



**THE PARISHES
OF
ST. PETER CELESTINE
PAKENHAM
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Please Note: The office will be closed December 24th to January 5th

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***Christmas Season Schedule
December 21st to January 3rd:***

**Wednesday December 23rd-Confession 6:00pm
Mass 7:00pm**

Christmas Eve December 24th- Mass 7:00pm

Christmas Day December 25th- Mass 9:00am

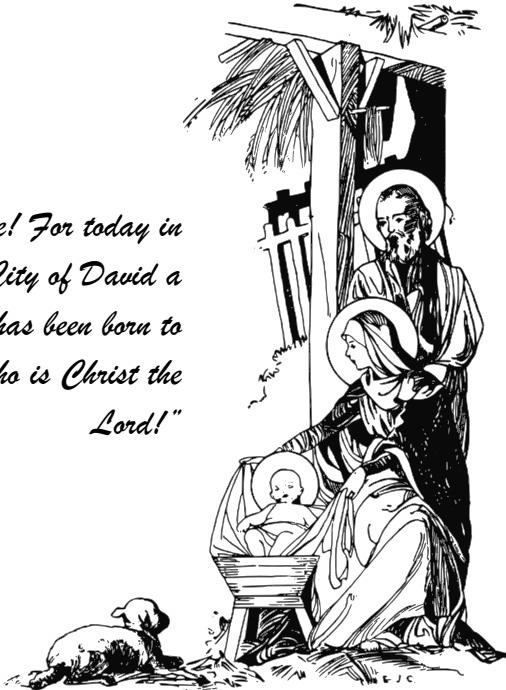
Holy Family December 27th- Mass 9:00am

December 30th- Mass 7:00pm

January 1st Mary Mother of God – Mass 9:00am

January 3rd Epiphany – Mass 9:00am

*"Rejoice! For today in
the City of David a
Savior has been born to
you, who is Christ the
Lord!"*



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***Christmas Season Schedule
December 21st to January 3rd:***

**Monday December 21st-Confession 6:00pm to 6:45pm
Mass 7:00pm**

**Tuesday December 22nd-Confession 6:00pm to 6:45pm
Mass 7:00pm**

**Christmas Eve December 24th- Mass 4:30pm
Mass 6:00pm
Mass 9:00pm**

**Christmas Day December 25th- Mass 9:00am
Mass 11:00am**

**December 26th (Holy Family)-Confession 3:30pm
Mass 4:30pm**

Holy Family December 27th- Mass 11:00

**Tuesday December 29th- Adoration 6:30
Mass 7:30**

December 31st (Mary Mother of God) – Mass 4:30pm

January 1st Mary Mother of God – Mass 11:00am

January 2nd (Epiphany) – Mass 4:30pm

**January 3rd Epiphany - Mass 11:00am
Mass 5:00pm**

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Mass Intentions – St. Michael's Corkery		
Saturday Dec 19	4:30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory By Lana & Ed Smit +Jo Anne Mullin By Ray Mullin & Family
Sunday Dec. 20	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Tuesday Dec. 22	7:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Christmas Eve Dec. 24	4:30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory by Lana & Ed Smit Deceased Members of the Hughson, MacMillan, & Oram Families by Mary Lou Oram
	6:00pm	Repose of the Soul of Ted Larose by Cathy Ford Holy Souls in Purgatory by Peter & Connie Wright
	9:00pm	In Thanksgiving by Mary Lou Oram Intentions of Kathy Buckley by A Parishioner
Christmas Day December 25	9:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory by Mary Lou Oram Intentions of Linda Coon by A Parishioner
	11:00 am	Repose of the Soul of Richard Morin by The Juneau Family Reid & Crepault Families by Mary Lou Oram
Saturday December 26	4:30pm	Intentions of Maria Curridor by Gail Donohue Repose of the Soul of Seymour Mender by a Parishioner
Sunday December 27 th Holy Family	11:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory by A Parishioner Intentions of the Beyer Family by Mary Lou Oram
Tuesday December 29 th	7:30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner Personal Intention by A Parishioner
Mary Mother of God Eve Dec. 31	4:30pm	Repose of the Soul of Sue Atkinson by the Crepeault Family Deceased Members of the Leon Family by A Parishioner
Mary Mother of God January 1	11:00am	Patricia Hawkins by Bernie & Leslie-Ann Juneau Holy Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner
Saturday January 2 nd	4:30pm	MacDaugall and & Doucet Families by Mary Lou Oram Repose of the Soul of Kathleen Guthrie by A Parishioner
Sunday January 3 rd Epiphany	11:00am	Pro Populo
	5:00pm	Repose of the Soul of Luke Morin by the Juneau Family Repose of the Soul of Fraser Champion by the Juneau Family
Mass Intentions – St. Peter Celestine Pakenham		
Sunday Dec. 20	9:00am	Sister Rita Lepack by Maria Norton Monica & Andrew Ryan By Frank & Norma Ryan
Wednesday Dec. 23	7:00pm	Ttose entrusted to the care of Rob & Shannon McGruer By Shannon McGruer Rick, Bob, & Doreen Dodge
Christmas Eve December 24 th	7:00	In Thanksgiving
Christmas Day December 25 th	9:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday Dec. 27 Holy Family	9:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Wednesday December 30 th	7:00pm	Intentions of a Parishioner
Mary Mother of God, January 1 st	9:00am	Greater Devotion to Mary Mother of God
Sunday January 3, Epiphany	9:00am	Monica & Andrew Ryan by Leona & Ralph Henry Bill Ryan by Shauna Ryan

Sign up for Christmas Season Masses – The sign up is now active on the parish website. This includes the anticipatory Mass on December 22nd to Epiphany on January 3rd. We encourage all parishioners to sign up promptly as seats are limited.

Advent Wreath Ceremony:

The following prayer is said, and three purple candles and one rose candle are lit before the evening meal each day during the fourth week:

O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Pastor's Christmas Message:

This week we continue the tradition of recalling to mind the beginning of Christ's saving work; His nativity. It is a time where we continue to pray for this same saving work to enter into our hearts, lives, and world today and fill us with Divine blessings.

One important thing that stands out about the Lord's nativity is that three kings traveled a great distance to worship the King of Kings born of Mary. This is reminiscent of what happens eternally in the Heavenly Kingdom. We read from the Book of Revelation 4:9-11

"Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

As the kings traversed afar to give homage to the Divine Infant, the King of Kings, we are reminded of how important it is for us to give worthy homage to Christ.

The greatest scandal in human history, outside of the Fall, is that people chose to reject the Kingship of Christ who loved us enough to become like us so that we might become like him. Listen to the words with which Jesus speaks of His love for us:

"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world". (John 17:24)

So many rejected this immense love by rejecting the King of Peace. In order to mock him more they crowned him with thorns. How important it is for us to chose otherwise. As they increased his suffering with the crown of thorns, we must counter with our prayers of reparation. As they mocked and ridiculed him, we must offer our wholehearted devotion. They rejected his Kingship, we must enthrone Him.

As this difficult year comes to a close and we look forward with uncertainty to 2021 we come before the Divine Infant, the King of Peace, with all the troubles of our hearts and world praying for His loving gaze to look our way, praying for His blessings. In our hearts we must make room for Him, into homes we must welcome Him, and in our parish we will crown Him as our King on the first of the year following all the Masses expressing our love and devotion, and welcoming His Kingship with love and fervour. The warmth of our devotion to the King of Peace will set the tone for our year.

I pray that you have a grace filled Christmas this year, and that the good Lord bless you in abundance. Draw near to Him that you may reap the benefits of His closeness.

"How precious is thy steadfast love, O God! The children of men take refuge in the shadow of thy wings." (Psalm 36:7)

In Christ,
Fr. Matthew Chojna