

Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains

Sunday, December 24th, 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

Sunday, December 24th - Vigil of Christmas

4:00pm - + Frank Gaudreau - MaryAnne Connor & Family
8:00pm - Peter Pearson - The Family
10:00pm - Deceased Members of the Coulas Family

Monday, December 25th - Solemnity of Christmas

9:00am - + Vern & Margaret Keating - The Foley Family
10:30am - + Anne Anglesey Meriles - The Anglesey Family

Tuesday, December 26th

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 27th

NO MASS

Thursday, December 28th

9:00am - Intentions of Michael Montgomery & Joan Carragher - Dawn Michie

Friday, December 29th

9:00am - + Brian Fitzgerald - Maria & Family

Saturday, December 30th

9:00am - Intentions of Catherine Offierski - A Friend
5:00pm - + Brian Fitzgerald - Bev O'Toole

Sunday, December 31st

7:30am - + Ben Rudolph - Barb & John Hartwick
9:00am - Living & Deceased Members of the O'Brien Family - Michelle Myles
10:30am - + Jack Cannon - The Family

Sunday, December 31st - Vigil of Mary Mother of God

5:00pm - + Reg Shaughnessy - The Family
and + Peter Pearson - The Family

Monday, January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00am - Intentions of Deirdre Thomas - A Friend
10:30am - + Brian Fitzgerald - Jeffery & Sheilagh Breskey

What is a Holy Day of Obligation?

Holy Days of Obligation are special celebration for which Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (#2185).

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). These two holy days are to be observed each year, regardless of the day of the week.

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.

What about receiving Holy Communion twice in one day? I didn't think this was allowed!

A person is allowed to receive Holy Communion twice in one day, but it must be within the setting of the Celebration of Holy Mass. For this Christmas, if you come to Mass on December 24th in the morning for the 4th Sunday of Advent, you can then come and receive in the evening when we celebrate the Vigil of Christmas. Two different Masses, two different opportunities to receive Holy Communion.



A Prayer for
the Fourth Sunday of
ADVENT

God made flesh, make your home
in our hearts. Help us to make space for
the mystery of your life within us. Draw us
into your presence in and for the world. Amen.

We Pray for the Sick...

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

FROM THE OFFICE

The Office will be closed for Christmas until Tuesday, January 2nd. Also, please note there are no Masses on Tuesday, December 26th and Wednesday, December 27th.

Any donations to be included in your 2024 Tax Receipt for 2023 must be received by Sunday, December 31st.

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December 17, 2023	\$ 3,302.00
Online	\$ 298.23
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 or by using the QR codes on the cards in the pews. Please do not make offertory donations by e-transfer.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING

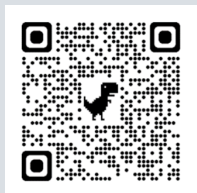


Here is the fascinating story of the boy whose love and care for others make him one of the most popular figures of all times. Today, more than sixteen centuries later, the entire world celebrates the kindness and generosity of the man we call Santa Claus.

Based on historical facts and traditions, Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa, is the beautifully animated film worth watching all year long.



Artaban (Martin Sheen) is a good-hearted magi, and Orantes (Alan Arkin) is his faithful servant. Following a heavenly sign, the pair journey to find the Messiah, carrying with them three precious gifts. For 33 years they pursue Jesus, missing him at every turn. His gifts used up from helping the needy, Artaban finally encounters Christ on Easter Sunday.



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Welcome. We are glad that you have been able to join us to celebrate Mass. No matter where you live, how frequently you attend Mass or where your religious roots are, your donations to this parish are needed and greatly appreciated.

ON-LINE MASS

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