

ST. PETER'S PARISH // FEBRUARY 9, 2025

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PETER'S PAPER

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

THE MYSTERY OF COMMUNION: LIVING THE CHURCH'S TRUE IDENTITY

The Church is born from the mystery of communion, which has its deepest roots in the life of the Trinity. From all eternity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit exist in a perfect relationship of love—not as a rigid uniformity, but as a dynamic exchange of self-giving that defines the essence of divine communion. Since the Church originates in this divine mystery, it is more than an institution shaped by human will or organizational structures. It is a living reality, rooted in the very being of God.

Usually, we are naturally drawn to what is familiar. We seek connection, form bonds with like-minded individuals, and establish relationships that provide a sense of belonging and security. When we gravitate toward those who share our perspectives, experiences, or cultural backgrounds, we risk creating a parish that feels segmented rather than united. Small communities within the parish can be enriching, yet if they function as closed circles rather than open doors, they risk forming invisible barriers. Instead of a single, cohesive Body of Christ, the parish can become a collection of isolated groups operating in parallel, disconnected from the larger mission of the Church.

A parish cannot simply be a network of friendship groups or affinity-based gatherings. It must be a communion of disciples who walk together in faith. Authentic participation happens when every member—regardless of background, personal preferences, or social connections—finds their place in the shared mission of the Church. This mission, and not personal affinity, is what unites us. The challenge of unity is real. The forces that divide us—whether natural inclinations, cultural differences, differing theological or pastoral visions, or spiritual struggles—are strong. But the grace that calls us to communion is stronger. Our task is not merely to avoid division but to actively build a parish where communion, participation, and mission form a unified path.

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St. Peter's
Roman Catholic Church

SCHEDULE

ROSARY

Tuesday - Saturday 8:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Sat 8:30 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am; 9:30 am;
11:30 am; 5:00 pm

ADORATION

Friday 9:00 am - 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm

True communion demands a deliberate effort to move beyond personal affinities and embrace a broader vision of Church life. Pope Francis reminds us: “Communion is not the result of strategies and human programming, but is built on the foundation of the one common faith. It is nourished by prayer and the Eucharist, it is strengthened by genuine fraternal charity.” (Pope Francis, Address to the Roman Curia, 2014). This means that a truly welcoming parish is not defined by social connections but by the reality that every person—regardless of background, personality, or experience—has a place in the Body of Christ. We are called to mirror the mystery of the Trinity: a communion of love that does not erase differences but unites us in a shared mission. By fostering a parish culture where every person is welcomed as essential to the community, we allow the Church to reflect more fully the divine communion from which it is born.

Fr. Fábio de Souza



SUNDAY REFLECTION

SHARING THE WORD

Gospel Reading – Luke 5:1-11

Luke’s story of the miraculous catch has a distinct Easter flavour – in John’s Gospel it comes after the Resurrection. By placing it at the beginning, Luke communicates the spirit in which he wishes us to read his Gospel – in the presence of the risen Jesus who lives in the Church and in the world forever, and who guides our “fishing for people.”

- 1. Have you known the kind of discouragement Peter expresses – having fished all night and catching nothing?**
- 2. “Put out into the deep” – what kinds of deep waters might the Lord invite us into?**
- 3. Why do you think Simon Peter wants Jesus to depart?**
- 4. Notice the three separate scenes: the crowds, the catch and Peter. How do these scenes relate to each other?**

Diocese of Saskatoon

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www.st-peters.ca

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www.catholicyc.ca

Find us on 

OFFICE HOURS

Monday

Office and Church Closed

Tuesday - Thursday

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Friday

9:00 am - Noon

CLERGY

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Fr. Abraham Joseph

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Stephen Robinson

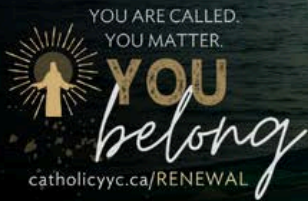
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Then Jesus said to Simon,
**“Do not be afraid;
 from now on you
 will be catching
 people.”**

Luke 5: 10



MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 11 - 16

REPOSE OF THE SOUL (RS)/SPECIAL INTENTIONS (SI)

Date	Time	Name	Intention
Feb 11	8:30 AM	Maria Varro	(RS)
Feb 12	8:30 AM	Nadine Ah Fat	(SI)
Feb 13	8:30 AM	Lawrence Family	(RS)
Feb 14	8:30 AM	Edward Evashuk	(RS)
Feb 15	8:30 AM	Maria Varro	(RS)
Feb 15	5:00 PM	Maria Jimenez	(RS)
Feb 16	8:00 AM	Alfred Au	(SI)
Feb 16	9:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Peter's	(RS)
Feb 16	11:30 AM	Sequeira and D'souza Families	(RS)
Feb 16	5:00 PM	Lora Moro	(SI)

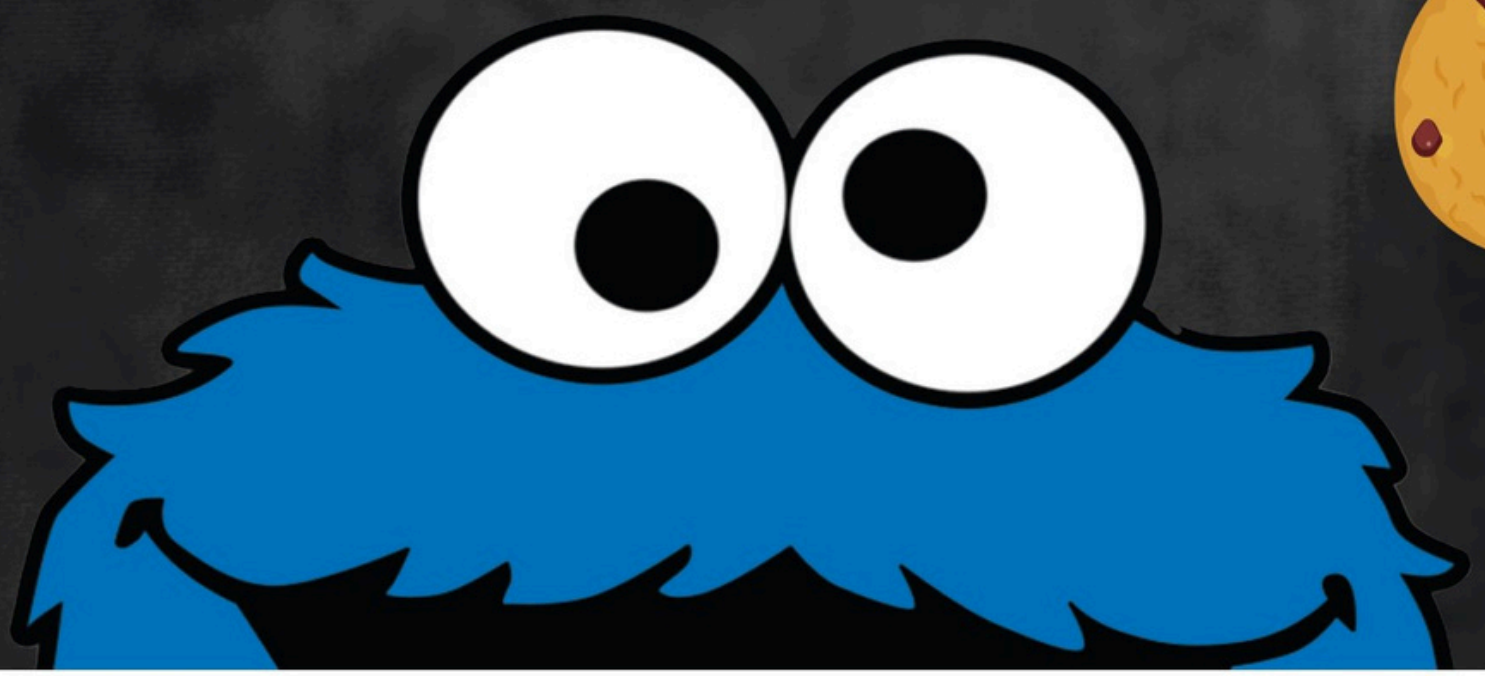


St. Peter's CWL
presents



cookie walk

This Weekend
After all Masses - Feb 8 & 9
Parish Hall



St. Peter's Pastoral Care

St Peter's Pastoral Care Team is a group of dedicated volunteers that serve in a variety of ways in our Parish. We presently have 5 Residential or Care Communities that we provide weekly Lay-Led Liturgies of the Word with Communion Service as well. There is also a service for Graduated Supports in Bowness, arranged between the coordinator and the staff.

Mass is celebrated in each of these communities once a month with one of our Parish Priests.

Some of our members take Holy Communion to people in Hospitals as well as help with Masses in those Communities.

We also provide home visits as well as Holy Communion to Parishioners who request this. They may be ill, unable to drive or in need of companionship. We are there for them.

If you would like to join our Team, please contact Gail Monk, St. Peter's Pastoral Care Coordinator by email pastoralcare@st-peters.ca.

Holy Communion to Homebound Parishioners

If you or a loved one is homebound & would like to have Holy Communion brought to you, please contact St. Peter's Pastoral Care Coordinator by email pastoralcare@stpeters.ca or office@st-peters.ca or phone 403-286-5110.

A member of the Pastoral Care Team will contact you to make the arrangements.

RETREAT CENTRES UPCOMING EVENTS



Mount St. Francis, Cochrane - Nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains where all are welcome in the name of Christ, Mount St. Francis offers silent retreats and spiritual direction led by The Franciscan Friars of Canada. See the Upcoming schedule at:

<https://mountstfrancis.ca/year-at-a-glance/>

FCJ Centre, Calgary - The FCJ Centre is offering a large number and range of retreats, prayer services, workshops, and other experiences for spiritual enrichment. See Upcoming schedule at:

<https://www.fcjcentre.ca/>

Martha Retreat Centre, Lethbridge The Martha Retreat Centre seeks to provide a quiet, welcoming space where people, individually or in groups, can come away and rest awhile, nourish their spirits and open their hearts to God's call to them in the current reality of their life's circumstances. New programs and events are starting up. Click [here](#) to register or call 403-328-3422 for more details.

Divine Mercy Centre, Calgary Livestream Prayers available at:

<https://sistersofdivinemercury.org/livestream-adoration>

UPCOMING

FEBRUARY 9 - INFANT BAPTISMS - 12:45 PM

FEBRUARY 16 - INFANT BAPTISMS - 12:45 PM

FEBRUARY 18/19 - FIRST COMMUNION 1 - 6:00 PM

FEBRUARY 22 - SFT MASS GATHERING - 4:30 PM

FEBRUARY 23 - INFANT BAPTISMS - 12:45 PM

FEBRUARY 26 - CONFIRMATION 4 - 6:00 PM

NOTEWORTHY

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS WHO CELEBRATED THEIR FIRST RECONCILIATION! ONE BIG STEP CLOSER TO YOUR FIRST EUCHARIST.

ST. PETER'S CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES WILL BE STARTING THEIR SERVICE PROJECTS IN FEBRUARY. LOOK OUT FOR THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE NAME TAGS AT MASS & OTHER PARISH EVENTS. LET'S ENSURE THE CANDIDATES & THEIR PARENTS FEEL LIKE THEY MATTER & THAT THEY BELONG AT ST. PETER'S!

***IF YOU ARE A ST. PETER'S MINISTRY & YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEAD A SERVICE PROJECT WITH OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES, PLEASE EMAIL MICHELE LYNN
PVSC@ST-PETERS.CA***

***IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR SACRAMENT PREPARATION AND EXPERIENCE TEAM, PLEASE EMAIL
HOSPITALITY@ST-PETERS.CA***



APRIL MASS INTENTIONS ARE NOW OPEN.

PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) TO BOOK A MASS INTENTION.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

If you have information or an event you would like included in the bulletin, please email it to bulletin@st-peters.ca.

Submissions are accepted at the discretion of the editor and are subject to editing.

The deadline each week for bulletin submissions is Wednesday at noon.

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Pick up Grocery Gift cards after Mass or in the Office.

All profits go towards the Building Loan.

Co-op, Sobeys/Safeway, President's Choice and Tim Horton's cards available.

Using cash, cheque or debit for your purchase allows us to put more of our commission towards our building loan.

TAP TO GIVE

TAP YOUR DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD TO MAKE A

\$10 - \$25 - \$50

\$20 - \$50- \$100

DONATION

The TipTapPay devices are located near the main entrance and the bookcase.

To receive a tax receipt, you must scan the QR code on the sign and complete the required information to register your credit card. Tax receipts will be issued annually.

Please email accounting@st-peters.ca with any questions.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

2 Hampers a day. EVERY day.

SSVP puts healthy food on the tables of more than 60 families a month.

Ever mindful of our resources, SSVP asks people to wait 30 days between hampers. Dispatch has seen a trend in earlier calls. The Calgary Food Bank is often unable to fill a hamper request in less than two weeks. **Without SSVP, these people would be left without food.**

The need is fuelled by the cost of rent, inflation, job loss, and illness.

You can help!

E-transfer donations to treasurerssvp@outlook.com OR set up an auto-deposit. Forms are available from the SSVP donation box located in the Narthex.

Envelopes, grocery cards & cash can also be slipped into the SSVP Slot Box. It's part of the bookshelf to the left of the entrance to the sanctuary.

Tax Receipts: Cash and card donations valued at more than \$25/year receive a charitable tax receipt. If donating by cash or cheque with a SSVP envelope, always include your name and email address.

Children's clothing: SSVP collects clean, gently-used children's clothing. Place items in the SSVP bin located in the narthex.

Get Involved: SSVP meets the second Tuesday of every month. Some meetings are held online. Get your invitation at ssvp@st-peters.ca.

Everyone welcome!

Love is a one-way street. It always moves away from self in the direction of the other.

–Saint Mother Teresa



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Liturgy of the Word for Children

CHILDREN'S LITURGY REGISTRATION

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN FOR OUR CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM. USE THE LINK BELOW TO REGISTER.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

- The program will run at the 9:30 A.M. Sunday Mass but we are taking a break on Dec 29 & Jan 5. Children ages 4-7 (or until First Communion) are invited to attend.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Children will be called to the front of the Sanctuary at the beginning of Mass for a welcome and a blessing. They will process downstairs to the classrooms to receive the Liturgy of the Word through Gospel proclamation and reflection related activities.
- Children will return to their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- The program will run until June. You will be invited to join the Flocknote community group which will serve as our main communication tool.

CHILDREN NEED TO BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND THE PROGRAM

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR THE REGISTRATION FORM

CHILDREN'S LITURGY COORDINATOR: adam.andrusiak@st-peters.ca

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Volunteers needed

Our team is looking for more volunteers to teach and supervise at the 9:30 A.M. Mass. We're looking for dedicated faithful individuals to help lead our sessions and create a balanced schedule. Training is provided, and we'll work around your availability. Please consider joining this ministry by contacting Adam.Andrusiak@St-peters.ca



Catholic Women's League

- CWL's Cookie Walk is this weekend after all Masses. Proceeds from this sale go to the Priests' Retirement Fund. Sale is in the Church Hall. Thank you for supporting your CWL.
- Cake Raffle is this weekend after all Masses except the 5 PM Sunday evening. Support our CWL Foster Child by buying tickets.
- Please join other ladies from the parish for the CWL General Meeting and Social this coming Wednesday, Feb. 12 @ 7 PM in the Church Hall.
- The CWL's annual Lenten Seafood Sale is running through until Feb. 18. The link to order is [here](#) or on the [CWL website](#). Orders can be picked up on Friday, Feb. 28th. Time for pick up will be emailed to you.
- The next CWL/Knights of Columbus Ministry Mass will be on Feb. 15 @ 5:00 PM. Please [sign up here](#) to be a lector, an usher, a Eucharistic minister or to participate in the offertory procession. For questions, call Judy Montes @ 403-241-0726.

CWL PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Our Ministry handcrafts beautiful prayer shawls, which are then blessed. The shawls are given out to bring comfort and prayer support to those experiencing illness, loss, loneliness or depression. If you know someone (man, woman or child) who would benefit from a shawl, please contact Ann Dowling anndowli@telus.net or Marie Sieben sieben.7@shaw.ca. **We gratefully accept cash donations and donations of unused yarn!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



St. Don Bosco Council 8146
SERVICE TO ONE.
SERVICE TO ALL.

Scheduled events:

1. **Annual Spaghetti Dinner**, Saturday Feb 15th after the 5pm mass.

Spaghetti dinner tickets are on sale this weekend, prices same as last year: \$40 for a family, \$15 for an adult (age 18 and over) and \$10 for children aged 12 or over, see the poster on the next page.

Cleaning out your basement or garage? We are planning a garage sale at the church in early May. The date will be announced soon!

Thinking of Becoming a Knight?

Membership Contacts: David Mildenberger at cdmilden@shaw.ca, or **Angelo Scarpino** at ascarpino@telus.net



*You're
Invited*

**ANNUAL FAMILY
SPAGHETTI DINNER**

SATURDAY, FEB 15 @ 6PM

TICKETS: \$15 / PERSON

\$40 / FAMILY OF 4

\$10 / 12 & OVER

(UNDER 12 YEARS FREE)

Purchase tickets after weekend
Masses or Scan the QR Code



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50/50 DRAW!

Advancing Truth and Reconciliation in our Parish

The St. Peter's Truth and Reconciliation Action Committee (TRAC) invites you to a five-part series of discussion and learning, using a Canadian film production entitled *Bones of Crows*. This builds upon on the sharing circles held last spring to better understand how the personal, community and social effects of the Indian Residential School System continue through today. Pope Francis urged us to take on this work during his pilgrimage to Canada and by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action #59.

Bones of Crows is a story of resilience and strength told through the eyes of Cree Matriarch Aline Spears. Removed from their family home and forced into Canada's residential school system, young musical prodigy Aline and her siblings are plunged into a struggle for survival. Over the next hundred years, Aline and her descendants fight for a more just future.

A sweeping drama grounded in historical truth, *Bones of Crows* weaves together underrepresented moments in Canadian and Indigenous history, including the Indigenous contributions to WWII, the ongoing cases of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

The episodes and the ensuing sharing circles will cover challenging material and so will not be suitable for children.

The first session will be on Saturday, February 22, from 9:00 to 10:30 in room C. Please join us as we learn together.



Before the
Angels,
I sing your
praise,
O Lord

Psalm 138



HOLY MASS AT
ST. MARY'S BAYBROS. AB.



French Immersion @ St. Sylvester School

Are you considering French Immersion for the 2025-2026 school year for your kindergarten or grade 1 child?

If so, then join us for an evening of discovery as your family explores the beginning of your child's educational journey.

Date: Tuesday, February 20

Time: 5:45 PM - 7:15 PM

Location: 7318 Silver Springs BLVD

Please RSVP to 403-500-2063



During your visit, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Tour our school
- Meet our dedicated kindergarten and grade 1 teachers fostering faith based education, French language skills and academic excellence
- Connect with our administrative team
- Learn about our educational program and find out what French immersion is all about
- Learn about our Before and After School Care
- Ask questions about our school community



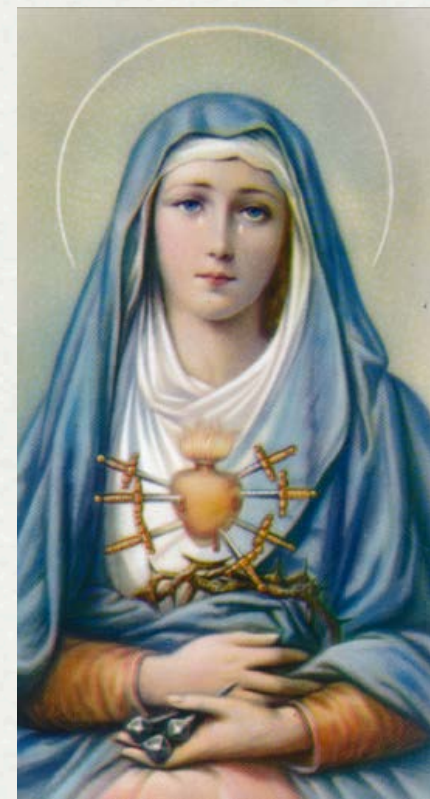
Jesus | Trust in You!

NEW DATES

Beginning in February, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed on the first **Saturday** of the month .

The Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary is now moved to the last **Saturday** of the month.

Both are prayed following the 8:30am Mass.



Calling Parishioners to Join our Medical Emergency Planning Team

As a parish community, we are invited to come together to develop a comprehensive plan for responding to medical emergencies—an essential step in safeguarding the well-being of everyone. With the support and encouragement of Fr. Fabio, this initiative welcomes the participation and insights of all, strengthening our shared commitment to care and preparedness.

To accomplish this, we are assembling a dedicated team to develop and implement this plan. If you have expertise or experience in healthcare, emergency response, or related fields and would like to contribute, we encourage you to reach out to Dixie at dixie.hawkins@st-peters.ca.

This is an opportunity to serve our parish using the unique gifts and skills God has given you. Together, we can ensure the safety and well-being of our church family.

CELEBRATING THE WORD

"Celebrating the Word" is a small group activity and process that allows people of faith to make meaningful connections between their ordinary life stories and the Gospel story. In this reflective interaction, it is the common experience of group participants that the Sunday readings become alive and are actually experienced as Spirit filled. We engage in prayerful reflection, dialogue and discernment.

You are welcomed to join us. Our resources are Living With Christ and Food for the Soul by Peter Kreeft.

Meetings are on Wednesdays
from 1:30 pm –3:30 pm.

Contact person: marybriggs@shaw.ca



Join our Music Ministry

If you love to sing and to serve,
consider joining this holy ministry.

All age groups are welcome.
No experience is needed.

Talk to us after Mass, or fill in the form at this link

[Music Ministry](#)



*Share your voice!
Come sing to the Lord!*

SPECIAL COLLECTION DATES FOR 2025

***Solidarity Sunday (D&P): 5th Sunday of
Lent (Apr 6)***

Needs of the Church in Holy Land: Apr 18

Good Shepherd Sunday(Seminary): May 11

Pope's Pastoral Works: May 25

World Mission Sunday: Oct 19

Catholic Education Sunday: Nov 09

Mission Mexico: Dec 12

***Together in Action (Bishop's Appeal):
Ongoing throughout the year.***

***For TIA donations please e-transfer to
tia@st-peters.ca***

***Donations to Special Collections can made
at any time during the year. Donations can
be made using any of our available
methods: e-transfer, direct debit, in-
person, online, OR special envelopes will be
available in the pews near the scheduled
weekend. Alternatively donations can be
made using a general donation envelope.
PLEASE ALWAYS REMEMBER TO INDICATE
THE NAME OF THE SPECIAL COLLECTION ON
YOUR DONATION.***

***Please email accounting@st-peters.ca if
you have any questions.***



**Holy Water is available in the
Church with your own container.**

**Or Bottles of Holy Water are
available in the Parish Office for
a suggested donation of:**

\$4 per container.



MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

***Come join other moms for an evening of
prayer and fellowship.***

***The evening includes meditating on the
Gospel for the coming Sunday followed by
discussion and prayer intentions.***

***Meetings are held once a month and our
next meeting is Thursday, February 13 at 7:30
pm upstairs in the Boardroom at St. Peter's.***

Please contact: janelle.andrusiak@st-peters.ca with any questions.

PRAYER CHAIN

Do you have a loved one that you would like to put on our confidential prayer list? The Prayer Chain is a powerful group of CWL women who pray for the ill or for anyone in need of prayer.

Please contact Catherine at: cmj75@shaw.ca

ST. PETER'S MOTHERS' SUPPORT GROUP



*"Children are a gift from the Lord: They are a real Blessing."
Psalm 127:3*

While trying to raise a Christian family in today's society, meeting the changing demands and challenges, it may be difficult at times to appreciate our "gifts" and remember our "blessings"? As mothers we need the support, experience and empathy that other mothers can offer.

OUR AIMS:

1. To provide Spiritual support through prayer and reflection
2. To discuss information that will enhance any aspect of Family life
3. To provide an opportunity to welcome new mothers and grandmothers into our parish community

Meetings are held on Fridays from 9:30 am to 11:15 am and we follow the CSSD school calendar.

Our next meeting is February 21

REASON for your

HOPE

Jubilee Parish Mission

FRI, FEB 21
SAT, FEB 22

St. Martha's
Parish, Lethbridge

FRI, FEB 28
SAT, MAR 1

St. Peter's Parish,
Calgary

FRI, MAR 7
SAT, MAR 8

St. Bonaventure
Parish, Calgary



REGISTER AT
CATHOLICYC.CA/
REASONFORYOURHOPE



Pilgrims
of Hope
Jubilee 2025





CCEF ANNUAL

50/50 RAFFLE

IN SUPPORT OF:

The Calgary Catholic School District

**WIN BIG
WHILE MAKING A
DIFFERENCE!
TICKETS STARTING \$10**

50/50 GRAND PRIZE
Jackpot up to **\$1 MILLION**

+ EARLY BIRD PRIZES
Claim your share of **\$25,000** in bi-weekly prizes—a separate raffle with even **more chances to win!**

Tickets on sale from January 1 – February 28, 2025

CHOOSE YOUR SCHOOL IN THE 50/50

25% of your ticket sales go directly to the Calgary Catholic school selected.

ACT FAST

The Early Bird draws take place **every two weeks**, starting **January 10, 2025**. Increase your chances with every ticket purchased!

For full details visit: thecccef.ca

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE
SCAN TO BUY NOW**



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Faith. Community. Generosity. Every ticket brings blessings. Every dollar makes an impact.

AGLC License #718275 (50/50 Raffle) and #718276 (Early Bird Raffle) Calgary Catholic Education Foundation, 1000 - 5 Ave. SW, Calgary AB. Early Bird Draws will take place at the Catholic School Centre, 1000 - 5 Ave. SW, Calgary AB. January 10 & 24, 2025, and February 7 & 21, 2025. 50/50 Raffle Prize Draw will take place at the Catholic School Centre, 1000 - 5 Ave. SW, Calgary AB March 3, 2025. Restrictions apply. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase tickets. Ticket must be purchased in Alberta. For full raffle rules visit cccefaffle.com

Charitable registration # 820582294RR0001



TRANSITIONS

In this 16-week God-centered program, men and women find strength in healing after separation or divorce, fostering growth through mutual understanding and connection.

WHEN

TUESDAYS
7 to 9 PM

Beginning
February 18, 2025

WHERE

**CATHOLIC
PASTORAL CENTRE**

120 17 Ave SW
Calgary, AB

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CATHOLICYYC.CA/TRANSITIONS

REGISTRATION

To attend, register online at

**catholicyyc.ca/
transitions**



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