

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

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

PETER'S PAPER

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

LENT BEGINS WITH ASHES AND ENDS IN LIGHT

Lent begins with a simple yet profound sign: ashes on our foreheads. These ashes remind us of our frailty, our dependence on God, and our need for conversion. They are not just a symbol of repentance but also an invitation—to turn our hearts back to God, to walk with Him in sincerity and trust. And this journey does not end in sorrow. It leads us toward the bright light of Christ, who renews our hearts and calls us to deeper communion with Him and one another.

As we step into Lent, we hear the words: “Repent and believe in the Gospel.” These words are not meant to weigh us down but to lift us up. True repentance is not about dwelling in guilt; it is about rediscovering the joy of a heart that beats in rhythm with God's mercy. The practices of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—help us to realign ourselves with that mercy.

The Church proposes a long retreat for us. **The spirit of Ash Wednesday** extends throughout this season of **reflection and renewal, until Holy Thursday**. We are invited to live our Lenten journey as a sacred pilgrimage, a time of grace, a season in which we allow the Lord to reshape us, to refine our desires, and to deepen our sense of belonging to His Body.

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth in Our Parish

To help us embrace this season more fully, St. Peter's Parish will offer a **moment of reconciliation and reflection every Wednesday**:

- The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available from **6:00 to 6:45 PM**.
- This will be followed by **Holy Mass**, with a **spiritual theme** as part of our **Lenten Mission**.



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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

Continued...

In addition, **every Friday, we will pray the Stations of the Cross together**, walking with Jesus on His way to Calvary.

We are called to **live this Lenten spirit deeply**, allowing the Lord to transform our hearts. Lent is not merely a passage of time, but a **journey of renewal: 40 days of preparation, 7 weeks of growing in faith, and the profound meditation of the 14 stations of Christ's passion** and love, leading us toward the Light of Easter.

Fr. Fábio de Souza

Your 2025 Building Fund Campaign Committe:

Fr. Fabio • Theo van Bewouw • Greig Hyland • Janet Lymer •
Judy Montes • John Paul

Wish to thank the parish ministry volunteers for helping us launch our campaign this past weekend. The contribution to success that brought our St. Peter's family together in a spirit of generosity couldn't have happened without your help. THANK YOU!



[To donate to our Building Fund Capital Campaign, please click HERE.](#)

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www.st-peters.ca

Diocesan website:

www.catholicyc.ca

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday

Office and Church Closed

Tuesday - Thursday

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Friday

9:00 am - Noon

CLERGY

Pastor:

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Fr. Abraham Joseph

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Stephen Robinson

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SUNDAY REFLECTION

SHARING THE WORD

Gospel Reading – Luke 4:1-13

Luke's account of the temptations follows right after the genealogy, which concludes "son of Adam, son of God." Adam, who was also God's son and was tempted in the garden, failed the test. Jesus, the son of God, was tempted in the wilderness, and passed the test. This sets up an interesting parallel between two contrasting ways of responding to "divine provenance."

1. How do the three temptations connect with the three ways the church invites us to observe Lent: fasting, almsgiving and prayer?
2. How do the temptations Jesus faced manifest themselves in our world today?
3. Which of these temptations plague you the most?

Diocese of Saskatoon

It is written,
'Man does not live
by bread alone'



Luke 4:4

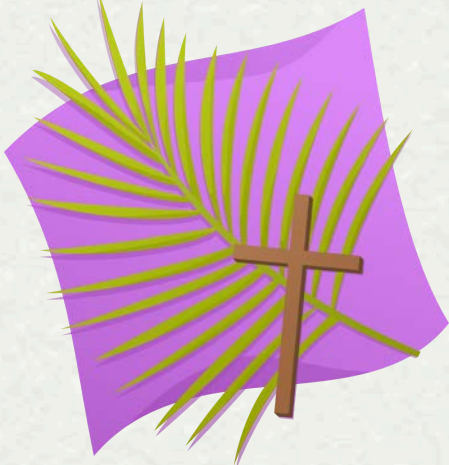


MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 11 - 16

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

Date	Time	Name	Intention
Mar 11	8:30 AM	Lanthe D'Souza	(RS)
Mar 12	8:30 AM	Ping You Ng	(RS)
Mar 13	8:30 AM	Lawrence & Burgener Grandchildren	(SI)
Mar 14	8:30 AM	Annette Yungwirth	(RS)
Mar 15	8:30 AM	Mary Stella Fernando	(RS)
Mar 15	5:00 PM	Northcott Family Grandmothers	(RS)
Mar 16	8:00 AM	St. Peter's Parishioners	(SI)
Mar 16	9:30 AM	Peter Herauf	(RS)
Mar 16	11:30 AM	Charlotte Lauret	(RS)
Mar 16	5:00 PM	Paula Villamil	(RS)



Lent at St. Peter's

Wednesdays

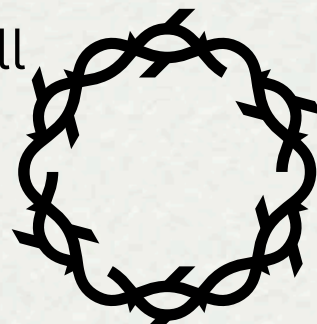
- Reconciliation 6pm - 6:45pm.
- Along with the regular 8:30am Mass we will also have a 7pm Mass.
- Our first Lenten Mission talk will be March 12 at 7:30pm with **Fr. John Kohler - Professor at St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton**

Theme : *The Church as the Body of Christ in St. Paul: Its Meaning for the Apostle and for us Today*



Fridays

- The Stations of the Cross will be prayed beginning at 6pm
- Following Stations, join us in the Parish Hall for soup and fellowship.



UPCOMING

MARCH 8 - INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION - 10:00 AM
MARCH 9 - SCHOOL AGE & INFANT BAPTISMS - 12:45 PM
MARCH 11/12 - FIRST COMMUNION 2 - 6:00 PM
MARCH 19 - CONFIRMATION 5 - 6:00 PM
MARCH 21 - CONFIRMATION + SVP STATIONS & SOUP - 6:00 PM
MARCH 22/23 - SFT MASS + PIZZA + SESSION 2 - 4:30 PM
MARCH 23 - INFANT BAPTISMS - 12:45 PM
MARCH 25/26 - FIRST COMMUNION 3 - 6:00 PM

NOTEWORTHY

ST. PETER'S CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES ARE BUSY WITH THEIR SERVICE PROJECTS BY SERVING WEEKLY AS COFFEE HOSPITALITY AFTER THE 9:30AM & 11:30AM MASS, MASS WELCOMERS, SVP BREAD, & AT OTHER PARISH EVENTS & ACTIVITIES.

LET'S ENSURE THE CANDIDATES & THEIR PARENTS FEEL LIKE THEY MATTER & THAT THEY BELONG AT ST. PETER'S! LOOK OUT FOR THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE NAME TAGS!

ST. PETER'S CONFIRMATION RETREAT IS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 12, FROM 9:00AM-3:30PM. TEN PARISHES ARE GATHERING FOR A MEGA RETREAT WITH ~ 600 CANDIDATES! WE NEED 20 - 25 VOLUNTEERS FROM ST. PETER'S AND 80 TOTAL TO MEET OUR SAFE ENVIRONMENT NUMBERS.

PLEASE EMAIL KATHY.ERVIN@ST-PETERS.CA IF YOU CAN HELP OUR CANDIDATES ENCOUNTER THE HOLY SPIRIT IN A NEW WAY!

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>



MAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE 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

SSVP and Lent

Vincentians live the Gospel message by serving Christ in others with love, respect, justice and joy. Vincentians are the hands and hearts of Christ in our community. They are called to see Christ in anyone who suffers, to come together as family, to have personal contact with the vulnerable, and to help in all possible ways.

Are you looking for a way to add meaning to your Lenten season?

Catholics recognize prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as ways to help us build our relationship with God. SSVP invites parishioners of St. Peter's to **pray** for the people we serve, to think about them when you **fast**, and to **give alms** to SSVP as a way to show God gratitude for your blessings.

Your gifts of money and food enable SSVP to do Christ's work in our community.

If you feel called to get involved, please email: [**svdp@st-peters.ca**](mailto:svdp@st-peters.ca)

Envelopes, grocery cards & cash, including pocket change, can be left in the SSVP Slot Box. It's part of the bookshelf to the left of the entrance to the sanctuary.

E-transfer donations can be sent to treasurerssvp@outlook.com. (Forms for an auto-deposit are available from the SSVP donation box located in the Narthex.)

Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving lead us to the heart of what Lent is about - a deeper conversion with God.



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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

- The next CWL Ministry Mass will be on March 16 @ 9:30 AM. 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.
- Each year, St. Peter's CWL offers a bursary of \$1500 to a deserving female from St. Peter's Parish. Applications for the bursary are now available [online here](#). Applications close on April 20, 2025.



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.

Cleaning out your basement or garage? We are planning a garage sale at the church on Saturday, May 3.

After the recent launch of the Building Fund campaign and the opportunity presented by Fr Fabio of matching funds, we have decided to direct all proceeds from this event to the Building Fund. Over the next few weeks, we will be reaching out to the CWL and other Ministries to partner with us to make this a St Peter's community effort. Stay tuned for further details.

We continue to be committed in our financial support of the St Vincent de Paul Society and will look for other opportunities in the near future to add to our committed funds.

Thinking of Becoming a Knight?

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

LIVE CONCERT
7PM, MARCH 17TH, 2025

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ARCHBISHOP IVAN
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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 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, grounded in historical truth. It 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 discussion after the airing of the first episode on February 22 was both thoughtful and sincere.

The second session will be on Saturday, March 29, from 9:30 to 11:30 in room C. If you would like to review the first episode prior to attending, it is available on CBC Gem at <https://gem.cbc.ca/bones-of-crows>

Please join us as we learn together.

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, March 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 March 14