

# Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains

## Sunday, December 17, 2023

Welcome to the Cathedral! Are you new here? We are so glad you have joined us. Please visit our website and register: [www.stpeterspeterborough.ca](http://www.stpeterspeterborough.ca)

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### 3rd Week in Advent

#### Monday, December 18th

7:30am - Intentions of Malachi Blenkarn - The Ward Family  
12:10pm - + Tom & Lillian Pearson - The Family

#### Tuesday, December 19th

7:30am - + John L. Jones - Laurie Jones  
12:10pm - + Marie Shaughnessy - Harvey & Beverly Batten

#### Wednesday, December 20th

7:30am - Intentions of Felix, Leonida & Family - Thelma Scott & Family  
12:10pm - Dr. David Hogan - The Family

#### Thursday, December 21st

7:30am - + Terry Gray - Joan  
10:00am - St Catherine's School Mass  
12:10pm - + Fred & Mary Ayers - Ken & Dianne Boyd

#### Friday, December 22nd

7:30am - + Doug Twomey, Jean Armstrong & Brenda McMahon - The Family  
12:10pm - Intentions of Joseph Ward - The Ward Family

#### Saturday, December 23rd

9:00am - + Ron Cavanagh - Joan  
5:00pm - + Tom & Rita Foley - The Foley Family and + Anto Dzoja - Craig Chamberlain

#### Sunday, December 24th

7:30am - People of the Parish  
9:00am - + Gus Sheehan - Ella & Family  
10:30am - Angala Clarke - The Lagana Family and + Wilf Gravelle & Deceased Members of Gravelle/Young Family

#### We Pray for the Sick...

Fran Barry, Phil Bawden, Jeannie Caravaggio, John Davies, Mike Gain, Christine Marie Hatherly, John Irwin Hatherly, Steve Henry, Theresa Jerney, Millie Lafleche, Javier Lopez, Margaret MacMaster, Crystal McCausland, Maureen McGillis, Fergus O'Brien & Pauline Sherry

### OFFERTORY

December 10, 2023	\$	3,762.00
Online	\$	-
Pre-Authorized	\$	1,454.13

There are many ways of giving at the Cathedral. As well as Offertory Envelopes, we have Pre-Authorized Offertory Plan, and on-line donation through our new website. Please also, remember the Cathedral in your estate planning. As always, your support of our Cathedral is greatly appreciated.

Online donations are made through our new website: [www.stpeterspeterborough.ca/giving](http://www.stpeterspeterborough.ca/giving) or by using the QR codes on the cards in the pews. Please do not make offertory donations by e-transfer.

### GIVING WITH PURPOSE IN 2024

My Catholic Giving Guide: Embark on a purposeful journey of stewardship with the My Catholic Giving Guide! This free tool helps you budget your charitable giving, keeping your 2024 financial resolutions on track and ensuring your donations support the things you care most about. Download the worksheet at [www.peterboroughdiocese.org](http://www.peterboroughdiocese.org).

### SIMBANG GABI 2023

Celebrate SIMBANG GABI, the Novena Mass celebrated by Filipinos all around the world in anticipation of the birth of Jesus Christ. Each of the Novena Masses, from December 15th - 23rd, will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception. This is the 5th time it is going to be celebrated in Peterborough. A communal sharing of a feast of traditional Philippine dishes will follow all Masses. Everyone is welcome! Schedule is available on our website.

### FROM THE OFFICE

The CWL ladies will be selling Tim Horton gift cards after the Masses this weekend. Cards are also available in the office in \$25 denominations. Cash or cheques only please.

**Please remember to check the boxes at the back of the church and claim your offertory box. The unclaimed boxes will be moved to the office prior to Christmas and will need to be picked up there.**

Please also note that any donations you wish to see reflected in your 2024 tax receipt for 2023 donations must be received by December 31, 2023.

### HOW DO I GET FORMED.ORG?

1. Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)
2. Click on "Formed for Individuals" button
3. Enter your email address & click "submit" button
4. Enter "Cathedral of St Peter In Chains & click "next" button
5. Enter your name & email address & click the "sign up" button.

### WHAT IS FORMED.ORG?

Formed.org is "Catholic Faith On Demand". Similar to Netflix, Formed.org gives you access to Catholic movies, audio books, radio talks, podcasts, studies and much more! It's all at your fingertips!

### WHAT IS THE COST?

There is no fee! The Diocese of Peterborough has purchased a Diocesan package which allows all parishioners free access. Check it out today!

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent: Sunday, December 24th:

7:30am, 9:00am, & 10:30am

#### Nativity of our Lord, A Holy Day of Obligation: Sunday,

December 24th: 4:00pm, 8:00pm & 10:00pm and Monday, December 25th at 9:00am & 10:30am

#### Tuesday, December 26th: NO MASS

#### Wednesday, December 27th: NO MASS

#### Thursday, December 28th: 9:00am

#### Friday, December 29th: 9:00am

#### Saturday, December 30th: 9:00am

#### Feast of the Holy Family: Saturday, December 30th:

5:00pm and Sunday, December 31st at 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am

#### Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, A Holy

#### Day of Obligation: Sunday, December 31st:

5:00pm and Monday, January 1st at 9:00am & 10:30am

### What is a Holy Day of Obligation?

Holy Days of Obligation are special celebration for which Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. Aside from every Sunday of the year, there are two Holy Days of Obligation in Canada. These are Christmas Day (December 25) and the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (January 1)

### Do I Have to Go to Mass Twice on December 24th? What about December 31st?

This year, the Fourth Sunday of Advent is also the Vigil of Christmas. Coming to Mass only for the Vigil of Christmas (Sunday evening) does not fulfill our obligation to celebrate the Lord's Day, Sunday. The same is true on December 31st: Coming on Sunday evening does not fulfill the Sunday obligation this year.



## A Prayer for the Third Sunday of ADVENT

*God of Peace*, make us perfectly holy. Teach us to rejoice, to pray without ceasing, to be grateful. Fan the flame of the Spirit within us, that we might lose our appetite for every kind of evil. Grow love through us, for our own sake and for the sake of the world. Amen.

PRAYER FROM [WWW.CCCB.CA](http://WWW.CCCB.CA)

### TAIZE PRAYER EVENING

Taizé is a form a Christian prayer originating from the ecumenical Christian community of Taizé in France. You are invited to rest in God through the singing of simple chants, alternating with periods of silent reflection and scripture. It is a time to "come away and rest for a while" and experience the simplicity and depth of the Word of God. All are welcome!

When: December 20, 2023 -- 6:30 p.m.

Where: St. Joseph Douro Ontario 300 country Road 8

Let us prepare for the great celebration of Christmas. Let us pray for PEACE throughout our world. Bring a friend!

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Envelopes are available at the back of the church to donate toward the purchase of Christmas flowers to decorate the altar. These donations can be made in memory of someone and a Mass will be offered in the new year for these intentions. This is a lovely way to help the church offset the cost of decorating as well as remembering someone special. All donations are greatly appreciated!



### CALLING ALL DECORATORS!

The Cathedral will be decorated for Christmas on Sunday, December 17th starting at 1:00pm. Many hands make light work - if you are able, please consider volunteering your time on this day to help prepare for the season.

**We also NEED volunteers to assist with our Christmas Masses - ushers, greeters, people to take up collection. Please let us know if you can help!**