

ST. PETER'S PARISH // JANUARY 12, 2025

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

PETER'S PAPER

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

DIGGING THE GROUND AND INSTALLING THE PIPELINES: BUILDING AN INTEGRATED PARISH MINISTRY SYSTEM

Our pastoral ministries are currently engaged in **an initiative** that resembles the construction of a **pipeline infrastructure**. Just as in constructing a water supply system, we begin by **digging the ground**—analyzing the pastoral landscape, identifying needs, and recognizing opportunities for growth. Now, we are **installing and connecting the pipelines**, linking the various ministries and ensuring that **each one is connected to the larger network**. Each ministry serves as a unique connection point, **distinct in its mission yet essential to the functioning of the whole**.

In recent months, we laid the first segment of this pipeline system by establishing the **Liturgical Ministry Team**, which serves as a central conduit for ministries related to worship and prayer, such as musicians, lectors, altar servers, sacristans, and others. This week, we expanded the project by meeting with ministry coordinators representing the pastoral ministries in four other essential areas: **Word, Community/Service, Stewardship**, and the sub-area of **Youth and Children's Ministries**. These meetings were like mapping out the network of pipes—**identifying how each pastoral ministry connects to the others**, showing that **they are not isolated entities** but interconnected contributors to the parish's shared mission.

From these gatherings, representatives will be chosen to serve on the **Parish Council**, functioning as pivotal components that shape and facilitate the **flow of communication, collaboration, and mutual support**. This will ensure that all ministries share a common mission and work toward a broader vision for the Church. This interconnected system encourages ministries **to move beyond their individual focus**, seeing themselves as **part of a wider framework**. While each ministry retains its specific purpose and tasks, they can operate with an awareness of their connection to the whole parish mission.



St. Peter's
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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

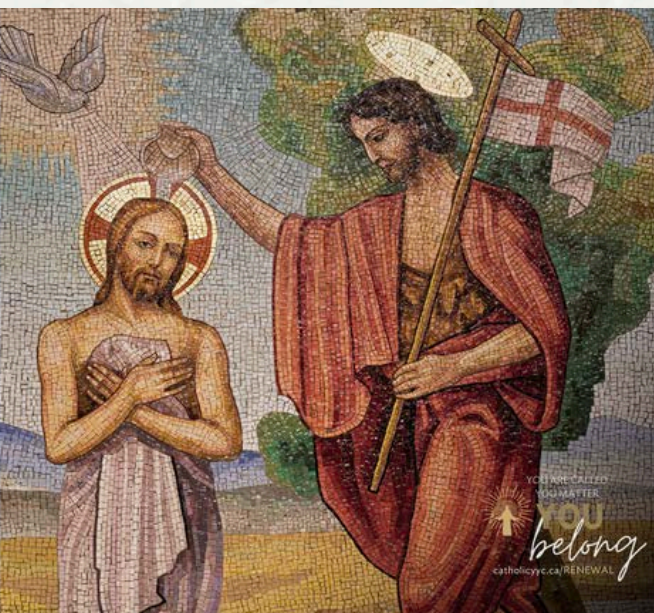
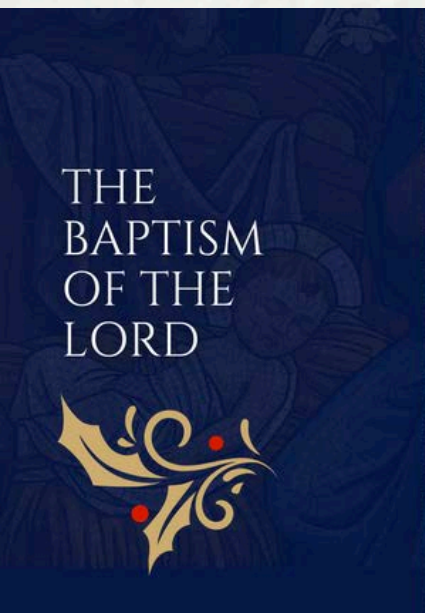
RECONCILIATION

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

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Moreover, it is important to highlight that **this system is not just a practical framework—it is a theological reality.** By digging deep and laying down these connections, we are creating more than a structure; we are building a living system that mirrors **Saint Paul’s teaching on the Body of Christ:** many parts, each with a unique role, working together in unity. This system also reflects the **theology of the People of God,** emphasizing that **we are all co-responsible** for the life and mission of the Church. Together, **as interconnected members of this living system,** we embody the grace and mission of Christ, actively building up His Body in service to God and one another.

Fr. Fábio de Souza



SUNDAY REFLECTION

SHARING THE WORD


Gospel – Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

While Jesus’ baptism is recorded in all three synoptic Gospels, Luke’s account includes Jesus as one with the crowd of people who are being baptized. Only after the baptism, and while praying, Jesus’ divine identity is revealed. The words from heaven provide the fullest “naming” of Jesus the Christ. To cling to the word of Christ therefore is to cling to the word of God. To live in and through him is to live in and through God.

- 1. What part of this passage speaks to you most?**
- 2. What does your baptism mean concretely to you?**
- 3. How can we increase the meaning and purpose of baptism in our parish?**

Diocese of Saskatoon

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www.st-peters.ca
- Diocesan website:**
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

- Pastor:**
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- Assistant Pastor**
Fr. Abraham Joseph

- Deacons:**
Stephen Robinson
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MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 14 - 19

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

Date	Time	Name	Intention
Jan 14	8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory	(RS)
Jan 15	8:30 AM	Victor, Lolita, Ruben & Jessica Alcazar	(RS)
Jan 16	8:30 AM	The Roustan Family	(RS)
Jan 17	8:30 AM	Jean Campeau	(RS)
Jan 18	8:30 AM	Peter Fitz Maurice Minvielle	(RS)
Jan 18	5:00 PM	Xavier & Fabina Sequeira	(RS)
Jan 19	8:00 AM	Marija Fatovic	(RS)
Jan 19	9:30 AM	Mac Harrison	(RS)
Jan 19	11:30 AM	Corey & Erik Petr	(RS)
Jan 19	5:00 PM	Teresa Da Costa	(SI)



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

JANUARY 7 & 8 - FIRST RECONCILIATION 6 - 6:00 PM

JANUARY 11 - INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION - 10:00 AM

JANUARY 12 - INFANT BAPTISMS - 12:45 PM

JANUARY 15 - CONFIRMATION 3 - 6:00 PM

JANUARY 21 & 22 - FIRST RECONCILIATIONS - 6:00 PM

JANUARY 26 - INFANT BAPTISMS - 12:45 PM

JANUARY 29 - SACRAMENTS FOR TEENS - 6:00 PM

NOTEWORTHY

ST. PETER'S CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES WILL BE STARTING THEIR SERVICE PROJECTS IN THE NEW YEAR. 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!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FIRST RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES AS THEY WILL BE CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT ON JANUARY 21 & 22.

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 HELPING WITH SACRAMENT HOSPITALITY & FACILITATING SESSIONS, PLEASE EMAIL HOSPITALITY@ST-PETERS.CA



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING & RETREAT

Those who have received their First Eucharist are invited to consider joining the Altar Server ministry to serve at weekend and holy day Masses, funerals, weddings and other liturgies.

This is truly a family commitment as parents play a key role in a Server's participation in this ministry. Behind every successful Altar Server are parents who willingly support their child in this ministry of service, and for you our entire community would be greatly appreciative.

More than just an "assistant" to the priest/deacon, the Server exercises a ministry of service to the community and to Jesus Christ. Your participation in this family ministry would truly enable the community to live our mission in the world.

If you are interested in serving in the Altar Server ministry, please plan to attend the following two sessions at St. Peter's parish:

Server training is scheduled for Jan 18 from 1-2:30pm

Server retreat is scheduled for Jan 25, 12-2 pm - lunch will be provided. The retreat will feature sisters from the Seeds of the Word who will be making a presentation.

Feb. 2 at the 9:30 mass, the servers will be installed by Father in a rite - please attempt to make this Mass if at all possible.

If, as a parent, you would like to serve as an altar server mentor who supports the servers before and after mass with encouragement and support, please also contact me with your interest at eric.collins@st-peters.ca. Adults interested in serving weekday masses are also welcome to attend the training.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



MARCH MASS INTENTIONS ARE NOW FULL. APRIL MASS INTENTIONS WILL OPEN FEBRUARY 1.

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 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 DONATION

The TipTapPay device is located near the main entrance.

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.



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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

St. Peter's Catholic Women's League is selling memberships online through stpeterscwl.ca. All women of the parish, 16 and older, are invited to join this fun, faith-filled, dynamic group of women as we grow in faith, and promote social justice through service to the church, Canada and the world.

Visit the *new* CWL website
www.stpeterscwl.ca

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

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.

Next scheduled event is the annual Spaghetti Dinner, stay tuned for details.



Thinking of Becoming a Knight?

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



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Help SSVP Help Our Neighbours

Food Banks Canada says food bank use has increased 90% since 2019. Across the country, more than 2 million people turn to food banks EVERY month.

More than 50% of food banks **are giving out less food** than usual to avoid running out. SSVP is not part of the formal food bank system. But the people we serve also use the Calgary Food Bank. Like them, SSVP at St. Peter's has cut back the food in our hampers.

Donations welcome: Your gifts of non-perishable food items, cash & grocery cards **sustain SSVP** in the months that follow Christmas. January to April are SSVP's busiest months. We rely on Advent donations to help people through that period.

Cash & grocery cards are always welcome. We also appreciate donations of non-perishable food. Consider buying a pantry staple when you get your groceries. You or your children are welcome to leave these items in the SSVP box at the back of the pantry.

Hamper staples: Hearty soups, canned fish & meat, PB, pasta sauce and canned beans.

Join SSVP: Email ssvp@st-peters.ca for more information about how you can do Christ's work in our community. We have volunteer opportunities for families!

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.

Whatever you do . . . you do unto me. Matthew 24: 31-46



CCSD By-Election 2025

The Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) Board of Trustees has set Friday, January 31, 2025, as the date of a by-election to fill two vacant trustee positions in Wards 4 and 7 and Wards 11 and 12. This by-election is required by the Education Act and is an opportunity to ensure Trustee representation for all wards in the City of Calgary. Eligible voters include Canadian citizens aged 18 or older as of January 31, 2025, residing in Wards 4 and 7 and 11 and 12, who share the Catholic faith.

Details on candidates can be found [here](#)

More information on voting opportunities, including times, locations, and identification requirements, will be provided in early 2025.



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!*



Jesus | Trust in You!

Beginning in the New Year the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is moving to the first **Thursday** of the month .

The Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary is now moved to the last **Thursday** of the month starting Jan. 30.

Both are recited following the 8:30am Mass.



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 January 17



Help a Child Fall *in Love* with Jesus

Become a catechist in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program

Level 1 formation engages hand, head and heart, immersing the adult in Scripture, Liturgy, Theology, and Prayer so as to support the needs and spiritual growth of the young child, ages 3 to 6. Each course is a minimum commitment of 90 hours with readings and written work required.



About the Program

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a time-tested approach to faith formation. In a retreat-like atmosphere, through the use of hands-on materials designed just for them, children hear the Word proclaimed and grow in their relationship with God. The most essential treasures of the Christian faith, from scripture and Liturgy, touch the heart of each child and lead to deep contemplation, prayer and joy.



Location

Calgary, AB
Ascension Catholic Parish
1100 Berkshire Blvd NW



Registration Deadline

January 10, 2025
*Tuition assistance is available.
Deadline to apply is January 12, 2025.*



Training Session Dates

Part A: February 13–18, 2025
Part B: July 14–19, 2025



Register at

www.cgsac.ca/courses-1



Contact for More Info

Katy Morrison, Registrar
403-370-9487
katymorrison1@mac.com

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The Little Flower Girls Club discusses a virtue at each meeting. As part of the badge requirements for the virtues, “Initiative” & “Responsibility” the girls have chosen to fundraise for the **Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation**

**For More information on the
Little Flowers Girls Club email:
littleflowers@st-peters.ca**





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50/50 RAFFLE

IN SUPPORT OF:

The Calgary Catholic School District

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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

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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



Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate

As we begin this New Year, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate extend our heartfelt gratitude to your parish for welcoming an Oblate over the past two years to celebrate Sunday Eucharist. During that visit, we shared our global missionary work in faith and social development. We are also grateful that many of you have joined MAMI, partnering with the Oblates and the poor in

our missions. Indeed, you are a parish with a mission!

Projects that have received financial support from MAMI in 2024:

1. Canadian projects with Indigenous Peoples and Charity outreach \$ 37,754.82
2. Kenyan Projects including Church Construction, Solar Panels, Education of Students, HIV/AIDS Assistance, Mathari Slums Food Program, Langata Prison Women's Education \$ 607,566.62
3. Peruvian Projects including Construction of Homes, Oven for Prison, Amistad Radio Broadcasting, Pharmacy & Medical Warehouse \$ 109,341.33
4. Other: Angola, Bangladesh, Columbia, Congo, Haiti, Namibia, SriLanka and Zimbabwe various projects including Water Tanks, Solar Systems, Education of Students & Catechists, Food Assistance \$ 294,125.31

TOTAL Disbursed from January 1 to November 27, 2024 \$ 1,048,788.08

If you and your family are not presently partners in this great work of Charity and Justice call Diane Lepage our Executive Director to ask how to join. 306-653-6453 lacombemami@sasktel.net 100% of your donation goes to the Mission of your Choice (No administrative fee)