

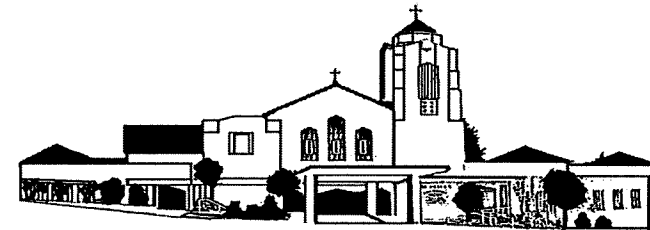
**JANUARY 2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Jan 1 Mary Mother of God 9am, 11am, 5pm	2 Queen's Park 10:15 am	3	4 Kiwanis 10:30 am  YAH GM 1 PM	5 RC Manor 10:00am  Adoration 12:30-2 pm  CFC Choir 6-9	6  Eritrean Mass  CFC 6-10 pm
7  Epiphany  PANCAKE BREAKFAST 10/NOON	8  Bible Study 7pm	9  CWL Ex. Meeting 7 pm  RCIA 7pm	10  PREP 6:15-7:30pm	11  YAH Bingo 1-3 pm	12    CFC Choir 6-9	13  Baptism Prep 10 am
14  2 Sunday  Coffee 10/Noon	15  Bible Study 7pm	16  Queen's Park 10:15 am  CWL GM 6:30pm  RCIA 7pm	17  PREP 6:15-7:30pm	18  YAH Bingo 1-3 pm  SSVP Mtg 6:30 pm	19    CFC Choir 6-9	20
21  3 Sunday  Coffee 10/Noon  Youth Evening 6-7:30 pm Hall	22  Bible Study 7 pm  Knights GM 7:30pm	23  Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 7 pm  RCIA 7pm	24  PREP 6:15-7:30pm	25	26	27
28  4 Sunday Coffee 10/Noon  Young Adults 6-9 pm Hall	29  Bible Study 7 pm	30  RCIA 7pm	31			

# ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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## HOLY FAMILY AND MARY MOTHER OF GOD



**PASTOR**  
**PRIEST IN RESIDENCE**

Fr. Nick Meisl  
Fr. Martin Moser, OMI

**SUNDAY MASS**

Saturday: 5 pm (also livestreamed)  
Sunday: 9 am, 11 am, 5 pm

**WEEKDAY MASS**

Tuesday – Friday: 12 Noon

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 4:15 – 4:45 pm  
Tuesday – Friday: 11:40 – 11:50 am

**BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please contact Fr. Nick: (604) 522 4611, ext. 2

*For marriages, please contact the Parish at least six months in advance.*

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

St. Vincent de Paul Society (Help line: 604 520 0663)

Catholic Women's League

Knights of Columbus

Couples for Christ

Young at Heart Seniors' Group

Indigenous Relations

Legion of Mary

Community of the Risen Lord

Outreach

Young Adults Ministry

Development and Peace

Choir

Youth Ministry

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

This Sunday we celebrate the **Holy Family** of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We pray for all families in our Parish. Monday, January 1 is the **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**. This great celebration is a fitting way to mark the beginning of a new year. Just as Our Lady praised God in her Magnificat for all the great things the Mighty One has done for her (Luke 1:49), so we take an opportunity at the end of 2023 to express our gratitude to God for all the many blessings we have received this year.



### From an Angelus Address by Pope Francis on the Holy Family

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. God chose a humble and simple family by which to come into our midst. Let us contemplate in amazement the beauty of this mystery. *The family is the story from which we originate*. Each of us has our own story. None of us was born magically, with a magic wand. Each of us has our own story and the family is the story from which we originate. The Gospel of today's liturgy reminds us that Jesus too is the son of a family story. It is beautiful to see Jesus inserted into the fabric of familial affections, which were born and grew in the caresses and concerns of his parents. This is important for us as well: we come from a story that was woven with bonds of love, and the person we are today was born not so much out of the material goods that we enjoyed, but from the love that we received, from the love in the heart of the family. We may not have been born into an exceptional family without problems, but this is our story — everyone must think: this is my story — these are our roots: if we cut them off, life dries up! God did not create us to be lone rangers, but to walk together. Let us thank him and pray to him for our families. God thinks about us and wants us to be together: grateful, united, capable of preserving our roots.

**Let us pray for those who are sick:** Gabby Alba, Celestina Amparo, Remedios Barro, Remedios Bartko, Jim Bilesky, Rosalie Cruz, Gail Bonner, Lorrie Fee, Marlene Giddens, Marie Hocking, Terry Keenan, Ruby Lagmay, Bill Lawrence, Maggie Misfeldt, Raymond Mandursiak, Margaret Ng, Marie Pham, Catherine Radley, Mary Ann Maningas, Mary Villegas de Ballesteros, Romel Romey, Tim Salvacion, Melissa Santos, Maria Luisa Valenzuela, Fidel Villanueva, and Mimi Wunderlich.

## New Year Mass Schedule

### Mary Mother of God

Monday, Jan 1: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday, January 5 after the noon mass till 2 pm.

**Youth Gathering: Jan. 21, 6-7:30pm:** Teens (grade 8-12) are invited to join us for pizza, games, and fellowship in the hall to kick off the New Year.

**Young Adult Gathering Jan 28, 6-9 pm:** Young Adults (~18-35) are invited to an evening of board games and pizza in the hall. We look forward to continuing these events in 2024!

**Young at Heart (YAH) General Meeting, Thurs. Jan 4 at 1 pm.** Movie Afternoon- Title: Little Miss Sunshine (funny movie).

**Pancake Breakfast: On January 7 after the 9 and 11 Masses** the Knights of Columbus will be preparing their delicious breakfast which includes pancakes, sausages, berries, orange juice, coffee and tea. Adults \$ 7. Children \$ 5 – pay by credit/debit card or cash.

**Are you interested in having your child baptized?** Please speak to Fr. Nick or fill out the information form here: [stpetersnewwest.ca/sacraments/baptism](http://stpetersnewwest.ca/sacraments/baptism).

Congratulations to Rebecca and Rafael and on the recent baptism of their daughter Luz Selene!

**Interested in getting married in the Church?** Are you civilly married and would like information about getting your marriage blessed in the Church? Please contact Fr. Nick: [stpetersnewwest.ca/about/contact](http://stpetersnewwest.ca/about/contact)

**2024 Envelopes can be picked up from the Church entrance.** If your name is not listed on an envelope and you would like envelopes for 2024, please contact the parish office – 604-522-4611x3; email: [st.peters@telus.net](mailto:st.peters@telus.net). These envelopes will be used from Jan. 1, 2024.

**Online Giving:** Instead of using envelopes, some parishioners find it convenient to support our parish using pre-authorized, recurring giving via Credit Card or Bank Withdrawal. To setup weekly or monthly giving, please visit [stpetersnewwest.ca/giving](http://stpetersnewwest.ca/giving). If you are already giving online, this link also shows how to adjust your online giving (change gift amount, change parish if you have recently joined St. Peter's, change address, or change Credit Card). Every contribution makes a difference and is appreciated. Thank you!

**Project Advance:** We have met our Parish Project Advance Goal for 2023! Thank you for your generous support of our Parish.