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Fr. Peter's office hours: Tuesday - Friday: 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Parish office hours: Tuesday: 9:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.– 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Thursday: 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Mass Times

Weekdays: 6:30 p.m. No Mass on Monday

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Sacraments & Other Ministries

Confession: Contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Peter to schedule a time. Regular times are a half hour before each weekday Mass, Saturdays from 4:15–4:45 p.m. and First Fridays during Adoration from 5:30 p.m.– 6:30 p.m.

Baptism: Please contact the parish office to request the Sacrament.

Holy Matrimony: Please contact the parish office to request the Sacrament.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the parish office to request the Sacrament.

Funerals: Please contact the parish office.

Communion for the Sick: Everyone willing to take communion to family members who are homebound or sick, please contact the parish office.

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Parish Christmas Party: Celebrate the joy of the Christmas season at our Parish Christmas Party on December 28th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the school gym. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share for the potluck meal. Families may also take part in an optional Christmas gift exchange (\$25.00 per family). Come dressed in your favourite festive attire: ugly sweaters, holiday hats, fun socks, or any Christmas accessories are encouraged! The afternoon will include games, activities and entertainment for all ages. Come share in the fellowship and Christmas spirit. All are welcome!

2026 Offertory Envelopes: The 2026 offertory envelopes are ready for pickup. If you would like envelopes for 2026 but did not receive them, please contact the parish office. Please note that offertory envelopes from previous years should not be used in 2026.

Prayers Please: Please extend your thoughts, prayers and condolences to the family of long-time parishioner Margaret Reichardt, who passed away on December 15th.

A funeral Mass will be held at St. Alphonsus Church on December 30th at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Siloam Mission or to a charity of your choice in Margaret's honour.

Change in Office Hours: Please note that the parish office will be closed on January 1st. It will be open on January 2nd from 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Year-End Donations: To ensure your donations for 2025 are included on your tax receipt, all donations must be received by the office no later than noon on December 31st, 2025.

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for 2026: For Christians in areas of conflict - Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

<u>Upcoming Mass Schedule</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention & Requested by</u>
Dec. 27 th	5:00 p.m.	Rodolfo † & Concordia Cruz † / Cruz family
Dec. 28 th	9:30 a.m.	Gift of life of Phoebe Lim / Lim family
	11:30 a.m.	Domingo Tapay † / Lozano family
Dec. 29 th	6:30 p.m.	Mass
Dec. 30 th	6:30 p.m.	Needs & intentions of all parishioners
Dec. 31 st	5:00 p.m.	Mass
Jan. 1 st	9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving / Villavicencio family
	11:30 a.m.	Needs & intentions of all parishioners
Jan. 2 nd	5:30 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	6:30 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Agata & Beata Nowak
Jan. 3 rd	5:00 p.m.	Mass
Jan. 4 th	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
Jan. 6 th	6:30 p.m.	Mass
Jan. 7 th	6:30 p.m.	Mass
Jan. 8 th	6:30 p.m.	Mass
Jan. 9 th	6:30 p.m.	Mass
Jan. 10 th	5:00 p.m.	Mass
Jan. 11 th	9:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Bottyan family / Bahr family
	11:30 a.m.	Needs & intentions of all parishioners

<u>Weekend Collections</u>	
December 13th & 14th, 2025 Offertory Envelopes: \$2,210.00 Loose Collection: \$230.75 <hr/> Total: \$2,440.75	December 20th & 21st, 2025 Offertory Envelopes: \$2,000.00 Loose Collection: \$469.00 <hr/> Total: \$2,469.00

Christmas Season Masses: The celebration of Christmas does not end on December 25th. The Church invites us to rejoice in the birth of our Saviour throughout the entire Christmas season, which continues until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this sacred time, we will also celebrate Masses for the Octave of Christmas, eight days of joyful liturgies that highlight the mystery of the Incarnation. These celebrations offer a beautiful opportunity to remain close to the Lord, and continue entering into the wonder of Christ's birth. Our Masses will be celebrated:

- December 27th (Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist) at 5:00 p.m.
- December 28th (Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph) at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
- December 29th (Fifth day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord) at 6:30 p.m.
- December 30th (Sixth day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord) at 6:30 p.m.
- December 31st (Seventh day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord) at 5:00 p.m.
- January 1st (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God) at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
- January 2nd (Memorial of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen) at 6:30 p.m.
- January 3rd (Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus) at 5:00 p.m.
- January 4th (Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord) at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
- January 6th at 6:30 p.m.
- January 7th (Memorial of St. André Bessette) at 6:30 p.m.
- January 8th at 6:30 p.m.
- January 9th at 6:30 p.m.
- January 10th at 5:00 p.m.
- January 11th (Feast of the Baptism of the Lord) at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

All are invited to join us for these celebrations throughout the Christmas season!

Archdiocesan Celebration to Close the 2025 Jubilee Year: All parishioners are invited to take part in the Archdiocesan celebration marking the close of the 2025 Jubilee Year on December 28th, the Feast of the Holy Family. The celebration will include an Archdiocesan Mass at 3:00 p.m. at St. Boniface Cathedral, followed by a light reception. Join the faithful of our archdiocese in thanksgiving as we conclude this Pilgrimage of Hope. The afternoon will also feature a video presentation of Jubilee shrines. A collection for the Kateri Food Bank in Ste. Anne will be taken; monetary donations are preferred, though nonperishable food items are welcome. All are encouraged to attend.

A Christmas Message from Fr. Peter

Before I share my Christmas message, I would like to draw your attention to a story that I read a few years ago in a newspaper. It begins like this:

“Quebec barber goes the extra mile while giving haircut to boy with autism

By CTVNews.ca Staff

Published: October 05, 2017, at 9:53 PM EDT

A barber in Western Quebec is being praised for going the extra mile to give one of his young customers a new hairdo.

About 10 days ago, Franz Jakob gave a haircut to seven-year-old Wyatt Lafreniere, who has autism. Wyatt doesn't like sitting still and proceeded to lie down on the floor, so Jacob followed along.

‘I’m just following what the clients want,’ Jakob told CTV News. ‘It’s normal for me to go the extra mile for my client.’

‘He just decided to go on the floor, so I followed him,’ he added.”¹ (You can read more from the website: <https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/article/quebec-barber-goes-the-extra-mile-while-giving-haircut-to-boy-with-autism/>)

Because of Original Sin, our human nature is limited and in need of God’s guidance, yet God, like the barber who followed his young customer, lovingly walks with us in our lives. Knowing we cannot attain heaven on our own, God sent His Only Son to become one of us, and through Him we find salvation.

Therefore, Christmas is a time for us to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We also take this opportunity to thank Him for the gift of His Son, a gift that no one can take away from us.

Christmas is also a time for us to express gratitude to one another for the love, prayers and support we share. On behalf of St. Gerard Parish, I would like to thank everyone who has supported our community. Your dedication is truly appreciated!

Finally, Christmas is a joyful time for each of us, along with our families and friends.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Peace,



Fr. Peter Tran



¹ CTV News, Published: Oct 5, 2017, Accessed: Dec 17, 2025, <https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/article/quebec-barber-goes-the-extra-mile-while-giving-haircut-to-boy-with-autism/>.