

ST. PETER'S PARISH // DECEMBER 07, 2025

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

PETER'S PAPER

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✦ This Is My Church & Multiply the Hope ✦

Since March, a generous anonymous donor has matched every gift to our **This Is My Church** building fund campaign. Now the Diocese, through the **Multiply the Hope** program, amplifies this generosity, accelerating our path toward a **Debt-Free Easter**. For St. Peter's, this is a **historic double-matching opportunity**.

At the beginning of this year, our parish carried a debt of **\$5.2 million**. Through the generosity of our parish community, our anonymous donor, and the Diocese, **\$4,377,231 (84.2%)** has been addressed in **just 9 months**. Now, in this final stretch from Christmas to Easter, **only \$822,769 (15.8%)** remains for us to raise **by March 31, 2026**.

Our Community's Journey to Lifting the Remaining Parish Debt

REMAINING DEBT PAY-DOWN CONTRIBUTION – SEGMENT 1

\$775,481 Diocesan Match + Anonymous Donor Match

As of November 30, our parish's **remaining debt is \$3,196,500**.

In Segment 1, up to **\$775,481 in parish contributions** will be multiplied through the combined matching opportunities provided by the Diocese and our anonymous donor. When this segment is fully met, the **total impact applied to our debt will be \$3,101,924**.

As a result of this extraordinary multiplication:

Every \$1 given in Segment 1 **eliminates \$4** of parish debt.

REMAINING DEBT PAY-DOWN CONTRIBUTION – SEGMENT 2

Once the Diocesan Match Is Met

After Segment 1 is completed, the **remaining parish debt** will be only **\$94,576**.

In this phase, **\$47,288 in parish contributions** will be matched dollar-for-dollar by our anonymous donor, resulting in a **total impact of \$94,576**.

As a result of this final matching arrangement:

Every \$1 given in Segment 2 **eliminates \$2** of parish debt.

This weekend - Second Collection at All Masses

Your generosity will be multiplied: every \$1 you give will have the impact of \$4



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SCHEDULE

ROSARY

Tuesday - Saturday 8:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 7:15 pm
Tue - Sat 8:30 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am; 9:30 am;
11:30 am; 5:00 pm

ADORATION

Friday 9:00 am - 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Monday 6:30 - 7:00 pm
Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am
Saturday 9:00 - 10:00 am
3:30 - 4:30 pm

True peace is born
from the encounter
of man with God.

SAINT JOHN PAUL II, 2002

Peace



SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

Second Sunday of Advent

Prepare the way of the Lord!



**To donate to our Building Fund
Capital Campaign,
please click [HERE](#).**

CONTACT INFORMATION

Office Email:

Office@st-peters.ca

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bulletin@st-peters.ca

Sacraments:

sacraments@st-peters.ca

Baptism:

baptism@st-peters.ca

E-transfers:

donate@st-peters.ca

St. Vincent de Paul:

svdp@st-peters.ca

Website:

www.st-peters.ca

Diocesan website:

www.catholiccyc.ca

Find us on 

OFFICE HOURS

Monday

Office and Church Closed

Tuesday - Thursday

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Friday

9:00 am - Noon

CLERGY

Pastor:

Fr. Fábio de Souza

fabio.desouza@st-peters.ca

Assistant Pastor

Fr. Peter An

peter.an@st-peters.ca

Deacon:

Stephen Robinson

stephen.robinson@st-peters.ca

ST PETER'S YOUTH GROUP

When: Fridays, bi-weekly

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Upcoming dates: Dec 12, Jan 9

[Register here](#)

Please email youth@st-peters.ca for any enquiries.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Young adult volunteers are invited to assist in running the program. Please [sign up here](#).



MASS INTENTIONS DEC 9 - DEC 14

REPOSE OF THE SOUL (RS)/SPECIAL INTENTIONS (SI)

DEC 09 (Tue)	8:30 AM	Ed Evashuk (RS)
DEC 10 (Wed)	8:30 AM	The Lozano Family (SI)
DEC 11 (Thu)	8:30 AM	Juan Rodriguez (RS)
DEC 12 (Fri)	8:30 AM	Teofilo Da Costa (RS)
DEC 13 (Sat)	8:30 AM	Michelle Jaimes (RS)
DEC 13 (Sat)	5:00 PM	Thanksgiving for Audie & Loretta and Family (SI)
DEC 14 (Sun)	8:00 AM	John Hugo (RS)
DEC 14 (Sun)	9:30 AM	Irene Hudecova (RS)
DEC 14 (Sun)	11:30 AM	Mike Knox (RS)
DEC 14 (Sun)	5:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Peter's (SI)



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Christmas Mass Times

Advent Penitential Service

Wednesday, December 10, at 7pm

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24, at 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 9:00pm and 11:00pm

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25 at 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am



Our Parish Office Is Now Open on Saturdays

Beginning December 6

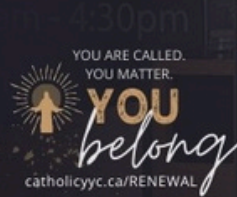
New Parish Office Schedule

Saturday: 9 am. - noon

Tuesday - Thursday: 9 am. - 3:30 PM.

Friday: 9 am. - noon

This new schedule is part of our ongoing Pastoral Renewal initiatives, offering our community a more convenient way to connect with the parish, receive information, and access the support they need.



New Monday Evening Mass & New Confession Time

Beginning December 8

CONFESSION
6:30 pm

HOLY MASS
7:15 pm

A Pastoral Renewal Initiative — making the encounter with Christ, in His mercy and in the Eucharist, more present in our parish life, and offering a new rhythm of grace for our community each week.



New Saturday Morning Adoration & Confession Time

Beginning December 13

After Saturday morning Mass

ADORATION & CONFESSION
9:00 am. to 10 am.

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The Bible Timeline

The Story of Salvation

JEFF CAVINS

This 24-session study will be offered on Sunday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., beginning January 11, 2026, and concluding in December 2026. The sessions will be a mix of in-person and online gatherings, held approximately every two weeks. You can visit Ascension Press to learn more about the program *The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation* (2025).

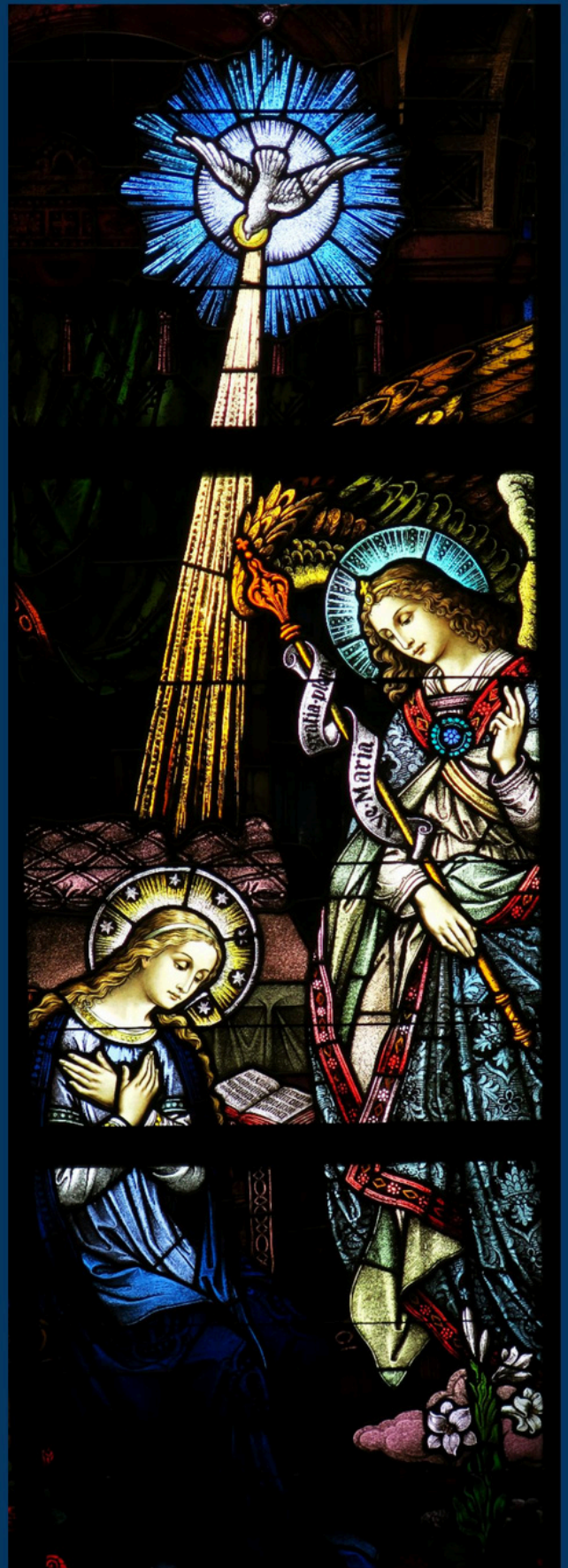
The cost of the workbook is approximately \$50. (Optional)

You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054FAEAF23A1FE3-60253586-bible>. Questions can be directed to kathy.ervin@st-peters.ca or dixie.hawkins@st-peters.ca

CANDLELIGHT Rorate Mass

- **Saturday, Dec. 13, 7:00am**
at St. Peters, 541 Silvergrove Dr. NW
- **Saturday, Dec. 20, 7:00am**
at St. Bernards, 711-37 St. NW

Deepen your experience of Advent with a **Rorate Mass**. This traditional liturgy begins early in the morning to greet the dawn at the end of Mass, symbolizing Christ's birth as the dawn of salvation. The church is lit only by candles, and the darkness will be filled with the voices of a men's choir singing carols and chant in English and Latin.



**Saturday
December 6
2025**



HEALING SERVICE

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
541 Silvergrove DRIVE NW

Come and experience God's supernatural love!

5pm – Mass (optional)	<i>Jesus promised, “These signs will accompany those who believe ... They will lay their hands on the sick and they will recover.” Mark 16:17</i>
6:30pm – Praise and Worship	
7pm – Gospel Healing Presentation	
7:30pm – Corporate Prayer for Healing & Testimonies	
8:00pm – Individual Prayer Ministry	

**JESUS CHRIST IS THE DIVINE PHYSICIAN.
LET US ENTRUST OUR HEARTS AND BODIES TO HIM.**

You are warmly invited to join us for a special screening of the Litany of St. Joseph concert theatrical release! The event will begin shortly **after the 7:15 PM Mass on December 8th**, right in the sanctuary. We look forward to sharing this inspiring experience with you.

Premiere - Is now here!



CELEBRATING THE WORD

Celebrating the Word” is a small group activity and process that allows people of faith to make meaningful connections between their ordinary life stories and the Gospel story.

In this reflective interaction, it is the common experience of group participants that the Sunday readings become alive and are actually experienced as Spirit filled. We engage in prayerful reflection, dialogue and discernment.

Every Wednesday, from 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Contact person: marybriggs@shaw.ca

CWL PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our Ministry handcrafts beautiful prayer shawls, which are then blessed. The shawls are given out to bring comfort and prayer support to those experiencing illness, loss, loneliness or depression.

If you know someone (man, woman or child) who would benefit from a shawl, please contact Ann Dowling ann.dowling2410@gmail.com or Marie Sieben sieben.7@shaw.ca.

We gratefully accept cash donations and donations of unused yarn!

St. Peter's Pastoral Care

St Peter's Pastoral Care Team is a group of dedicated volunteers that serve in a variety of ways in our Parish. We presently have 5 Residential or Care Communities that we provide weekly Lay-Led Liturgies of the Word with Communion Service as well. There is also a service for Graduated Supports in Bowness, arranged between the coordinator and the staff.

Mass is celebrated in each of these communities once a month with one of our Parish Priests.

Some of our members take Holy Communion to people in Hospitals as well as help with Masses in those Communities.


We also **provide home visits as well as Holy Communion to Parishioners who request this**. They may be ill, unable to drive or in need of companionship. We are there for them.

If you would like to join our Team, please contact Gail Monk, St. Peter's Pastoral Care Coordinator by email pastoralcare@st-peters.ca.

Holy Communion to Homebound Parishioners

If you or a loved one is homebound & would like to have Holy Communion brought to you, please contact St. Peter's Pastoral Care Coordinator by email pastoralcare@stpeters.ca or office@st-peters.ca or phone 403-286-5110.

A member of the Pastoral Care Team will contact you to make the arrangements.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS


KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

POSTER CONTEST

Due: _____

Sponsor: _____

Contact: _____



FAITH IN ACTION

FAMILY

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Entry forms available through participating schools or in the Narthex.

Open to all students from K to Grade 8.
Five separate Grade Levels.

Contest rules and judging criteria on entry form.
First prize for each Grade Level will receive \$50 and
Second place will receive \$25

All participating posters must be returned by
December 18, 2025 at any of the participating
schools or in the Narthex. All Narthex posters will
be collected after the Sunday 11:30 Mass.

Contact: Angelo Scarpino (403-862-2307)



Catholic Women's League

Children's Christmas Market: Thank you!!!

A huge thank you to all our CWL ladies plus some of their spouses, children and grandchildren, for making our workshop a great success. Your help was greatly appreciated from setting up; taking the children around to find gifts; wrapping up of their treasures; to the clean up. A special thank you to the parishioners of St. Peter's parish for all your generous donations. There was a total of 65 children who participated in this event and made this such a special occasion.

Thank you for Supporting the Christmas Bake Sale

To the bakers, the organizers, the workers and the shoppers, the CWL would like to extend a HUGE thank you! The bake sale raised \$3656.77 which will go to the building fund! Thank you for your generosity of time, talent and treasure!

CWL/Knights of Columbus Ministry Mass

Consider volunteering to be a reader, an usher, a Eucharistic Minister or help with the Offertory Procession at the next CWL/KofC Ministry Mass @ 11:30 AM on Sunday, Dec. 14. Sign up here:

<https://volunteersignup.org/8QMWH>

CWL December Meeting and Christmas Social

Come have some fun while catching up with your CWL sisters at 7 PM on Wednesday, Dec. 17. Please bring a gently used or new gift for a fun gift exchange (approx price of \$10) Also, please bring a little plate of something sweet or savory to share!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Don Bosco Council 8146



SERVICE TO ONE. SERVICE TO ALL

CWL / Knights of Columbus Ministry Mass
There will be a joint MINISTRY MASS on Sunday, December 14th at 11:30am. Please use the link below to sign up to be an usher, a lector, a Eucharistic Minister etc on the following form:

<https://volunteersignup.org/8QMWH>

Save the date for our next MNO on Friday
September 25 , 2026!

Thinking of Joining the Knights?

Contact David Mildenberger at
cdmilden@shaw.ca,
or Angelo Scarpino at ascarpino@telus.net



MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP


Mothers of the parish are warmly invited to our monthly gathering on the second Thursday of the month, **7:30 - 9:00pm** in the boardroom.

It's a time of prayer, sharing, and encouragement.

Upcoming dates:

Dec 11 • Jan 8

Feb 12 • Mar 12 • Apr 16* • May 14 • Jun 11



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER

Healing. Restoration. Hope

12 DECEMBER 2025 – Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council

As Catholics, we continue to reflect on the life and legacy of Pope Francis, remembering his call to be “pilgrims of hope” in this year of Jubilee. It has been a time for reconciliation, pilgrimage and “coming home”. For Christians, this “Reconciliation” is the accomplishment of Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection reconciles humanity to God. Responding to the Lord’s call to be reconciled to one another in love, Catholic Canadians have set on a journey towards reconciliation with First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples, one born out of a painful and difficult history. That history included the Indian residential schools, administered by Catholic and Christian churches alike. Accounts of prejudice, discrimination, and abuse came out of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which concluded ten years ago. For many people impacted by this history, healing may well require generations to realize.

We have started this journey in several ways, including the Pope’s apology and penitential pilgrimage to Canada in 2022, and a financial commitment of \$30 million that promotes healing, cultural and language revitalization, and other Indigenous-led projects. These efforts complement work happening at diocesan and parish levels, as well. But much remains to be done, and there might be setbacks and disappointments as we continue the journey together with the First Peoples of this land. As Catholics, we need to share Pope Francis’ vision of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people walking together in prayerful and respectful ways towards a stronger, shared future.

As pilgrims – and communities - of hope, each of us has an important role to play in Reconciliation. This is both a Church endeavour and a personal one. We need to learn about our shared history, define lessons learned, and take steps to promote equity, opportunity, and fairness, regardless of one’s background. St. Peter, in his first letter, reminds us that, as Christians, we are called upon to give the reason for our hope. Our commitment to Reconciliation – backed by action – is what will build and sustain both real hope and good will among all peoples on Turtle Island.

“Today we pray with our ancestors who brought us where we are today. They took care of our lives and embraced Christian faith in our camps and communities. We pray that our families will continue to be strong in their faith and that the elders and the young will work closely together to create a better future.”

Advent Wreaths & Candle Sets

Available in the Narthex After All
Masses



The Catholic Women's League is selling beautiful Advent wreaths and traditional candle sets after every Mass throughout the Advent season.

PRICES

Wreaths: \$20

Candle Set: \$15

Wreath + Candle Set: \$30



ST. PETER'S MOTHERS' SUPPORT GROUP



**"Children are a gift
from the Lord: They
are a real Blessing."
Psalm 127:3**

While trying to raise a Christian family in today's society, meeting the changing demands and challenges, it may be difficult at times to appreciate our "gifts" and remember our "blessings." As mothers, we need the support, experience, and empathy that other mothers can offer.

OUR AIMS:

1. To provide spiritual support through prayer and reflection.
2. To discuss information that will enhance any aspect of family life.
3. To provide an opportunity to welcome new mothers and grandmothers into our parish community.

Meetings are held on Fridays from 9:30 am to 11:15 am, following the CSSD school calendar.

Our next meeting is December 12 —join us!



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SONGS *of* JOY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH @ 2:30PM
ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
MUSIC MINISTRY
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
of SEASONAL SONGS



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Christmas hampers keep the Spirit alive!

Christmas hampers will be delivered on Saturday, December 20. Thanks to parish support, St. Peter's hampers include a frozen turkey, frozen vegetables, fresh potatoes, stuffing, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate, cookie mix, treats and toiletries.

Advent donations support the Christmas campaign and SSVP's work in the year ahead.

Angel Tree

Please support the SSVP Angel Tree. Every angel is tagged with a child's age & a gift idea. Unwrapped angel gifts can be returned to the tree. Please include the angel tag & remember to have the gifts back by December 14th. This gives Vincentians time to sort the HUNDREDS of gifts involved with this part of the Christmas Hamper Campaign.

Monetary donations

E-transfer donations to treasurerssvp@outlook.com OR set up an auto-deposit. Forms are available from the SSVP donation box located in the Narthex. Every grocery store card purchased through the Building Fund benefits SSVP and our parish! \$25 and \$50 denominations can be used in our Christmas hampers.

Donations over \$25 qualify for a charitable tax receipt.

Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is

better for others. — PHILIPPIANS 2:4

Learn more about SSVP at St. Peter's

PRAYER CHAIN

Do you have a loved one that you would like to put on our confidential prayer list? The Prayer Chain is a powerful group of CWL women who pray for the ill or for anyone in need of prayer.

Please contact Catherine at:
cmj75@shaw.ca

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

If you have information or an event you would like included in the bulletin, please email it to
bulletin@st-peters.ca.

Submissions are accepted at the discretion of the editor and are subject to editing.

The deadline each week for bulletin submissions is **Wednesday at noon**.

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Pick up Grocery Gift cards after Mass or in the Office.

ALL COMMISSIONS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE BUILDING FUND MATCHING PROGRAM.

Co-op, Sobeys/Safeway, President's Choice and Tim Horton's cards available.

Using cash, cheque or debit for your purchase allows us to put more of our commission towards our building loan.

TAP TO GIVE

TAP YOUR DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD
TO MAKE A

**\$10 - \$25 - \$50
\$20 - \$50- \$100 DONATION**

The TipTapPay devices are located near the main entrance and the bookcase.

To receive a tax receipt, you must scan the QR code on the sign and complete the required information to register your credit card. Tax receipts will be issued annually.

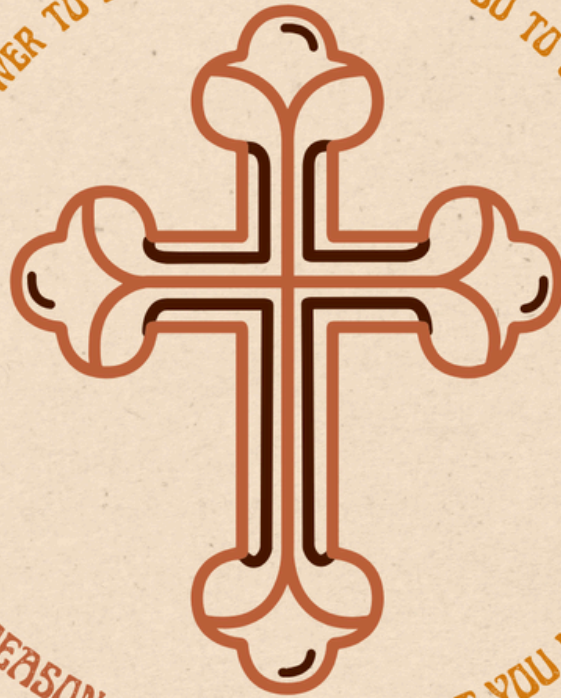
Please email accounting@st-peters.ca with any questions.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

FAITH • FOOD • TALKS

ST. PETER'S PARISH

ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO GIVE AN
ANSWER TO EVERYONE WHO ASKS YOU TO GIVE



FREE
FOOD

1 PETER
3:15

THE PARATUS INITIATIVE

THE REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT YOU HAVE.

• **FOR AGES 20-35** •

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: PARATUS@ST-PETERS.CA

GROW IN YOUR FAITH-
GET TO KNOW & TAKE
PART IN YOUR
COMMUNITY

SCAN FOR
MORE INFO:



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!