

St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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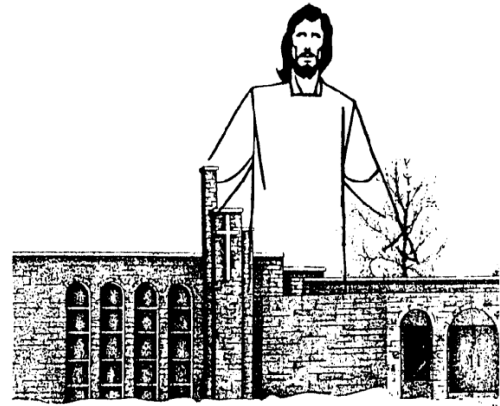
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Baptism

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.



PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS



Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 30, 2025

“We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

MASS INTENTIONS:

Mon, Mar 31	9am	Rheal Beaulieu+ by the family
Tues, Apr 1	9am	Michael Bukowski+ by Fred Bukowski
Wed, Apr 2	9am	In Honour of St. Francesco di Paola+ by Fernando & family
Thurs, Apr 3	9am	Int of Mary Gibson & Prayers for Healing by Denis & Lorena Armellini
Fri, Apr 4	9am	Sharon Gardiner+ by Dale & Debbie Smith
Sat, Apr 5	4pm	In Gratitude to St. Anthony for Favours Received by a Parishioner
Sun, Apr 6	9am	Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis
	11am	Steve Crea+ 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, Bev Charron, Nancy Tremblay

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: Rita Sampson+

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mar 31 – Apr 6, 2025

Monday	Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:16-30++ Pope John Paul II Day (Can.)
Thursday	Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:18, 31-47++
Friday	Wisdom 2:1a,12-22; John 7:1-2,10,25-30
Saturday	Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53
Sunday	Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11 Share Lent Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

“...you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours...we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” (Lk 15:32)



The Gospel for this Sunday's Liturgy recounts the so-called Parable of the Prodigal Son (cf. Lk 15:11-32).

“This parable leads us to God's heart who always forgives

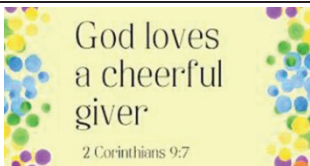
compassionately and tenderly. God always forgives. We are the ones who get tired of asking for forgiveness. God is a Father who not only welcomes us back, but rejoices and throws a feast for his son who has returned home after having squandered all his possessions. We are that son, and it is moving to think about how much the Father always loves us and waits for us.

But there is also the older son in the same parable who goes into a crisis in front of this Father. He bases his relationship with his Father solely on pure observance of commands, on a sense of duty. Could this be our problem? To live with a distant religion composed of prohibitions and duties? This leads to rigidity towards our neighbour whom we no longer see as brother or sister.

Like the Father, we need to rejoice. When someone's heart is synchronized with God's - they rejoice. Do not stay focused on errors, do not point fingers at what they have done wrong, but rejoice over the good because another person's good is mine as well! Do we know how to rejoice for others?” March.27, 2022

“May the Virgin Mary teach us how to receive God's mercy so that it might become the light by which we see our neighbours.”

Sunday March 23, 2025 \$2 198.00
Building Fund balance to date \$165.00
Building Fund Goal (Roof): \$100 000
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THE MONTH OF APRIL IS DEDICATED TO:
The Blessed Sacrament



70th Anniversary Picture Directory

The picture directories are in!

Anyone who has had their picture taken in the hall (May or June session) **OR** has placed an order with the church office - will receive a free directory.

Pick up: After Mass / during office hours.



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. So Lent is a season of prayer because by prayer we are going to be intimate with God and love God more with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.



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 April 2 **9:30AM-5:00PM** – EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

9:30AM – Rosary Cenacle

10AM-8PM – Lenten Day of Confessions

Thursday April 3 **1:30PM** – Choir Practice (11AM)

6:30PM – Choir Practice (9AM)

Friday April 4 **6:00PM** – Stations of the Cross

Followed by *The Chosen* Season 2 (Hall)

6:30PM – Youth Choir Practice

Saturday April 5 **10:00AM** – RCIA Retreat

3:00PM – Confession

Sunday April 6 **9:00AM** – First Communion Session#3

Lenten Day of Confessions

Wednesday April 2, 2025

10-00am - 8:00pm

Priests Available all day

St. Peter the Apostle Church



Eucharistic Adoration -

Spend an hour with Jesus!

Please join us for Eucharistic

Adoration **9:30am - 5pm** Wednesday,

April 2nd beginning at 9:30am. Everyone is

invited. Please sign the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the Church and select your hour time slot as we do not want to leave Jesus alone. **The Church will remain open all day if all time slots are filled.** *Unscheduled drop-ins are welcome.*

Pope Francis – April Prayer Intention



For The Use of New Technologies

Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Jubilee of Priests Instituted as “Missionaries of

Mercy” March 28-30, 2025 *The*

sixth major Jubilee event will bring

together Missionaries of Mercy

from all over the world,

accompanied by their families and

collaborators. The United States, Italy, Poland, Brazil, Spain, France, Mexico, Germany, Slovakia, the Philippines, Bangladesh, Ukraine, Colombia, and India, are among the countries from which some 500 Missionaries of Mercy are traveling to the Vatican. These Missionaries, "a sign of the Church's maternal care for the People of God" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, n. 18), have been given the special authority to forgive even sins reserved to the Apostolic See. <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>



Invitation to Chrism Mass 2025



Bishop Thomas Dowd invites all the faithful of the Diocese to the Chrism Mass celebrated on

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 @ 7:00 pm. at the Pro-Cathedral

of the Assumption. During this special Mass, Bishop Dowd

will bless the sacramental oils which will be used in the

administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for

the year. The priests will also renew their priestly promises. *All*

faithful are welcome to participate in this important celebration!



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!

CWL NEWS:

Why belong to the Catholic Women's League?

My Catholic Women's League is like family. Wherever you

live in Canada, you can find or start a council in your parish. Sisters,

mothers, aunts, and grandmothers are ready to share their wisdom.

Catholic family values are abounded at the Catholic Women's

League. **Come join our family!**

Contact: Christine Osborne - 705-303-3808.

Our council has been selected as part of a focus group where Scott

Clark from Clark Communications and Lisa Henry, Provincial

Secretary, will be attending to gather information to further ongoing

work to find ways to support councils in Ontario. All members are

invited to attend this special meeting on **Wed, April 9th @ 2:00 pm.**



Sunday April 6, 2025 @ 9am marks the Third Scrutiny

of Christian Initiation. Please pray for our

Catechumens, Karson, Linfeng Li; and Melanie.

Please also pray for our candidates Blake,

Catherine, Tony and Brooklyn. They will be

welcomed into the Catholic Church during the


Easter Vigil on **Saturday April 19, 2025.**





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