

# St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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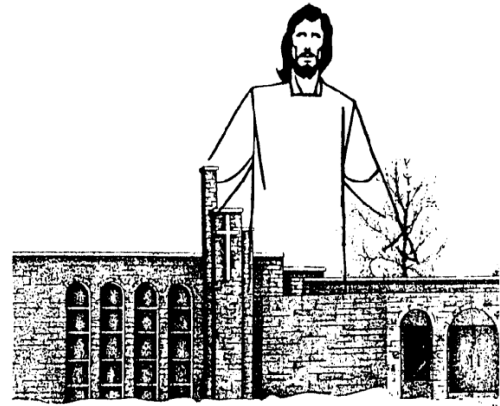
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## Baptism

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

Saturday from 3:00 - 3:30pm; or by appointment.

## 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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# Second Sunday of Lent – March 16, 2025

“Stand firm in faith.”

## MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Mon, Mar 17</b>	<b>9am</b>	Rheal Bealieu+ by the family
<b>Tues, Mar 18</b>	<b>9am</b>	Intentions of John Dunbar & family by Lorraine Downey & Greg Godin
<b>Wed, Mar 19</b>	<b>9am</b>	June Clement+ by Dan Clement
<b>Thurs, Mar 20</b>	<b>9am</b>	Jeanne Marceau+ by Theresa Taillefer
<b>Fri, Mar 21</b>	<b>9am</b>	Andy Sampson+ by Jack & Shirley Marcotte
<b>Sat, Mar 22</b>	<b>4pm</b>	Maria Caliciuri+ by Settimio & Nella Verardi
<b>Sun, Mar 23</b>	<b>9am</b>	Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis
	<b>11am</b>	Guido Lavallo+ by Maria Miscio John Pellanda+ by Domenic Muratore+

**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:** Marcel Desbiens, Ron Aultman

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:** Antonio Tignanelli+

## SCRIPTURE READINGS Mar 17 – Mar 23, 2025

Monday	Daniel 9:3,4b-10++; Luke 6:36-38 <i>(St. Patrick)</i>
Tuesday	Isaiah 1:10,16-20,27-28,31++; Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday	2Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22 Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a <i>St. Joseph</i>
Thursday	Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
Friday	Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday	Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 Luke 13:1-9 <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>

## SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

### Second Sunday of Lent

“This is My Son, My Chosen; listen to Him!” (Lk 9:35)

Jesus allows the disciples Peter, James and John a foretaste of the glory of the Resurrection: a glimpse of heaven on earth.



“The Transfiguration occurs at a precise moment in Christ’s mission, that is, after He has confided to His disciples that He would have to

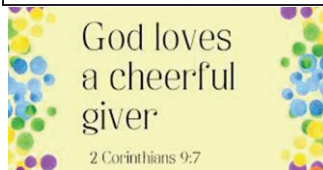
“suffer many things, [...] be killed, and on the third day be raised” (v. 21). Jesus knows that they do not accept this reality – the reality of the Cross – and so He wants to prepare them to withstand the scandal of the passion and death on the Cross.

No one can reach eternal life if not by following Jesus, carrying their own cross in their earthly life. Each of us has his or her own cross. The Lord reveals to us the end of this journey which is the Resurrection. This is the beauty of carrying one’s own cross.

Therefore, the Transfiguration of Christ shows us the Christian perspective of suffering. Suffering is a necessary but transitory passage. The point of arrival to which we are called is luminous like the face of Christ Transfigured: in Him is salvation, beatitude, light and the boundless love of God.

This Lent, let us also go up the mountain with Jesus! But in what way? With prayer. Let us climb the mountain with prayer: silent prayer, heartfelt prayer, prayer that always seeks the Lord. Let us pause for some time in reflection, a little each day, let us fix our inner gaze on His countenance and let us allow His light to permeate us and shine in our life. Prayer makes us luminous with the light of the Holy Spirit.” Mar 17, 2019

Sunday March 9, 2025	\$2 594.00
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<b>Building Fund Goal:</b>	<b>\$200 000</b>
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## March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - Feast of: *St. Joseph*

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power I fly unto you and beg your protection. Despise not O Guardian of the Redeemer my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me. Amen.



## Pope Francis – March Prayer Intention

### For Families in Crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



### PRAYER → LOVE OF GOD

If you are to love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength you must PRAY. Your love for God will grow through prayer – this communication with God, in a spirit of

listening "Here I am Lord, your servant is listening." Prayer will lead you to an intimacy with God most magnificently expressed in the Eucharist, the Mass, the Liturgy, the Sacred Liturgy, the Divine Liturgy – the greatest of all prayers.



## The Way of the Cross

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

*We look forward to praying with you!!!*

### THIS WEEK

- Wed March 19 **9:30AM** – Rosary Cenacle  
**1:30PM** – Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> Degree
- Thursday March 20 **1:30PM** – Choir Practice (11AM)  
**6:30PM** – Choir Practice (9AM)
- Friday March 21 **6:00PM** – Stations of the Cross  
Followed by *The Chosen Season 2 (Hall)*  
**6:30PM** – Youth Choir Practice  
**7:00PM** – RCIA – Right of Election
- Saturday March 22 **3:00PM** – Confession
- Saturday March 22 4:00PM** – LENTEN MISSION
- Sunday March 23 9AM & 11AM** – LENTEN MISSION

### CWL NEWS:

#### *Why belong to the Catholic Women's League?*

The Catholic Women's League welcomes women of all ages and diverse backgrounds. Throughout Canada, you will find Catholic women growing in faith, caring through a wide range of service, and seeking true justice for all. Did you know non-Catholics can become associate members? *Christine Osborne - 705-303-3808.*

**Sat. March 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Regional Development Day at Holy Name of Jesus starting **9:00am** until **3pm**. It is a bring your own lunch event. It will be a very informative and educational day.



**Sunday March 23, 2025 marks the First Scrutiny of Christian Initiation.** Please pray for our Catechumens, Karson, Linfeng Li; and Melanie. Blake, Catherine, Tony and Brooklyn are our candidates. They will be welcomed into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil on **Saturday April 19, 2025.**

**24 Hours for the Lord: March 28, 2025** In this Jubilee Year, the 12th edition of "24 Hours for the Lord," a Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation introduced by Pope Francis, will be celebrated in dioceses around the world. The 24 Hours for the Lord was begun in 2014. As with previous years, the event will take place on the eve of the Fourth Sunday of Lent, from Friday 28 March to Saturday 29 March. It is an annual worldwide Lenten initiative for Catholics to receive the mercy of God through Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For this year, within the Jubilee of 2025, particularly dedicated to Hope, the motto chosen by the Holy Father is taken from the words of the Psalmist, "You are my hope" (Ps. 71:5).



<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

### Watch : The Chosen (Season 2)

All are welcome to join us Fridays in Lent @ **6:30pm** after the Stations of the Cross. We look forward to spending the evening with you!



Join us for a **St. Patrick's Day Potluck Dinner & Party – St. Peter's Parish Hall** this Saturday

**March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm!** (After the 4pm Mass) Enjoy an evening of Irish fun including games, food and fellowship. Hope to see you there! Bring your favourite food and join in the fun! All are welcome!



## *Lenten Day of Confessions*

**Wednesday April 2, 2025**

**10-00am - 8:00pm**

*Priests Available all day*

*St. Peter the Apostle Church*

*Presented by the Catholic Parishes Of North Bay*

**"Return to me with all your heart."**

**Turn Debt into Hope : sign the petition!** In this Jubilee Year we are called upon to take part in the global Turn Debt into Hope campaign to "forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them."

Knowing that 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on foreign debt repayment than on health or education, we must act! Sign the global petition:

Petition: [devp.org/debt](https://devp.org/debt) . Join our campaign: [devp.org/lent](https://devp.org/lent). **April 6, 2025 is Solidarity Sunday!**








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