

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

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

PETER'S PAPER

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

PASTORAL RENEWAL PLANNING: UNITING IN COMMUNION, SENT IN MISSION

Saint Peter's Parish is embarking on a journey of pastoral renewal—not as a mere administrative task, but as a spiritual process rooted in prayer and discernment. This renewal calls us to shift from maintenance to mission, aligning our ministries with Christ's command to make disciples. As part of the Pastoral Renewal Plan of the Diocese of Calgary, we seek to be a living witness of faith, communion, and shared mission.

Having established our pastoral structure by organizing ministries around the core areas of parish life, we now enter the second phase of this journey. This phase involves deepening our commitment by prayerfully discerning concrete actions that will shape the mission of our parish.

To advance this mission, our parish and ministry leaders are engaging in a structured process of prayer, assessment, and action planning. Through *Lectio Divina* and ministry evaluation, each group will discern ways to strengthen evangelization, discipleship, and the spiritual growth of those who serve. The resulting action items will guide ministry renewal and outreach, ensuring that our parish life remains centered on communion and mission.

Pastoral renewal is an ongoing process of conversion. Ministry groups will continue to meet, refining and implementing their plans, while the Parish Renewal Team integrates these efforts into the broader vision. This process will unfold during the Parish Life Area Meetings, scheduled for April 1 and April 3.



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

Continued...

We invite every parishioner to take part in this renewal, embracing their role in the Body of Christ. By responding with openness and commitment, we will build a parish that welcomes, forms, and intentionally engages disciples. As we walk this path together, may our parish be a home of encounter and a school of discipleship, fostering communion and a shared mission in Christ.

Fr. Fábio de Souza

Your 2025 Building Fund Campaign Committe:

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

Wish to thank the parish ministry volunteers for helping us launch our campaign this month. 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.](#)

SUNDAY REFLECTION SHARING THE WORD

Gospel Reading – Luke 9:28-36

Carefully worded, Luke's account of the transfiguration is placed at the eve of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. For Luke, Jerusalem is the central place of faith where Jesus spoke his first recorded words, where he completes his ministry, suffers his passion and rises, appears to the apostles, ascends into heaven, sends his Spirit, where Peter preaches his first sermon, and where the great commissioning takes place. For Luke the transfiguration then opens up the entire mystery of the incarnation – God the Word-made-flesh – and of God's salvation for all in Jesus Christ.

1. Jesus' face was radiant: why, in your opinion, do we so often hide our real face from one another?
2. If you were to witness the events at Mount Tabor, to actually see the "dazzling white" gown of Christ would your relationship change with Jesus, and how?

Diocese of Saskatoon

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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

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This is my Son,
my Chosen;
listen to Him!

Luke 9:35

YOU ARE CALLED.
YOU matter
YOU BELONG.
catholiccyc.ca/RENEWAL



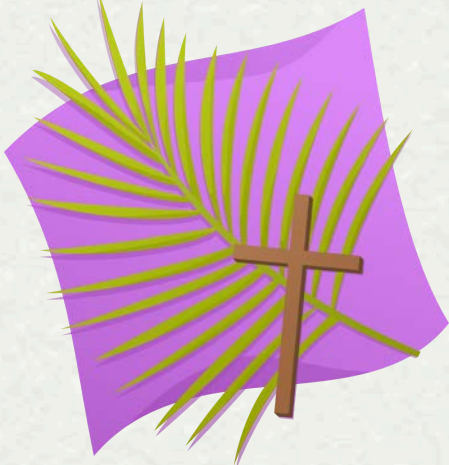
SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 18 - 23

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

Date	Time	Name	Intention
Mar 18	8:30 AM	John, Clem & Maria	SI
Mar 19	8:30 AM	Maria & George Shumsky	RS
Mar 20	8:30 AM	Reynaldo Gan	RS
Mar 21	8:30 AM	Jose Manjaly	RS
Mar 22	8:30 AM	Cathy Hill	RS
Mar 22	5:00 PM	Karl Leptich	RS
Mar 23	8:00 AM	Maria de los Angeles Giglioli Salas	RS
Mar 23	9:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Peter's	SI
Mar 23	11:30 AM	Rodolfo Acopiado & Drusilla Acopiado	RS
Mar 23	5:00 PM	Sabina Witold Wierzchowski	RS



Lent at St. Peter's

Wednesdays

- Reconciliation 6pm - 6:45pm.
- 7pm Mass.
- Our second Lenten Mission talk will be March 19 at 7:30pm with **Fr. Abraham**

Theme : *St. Joseph and the Church: The Guardian of the Redeemer*



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 NOW FULL.

JUNE MASS INTENTIONS WILL OPEN APRIL 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 COMMISSIONS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE BUILDING FUND MATCHING PROGRAM.

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

Donations benefit Building Fund & the hungry

Grocery store gift cards purchased through the parish contributed **more than \$5K** to St. Peter's Building Loan in 2024. Thank you!

SSVP is a volunteer-run organization funded by the faithful. At St. Peter's, benefactors enable Vincentians to put healthy food on the tables of more than 60 families a month.

SSVP's largest food hampers cost more than \$180. Thanks to the generosity of St. Peter's parish, that food is supplemented by grocery store gift cards.

All donations over \$25 qualify for a charitable tax receipt.

E-transfer funds to:

treasurerssvp@outlook.com OR set up an auto-deposit. Forms are available from the SSVP donation box located in the Narthex. Envelopes and cash, including spare change, can be left in the SSVP Drop Box located near the entrance to the sanctuary.

Pantry staples: Oatmeal, cereal, canned fruit and meats, peanut butter, and pasta sauce.

Volunteer: Check out our page on the parish website (under Ministries, Service), or email us at ssvp@st-peters.ca for more information about how you can do Christ's work in our community. We have volunteer opportunities for families!

You aspire to great things? Begin with little ones.

—St. Augustine



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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

- Please join other ladies from the parish for the CWL General Meeting and Social this coming Wednesday, March 19 @ 7 PM in the church hall.
- 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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THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO,
HIS EXCELLENCY,
ARCHBISHOP IVAN
JURKOVIČ



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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, April 10 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 21