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**St. Peter Celestine Parish**

**Mass times: Wednesday 9:00 a.m.**  
**Friday 9:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday 9:00 a.m.**

**Confessions:** upon request.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** every Wednesday & Friday in the sacristy from 8:00 a.m.- 8:45 a.m. **Adoration:** every First Sunday: 8:15 a.m – 8:45 a.m. **Holy Hours on Friday for the reparation of sins, for the healing of victims & for the sanctification of clergy.**

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**St. Michael's Parish**

**Mass times: Tuesday 7:30 p.m.**  
**Thursday 9:30 a.m.**  
**Saturday 4:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday 11:00 a.m.**

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m -7:15 p.m. and every Thursday at 8:30 a.m.- 9:15 a.m. **Adoration:** Every Saturday at 9a.m – noon, except 1<sup>st</sup>. Saturday Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 7p.m - 8a.m(Sat). **Holy Hours on Tuesday for the reparation of sins, for the healing of victims & for the sanctification of clergy.**

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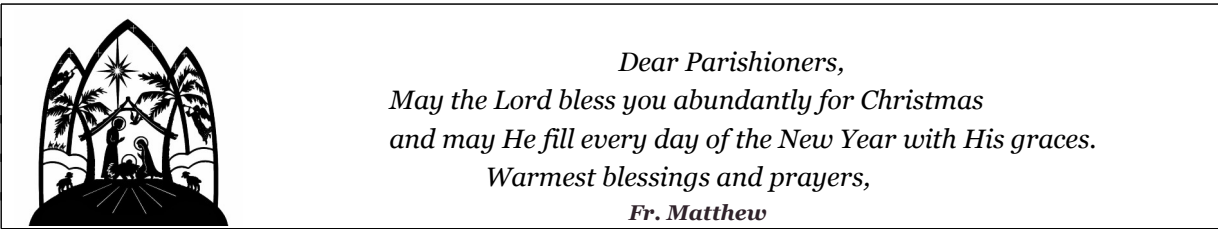
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December- The Month of the Immaculate Conception

Nine months before the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 September), the Church celebrates the Solemnity of her Immaculate Conception. The Feast was approved in 1476 by Pope Sixtus IV. It was extended to the universal Church by Pope Clement XI in 1708.

Acknowledging the belief held for centuries by the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, of councils and his predecessors, Pope Pius IX solemnly proclaimed the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854: "We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin" (*Ineffabilis Deus*, 1854) This feast invites us to meditate on the virtue of purity. "Mary alone — 'our tainted nature's solitary boast'— never saw her soul's purity darkened with the dust of any stain, nor did she see in any part of her triumphal course toward heaven any sin or trace of worldliness. By a unique and singular privilege from God she was preserved from original sin from the first moment of her Immaculate Conception; by another privilege derived from the first, the Lord did not permit her ever to be stained even with those unavoidable failings of human weakness." — Luis M. Martinez



*Dear Parishioners,  
May the Lord bless you abundantly for Christmas  
and may He fill every day of the New Year with His graces.  
Warmest blessings and prayers,  
Fr. Matthew*

\*\*Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

At St. Peter Celestine

Sat Dec 23- 6 pm Mass- for Sunday obligation Sun Dec 24 - No morning Mass. ; Christmas Eve Mass- 7 pm - fulfills Christmas Day obligation Mon Dec 25- Christmas Day- 9 am Mass; Sunday Dec 31- 9 am Mass; Monday Jan 1 2024 -New Year's Day - 9am Mass

At St. Michael's

Sat Dec 23- 4:30 pm Mass- fulfills Sunday obligation Sun Dec 24 - 11:00 am Mass; Christmas Eve Mass- 9 pm - fulfills Christmas Day obligation; Mon Dec 25- Christmas Day- 11 am Mass; Sat Dec 30- 4:30pm; Sunday Dec 31- 11 am Mass; Monday Jan 1, 2024 -New Year's Day – 11 am Mass

**\*\* Please note\*\*The office will be closed Tuesday Dec 26 and Wednesday Dec 27**

As many of you may know, our current Office Secretary, Myriam Doylend, will be leaving this position at the end of January and we are now looking for a replacement. It would be wonderful to again have someone from one of the parishes work in the office. The Office Secretary manages the joint office for St. Michael and St. Peter Celestine and works closely with the Pastor, the Finance and Pastoral councils at St. Michael's, and the Parish Council at St. Peter Celestine, as well as other parish ministries. The Office Secretary manages external communications; coordinates the Pastor's calendar; develops church-related materials; manages the sacramental processes; performs basic bookkeeping; maintains supplies; updates the website; and performs file management. The salary is \$23.00/hr and a work week of 25 hours. Ability to work on site is preferable. Please see Father Matthew or contact the church office if you or someone you know might be interested, or check out the job posting on Indeed at: <https://ca.indeed.com/job/parish-sec>

**Confirmation Information Meeting:**

If your child is 11 years old, Baptized and has celebrated the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion, and wishes to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024. We invite you and your child to join us for one of the following **mandatory Parent/Candidate information meetings** **Thurs Jan 11, 2024 @ 6:30 pm OR Sunday Jan 14, 2024 @ 2:00 pm.** At this meeting the preparation process will be discussed and reviewed. **Also : Save the dates: Rite of Welcome Mass** St Michael's Parish Sat. Jan 20, 2024 @ 4:30 pm **OR** Sun Jan 21, 2024 @11:00 am; **Retreat** -St Michael's Parish Thurs Feb 8, 2024 @ 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm Parents pick up between 5:30 pm -5:45 pm

**Sunday Adoration and Confession at St. Peter Celestine Church -Every First Sunday of the Month** – Adoration and Confession before Mass : 8:15am – 8:45am. The Rosary – every other Sunday 8:30am – 8:50am. **Confession at St. Michael's: every Saturday 3:30pm – 4:15pm and upon request.**

<b>Mass Intentions – St. Michael's Corkery</b>		
Sat Dec 23	4:30 PM	In thanksgiving for the donors who have helped my health by C. Guerin For the intentions of a parishioner
Sunday Dec 24 <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	11:00 AM	For the O'Donnell and McCauley Families by Constance O'Donnell
Sunday Dec 24 <b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b>	9:00 PM	For world peace by Constance O'Donnell
<b>Monday Dec 25 Christmas Day</b>	11:00 AM	+ For the repose of the soul of Rachel Laurin by the Rechner Family
Tues Dec 26	7:30 PM	+ For the repose of the soul of Patricia Hawkins by Bernie and Leslie Juneau
Thurs Dec 28	9:30 AM	For Anton Rechner by the Rechner Family For the intentions of a parishioner
Sat Dec 30	4:30 PM	+ For the repose of the souls in Purgatory by Constance O'Donnell
Sunday Dec 31	11:00 AM	<b>Pro Populo</b>
<b>Monday Jan 1, 2024 Mary, Holy Mother of God New Years day</b>	11:00 AM	For world peace by Constance O'Donnell
<b>Mass Intentions – St. Peter Celestine Pakenham</b>		
<b>Sat Dec 23 (for) 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	6:00PM	For the intentions of Wayne Giddings with thanks by Myriam Doylend
Sunday Dec 24 <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	9:00 AM	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>
<b>Sunday Dec 24 Christmas Vigil Mass</b>	7:00PM	<b>Pro Populo</b>
<b>Monday Dec 25 Christmas Day</b>	9:00 AM	+ For the repose of the souls of Noreen and Anthony Hickey by Frank and Norma Ryan
Wed Dec 27	9:00 AM	For the intentions of the Doylend Family by Myriam Doylend
Fri Dec 29	9:00 AM	For a special intention
Sunday Dec 31	9:00 AM	+For the repose of the souls of Noreen and Anthony Hickey by Frank & Norma Ryan + For the repose of the soul of Marlyn Lunney by Patsy Coady
<b>Monday Jan 1, 2024 Mary, Holy Mother of God New Years day</b>	9:00 AM	For all those in the care of Robert and Shannon McGruer by Rob & Shannon McGruer