DECEMBER 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31					1 RC Manor 10am Adoration 12:30-2 pm CFC Choir Pr. 6-9 pm	2 Training- Liturgical Ministries 9-11am YA Taize 6-10pm
3 1 Sun Advent Pancake Breakfast: - 9, 11 am	4 Choir Pr. 6pm Bible Study 7 pm	5 Queen's Park 10:15 RCIA 7 pm	6 PREP 6:15-7:30	7 YAH GM 1 pm Kiwanis 10:30	8 CFC 6-9 pm	9 Baptism Prep 10 am
10 2 Sun Advent Coffee - 9, 11 am	Knights Christmas Party 6-10pm  Bible Study 7 pm	CWL Ex. 7 pm RCIA 7 pm	13 PREP 6:15-7:30	14 Bingo 1 pm Church Vigil 6-10 pm	15 Simbang Gabi (7pm) CFC 6-9 pm	16 SSVP Hampers 9-12 Eritrean Mass 9-12 Simbang Gabi (5 pm) Brazilian Mass 6pm
17 3 Sun Advent Coffee - 9, 11 am Simbang Gabi (5pm) Youth Night 6 pm	18 Choir Pr. 6pm Simbang Gabi (7pm) Bible Study 7	Penitential Service (7pm) Simbang Gabi (8pm)	20 Simbang Gabi (7pm)	21 Simbang Gabi (7pm) CRL 7 pm	22 Simbang Gabi (5pm)	23 Simbang Gabi (5pm)
4 Sun Advent: 9, 11 am Christmas Eve: 5, 7:30, and 10 pm	25 Christmas Day Masses: 9 and 11 am	26	27	28	29	30 Holy Family

# ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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## 2 SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 10, 2023



Fr. Nick Meisl **PASTOR** 

Fr. Martin Moser, OMI PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

Saturday: 5 pm (also livestreamed) **SUNDAY MASS** 

> Sunday: 9 am, 11 am, 5 pm Tuesday – Friday: 12 Noon Saturday: 4:15 – 4:45 pm

Tuesday – Friday: 11:40 – 11:50 am

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact Fr. Nick: (604) 522 4611, ext. 2

For marriages, please contact the Parish at least six months in advance.

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS** 

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** 

**WEEKDAY MASS** 

St. Vincent de Paul Society (Help line: 604 520 0663)

Catholic Women's League **Knights of Columbus** Young at Heart Seniors' Group

**Indigenous Relations** 

**Couples for Christ** Legion of Mary

Community of the Risen Lord

**Eritrean Community** 

Young Adults Ministry

Development and Peace

Choir

**Youth Ministry** 

### Advent – Preparing with Joy for Christmas

Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses: This Novena of Masses honours the Blessed Virgin Mary in anticipation of the celebration of Christmas. The tradition provides a meaningful way to deepen the preparation of the faithful, Filipino and non-Filipino alike, for the joys of Christmas.

Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass You are invited to attend the Commissioning Mass on Thursday, **December 14** at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB will bless the Parols (Christmas Lanterns) at 6:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:00 pm.

Simbang Gabi Masses will take place at St. Peter's on Dec. 15 (7 pm), Dec 16 (5 pm), Dec 17 (5 pm), Dec 18 (7 pm), Dec 19 (8 pm), Dec 20 (7 pm), Dec 21 (7 pm), Dec 22 (5 pm), Dec 23 (5 pm).

Advent Penitential Services: An Advent Penitential Service will be held at St. Peter's on Tuesday Dec. 19 at 7:00 pm. Other Penitential Services will be held on the following dates in neighboring parishes (all start at 7:00 pm): Dec. 14 at Sts. Cyril and Methodius and Our Lady of Lourdes, Dec. 15 at Holy Spirit, Dec. 18 at St. Michael's and Our Lady of Fatima (Coquitlam), Dec. 20 at St. Francis de Sales, and Dec 21 at Our Lady of Mercy.

### **Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule** 4th Sunday of Advent Saturday, Dec 23: 5:00 pm Sunday, Dec 24: 9:00 am, 11:00 am Christmas Eve (Sunday, Dec 24): Christmas Day (Monday, Dec 25): 5:00 pm (Children's Mass, also live-streamed) 9:00 am 7:30 pm 11:00 am 10:00 pm **Holy Family**

Saturday, Dec 30: 5:00 pm Sunday, Dec 31: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

### **Mary Mother of God**

Monday, Jan 1: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

Let us pray for those who are sick: Gabby Alba, Celestina Amparo, Remedios Barro, Remedios Bartko, Jim Bilesky, Rosalie Cruz, Gail Bonner, Lorrie Fee, Marlene Giddens, Marie Hocking, Ruby Lagmay, Bill Lawrence, Maggie Misfeldt, Margaret Ng, Marie Pham, Catherine Radley, Mary Ann Maningas, Mary Villegas de Ballesteros, Romel Romey, Tim Salvacion, Melissa Santos, Maria Luisa Valenzuela, Fidel Villanueva, and Mimi Wunderlich.

Youth Ministry Gathering Dec 17, 6-7:30pm: Teens (grade 8-12) are invited to join us in the hall for our special pre-Christmas gathering after the Sunday 5 pm Mass.

**2024 Envelopes can be picked up from the Church entrance.** If your name is not listed on an envelope and you would like envelopes for 2024, please contact the parish office – 604-522-4611x3; email: st.peters@telus.net. These envelopes will be used from Jan. 1, 2024.

Calendars for 2024 are available for pickup after Mass.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Drivers needed for the delivery of Christmas gift bags on Saturday, December 16 between the hours of 10:30 am and 2 pm. If you are able to help, please call our help line at 604-520-0663. Thank you.

The Brazilian Community of St. Peter's would like to invite parishioners for a Portuguese mass that will be celebrated here at St. Peter's, using the "O Domingo" as guidance for our readings and prayers. The mass will happen on December 16th, at 7 pm and will be followed by a gathering at the hall with a Christmas themed potluck.

A Comunidade Brasileira da St. Peter's gostaria de convidar aqueles que falam português para uma missa em Português que será celebrada aqui na St. Peter's, utilizando o folheto "O Domingo" como quia para as leituras e preces. A missa irá acontecer no dia 16 de Dezembro as 07 da noite e sera seguida de um potluck com tematica Natalina. Aquardamos vocês!

Young at Heart (YAH) YAH Bingo schedule is Dec 14. General Meeting, Thurs. Jan 4 at 1 pm

Knights of Columbus 62 Annual Charity Appeal - LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS. Main draw for a Toyota RAV 4 Hybrid and cash prizes totalling \$45,000 is December 16. Funds raised go to local charities including St. Vincent DePaul Society, Student bursaries, St. Peter's Youth Group, Ukrainian Youth Group, STM Dry Grad and Education of Seminarians. Tickets are 1 for \$5, 10 for \$25 and 50 for \$50. Main draw Dec. 16. Please go to https://kofcdraw.net/c1283 and click on the poster to purchase tickets.

Year End Giving: As we approach the end of 2023, we are grateful for the generous support of our parishioners! An impactful way to make cash or cheque contributions is by giving to the Building Enhancement Fund (yellow envelopes) or giving online (credit card or bank withdrawal) to **Project Advance** at projectadvance.ca (on the website, please select "St. Peter" from the drop-down menu) since all funds given to the Building Enhancement Fund or Project Advance go directly to St. Peter's. We are just \$5000 short of our Project Advance Parish goal for 2023. Every donation is appreciated and makes a difference, thank you!!