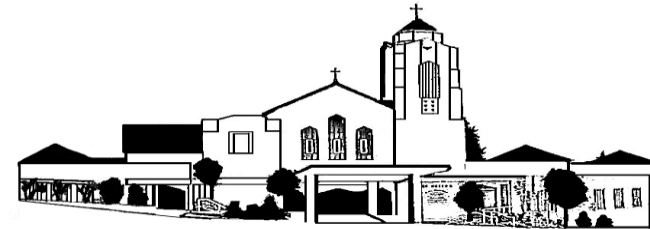


| DECEMBER 2023 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 31 | | | | | 1 RC Manor 10am Adoration 12:30-2 pm CFC Choir Pr. 6-9 pm | 2 Training- Liturgical Ministries 9-11am YA Taize 6-10pm |
| 3 1 Sun Advent 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 | 11 Knights Christmas Party 6-10pm Bible Study 7 pm | 12 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) Spanish Novena Brazilian Mass 6pm |
| 17 3 Sun Advent Coffee - 9, 11 am Spanish Novena Simbang Gabi (5pm) Youth Night 6 pm | 18 Choir Pr. 6pm Simbang Gabi (7pm) | 19 Penitential Service (7pm) Simbang Gabi (8pm) | 20 Simbang Gabi (7pm) Spanish Novena | 21 Spanish Novena Simbang Gabi (7pm) CRL 7 pm | 22 Simbang Gabi (5pm) | 23 Simbang Gabi (5pm) |
| 24 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 |

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3 SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 17, 2023



PASTOR

Fr. Nick Meisl

PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

Fr. Martin Moser, OMI

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday: 5 pm (also livestreamed)

Sunday: 9 am, 11 am, 5 pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday – Friday: 12 Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

Catholic Women's League

Knights of Columbus

Couples for Christ

Young at Heart Seniors' Group

Indigenous Relations

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. See the list of participating parishes within our Archdiocese at rcav.org/christmas.

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. Browse additional confession times here: rcav.org/christmas/confession.

Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

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| 4th Sunday of Advent |
| Saturday, Dec 23: 5:00 pm |
| Sunday, Dec 24: 9:00 am, 11:00 am |

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| Christmas Eve (Sunday, Dec 24): 5:00 pm (Children’s Mass, also live-streamed) 7:30 pm 10:00 pm | Christmas Day (Monday, Dec 25): 9:00 am 11:00 am |
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| 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, Raymond Mandursiak, 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 parish basement for our special pre-Christmas gathering after the Sunday 5 pm Mass.

Young Adult Gathering Jan 28, 6-9pm: Young Adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to a Board Games & Pizza Night in the hall. Info: stpetersnewwest.ca/ministries/young-adults

Congratulations to Celine and Jan and on the recent baptism of her daughter Stella!
Congratulations also to Vanessa and Jojette on the recent baptism of their son Stellan!

Are you interested in having your child baptized? Please speak to Fr. Nick or fill out the information form here: stpetersnewwest.ca/sacraments/baptism.

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.

Online Giving: Instead of using envelopes, some parishioners find it convenient to support our parish using pre-authorized, recurring giving via Credit Card or Bank Withdrawal. To setup weekly or monthly giving, please visit stpetersnewwest.ca/giving. If you are already giving online, this link also shows how to adjust your online giving (change gift amount, change parish if you have recently joined St. Peter’s, change address, or change Credit Card). Every contribution makes a difference and is appreciated. Thank you!

Young at Heart (YAH) General Meeting, Thurs. Jan 4 at 1 pm. Movie Afternoon- Title: Little Miss Sunshine (Funny Movie).

FORMED Lenten Retreat Planning Workshop. This is an opportunity to learn how to easily hold a retreat using your parish’s Lenten FORMED resources. Facilitated by RCAF Lay Formation Coordinators, Louisa Gietz and Jane Waldock, learn about easy methods of planning, inviting, and deciding on content! All ministry leaders are welcome! The workshop is held online via Zoom. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

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 \$2000 short of our Project Advance Parish goal for 2023. Thank you!!