issue an accurate tax receipt. If you haven't picked up your 2026 envelope box yet, please stop by the Welcome Desk and we'll be happy to help. Tax receipts will be available for pickup once they are ready.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2025

Tax receipts will be issued for all donations received by December 31. Parishioners are asked to update their address with the Parish Office within the next week, as tax receipts are currently being prepared. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the parish.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING

All women of the parish are invited to a meeting on Thursday, January 22 at 1:30PM in the Knights of Columbus Hall. We'll be sharing ideas and discussing upcoming events and opportunities that may be of interest. We hope you can join us.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Get ready for the ultimate showdown of deliciousness and fellowship! You're invited to our church's first-ever Super Bowl Chili Cookoff (Sunday, February 8th at 6PM), where we're mixing faith, food and football for a fantastic community building event in the Parish. Bring your A-game and your best chili recipe for a chance to win bragging rights and the coveted chili champion title! See the bulletin insert for more details!

BILL C-9 AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Bill C-9 is federal legislation currently before Parliament that proposes amendments to the Criminal Code related to hate propaganda, hate-motivated offences, and access to places of worship and community spaces.

Of particular concern is a proposed change that would remove an existing protection in Section 319(3)(b) of the Criminal Code, which has long ensured that individuals cannot be convicted of hate-speech offences for expressing religious beliefs or teachings, in good faith, grounded in sacred texts and longstanding religious tradition.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has expressed concern that removing this provision could create uncertainty around ordinary religious expression, pastoral teaching, and public witness. In response, the bishops have written an open letter to the Prime Minister and other federal leaders, urging that freedom of religion, conscience, and expression be clearly safeguarded. (You can read the letter at www.cccb.ca).

As Catholics, we are invited to stay informed, to pray for our leaders, and to engage respectfully and thoughtfully in matters that touch on faith, justice, and the common good.

MARRIAGE TIP

January is a perfect time to sit together as a couple with a good cup of coffee or hot chocolate and do a little year in review. Did we spend enough time with each other and with our families? What went well for us and where do we recognize challenges? Discuss how these things could be better in 2026 and commit to making it happen for your relationship. A little marriage reflection and tune-up can keep the spark alive!

VOCATION VIEW

Isaiah's vocation was to be a light to the nations. Nations and neighbourhoods need missionaries - lay, clergy and religious. Listen to the call!

MAKE THE SWITCH

Many parishioners are choosing to support the parish through Automatic Giving. It's an easy and reliable way to give and helps provide consistent support for our ministries and parish life. If you're interested in making the switch, the Parish Office or Welcome Desk can help you get started.

WORSHIP OFFERING

Your financial stewardship for January 11th.

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