

St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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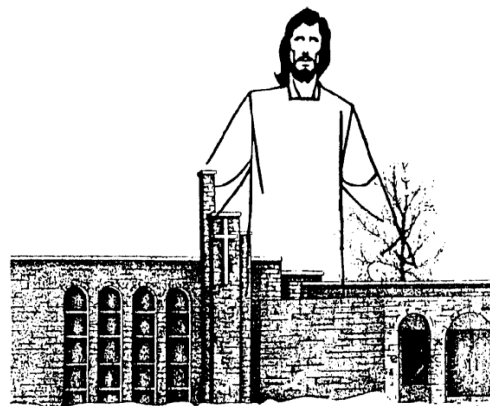
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Baptism

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

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.



PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS



Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 22, 2026

“Those who have the Spirit of Christ belong to Him and will share in His resurrection.”

MASS INTENTIONS:

Mon, Mar 23	9am	Int of all Priests of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie by Doreen Primeau
Tues, Mar 24	9am	NO MASS
Wed, Mar 25	7pm	Dorothy Aultman+ by Nancy Tremblay
Thurs, Mar 26	9am	John & Mary Wilkolaski+ by Stan
Fri, Mar 27	9am	Deceased Members of the Bukowski Family+ by Fred Bukowski
		Sacrament of the Sick
Sat, Mar 28	9am	Marie Wood Byberg+ by Peter & Pat Croteau
	4pm	Rocco Venditti+ by Angelina & family
		Verl & Blanche Robinson+ by Joan Waugh
Sun, Mar 29	9am	Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis
	11am	Robert Cote by Marga & family
		Rita (Marchione) Dubeau+ & Quinto Marchione+ by the family



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, Tony Saini

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: Laurel Birtch+, Jean Carmichael+

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mar 23 – Mar 29, 2026

Monday	Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-64++; John 8:1-11
Tuesday	Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
Wednesday	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10d Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38 <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>
Thursday	Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
Friday	Jeremiah 20:7, 10-13++; John 10:31-42
Saturday	Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56
Sunday	Matthew 21:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14 – 27:66 Holy Week <i>Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord</i>

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent



“Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.” John 11:21

The Gospel presents to us the resurrection of Lazarus (cf. Jn 11:1-45).

“Jesus’ presence rekindles a little confidence in the hearts of the sisters Martha and Mary (cf. vv. 22, 27). They cling to this light, to this small hope, despite their suffering. Jesus invites them to have faith, and asks for the tomb to be opened. He then prays to the Father and shouts to Lazarus: “Come out!” (v. 43).

Jesus gives life even when it seems that all hope has gone. It is precisely in the difficult moments that He comes closer than ever to restore life to us. Jesus approaches our tombs and says to us, as then: “Take away the stone” (v. 39) - the pain, the mistakes, even the failures... do not hide them inside you, in a dark, lonely, closed room.

Throw it to me with confidence, says the Lord. I will not be outraged. Throw it to me without fear because I am with you. I care about you and I want you to start living again. Come out! Rise again, get back on the path, regain your confidence.

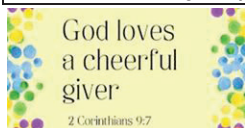
Can we open our hearts to Him and entrust our worries to Him? Do we bear witness to the hope and joy of Jesus?”

Mar 26, 2023

Sunday March 15, 2026 \$2 727.55
Building Fund balance to date \$ 41 230.32

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.

May Mary, Mother of Hope, renew in us the joy of not feeling alone and the call to bring light into the darkness that surrounds us.



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*Celebrate the
Solemnity of the
Annunciation of
Our Lord*

March 25, 2026

*The Solemnity of the Annunciation celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of His only son. **Pray the Joyful Mysteries today! OR Say the Angelus prayer today!***

FASTING → LOVE OF SELF



If you are going to love yourself as your neighbour, you are going to have to fast. When I fast from gorging myself with food, gorging myself with too many things, I can truly begin to

love who I am.

The more you give in to things, the more you give in to consumerism – and the lower your self-esteem, self-respect and self-love will be. So the Church has always said fast, abstain. Why? Because you learn to truly love and respect who you are.

The Way of the Cross

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

We look forward to praying with you!!



THIS WEEK

Sunday March 22	9:00AM – NO First Communion
Wed March 25	9:30AM – Rosary Cenacle
Thursday March 26	11:30AM – Choir Practice (11AM) 6:30PM – Choir Practice (9AM)
Friday March 27	6:00PM – Stations of the Cross 6:30PM – Youth Choir Practice
Saturday March 28	9:00AM-12:00PM – RCIA Retreat 3:00PM – CONFESSIONS
Sunday March 29	9:00AM - First Communion Lesson #4

Divine Mercy Sunday: April 12th



Come Join us in celebrating the Feast of the Divine Mercy: **St. Peter the Apostle Church, April 12th @ 3PM.** A Potluck

will follow with cake and beverages. Please bring your goodies to the Church hall prior to the 3:00pm celebration. A reminder that the novena begins Good Friday. Booklets for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be placed at the entrance of the Church.



Coffee Sunday! Sunday March 29th!

Please join us this Sunday. Bring your goodies at the beginning of Mass!

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/>

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..



Morning Eucharistic Adoration

Join us for Weekday Adoration during Lent!

8:00–9:00 AM — Adoration

9:00 AM — Mass

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

Monday-Saturday @ 9am***



Sunday March 22, 2026 marks the Third Scrutiny of Christian Initiation. Please pray for our Catechumens, Regan, Meagan, Callum; and Danica. Kelsey, Maria and Adriaan are our candidates. They will be welcomed into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil on **Sat April 4, 2026**

First Communion:

A reminder to our students and families: The sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated at St Peter's on Sunday, **April 12th, 2026 @ 11am.** Please pray for our candidates.



This Lent, please give generously This



Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's On Track for Justice campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. Donate: devp.org/lent. Thank you for your solidarity!

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. Please place all donations into an envelope and label: **In Remembrance of:**



Donated By: _____

Address: _____ **Envelope #** _____

All donations due: St Peter the Apostle 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 / envelope#.

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