

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, January 11, 5:00 p.m. Mass. – Pro - Populo

Sunday, January 12, 9:30 a.m. Mass + For the repose of the Souls of James, Genevieve and Brian Arden by Jane LeBreton

11:00 a.m. Mass + For Holy Souls in Purgatory by Karine Langley

Monday, 13, No Mass

Tuesday, 14, No Mass

Wednesday, January 15, 8:30 a.m. Mass – For the repose of the Soul of Cyril my late husband by Karine Langley

Thursday, January 16, 8:30 a.m. Mass – For the Personal Intentions of Fr. Pierre and Fr. Francis by Karine Langley

Friday, January 17, 8:30 a.m. Mass – For the benefit and Intentions of Marriages for Mary Ministry by Jane LeBreton

Saturday, January 18, 5:00 p.m. Mass – For the benefit of Ava LeBreton and Family by Jane LeBreton

Sunday, January 19, 9:30 a.m. Mass – Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Pro - Populo

11:00 a.m. Mass + For Holy Souls in Purgatory by Karine Langley

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD REFLECTION: The final feast of the Christmas season is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Having celebrated his birth and his manifestation as the Messiah for all nations, it is appropriate to conclude the season with the event which begins his public ministry. Our gospel reading contains two verses about the work of John the Baptist. John was a major figure during Advent, for it was he who prepared the way for the coming of Christ. Now we see him as the one who offered baptism to Christ in the Jordan. John clarifies that he himself is not the Christ. He knew he was a servant, one who would point the way to someone 'more powerful'. John was a strong and effective preacher of forgiveness and new life. Jesus will show his power above all by his mighty works of healing. John alludes to the Spirit who will accompany the work of Jesus and to his new kind of baptism. The evangelist Luke presents the baptism of Jesus in a unique way. Jesus, who is in no need of conversion himself, shows solidarity with all those coming to John for baptism. Luke hardly mentions the baptism itself but concentrates on the manifestation of the Spirit and on the voice heard. As so often in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is presented as praying after his baptism. It is as if he is at prayer as he awaits the coming of the Holy Spirit. Most remarkable is Luke's description of the Spirit 'in bodily form', whereby the evangelist insists on the reality of the Spirit's presence. The vision is seen by all, and the voice similarly to be heard by all. The words are inspired by the Servant Song which is our first reading from the Book of Isaiah: 'Here is my servant, in whom my soul delights.' Why did Jesus seek baptism from John? How similar is John's baptism to that of Jesus? Let us seek a renewal of the grace of our own baptism. Let us prepare to accompany Jesus in Luke's story of his ministry throughout the coming weeks.

THANK YOU: On behalf of Fr. Shroff, thank you for the many cards and gifts you so generously offered us for Christmas and the New Year. We also give thanks to all those in the liturgical ministries, behind the scenes and all in attendance, who brought a very real sense of joy and prayer to our Christmas celebrations. We would like to express our deepest Christmas and New Year's wishes to you and your loved ones. We hope that this Christmas Season was especially beautiful for you! Speaking of beauty, the celebration of Advent, Christmas Novena and Christmas here at the parish. There are so many to thank for this: Parishioners, our St. Vincent de Paul – Social Action team, Christmas Potluck team, sacristan, Altar servers, our choirs and musicians, also thanks to our lectors - Readers, Children's Liturgy Teachers, our ushers, our counters and anyone we may not have mentioned by name. Without these amazing people and their contributions, we could not ever imagine Christmas at St. Peter's. May the newborn Christ Child fill your hearts and homes with his Divine Peace! With immense gratitude!

Collection – January 4 and 5, 2025: Envelopes: \$1,020.00., Loose: \$303.85;

St. Vincent de Paul: \$165.00; Clergy Support: \$230.00; Christmas Collection: \$30.00;

Votive Lights: \$134.15, Initial Offering: \$10.00; Grand Totals: \$1,893.40.

THANK YOU for your generosity and support.

2025 NEW SUNDAY MISSALS: HAVE ARRIVED! And You are welcome to purchase a copy or more of the new Sunday missal at the parish office for \$8.00 each.

2025 COLLECTION BOXES ARE IN! Please pickup your 2025 collection box in the main entrance of the church. If you do not have a box of envelopes and would like one, please take a blank box and remember to record your name and box number on the sheet so you can receive an income tax receipt at the end of the year. Thank you!

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY: Do you like to socialize after Sunday Mass? Perhaps you would like to volunteer to make the tea/coffee and set out the cookies, Muffins, Tim bits juice boxes and clean up afterwards on one Sunday a month. Please email or call the office if you are interested. We will be starting our first Hospitality Sunday during the month of February.

NEW TO OUR PARISH?: Registering in your parish is an important first step to becoming an active member in the Church community. Registration brings with it tangible benefits that can help a person become more fully engaged in the Church! Please note that we do not share your registration information with anyone, and it is completely confidential.

The benefits include--Establishes evidence of presence; Provides proof of sacramental participation; Demonstrates community involvement; Demonstrates financial commitment; Empowers the Pastor to support you when recommendations are needed; and provides you with a tax receipt. You are invited to fill out a parish registration form found on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church. Please put the completed form into the collection basket during Offertory at Mass or drop off at the parish office. **WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S R.C.C.!**

A YEAR OF FAITH AND BLESSINGS: Thank you, my God, for granting me a new day, for giving me more than I need, and for protecting me far beyond what I deserve! Please forgive my mistakes and calm my mind. I wanted to say thank You, Thank You for Your constant love, guidance, and strength. Even in difficult times, You've been by my side. Where there is faith, there is love; Where there is love, there is peace; Where there is peace, there is God; Where God is, nothing is lacking. God, 2025, I need You to be by my side, because I would be lost and alone without You. I put 2025 in your hands. Amen.

The Jubilee Prayer: Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen.