

ST. PETER'S PARISH // DECEMBER 21, 2025

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

PETER'S PAPER

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St. Peter's
Roman Catholic Church



A SIGN OF OUR GRATITUDE

This simple gift is offered to each family of our parish this weekend as a **sign of our sincere gratitude**. It brings into our homes the **Child of Bethlehem** and reminds us that the **greatest gift** we receive and share at Christmas is **Christ Himself**. Through this gesture, we express **our deep appreciation** for your remarkable generosity, trust, and faithful participation in our community.

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
Saturday 9:00 am - 10:00 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



A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN FOR US!

MERRY Christmas



"A God who became
so small could only
be mercy and love."

ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

Love



FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

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 - 3:30 pm

Friday and Saturday

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

Christmas & New Year

Christmas Eve

Wed, Dec 24: 4:00 pm · 6:00 pm · 9:00 pm · 11:00 pm

Christmas Day

Thur, Dec 25: 8:00 am · 9:30 am · 11:30 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve, Wed, Dec 31: 5:00 pm

New Year's Day, Thur, Jan 1: 8:00 am · 9:30 am · 11:30 am

Office Hours Over the Christmas Break

December 23: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

December 24: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

December 30 & 31: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please note: There will be no morning Mass at 8:30 am on December 24.



To donate to our Building Fund
Capital Campaign,
please click HERE.



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SONGS of JOY

Thank you to all who joined us
for our Music Ministry
Concert. Your presence made
it a truly joyful moment for our
parish community.





This Is My Church

Building Fund Campaign



SAINT PETER'S ROADMAP

FROM CHRISTMAS TO EASTER

We began **2025** carrying a **\$5.2 million debt**.
Now, this is how our **journey continues to unfold**.

\$822,769
TO BE RAISED
(15.8%)

As of November 30

\$769,262
TO BE RAISED
(14.8%)

As of December 05

\$703,146
TO BE RAISED
(13.5%)

As of December 12

From **December 5 to 12**
the generosity and collaboration of our
parish community resulted in
\$66,116 in contributions.

*Together, with **faith and generosity**,
our **Easter 2026** can become a joyful
celebration of renewal and hope.*



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MASS INTENTIONS

DEC 23 - DEC 31

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

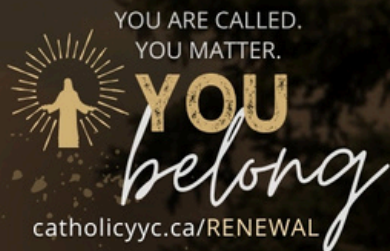
DEC 23 (Tue)	8:30 AM	Allan Seredynski (RS)	DEC 26 (Fri)	8:30 AM	Pete Sandoval (RS)
DEC 24 (Wed)	4:00 PM	Larry Chirka (RS)	DEC 27 (Sat)	8:30 AM	Errol Lobo (RS)
DEC 24 (Wed)	6:00 PM	Brett Warren Porter (SI)	DEC 27 (Sat)	5:00 PM	Bob & Debbie Duncan (SI)
DEC 24 (Wed)	9:00 PM	Maria & Johann Osterling (RS)	DEC 28 (Sun)	8:00 AM	Helen Hugo Kubasek & John Hugo (RS)
DEC 24 (Wed)	11:00 PM	Maria de Los Angels Giglioli Salas (RS)	DEC 28 (Sun)	9:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Peter's (SI)
DEC 25 (Thu)	8:00 AM	Kathleen Fitzgerald & Patrick Stuhlsatzo (SI)	DEC 28 (Sun)	11:30 AM	Kathryn Stollery Vick (RS)
DEC 25 (Thu)	9:30 AM	Teresita Dizon Obieta (RS)	DEC 28 (Sun)	5:00 PM	Paula Villamil-Ortiz (SI)
DEC 25 (Thu)	11:30 AM	Monthi Pais & Claudio Jimila (RS)	DEC 30 (Tue)	8:30 AM	Norman Mani (SI)
			DEC 31 (Wed)	5:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Peter's (SI)

TOGETHER
in ACTION | 2025

We are making progress with the 2025 Together in Action campaign! Thanks to your generous contributions, we have collected **\$27,202** which is **36.34%** of our Parish goal of **\$74,862**. Every donation helps us reach our target. Let's continue to make a difference together!

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office, made online [here](#), sent by e-transfer to tia@st-peters.ca or by using the TIA envelopes in the church Narthex. Please indicate on your donation that it is for TIA.





Welcome the grace of our

Marian Grotto

into your home and daily prayer.



Place it in your home, or
offer it as a meaningful gift.

The exclusive replica of
St. Peter's Marian Grotto
is now available.

Inspired by the beloved grotto
where our community
gathers in prayer,
this piece becomes
a beautiful reminder of
Mary's presence and a sign
of our community's devotion.

Visit our Parish Office.
Limited quantities available.

All proceeds support our
Building Fund Campaign,
and your generosity is expanded
through extraordinary
matching support.



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.



Tu Es Petrus
Matt. 16:18

New Monday Evening Mass & New Confession Time

Beginning December 8

CONFESION
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.





Catholic Women's League

THANK YOU

We extend our sincere thanks to the CWL for their generous donation of \$10,000 to our Building Fund Campaign. Your support is a meaningful contribution to the future of our parish and a beautiful sign of our community walking together with one purpose.

Fr. Fabio de Souza



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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Don Bosco Council 8146



SERVICE TO ONE. SERVICE TO ALL

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:

Jan 8

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

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.

Unpack the Christian *faith* together.

01 Meet new people.

02 Unpack life's big questions.

03 Have an open conversation.

And *that's* it.



St-Peters.ca/alpha



Alpha

Starts January 7, 2026

An open space
to
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BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

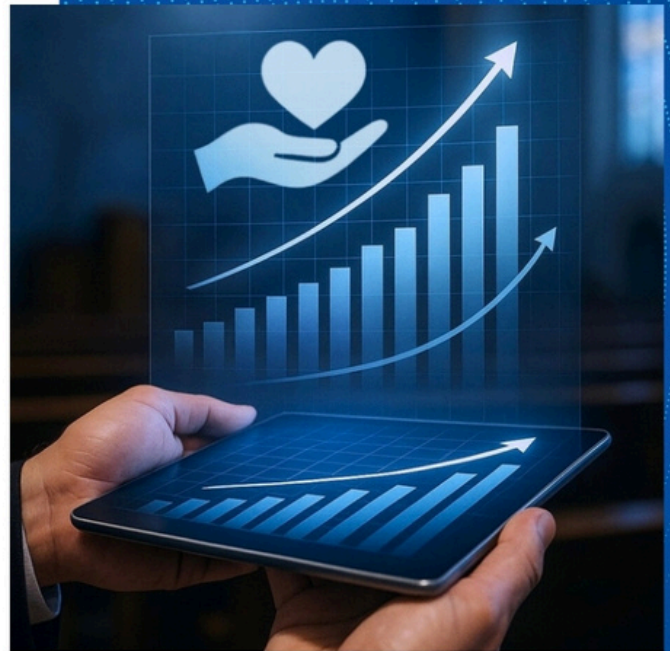
Securities & Shares

A smart and efficient way
to support St. Peter's Parish.

DONATING SECURITIES CAN REDUCE THE TAX YOU
PAY AND INCREASE THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT—
ADVANTAGES YOU DON'T GET WHEN GIVING CASH
ALONE.

Why Giving Securities Makes Your Generosity Go Further

A very effective way to support the St. Peter's Building Fund is to donate publicly traded stocks, bonds, or mutual funds. When you transfer securities directly to the parish, you don't pay tax on the capital gain, and you receive a charitable tax receipt for the full market value. Your generosity goes further—helping us build a debt-free future. It's a simple way to be a good steward of the resources God has entrusted to you.



Key Benefits of Donating Securities

- ✓ No tax on the capital gain.
- ✓ A charitable tax receipt for the full market value of the securities.
- ✓ St. Peter's receives the full value of your gift.
- ✓ Your after-tax cost is lower, so your generosity can go further for our parish.

	Sell Shares & Donate Cash	Donate Shares Directly to St. Peter's
Current Market Value	50,000	50,000
Initial Cost of Shares	10,000	10,000
Capital Gain	40,000	40,000
Tax on Capital Gain	9,200	0
What St. Peter's Receives	40,800	50,000
Your Donation Tax Credit	\$18,768	\$23,000

***Note:** Scenario for illustrative purposes only.

What would normally go to tax can become part of your gift to St. Peter's.

← **No tax** on the capital gain

← **St. Peter's** receives **\$9,200** more

← Your **Tax Credit** is **\$ 4,232** higher

And with our once-in-a-generation Double Matching Opportunity, your generosity is multiplied, allowing each dollar you give to have a fourfold impact for St. Peter's.



DONATION OF PUBLICALLY TRADED SECURITIES TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY

Thank you for supporting the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary with a gift of securities. Transferring securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) is simple, and may result in significant tax savings for you.



1. Donor Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Prov _____ Postal Code _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

2. Designation Information

This donation is made in support of: St. Peter's Building Fund Campaign

Broker Name: _____
Company Name: _____
City: _____ Prov _____ Postal Code _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Fax: _____

4. Securities to be Transferred

From Account # _____
_____ shares of _____
_____ shares of _____

5. Transfer Securities in Kind to:

**Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary,
Investment Account # 701-86549-18**

RBC Dominion Securities

FINS: T002 CUID: DOMA DTC: 5002 Rep Code: 9190 RSL
(Mutual Funds)

I authorize this transfer as a charitable donation to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary. I agree that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary, or its agent, may contact my broker for the purposes of concluding this transaction.

Signature of Donor/Client

Date

- 1) **Complete this form.** This information is needed for the transfer, tracking and receipting of your donation.
- 2) **Give the form to your broker.** Your broker will arrange for the transfer of shares to the Diocese investment account. The Diocese or your Parish cannot initiate this transfer. If you do not have a broker, fax this form directly to your investment firm.
- 3) **Send a copy of the form to our broker (or ask that your broker do this):**

RBC Dominion Securities

Dave Simpson / Britt McLeod
Phone: 403-266-9615
Fax: 403-299-7100 (Securities)
416-313-8455 (Mutual Funds)
Email: dave.simpson@rbc.com
britt.mcleod@rbc.com

- 4) **Send a copy of this form to the Diocese (or ask your broker to do this),** so we can ensure a donation receipt is issued for your gift, when appropriate.

Finance Office:

Miriam Dawidowski
Phone: 403-218-5536
Email: Miriam.dawidowski@calgarydiocese.ca

Development Office:

Email: development@calgarydiocese.ca

**The Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary's
Charitable Registration number is
107909939 RR0076**

YOUR DONATION RECEIPT

- The value of the donation receipt is based on the closing price of the shares on the day the shares are received by the Diocese's custodian, RBC Dominion Securities, Inc.
- Exception – Transfers from an Estate:
Please contact Miriam Dawidowski
(Miriam.dawidowski@calgarydiocese.ca) for information regarding the valuation of securities.

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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Christmas hampers keep the Spirit alive!

God Bless St. Peter's! Many thanks to everyone who contributed time, money, gift cards, food and presents for this year's Christmas campaign!

That includes those who led and contributed to school food and toiletry drives at St. Ambrose, St. Basil, St. Brigid, and St. Monsignor Doyle. SSVP has not seen drives like this since pre-pandemic times. **Thank you!**

SSVP depends on volunteer time and donations. Cash & grocery cards are always welcome. We donations of non-perishable food. Consider buying a pantry staple when you get your groceries. You or your children are welcome to leave these items in the SSVP box at the back of the pantry. Envelopes, grocery cards & cash can also be slipped into the **SSVP Slot Box**. It's part of the bookshelf to the left of the entrance to the sanctuary.

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.

Hamper staples: Hearty soups, canned fish & meat, PB, pasta sauce and canned beans.

Join SSVP: Email ssvp@st-peters.ca for more information about how you can do Christ's work in our community. We have volunteer opportunities for families! Check out our page on the parish website (under Ministries, Service).

Vincentians pray for our benefactors and the people we serve. **Learn more** about SSVP.

ST PETER'S YOUTH GROUP

When: Fridays, bi-weekly

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Upcoming dates: Jan 9, 23

[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](#).



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 [here](#). Questions can be directed to kathy.ervin@st-peters.ca or dixie.hawkins@st-peters.ca

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 January 9th- come join us!

St. Peter's Men's Breakfast

Takes place every first and third
Saturday of the month.

The first breakfast of 2026 will be on
the third Saturday, **January 17, 2026 at
07:00am**

Coffee Challenge

There's a brother who needs you. Help
us fight isolation and the loneliness so
often crippling our men.

Set up a monthly gift. It doubles every
month thanks to a generous matching
donor. \$20 becomes \$40

[Click here to donate today!](#)

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.

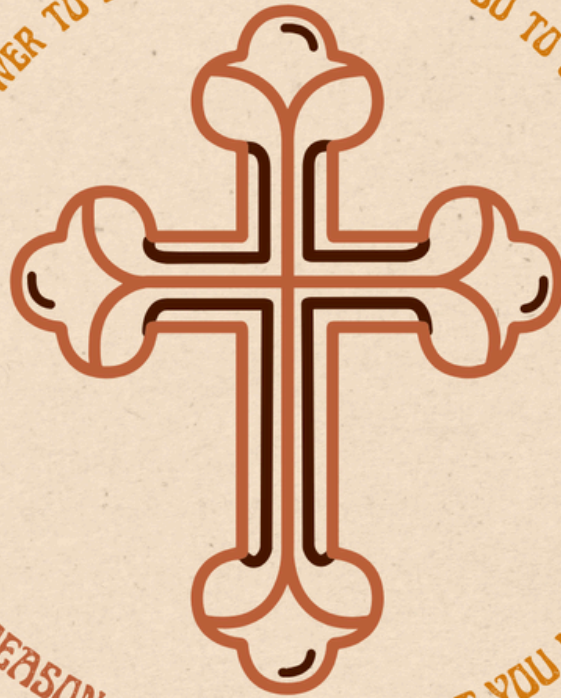
Please email accounting@st-peters.ca
with any questions.

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!



ALIES is a frontline pro-life organization operating houses beside Alberta's abortion clinics, offering women a last chance to hear a compassionate, life-affirming alternative before their appointments.

Because bubble-zone legislation prevents any pro-life outreach within 50 metres of abortion providers, our private locations are the only places in Western Canada where this kind of personal, immediate support is possible.

Since 2006, we know of **218 babies saved, including 13 this year.**

We are now fundraising to purchase a house in Calgary so we can extend this refuge to more women. Our mission depends entirely on the generosity and prayers of Albertans and Canadians who share our commitment to defend life. **We need to raise \$240,000**, about half of the sale price.

Watch this video for more info and to see the house! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDkXjaeiTjc>

You belong to our mission and I would be humbled to work with you to purchase this safe haven for mothers in Calgary. Can we count on your contribution?

DONATE NOW:

- alies.ca/donate
- E-transfer: to executivedirector@alies.ca
- call 403-452-3950