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Fourth Sunday of Advent



"And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying..."

Luke 2:12 - 13



The Angel Speaking to the Shepherds, by: M. Quinn (top), and N. Eldridge (bottom)

St. Mary's Church Bulletin

Readings for Sunday December 22
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Micah 5.2 – 5a
2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.5 - 10
Gospel: Luke 1.39 - 45

MASSES FOR THE WEEK Dec. 23 – Dec. 29

Monday December 23

7:30 a.m. ✠ Charles Leung / Betty

Tuesday December 24 – Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Danyluk & Gillogly Families
7:00 p.m. ✠ Neil Callaghan / Lorna & Family
10:00 p.m. (*Mass with Incense*) Intentions from the
Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

Wednesday December 25 – Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. ✠ Ross Burns / David Burns
11:00 a.m. ✠ Gladys Begley / Charlene & Bob Ashmore

Thursday December 26

Cancelled Mass
Cancelled **Adoration**

Friday December 27

9:00 a.m. ✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory / McNish Family
Cancelled **Adoration**

Saturday December 28

9:00 a.m. ✠ Gladys Begley / Lorie and Bob
9:30 – 12noon **Adoration**
5:00 p.m. ✠ Mark & John Henley / Mary Eleanor & Family

Sunday December 29

Confession before Mass

9:00 a.m. For the People of our Parish
11:00 a.m. ✠ Bill, Keith, Bob Gassien / Gassien Family

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Especially for Cathy Clarke, Tom England, Terry and Donna McNenly, Victoria Dlugosz, Ray Addley, Marg Wansbrough, Rylee Stewart, Kathleen Walden, Cathy and Tom Bushell, Nicole Lessard, Norm Forget, James Callaghan, Paul Bouwmeester, Charlene Ashmore, Norma Goller, Emma Junkin, Myrna Morgan, Paul Nicholls, Ron O'Connor, Suzanne O'Leary, Genevieve Rodrigues. May the Lord's healing hand touch them.



And for the deceased members of our parish
May they receive the gift of eternal life in heaven.

USHERS NEEDED

Please call the parish office if you would like to usher during masses, especially Saturday evening masses.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you have a family member or friend that is not able to come to church and would like to go to confession and receive Holy Communion, please call the rectory at 705-324-4828 and someone will go and visit them.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Vigil:
5 p.m., 7 p.m., 10 p.m. (with incense)

Dec. 25th Christmas Day Mass:
9 a.m., 11 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

December 31st New Years Eve:
5 p.m.

January 1st New Years Day:
9 a.m., 11 a.m.

CHRISTMAS BOUQUET CARDS

Christmas Bouquet card intentions for living and deceased loved ones, friends, etc. will be offered at the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

25% of the Christmas collection is donated to the Retired Priests Pension and Cathedral Restoration and 75% remains here with the parish. Thank you for your generous support!

Thank you for your support for these retired Shepherds of the Faithful. After their years of service wherein they received very low pay, they rely on your care and generosity for frugal and dignified support in their retirement years.

2024 DONATIONS

Donations to the church for 2024 have to be made by 31 December 2024 to receive credit in 2024.

Thank you for your generous support

2025 MISSALS

The new 2025 missals are in the church and at the rectory. Missals are \$5 each.

SACRAMENT CLASS SCHEDULES

First Communion

In January we start the next topic of the program using a new textbook *You Are Loved*
Session 1 January 12 at St. Mary's Elementary School
Session 2 January 19 online at home

Confirmation

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., will take place in the Sacristy of the Church on the following dates:
Session 7 January 14, 2025
Session 8 January 28, 2025

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CHRISTMAS DATES

December 29th and January 5th Children will be invited to participate in Children's Liturgy during the 9am masses. There will be no children's liturgy at the 11am Masses on these dates.

CHRISTMAS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

December 23rd - January 5th Office Closed for the holidays
January 6th Regular office hours resume:
Monday – Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Thursday and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12noon

If you are in need of a priest for Anointing of the Sick, please call the Rectory at 705-324-4828 and follow instructions for Emergency. Thank you.

Any other inquiries, by email or voicemail, will be answered the week of January 6th.

Email: office@stmaryslindsay.ca
Phone: 705-324-4828

Merry Christmas!

CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS' NEWS

The fourth video of the series titled "Journey through Advent" is now available on the CCCB website:

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

PILGRIMS OF HOPE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Jubilee Opening Mass will be on December 29th, 2024, 10:30 am at St. Peter-In-Chains, celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Daniel Miehm. The faithful will be asked to gather outside the Knights of Columbus Hall (parking lot area) facing the veranda to hear the introductory remarks for the Jubilee Year.

We will all 'pilgrimage' across the street to St. Peter's for the continuation of the celebration of Holy Mass. Plenary Indulgences available for the pilgrimage.

What is a Jubilee Year?

Follow this link

<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/get-involved/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope.aspx>

Vatican events will be live-streamed from:

<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/streaming>

<https://www.comunicazione.va/en/eventi.html>

https://www.youtube.com/live/z5zjiFNne_c

LEGION OF MARY

We will return to Victoria Park for the Rosary on Jan 7th at 11am.

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2025 Offertory envelopes are in the church. Please be sure you are taking your box labelled with your name. If you don't see your name, please ask an usher or contact the parish office.

Please note that your envelope box number may have changed.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Development "I am the bread of life" - The Eucharist will be the focus for the year of 2025.

January 7, 2025 at 7:00pm St Mary's Sacristy we will watch Mother Olga's Presentation at the National Eucharist Congress "Broken in the Bread of Christ". We hope you will join us for this outstanding presentation!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

APCH desperately needs warm adult mitts and gloves. They have children's mitts. Leave in bins at church entrance or if you have multiples deliver to APCH. Thanks! Gloria 705-324-2290

Membership for 2025 - \$40. Submit with your name and phone number and place in collection basket. New members welcome. Thank you! Gloria 705-324-2290

We are truly sisters in Christ. Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year! Lillian and Gloria.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Salvation Army is closed till mid January 2025. Greater demand placed on the Food Bank.

Your weekly donations of non-perishable food help us to feed the hungry through Lindsay Community Food Market where our members are part of the team helping others. Donations of Cereal, Soups, Toilet Paper, Peanut Butter, Pasta, and Tuna are much appreciated. We appreciate and thank you for your ongoing generosity and prayers.

Neighbours in need please call 705-340-3001

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Christmas buttons are available at the parish office for those that missed out and want one.

If you are at all interested in becoming a Knight or learning more of what we do and why we do it, by all means contact either Dale Darroch 705 -308 -8265. There is no heavy time commitment and no expectations. We are just a group that tries to quietly help our parish and community in the best way we can. Again, thanks to all who take part in our activities.

SUPPORT CARDS

Sales this week: \$12,045

Profit this week: \$704

Sales to date: \$4,778,180

Profit to date: \$251,055

Every time you buy a gift card, you are donating 5% to our Property Maintenance fund. Gift cards will be available at the Rectory Office, by request. Only cash and cheque payments are accepted. Gift cards are available from the following stores and denominations. There will be no sales while the office is closed over Christmas:

Canadian Tire:	\$25, \$50, \$100
Giant Tiger:	\$25, \$50
Food Basics:	\$25, \$50, \$100
Home Hardware:	\$25, \$50, \$100
LaMantia:	\$20
Tim Hortons:	\$10, \$25, \$50
President's Choice:	\$25, \$50, \$100
Swiss Chalet/Kelsey's:	\$25, \$50, \$100

DONATIONS TO YOUR PARISH

Offertory	\$4,800
Preauthorized offering	\$2,261
Total	\$7,061

Thank you for using [Pre-authorized offering System](#) and Canadahelps.org. Please contact the parish office for donation options: email office@stmaryslindsay.ca or phone 705-324-4828, thank you.

Christmas is Almost Here!



Now it's only a few days until Jesus' birthday! Are you all ready for it? If you have an Advent wreath then this is the week that all the candles will be lit. Jesus is coming soon, so the light should be getting very bright!

Do you have a Christmas tree? Do you know what it represents? A long time ago people used to have plays at Christmas time about how Adam and Eve sinned when they ate the fruit from the tree, and how Jesus was born to save us from that sin. So a Christmas tree is there to remind us of why Jesus came.



Does your family have a nativity scene? It should be all ready for Christmas, but the Baby Jesus doesn't get put in the manger until Christmas Eve!



Answer to front page puzzle: Blessed are you among women! Answer to True or False: 1.true, 2.false, 3.false, 4.true, 5.true, 6.false, 7.true.

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22nd, 2024



Luke 1.39-45

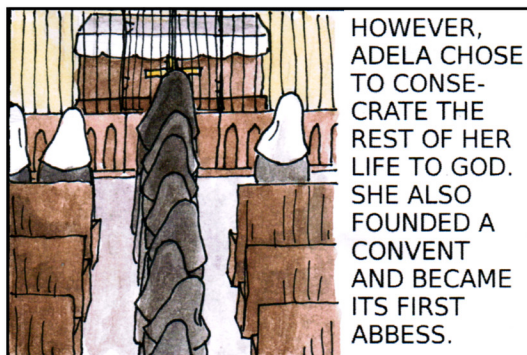
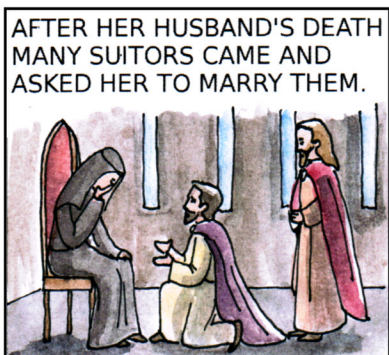
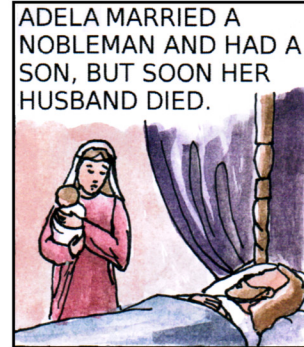
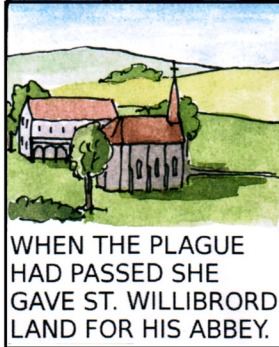
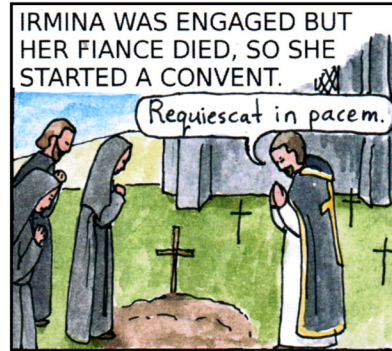
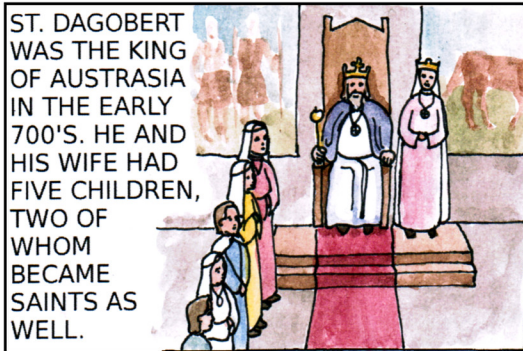
Elizabeth knew that Mary was the mother of the Messiah. What did she say to Mary when she came to visit her?

Use the code to find out!

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Saints Adela and Irmina

December 24



IRMINA AND ADELA WERE BOTH PRINCESSES, BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY WERE SPOILED AND SELFISH. THEIR GOOD PARENTS RAISED THEM TO LOVE GOD. WE CAN LEARN FROM THEIR EXAMPLE THAT FAMILIES CAN HELP EACH OTHER TO BECOME HOLY PEOPLE. HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR FAMILY?

Mary Visits Elizabeth

True or False?

*How well do you know the story of the Visitation?
See if you can figure out which are true and which are false!*

1. Mary was expecting baby Jesus when she went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. True or False?
2. Elizabeth was married to Jeremiah. True or False?
3. Elizabeth was a bit sad when she saw Mary. True or False?
4. When Elizabeth heard Mary, her baby inside her jumped. True or False?
5. Elizabeth's baby was Saint John the Baptist. True or False?
6. Mary had to tell Elizabeth that she was going to have a baby because Elizabeth didn't know. True or False?
7. Elizabeth knew that Mary's baby was the Messiah. True or False?





Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A Saviour has been born for us; a Son has been given to us.

Christ, who in his birth and in becoming human has allowed us to share in the glory of his immortal nature. He has freed us from death, and the power of sin and darkness. This promise of salvation is ours and thus we rejoice in the knowledge that God is with us.

In our world overshadowed by war, injustice, oppression, division and selfish concerns the Good News proclaimed by Christ continues to offer us a message of salvation and hope. His words speak to us today, they reassure us, and fill us with hope:

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.
I am the way, and the truth and the life.
I am the good shepherd.
I am the bread of life.*

On 29 December 2024 the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year of Hope will take place in the cathedrals across Canada. In announcing the Jubilee year Pope Francis wrote: “*The Holy Spirit illumines all believers with the light of hope. He keeps that light burning, like an ever-burning lamp, to sustain and invigorate our lives. Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God’s love.*”

May the light of hope illuminated by the Holy Spirit burn within our hearts this Christmas. May the light of God’s love shine through us, and may our witness of faith be an invitation for others to believe in the gift of salvation that Christ offers to all, and most especially in this upcoming Jubilee year.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year 2025!

The Most Rev. William McGrattan
Bishop of Calgary
President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

17 December 2024

Pilgrims of Hope - Jubilee 2025

PILGRIMAGE - RECONCILIATION - PRAYER - LITURGY - PROFESSION OF FAITH



Plenary Indulgences available*:

- Pilgrimage to the Holy Doors in Rome
- Pilgrimage to your local Cathedral
- Pilgrimage to national shrines
- Perform works of mercy

*To obtain an indulgence, the usual conditions of detachment from all sin, sacramental confession, holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope must be met.

Scan the QR Code for a list of our Diocesan Events:



Jubilee Opening Mass:

Celebrated by Bishop Daniel Miehm
December 29th, 2024 at 10:30am
Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains

Save the Date!

Diocesan Pilgrimage
Martyr's Shrine
in Midland
September 20, 2025



Details & Registration available from your parish.



**Roman Catholic Diocese of
Peterborough**

**Office of the Bishop
DECREE**

In the name of God
The Most Reverend Daniel J. Miehm
Bishop of Peterborough

PLENARY INDULGENCE

Whereas the Roman Pontiff, Pope Francis, has decreed 2025 to be a **Jubilee Year** for all the faithful, an extraordinary year as *Pilgrims of Hope*, beginning on December 24th, 2024, and concluding on January 6th 2026, and has proposed in the bull of indiction, *SPES NON CONFUNDIT* (HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT, May 9th 2024) the Jubilee indulgence as a means of encountering God's mercy.

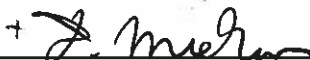
Whereas the Apostolic Penitentiary, in a decree dated May 13th, 2024, set out the norms for obtaining the plenary indulgence for the Jubilee Year, including the instruction that Bishops should designate churches and sacred places where the indulgence may be attained.

I hereby decree that in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough four churches throughout the diocese may be visited by the faithful to fulfill requirements for the indulgence – **St. Michael the Archangel**, 379 Division Street, Cobourg; **Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (St. Mary's), 40 Russell St. East, Lindsay; **St. Patrick's**, 89 Rain Lake Rd., Kearney and, principal among them, **the Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains**, 411 Reid Street, Peterborough.


Further, I remind the Faithful that the granting of a plenary indulgence ordinarily depends on the following obligations being observed, as noted in the decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary of May 13th 2024:

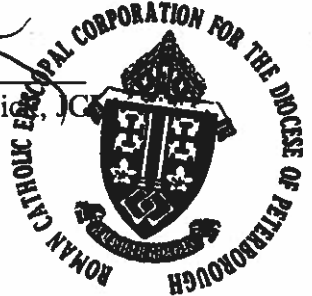
- attend Mass and receive Holy Communion at one of the churches noted above during the Jubilee Year
- make a sacramental confession [within several days of the above-mentioned visit], and
- pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff

Given at Peterborough, Ontario, this 12th day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two thousand and twenty-four.


+ Most Reverend Daniel Miehm
Bishop
Diocese of Peterborough

+DJM/rh


Rev. Fr. Raymond Rice, J.C.M.
Chancellor



The seal is circular with the text "ROMAN CATHOLIC EPISCOPAL CORPORATION FOR THE DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH" around the perimeter. In the center is a shield with a cross and other heraldic symbols, topped with a mitre.



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