

St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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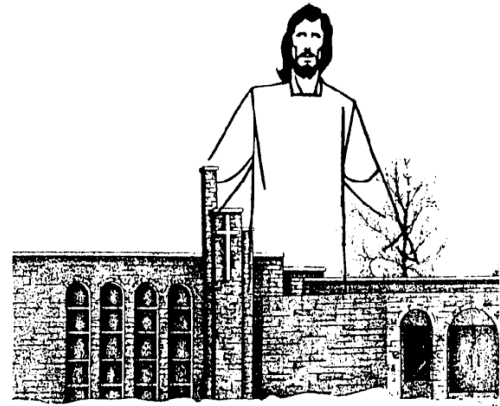
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Baptism

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



Third Sunday of Lent – March 23, 2025

“The Lord is kind and merciful.”

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Mon, Mar 24 | 9am | Gerald & Louise Clatworthy+ by the family |
| Tues, Mar 25 | 9am | John & Mary Wilkolaski+ by Stan |
| Wed, Mar 26 | 9am | Intentions of the Green family by Kathleen Walsh & Victor Hopper |
| Thurs, Mar 27 | 9am | Ron Fournier+ by the family |
| Fri, Mar 28 | 9am | Maria Salatino+ by Victor Hopper & Kathleen Walsh |
| | | Sacrament of the Sick |
| Sat, Mar 29 | 4pm | Rocco Venditti+ by Angelina & family Blanche Robinson+ by Joan Waugh & family |
| Sun, Mar 30 | 9am | Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis |
| | 11am | Christopher Cirullo+ by Settimio & Nella Verardi Emile Campsall+ by Celine Mayer |

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,

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: Denise Johnson+

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mar 24 – Mar 30, 2025

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| Monday | 2Kings 5:1-15a; Luke 4:24-30 |
| Tuesday | Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10d Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38 <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i> |
| 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 | Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 2Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> |

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent



“...unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” (Lk 13:5)
Jesus speaks to us about God’s mercy and of our conversion.

“Today, seeing certain misfortunes and sorrowful events, we can be tempted to “unload” the responsibility onto the victims, or even onto God Himself. But the Gospel invites us to reflect: What idea do we have of God? Are we truly convinced that God is like that, or isn’t that just our projection - a god made to “our image and likeness”?

Jesus invites us to change our hearts - to make a radical about-face on the path of our lives and to abandon compromises with evil. Unfortunately, each of us strongly resembles the tree that, over many years, has repeatedly shown that it’s infertile. But, fortunately for us, Jesus is like a farmer who, with limitless patience, still obtains a concession for the fruitless vine. “Let it alone this year” – He said to the owner – “we shall see if it bears fruit next year” (cf. v. 9).

The invincible patience of Jesus! Have you thought about the patience of God? Have you ever thought as well of His limitless concern for sinners? How it should lead us to impatience with ourselves! It’s never too late to convert, never. God’s patience awaits us until the last moment.” Feb.28, 2016

“May the Virgin Mary sustain us, so that we can open our hearts to the grace of God - to His mercy; and may she help us to never judge others...”

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| Sunday March 16, 2025 | \$1 642.20 |
| PADP for February 2025 | \$4 581.00 |
| Building Fund balance to date | \$200 159.78 |
| Building Fund Goal: | \$200 000 |
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Celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord

March 25, 2025

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!

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.



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. <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 - 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.



ALMSGIVING → LOVE OF NEIGHBOUR

You are to love your neighbour as yourself. The Church teaches that Lent is a time of almsgiving (giving).

Of course the first thing a materialistic society thinks of when they hear the subject of giving is money. But, almsgiving means giving your time, your energy, your talent – giving, sharing, sacrificing. Almsgiving is related to loving your neighbour as yourself. That is why the Church wants you to give alms.

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

- Saturday March 22 **4:00PM** – LENTEN MISSION
- Sunday March 23 **9:00AM** – First Communion Session#1
9AM & 11AM – LENTEN MISSION
- Monday March 24 **7:00PM** – LENTEN MISSION
- Tuesday March 25 **7:00PM** – LENTEN MISSION
- Wed March 26 **9:30AM** – Rosary Cenacle
- Thursday March 27 **1:30PM** – Choir Practice (11AM)
6:30PM – Choir Practice (9AM)
- Friday March 28 **6:00PM** – Stations of the Cross
Followed by The Chosen Season 2 (Hall)
6:30PM – Youth Choir Practice
- Saturday March 29 **3:00PM** – Confession
- Sunday March 30 **9:00AM** – First Communion Session#2

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."



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?

Catholic Women's League members know faith is important to women. Members are called to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. We are Catholic and Living It! **Come grow with us! Christine Osborne - 705-303-3808.**

The Regional Development Day planned for this **Sat, March 22nd** has been **postponed**. I will inform you of the new date as soon as I know it.

Sunday March 30, 2025 @ 11am marks the Second 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.**



External debt and ecological debt: Who owes whom?


Peru is facing an ecological debt crisis. Extractive industries, often foreign-owned, plunder its natural resources, harming the environment and human rights. Our partners, the Episcopal Commission for Social Action (CEAS) and the Institute Bartolomé de Las Casas (IBC) work closely with affected communities, advocating for justice and sustainable alternatives. Join our campaign: **devp.org/lent. April 6, 2025 is Solidarity Sunday!**





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