Bulletin for November 29, 2026: First Sunday of Advent

Mass	Time	Intentions	Requested By
Mon. November 30	8:30 AM	*For the intentions of the celebrant*	--
Tue. December 1	--	No Mass	--
Wed. December 2	5:00 PM	*For the People of the Parish*	--
Thu. December 3	8:30 AM	*For the intentions of Dennis & Lynda Roy, In Thanksgiving*	--
Fri. December 4	8:30 AM	† Trinidad Villas	The Johnson Family
Sat. December 5	5:00 PM	† Belle Lucas	Lucas Family
Sun. December 6	9:00 AM	*Missa Pro Populo (For the People)*	--

We are honoured to hold your loved ones and special intentions in prayer through the offering of a Mass, a meaningful gift of remembrance. Request a Mass on our website, by email or visit the office.

MINISTRY - December 5 & 6

Lectors	Saturday	Brittany Armstrong	**Eucharist**	Ines Couto
	Sunday	Adam Ranger	**Greeters**	John Lajeunesse
Altar Servers	Sunday	Chelsea & Lana O'Neill and Dottie Carroll		
Counters	Rose Hartin & Mary Herlihey		**Dec 6 Cafe**	Cathie Morrissey

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Nov 21 &22 $2,042.00

Pre-Authorized Giving $657.69

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office@stlukesdowneyville.ca

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Prayers for the Sick of the Parish

Phil Archer, Jason Bell, Sr. Lillian Ferguson, Fr. Ron Meyer, Joe O'Neill, Fr. Christopher Reynolds, Msg. Jim Scott, Angela Staples, Tawny Young. Please also pray for St. Luke's parishioners who are ill, lonely, shut-in, in nursing or retirement homes. We also pray for our recently departed loved ones: Francis Dvorak, Fr. Garry Leahy



PRAYER TO ST. LUKE

O glorious St. Luke, holy evangelist and beloved physician, you faithfully recorded the mysteries of our Lord's life and His boundless mercy. Intercede for us, that we may persevere in the true faith, serve the poor and afflicted with charity, and one day behold the face of Christ in glory. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY LEADERS

Parish Council	Cathie Morrissey	705-344-9345
Finance Committee	Bob Connell	705-740-6754
Music	Joan Herlihey	705-799-7346
Counters	Rose Hartin	705-799-5980
Children's Liturgy	Jaclyn Giffen	705-799-6943
Eucharistic Ministers	Cathie Morrissey	705-799-6943
Lectors	Margret Ann O'Connell	705-799-5320

SUNDAY REFLECTION BY FATHER ROY VILLAS

Reflection—First Sunday of Advent



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today we begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent. Advent is a time of hope, preparation, and joyful expectation as we prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus Christ at Christmas and await His glorious coming.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a simple but important message: **"Be watchful! Be alert!"** He reminds us that we do not know when the Lord will come, so we must always be ready. Being watchful does not mean living in fear. It means living each day with faith, prayer, love, and responsibility. It means forgiving those who hurt us, helping those in need, making peace with others, and keeping our hearts close to God. Sometimes we become so busy with work, family responsibilities, and daily worries that we forget to make room for God. Advent invites us to slow down, reflect, and renew our relationship with Him.

My dear friends, let us not prepare only our homes for Christmas, but also prepare our hearts for Jesus. Let us remove hatred, selfishness, anger, and sin, and make room for love, forgiveness, and kindness.

As we begin this Advent season, may we remain spiritually awake and ready to welcome the Lord whenever He comes.

Lord Jesus, awaken our hearts, strengthen our faith, and help us prepare a worthy place for You. Amen.

In Christ,
Fr. Roy Villas

MOST REVEREND BISHOP WAYNE LAWRENCE LOBSINGER WILL BECOME THE NEW BISHOP OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH



On November 13th, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV announced the appointment of Most Reverend Bishop Wayne Lawrence Lobsinger as the fourteenth Bishop for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough. His Excellency has served as the Auxiliary Bishop for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton since his episcopal ordination on April 18, 2021, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton, Ontario. Most Reverend Bishop Lobsinger will succeed Most Reverend Bishop Miehm, who was installed on June 29, 2026, as the eleventh bishop for the Roman Catholic Diocese of London. Details about the Installation of Bishop Lobsinger as the Bishop of Peterborough will follow later. In the interim, Bishop Miehm continues to serve as the Apostolic Administrator. The official statement from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton can be accessed on our Diocesan website. Please pray for Bishop Wayne Lobsinger as he embraces this new pastoral responsibility as the 14th Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough.

PARISH GROUPS

Knights of Columbus	Adam Ranger	519-709-9612
Parish Hall	Jessica Carroll	705-341-1641
Funeral Reception	Mary Jane Connell	705-793-2013
Cemetery Board	Patricia Herlihey	705-799-7301
Hearts & Shamrocks	Office	705-799-6943
Youth Ministry	Mary-Catherine Jilesen	705-344-3941
Prayer Group	Jan Murtha	705-799-5110
Caretaker	Mary Jo Connell	705-799-6389

SCHOOLS

St. Luke Elementary Principal
Rebecca Brady (705) 799-5265

St. Thomas Aquinas Principal
Claire Wilson (705) 878-4117

PVNCC School Board Trustee
Mary Ann Martin (705) 799-1617

PARISH NEWS

KNIGHTS NEWS - "Coats for Kids" - a Knights of Columbus program - provides (new) coats for children. (girls and boys, toddlers to grade 2) in sizes 4 to 7 and larger if needed. If you know of any family/child in need, please contact the Parish Office or any member of the Knights of Columbus.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES & STORIES FROM ST. LUKE'S (Due by Nov 30) - Share your favourite Christmas memories! Whether a childhood memory, family tradition, or story passed down through generations, we'd love to include it in a special collection for our parish this Christmas. Email office@stlukesdowneyville.ca, message us on Facebook, or drop off your story at the parish office. Photos are welcome! Deadline: November 30.

ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL - GIFT DONATIONS (Due by Dec 8th) - St. Luke's school is looking for donation items to allow their JK to grade 5 students to shop (for free) for their family members living in their household this Christmas. Children enjoy receiving gifts at Christmas time, but they also love giving gifts to their loved ones. This special initiative allows them to accomplish this without any costs involved. Small, garage-sale type items (housewares, knickknacks, costume jewelry, accessories, toys, crafts, decorations, etc) for adult males/females (parents/guardians and older/younger siblings). They will also need donations of wrapping paper, tape, tags, gift bags and tissue paper. They will be accepting donations until **December 8th**. Please drop off items to the school office or send it in your child's backpack. Thank you in advance for your support!

SIMBANG GABI 2026 - will be celebrated at parishes around the Diocese, including St. Luke's. All are welcome to join this beautiful Filipino Christmas tradition of prayer, faith, and celebration in preparation for the birth of Christ. Please see the flyer for more details. December 15-23rd at 6pm (note: Saturday, December 19th - it will take place at 5pm)

SEEKING A FILING CABINET - We are looking for a small, two-drawer filing cabinet with a lock for the Parish Office. If you have one you would like to donate, please reach out to helen_scott55@hotmail.com

CHRISTMAS CHEER RAFFLE! St. Luke's Parish Council is holding a Christmas Cheer Raffle with over $1,000 in LCBO gift cards to be won! Tickets are $10 each, and the draw takes place on December 13, 2026. To purchase tickets, please contact mamartin2021@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support, and good luck!

COMING EVENTS (*Also available on our Events Page on our website*)

- **Nov 29 - FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
- Nov 29 - Confirmation Pancake Brunch (Hall, 8am-12pm)
- Nov 22 - Sac Prep: First Reconciliation (10am)
- Nov 22 - C.I.A. Youth Group (Hall, 6:30pm-8pm)
- Nov 30 - School Advent Celebration (9:05am)
- Nov 30 - Exercise Classes (Hall, 10am)
- Dec 2 - Afternoon Card Club (Hall, 1-2pm)
- Dec 4 - Healing Mass & Annointing of the Sick (8:30am)
- Dec 4 - Progressive Euchre (Hall, 7pm)
- Dec 6 - Children's Choir (9am)
- Dec 6 - Community Cafe (Hall, 10am)
- Dec 6 - Sac Prep: First Reconciliation (10am)
- Dec 6 - Sac Prep: Confirmation (Hall, 6pm-8pm)
- Dec 6 - C.I.A. Youth Group (Hall, 6:30pm-8pm)



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS MASS/CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE

- Christmas Eve: 5 pm (Children's Mass) and 8 pm
- Confessions: Dec 24th at 7pm
- Christmas Morning: 10 am
- New Year's Eve - 5 pm
- New Year's Day - 10 am

THE DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH

PASTOR
Rev. Fr. Roy Villas
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DEACON
Deacon Peter Bagnall
DcnPeter Bagnall@peterboroughdiocese.org

MASS TIMES

Monday	8:30am
Wednesday	5:00pm
Thursday	8:30am
Friday	8:30am
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am

CONFESSIONS
Saturday at 4 pm
Any time by appointment

Please contact the office for information about:

- Communion - Hospital/Home
- Anointing of the Sick
- Baptism
- Marriage

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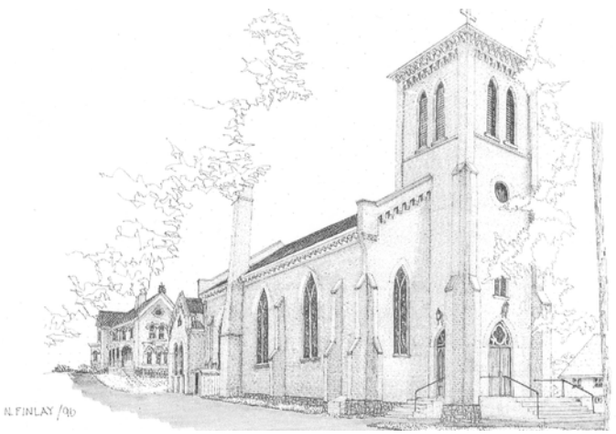
ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

WELCOME

We welcome all who come to worship at St. Luke's. We pray you find peace, hospitality and friendship with us. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, the doors of our Parish and our hearts are open to you.

"Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28



MISSION STATEMENT

The people of St. Luke's Parish strive to love and serve God and humanity through prayers and action, nourished by the sacraments and the Word of God.