

# St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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## Pastor - Father Francis Chidi Ezenezi

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### Permanent Deacons

Deacon M. Ketter

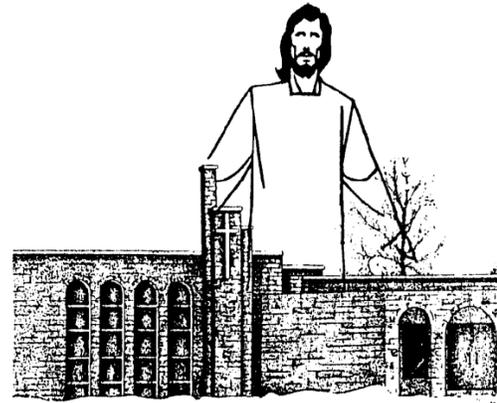
Deacon A. Lamothe

### Diocesan Order of Women

Mrs. D. Ketter

Mrs. B. Lamothe

Mrs. P. Porter



## Baptism

A program of preparation is required. Parents are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to the birth of their child. Adults wishing baptism are asked to contact the Parish Office.

## Marriage

Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the wedding. A preparation course is required.

## Visitation of the Sick

If any member of your family is sick at home or in the hospital, please call and let us know. If you are confined to home, and would like to receive Communion on Sunday, please call the Office before 3:00 pm on Thursday.

## Prayers for the Sick

If you or any member of your family is sick, in distress or experiencing troubling times, we invite you to call the Parish office to place that person on our prayer list.

## Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

## Weekday Mass Schedule

For Weekday Mass Schedule please see inside bulletin.

### Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30pm; or by appointment.  
*By appointment only* from May to August.

### Eucharistic Adoration

First Wednesday of each month 9:30 am-5:00 pm.

### Children's Liturgy

Each Sunday at the 9:00 am Mass from September to June. All children (beginning from Jr. Kindergarten) are welcome.

### Welcome to St. Peter's

We warmly welcome new parishioners to our parish. You are asked to register by completing a registration form. Forms are available in the Entrance or from the Parish Office.



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# First Sunday of Lent – February 22, 2026

“Jesus is the obedient Son.”

## MASS INTENTIONS:



<b>Mon, Feb 23</b>	<b>9am</b>	NO MASS
<b>Tues, Feb 24</b>	<b>9am</b>	NO MASS
<b>Wed, Feb 25</b>	<b>9am</b>	Deceased Members of the Brito+ & Ferreira+ families by Paul Brito & Vitor Ferreira
<b>Thurs, Feb 26</b>	<b>9am</b>	Dorothy Aultman+ by Emmaleen Sabourin
<b>Fri, Feb 27</b>	<b>9am</b>	Rheal Beaulieu+ by the family
<b>Sat, Feb 28</b>	<b>4pm</b>	Marie & Spencer Clement+ by Dan Clement Rita (Marchione) Dubeau+ by St. Joseph’s Classmates
<b>Sun, Mar 1</b>	<b>9am</b>	Joyce May Kelly+ by St. Peter’s CWL Int of Ellen Tunney with Birthday Blessings by Bernie Watson
	<b>11am</b>	Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis

**PRAYER LINE:** *In sorrow and suffering, go straight to God with confidence, and you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed.* If you or any member of your family, or anyone you know, is sick, in distress or experiencing troubling times, we invite you to call the Parish Office to place that person on our prayer list.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Len Weisflock, Nancy Tremblay, Victor Veltri, Shawn Prevost

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:** Diane Arbour+

SCRIPTURE READINGS Feb 23 – Mar 1, 2026	
Monday	Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18; Matt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
Thursday	Esther 14:1,3-5,12-14; Matthew 7:7-12
Friday	Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48
Sunday	Genesis 12:1-4 2Timothy 1:8b-10 Matthew 17:1-9

*Second Sunday of Lent*

Sunday February 15, 2026	\$1 891.00
Building Fund balance to date	\$40 070.32

**Building Fund Goal: \$100 000**

*Thank you for your generous contributions!*



**2026 Envelopes** are ready to be

picked up. Please call the Church office for more information: 705-472-1817



**Coffee Sunday! Sunday Feb. 22nd!**

Reminder to bring your goodies at the beginning of Mass! We will see you there!

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

### First Sunday of Lent

“He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.” Matt 4:2



The Gospel of the First Sunday of Lent sets before us the narrative of the temptation of Jesus.

“From whom does the devil want to divide Jesus? He enters the scene to divide Jesus from the Father and to distract Him from His mission of unity for us. The devil always divides.

The evil one tries to instil in Jesus three powerful “poisons”, to paralyse Jesus’ mission of unity. These poisons are attachment, mistrust, and power. We, too, live among these temptations, always.

Jesus defeats the temptations by avoiding discussion with the devil and answering with the Word of God. This is important as you cannot argue with the devil. Jesus quotes three phrases from the Scripture that speak of freedom from goods (cf. Dt 8:3), trust (cf. Dt 6:16), and service to God (cf. Dt 6:13). In this way, Jesus teaches us to defend unity with God and among ourselves from the attacks of the divider. The divine Word is Jesus’ answer to the temptation of the devil.

What place does the Word of God have in my life? Do I turn to it in my spiritual struggles? If I have a vice or a recurrent temptation do I obtain help by seeking out a verse of the Word of God that responds to that vice? When temptation comes, do I recite it, pray it, trusting in the grace of Christ?” Feb.26, 2023

**The month of February is dedicated to:  
The Holy Family**

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1Corinthians13



**2025 Donations - Thank You!**

Dear Parishioners,  
On behalf of the members of the Parish Finance Committee, we wish to express our unreserved gratitude to you for your thoughtfulness, support, generosity and your continued commitment to our parish in 2025.  
It is wonderful to witness the good work that is done when so many hands are joined together to spread the Gospel and give witness to the good work of Jesus in our Christian community and in the world.  
All of us are called to share our gifts with one another and our Church community. Please consider donating:  
1) Sunday Envelopes  
2) Online Giving: [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org) (Church of St. Peter the Apostle)  
3) e-Transfers: [office@stpetertheapostle.ca](mailto:office@stpetertheapostle.ca)  
4) Pre-Authorized Donations  
Wishing you abundant blessings in 2026.  
Rev. Francis Ezenezi

**THIS WEEK**

Sunday Feb 22 **9AM & 11AM COFFEE SUNDAY**  
\*\*\*\*\***NEEDY COLLECTION**\*\*\*\*\*  
Wednesday Feb.25 **9:30AM** – Rosary Cenacle  
Thursday Feb 26 **1:30PM** – Choir Practice (11AM)  
**6:30PM** – Choir Practice (9AM)  
**7:00PM** – Liturgy Meeting  
Friday Feb 27 **6:00PM** – **Stations of the Cross**  
**6:30PM** – Youth Choir Practice  
Saturday Feb 28 **3:00PM** – **CONFESSION**

**St. Peter the Apostle Youth Choir**

Calling all youth, ages 8+yrs!  
Join us for singing, fun, and friendship!

**February 27, 2026 @ 6:30 PM**

Meet new friends, and enjoy a fun evening together.  
We can't wait to see you there!



**The Way of the Cross**

**All are welcome to join us Fridays in Lent at  
@ 6:00pm.**

*We look forward to praying with you!!*



**Pope Leo – February Prayer Intention**

**For Children with Incurable Diseases**  
Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



**The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network:**

Join us monthly in praying with Pope Leo:  
<https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/>

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**FASTING:**

1. Fast from HURTING WORDS → and SAY KIND WORDS
2. Fast from SADNESS → and BE FILLED WITH GRATITUDE
3. Fast from ANGER → and BE FILLED WITH PATIENCE
4. Fast from PESSIMISM → and BE FILLED WITH HOPE
5. Fast from WORRIES → and HAVE TRUST IN GOD
6. Fast from COMPLAINTS → and CONTEMPLATE SIMPLICITY
7. Fast from PRESSURES → and BE PRAYERFUL
8. Fast from BITTERNESS → and FILL YOUR HEARTS WITH JOY
9. Fast from SELFISHNESS → and BE COMPASSIONATE
10. Fast from GRUDGES → and BE RECONCILED
11. Fast from WORDS → and BE SILENT AND LISTEN



**Journey Through Lent: Weekly Video Reflections:**

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) presents Journey Through Lent. These weekly Lenten spiritual reflections are based on the Sunday Mass readings. They will be available weekly from **Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday**. Designed for individuals, families, and communities.  
**For more information:** <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>

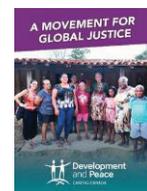
**St. Carlo Acutis - Eucharistic Miracles of the World - Mobile App -**

<https://stcarloshrine.com/app/>  
A new mobile app has been created - dedicated to Eucharistic miracles and inspired by the young Italian saint. "It is very important that we continue to spread the news of the Eucharistic Miracles all around the world. The App will be a great tool in continuing this mission,"



**This Lent, let's move forward On Track for**

**Justice** "The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking." — Pope Leo XIV (Dilexi te, §75) Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's 2026 Share Lent campaign, On Track for Justice, has been launched! Together, let's walk hand in hand with communities in the Global South who are working for justice, peace and dignity. Donate: [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).





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