



**ST. PETER'S PARISH
ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 13, 2009**

Pastor: Father Joe Vayalil
Deacon: Bob Birch
Sacristan: Richard Sutton
Secretary: Josephene Kealey

Welcome to everyone, parishioners, newcomers and visitors to St. Peter's Parish. We encourage the *active* participation of all in the prayer and song of our community worship.

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

To promote the love and compassion that Jesus Christ showed to all people, of every creed, with a special emphasis on the needs of the poor and the underprivileged.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. --- fulfills Sunday Obligation
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Last Sunday of every month: Mass at 10:30 a.m. only

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

No Mass on Mondays.

No Mass on a Tuesday after a long weekend holiday.

LEGION OF MARY PRAYER MEETING:

MONDAYS at 7:00 p.m.

CENACLE PRAYER:

THURSDAYS from 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

ADORATION:

FIRST FRIDAYS from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS: by appointment before Sunday Masses

First Fridays at 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS: 4:15 p.m. on Saturdays

10:30 a.m. on Sundays

No Baptisms on last weekend of the month as it is our parish monthly socials: **October to June.**

For more information kindly call our office at 613-733-1553.

MARRIAGES: Kindly give us at least 6 months notice.

A Marriage Preparation Course is required after the Pastor's approval.

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5:00 p.m. Mass – George Assing

9:30 a.m. Mass – Jay Hunt

11:30 a.m. Mass – Michael Murray

Ministry of Communion Coordinators

Mike and Lisa Birch

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Advent Reflection: A Sacrament of Reconciliation Service for Advent will be held on the Dec. 17th, with four priests to hear your confession. All are invited to attend.

2. Parish Bake Sale Update: Congratulations to Veronica Walker, Emma Tobin, Dorothy Blair, Elizabeth Wilson and all parishioners who baked and brought items for the bake sale, last weekend. To-date: \$707.00 was raised for the parish. Thank you, St. Peter's!

3. Please note that the **Homelands Mass** will be held on Sunday, January 10, 2010. We will be in touch shortly with the Cultural communities regarding this event. Further information will follow in the New Year.

4. Saint Peter's Choirs: Would you like to feel closer to God on Sunday morning? Come and join us in the choir loft and you will! Saint Peter's Choirs are looking for new members. No previous music experience is necessary. For more information please call the parish office.

5. Christmas Fruit Cakes: Campaign Life Coalition will be holding their annual Christmas fruitcake sale, after all Masses at the church entrance. Please see James Wilson for more information.

6. Advent and Christmas Carol Concert: Come celebrate with the Cathedral Choirs, the Youth Choir, the Women's Choir and the Cathedral Brass. Notre Dame Cathedral, Sunday, December 13, at 2:30 p.m. The programme includes songs of Advent and Christmas. A reception follows in the basement Parish Hall.

7. NEW APOSTOLIC NUNCIO APPOINTED FOR CANADA: (Ottawa -- CCCB) His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI (Thursday, Dec. 10) appointed Most Reverend Pedro López Quintana Apostolic Nuncio to Canada. He was Apostolic Nuncio to India and Nepal since 2003. Archbishop López Quintana succeeds Most Reverend Luigi Ventura who recently became Apostolic Nuncio to France. Archbishop Pedro López Quintana was born in Barbastro, Spain, on 27 July 1953. He was ordained priest on 15 June 1980 and Bishop on 6 January 2003. Archbishop López Quintana entered the diplomatic service of the Holy See in 1984 and has served in the Apostolic Nunciatures of Madagascar, the Philippines and India as well as in the Secretariat of State of the Holy See, as Assessor for General Affairs. Archbishop López Quintana holds a Doctorate in Canon Law and speaks five languages: Spanish, Italian, French, English and Portuguese.

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 12

5:00 p.m. Mass

- Prayers and Healing for Mario Masone
by the Romaro Family

Sunday, December 13

9:30 a.m. Mass

- No intention requested

11:30 a.m. Mass

- For the soul of Daukszo Mieczyslaw
by the family

Friday, December 18

8:30 a.m. Mass

- For the soul of George Winters
by Georgette Lacelle

From the Pastor's Desk:

The Neglected Sacrament

When the most important celebration of our redemption gets under way, the priest feels frustration at the lack of sensitivity from the part of some faithful towards confession.

Are there instances where Holy Eucharist is received with sin on the conscience?

Let us make use of the opportunity to receive absolution for sins of omission and commission, on this Thursday, December 17 at 7 p.m. in the church, so that we can meet the Lord in an embrace of childlike simplicity.

Collections: December 6

Total, including special collection:

\$3605.00

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Please pray for God's healing:

Fr. Bill Lunney, Brandon Lankester, Tim Dooling, Anna Karolewicz, Lise Martin,
Emilie Joinette, Augusto Romano, Louise Jarvis, Fr. Bob Bedard.

Please send an e-mail to our office if you know of someone who is sick and needs to be prayed for:
stpeters@inbox.com

ST. PETER'S CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Parish Reconciliation Service

Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. & 9:00p.m.

Christmas Day Mass

Friday, December 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 26 at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 27 at 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve Mass – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31 at 7:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Mass – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, January 1, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

There will be NO 8:30 a.m. Mass on December 24 and 31.
The Parish office will be closed December 25 and January 1.

Advent Christmas Reception: Archbishop Terrence Prendergast S.J. cordially invites all the faithful in the Archdiocese to his Advent Christmas Reception. Sunday December 20, 2: 00 – 4:00 p.m. At his residence, 143 St. Patrick Street, Children are invited to come dressed as Shepherds and Angels.

Reflection: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Old Testament: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

New Testament: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

This Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday, a name that comes from the latin word that means "Rejoice!" As the rose candle of the Advent wreath is lit, we rejoice that Christmas is near. We rejoice in the fact that our God does not keep His distance from us, but enters in our human experience, shares our sorrows and our struggles, and takes upon His shoulders the weight of our sins so that we might dare to hope for the gift of eternal life.

John the Baptist proclaimed Good News to the people of his day. Today we rejoice in the Good News that the Lord's love is greater than anything we could have ever imagined. He reconciles us poor sinners and abides with us so that we might never again fear the powers of sin and death. He gives us consolation in times of sorrow and courage in times of weakness. He fills our hearts with the "peace of God which surpasses all understanding."

We rejoice this day not simply because of the nearness of the celebration of Christmas, but for the nearness of our God who makes that celebration possible.



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In your kindness,
please remember St. Peter's Parish
in your bequests and wills. If anyone
wishes to make such a bequest in their
Will, the following clause may be included
or added to a will or added by codicil:

*"I give devise and bequeath the sum
of \$..... to St. Peter's Parish,
Ottawa, to be used for the benefit of
the Parish and its pastoral works."*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

AN INVITATION: If you are visiting our church today,
know that we are honored by your presence.
Our parish serves the needs of the community in many
different ways. We offer preparation for sacraments,
children's liturgy, social activities, assistance to those in
difficulty, and comfort to the sick and those who mourn a
loss. If we can be of service to you, do not hesitate to call
on us.