

ST. PETER'S PARISH // FEBRUARY 16, 2025

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PETER'S PAPER

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

PARISH TOWN HALL:

EMBRACING OUR PARISH'S RENEWAL TOGETHER



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

As a parish community, we stand at a pivotal moment—one that invites us to reflect on where we are, discern the path ahead, and look with faith and hope toward where God is leading us. On **February 25 at 7:00 PM**, we will gather for the **Parish Town Hall**, an opportunity to come together as a community, honoring the legacy of those who have gone before us while embracing the call to renewal in our parish life.

At the heart of this journey is the **Pastoral Renewal** proposed by the Diocese of Calgary, which serves as our guide as we seek to identify the priorities and actions that will shape our parish in the years ahead. This is not merely a structural renewal but a deeper invitation to live out our call within the community—where each person has a place, a role, and a mission.

During the Parish Town Hall, we will present the **Pastoral Renewal Survey** Results, which offer valuable insights into the needs and aspirations of our community. These findings will help us discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

We will also review the **Financial Report for 2024** and introduce the **2025 Budget**, ensuring transparency and responsible stewardship as we move forward. Our financial planning is more than just numbers—it is about sustaining the mission of our parish and equipping us to carry out the work God has entrusted to us.

Another key topic will be the introduction of a new **Parish Ministry and Governance Structure**, designed to enhance collaboration, strengthen mutual support, and foster a spirit of communion within our parish. This renewed structure is built upon the five key areas of parish life outlined in the **Pastoral Renewal** from the Diocese of Calgary.

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Finally, we will discuss the **2025 Building Fund Matching Donation Campaign**—an initiative that reflects both gratitude and commitment. Through thoughtful planning and a shared spirit of generosity, we will work together to meet the needs of our parish today while ensuring its vitality for generations to come.

You are welcome to join us in person or online through this link:

Meeting ID: 269 699 376 838

Passcode: kY3jV7gh

Fr. Fábio de Souza



SUNDAY REFLECTION

SHARING THE WORD

Gospel Reading – Luke 6:7, 20-26

Luke draws a contrast between who is blessed (the one who realizes his/her need for God) and who is cursed (the ones who believe themselves to be self-sufficient). Being excluded or insulted happens to us all sooner or later, especially as a result of our faith in Jesus. Luke sees in such insult a proof that our lives truly belong to God in Christ Jesus.

- 1. What in your life makes you feel blessed?**
- 2. How much time and energy do you devote to seeking material security, compared to seeking spiritual sustenance?**
- 3. Have you experienced being ridiculed or insulted for taking a stand for Jesus, or do you know of anyone who has?**

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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

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Fr. Abraham Joseph

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Blessed

are you who are poor,
for yours is the

Kingdom of God

Luke 6: 20



MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 18 - 23

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

Date	Time	Name	Intention
Feb 18	8:30 AM	Geraldine Fitzgerald	(RS)
Feb 19	8:30 AM	Sofia Rosenegger	(RS)
Feb 20	8:30 AM	Jean Campeau	(RS)
Feb 21	8:30 AM	Gladys and Jamie Haag	(RS)
Feb 22	8:30 AM	Maria Varro	(RS)
Feb 22	5:00 PM	Antonio Tiberio	(RS)
Feb 23	8:00 AM	Maria de Los Angeles Giglioli Salas	(RS)
Feb 23	9:30 AM	Richard Forjasz	(RS)
Feb 23	11:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Peter's	(SI)
Feb 23	5:00 PM	Raymond and Zenzi Mary Stadlwieser	(RS)



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 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

- 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.
- The CWL's annual Lenten Seafood Sale online orders close tomorrow, Feb. 17. You can place your order by clicking [here](#) or by going to the [CWL website](#). Orders can be picked up on Friday, Feb. 28th. Time for pick up will be emailed to you.

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



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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



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.



Lector Training

The Lectors Ministry invites all current and aspiring lectors to a special Lector Training Session. This training is essential for those who wish to proclaim the Word of God with clarity, reverence, and effectiveness during Mass.

Date: March 1

Time: 1:30pm

Whether you are an experienced lector or feel called to serve in this ministry for the first time, we encourage you to attend. This session will provide spiritual formation, practical guidance, and technical skills to enhance our service to God and His people.

For more information or to confirm your attendance, please contact Lilo.Casasbuenas@st-peters.ca

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



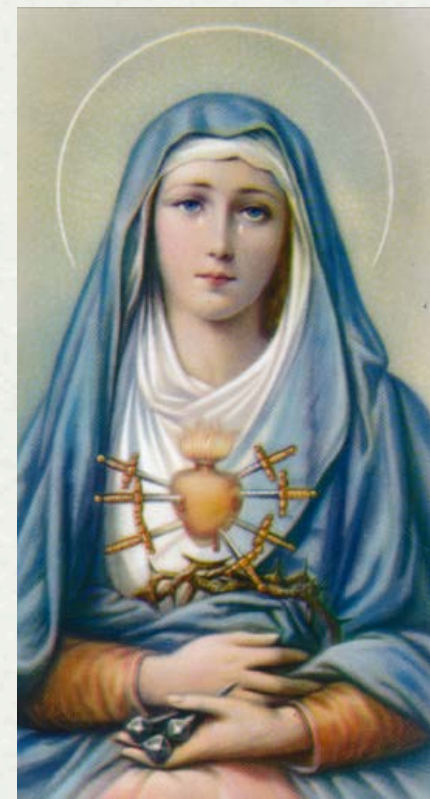
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NEW DATES

Beginning this month, 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, 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 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



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Pilgrims
of Hope
Jubilee 2025



LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

WITH FR. JULIAN STUDDEN

MARCH 1

9:00AM – 3:00PM



SCAN THE CODE TO REGISTER
OR CALL 403.228.4215

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