

# St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Deacon M. Ketter

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Diocesan Order of Women

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Mrs. B. Lamothe

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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**

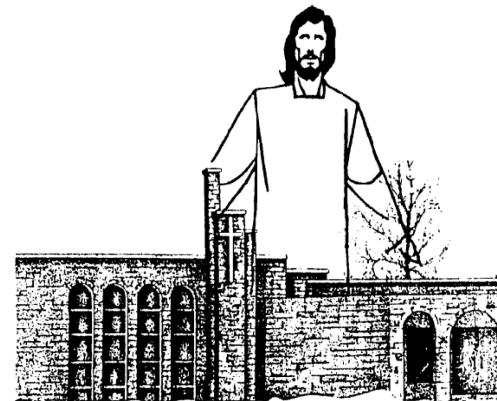
Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the wedding. A preparation course is required.

**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.



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# Second Sunday In Ordinary Time – January 18, 2026

“We must bring the light of Christ to the world!”

## MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat, Jan 24	4pm	Ed Bukowski+ by Fred Bukowski
Sun, Jan 25	9am	Santo & Anna Scarfone+ by the family
		Joyce May Kelly+ by Members of St. Peter's Choir (9am)
	11am	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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jan 19 – Jan 25, 2026	
Monday	1Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday	1Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28
Wednesday	1Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6 <i>St. Agnes</i>
Thursday	1Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12
Friday	1Samuel 24:2-20; Mark 3:13-19
Saturday	1Samuel 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27; Mark 3:20-21 <i>St. Francis de Sales</i>
Sunday	Isaiah 9:1-4 1Corinthians 1:10-13, 17-18 Matthew 4:12-23 <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>

New Year's Offering Jan.1,2026	\$711.00
PADP December 2025	\$5 492.00
PADP Christmas Offering	\$1 145.00
Sunday January 4, 2026	\$2 294.00
Initial Offering 2026	\$745.00
Building Fund balance to date	\$27 530.10

**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 Jan. 25th!**

Reminder to bring your goodies at the beginning of Mass. We look forward to seeing you after the 9am & 11am Masses!



## SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



“John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’ John 1:29

John the Baptist was the first witness of Christ.

“The Baptist cannot hold back the urgent desire to bear witness to Jesus and declares: “I have seen and have borne witness” (v. 34).

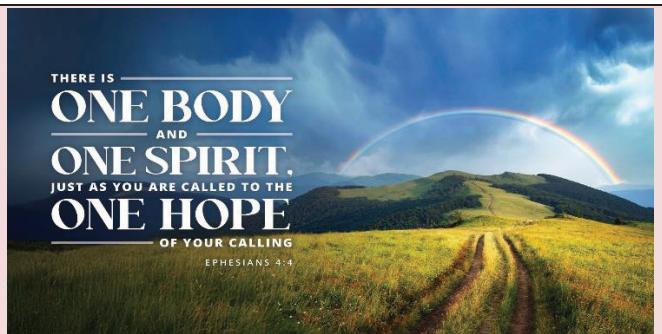
This declaration, this witness, reveals John's spirit of service. With this spirit of service and with his capacity to give way to Jesus, John the Baptist teaches us an important thing. He teaches us the importance of freedom from attachments. It is easy to become attached to roles and positions and to the need to be esteemed, recognized and rewarded. This, although natural, is not a good thing, because service involves gratuitousness - taking care of others without benefit for oneself, without ulterior motives, without expecting something in return.

Are we capable of making space for others? Of listening to them? Of leaving them free and not binding them to ourselves, demanding recognition? Are we capable of letting them speak, at times?

Do we attract others to Jesus, or to ourselves?

Do we let others grow?” Jan.15, 2023

“May Mary, the servant of the Lord, help us to be free from attachments, to make way for the Lord and to give space to others. “



## Prayer for Christian Unity

– January 18 - 25, 2026

Based on the Letter to the Ephesians (Eph 4:4), the prayers and reflections of this year's WPCU draws on materials from centuries-old traditions of prayer used by the Armenian people, along with hymns that originated in the ancient monasteries and churches of Armenia, some of which date as far back as the fourth century.

The week focuses on "one hope" - emphasizing shared heritage, service, and spiritual renewal, encouraging prayer for unity and peace, especially for war-torn areas, following Pope Leo XIV's calls for compassion and shared spiritual journey in 2026.

<http://www.christianunity.va/content/unitacristiani/en.html>



**Sunday of the Word**  
**January 25, 2026**

2025 Theme: "The word of Christ dwells among you" (Col 3:16).

Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time in his Apostolic Letter Aperuit illis in 2019. "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of His word and enables us to proclaim its fathomable riches before the world." This year it will be celebrated in St Peter's Basilica in the presence of Pope Leo leading Vespers at St. Paul Outside the Walls on Sunday 25 January 2026 - also marking the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.



### THIS WEEK

Wednesday Jan. 21 **9:30AM** – Rosary Cenacle  
**1:30PM** – Knights (4<sup>th</sup> Degree)

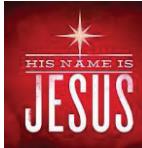
Thursday Jan 22 **1:30PM** – Choir Practice (11AM)  
**6:30PM** – Choir Practice (9AM)

Friday Jan 23 **6:30PM** – Youth Choir Practice

THE MONTH OF JANUARY IS DEDICATED TO:

### **The Holy Name of Jesus**

"At the name of Jesus every knee shall bend, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father in Heaven and on earth and under the earth." Philippians 2:10-11



### Pope Leo – January Prayer

#### Intention

##### **For Prayer With The Word Of God**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



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

Join us monthly in praying with Pope Leo:

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

In December 2020, the Pope constituted this Pontifical Society as a Vatican Foundation. It is present in 89 countries with a membership of more than 22 million Catholics worldwide. It is run by the Jesuits and unites millions globally to pray and act on the Pope's monthly prayer intentions – focusing on challenges facing the humanity and the Church.



### **Orchards Gift Cards!**



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**January 24, 2026 – Pro Cathedral of the Assumption -National Visitation of the Relics of St. Jean de Brébeuf and of St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

480 McIntyre St W, North Bay, ON

After 4pm Mass the relics will remain in the Cathedral for personal prayer time and veneration. Fr. O'Brien will be available for discussion and answer questions.

The purpose of the tour is to bring the relics to places where people might not easily travel to the Shrine, and to reap the benefits of healing, conversion and reconciliation.

### **St. Peter the Apostle Youth Choir**

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

**January 23, 2026 @ 6:30 PM**

Meet new friends, and enjoy a fun evening together.

### **Ordinary Time**

Ordinary time is anything but ordinary.

During Ordinary Time, we are called to grow and mature in our faith. The Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of Jesus Christ.

Every Sunday, the original Christian Feast Day of the Resurrection is celebrated. On this day of the risen Lord we gather to hear the Word, reflect, offer the living sacrifice of praise and eat and drink at the banquet of the Lord.

The Church is back in ORDINARY TIME, but every day is EXTRAORDINARY, a GIFT from God, and can be an OUTBURST of God's grace and mercy. - CARDINAL TIMOTHY DOLAN

God sends us to proclaim this love we have learned. May our actions and words be an example of this love!



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