

# 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

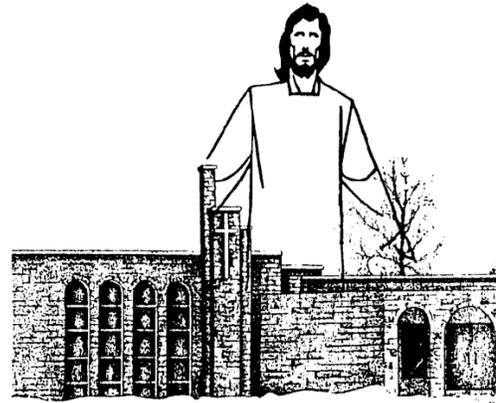
Deacon A. Lamothe

### 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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# Third Sunday of Lent – March 8, 2026

“We are invited to bring our thirst to God!”

## MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Mon, Mar 9</b>	<b>9am</b>	Deceased Friends & Benefactors+ of Paula & family
<b>Tues, Mar 10</b>	<b>7pm</b>	Intentions of Nancy Tremblay by Joe & Louise Defonzo
<b>Wed, Mar 11</b>	<b>9am</b>	Bill Fortune+ by Doreen Primeau
<b>Thurs, Mar 12</b>	<b>9am</b>	Roman Baranowski+ by Suzanne Lukasik
<b>Fri, Mar 13</b>	<b>9am</b>	Int of Dianne Whorley-Campsall with Prayers for Healing by Endow
<b>Sat, Mar 14</b>	<b>9am</b>	Dorothy Aultman+ by Peter & Barbara McCool
	<b>4pm</b>	Rita (Marchione) Dubeau+ by Nancy O’Connor
		Deceased Relatives+ of Joan Waugh
<b>Sun, Mar 15</b>	<b>9am</b>	Virginia Repaci+ by Domenic & family
		Joesphine B. Lizares+ by Ampy Ipo-Olvida
	<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, Victor Veltri, Shawn Prevost  
**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:** Nancy Aultman+

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mar 9 – Mar 15, 2026	
Monday	2Kings 5:1-15a; Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday	Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
Friday	Hosea 14:1-9; Mark 12:28b-34
Saturday	Hosea 5:15b – 6:6++; Luke 18:9-14
Sunday	1Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Sunday March 1, 2026	\$3 330.00
NEEDY Collection March 1, 2026	696.10
Building Fund balance to date	\$40 985.32



**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



**Sunday March 8, 2026 marks the First Scrutiny of Christian Initiation.** Please pray for our Catechumens, Regan, Kelsey, Meagan, Callum; and Danica. Maria and Adriaan are our candidates. They will be welcomed into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil on **Saturday April 4, 2026.**

## SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

### Third Sunday of Lent

“A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’” John 4:7



The Gospel presents us one of the most beautiful and fascinating encounters Jesus has – the one with the Samaritan woman (cf. Jn 4:5-42). “Jesus’

thirst is not only physical. It expresses the deepest thirst of our lives, and above all, a thirst for our love. He is more than a beggar. He “is thirsty” for our love. And this will emerge at the culminating moment of His passion, on the cross, where, before dying, Jesus will say: “I thirst” (Jn 19:28). That thirst for love brought Him to descend, to lower Himself, to abase himself, to be one of us. Thirsty for love, Jesus quenches our thirst with love. And He does with us what He did with the Samaritan woman – He comes to meet us in our daily life. He shares our thirst. He promises us living water that makes eternal life well up within us.

Today’s Gospel offers living water to every one of us who can become a refreshing spring for others. And so, like the Samaritan woman who leaves her jug at the well and goes to call the people of her village (cf. v. 28), – we, too, will no longer only think of slaking our own thirst, our material thirst, our intellectual or cultural thirst. With the joy of having met the Lord, we will quench others’ thirst. We will understand their thirst and share the love He has given to us. Do I thirst for God? Am I concerned about the thirst of others – their spiritual thirst, their material thirst?” Mar 12, 2023

The month of March is dedicated to:

### St. Joseph

St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.



### Pope Leo – March Prayer Intention

#### For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



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

Join us monthly in praying with Pope Leo:

<https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/>



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 → & 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

#### Invitation to Chrism Mass 2026

Bishop Thomas Dowd invites all the faithful of the Diocese to the Chrism Mass celebrated on **Wednesday, March 25, 2026 @ 7:00 pm.** at the Precious Blood Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie. During this special Mass, Bishop Dowd will bless the sacramental oils - the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Infirm, and Holy Chrism – 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.



### The Way of the Cross

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

*We look forward to praying with you!*



#### Morning Eucharistic Adoration

Join us for Weekday Adoration during Lent!

**8:00–9:00 AM — Adoration**  
**9:00 AM — Mass**

*Prepare your heart for Easter!*

\*\*\*Adoration on 9 AM Weekday Mass days only.

**Monday-Saturday @ 9am\*\*\***



THIS WEEK	
Sunday March 8	<b>9:00AM - First Communion #3</b>
Wed March 11	<b>10:00AM-8:00PM – ALL DAY CONFESSIONS</b> <b>9:30AM – Rosary Cenacle</b>
Thursday March 12	<b>11:30AM – Choir Practice (11AM)</b> <b>6:30PM – Choir Practice (9AM)</b>
Friday March 13	<b>6:00PM – Stations of the Cross</b> <b>6:30PM – NO Youth Choir Practice</b>
Saturday March 14	<b>3:00PM – CONFESSION</b>
Sunday March 15	<b>9:00AM - NO First Communion</b>

**Women protecting the Earth** In Brazil, the lives of several rural communities are disrupted by industrial agriculture, mining and the Carajás railway. Women are at the heart of the fight to protect the land and the environment from the air, water and soil pollution that they cause. Donate or for more information: [devp.org/lenet](http://devp.org/lenet).



#### St. Peter the Apostle Youth Choir

Calling all youth, ages 8+yrs!

Join us for singing, fun, and friendship!

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

Meet new friends, and enjoy a fun evening together.

We can't wait to see you there!



#### Easter Memorial Donations

In honour and remembrance of our loved ones this Easter we are accepting donations for the decorating of the Church for our Easter

**Celebration - The Feast of the Resurrection.** Please place all donations into an envelope and label:

**In Remembrance of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please bring all donations to St Peter the Apostle by **March 29, 2026.** A list of names will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Income tax receipts will be issued for all donations with an address and/or envelope number. All Masses on Easter Sunday will be celebrated in memory of the names added to our Easter Memorial Donation list.

### Lenten Day of Confessions

**Wednesday March 11, 2026**

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

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