

ST. PETER'S PARISH // JANUARY 19, 2025

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PETER'S PAPER

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

YOU ARE CALLED:

SERVANTS AND STEWARDS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

The Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council play a vital role in supporting our community in faith, mission, and stewardship. Working together, they assist the pastor in discerning the parish's needs and planning for its spiritual growth and financial sustainability. We are looking for parishioners with a sincere commitment to actively engage in parish life, uphold Catholic teachings, and embody a spirit of collaboration, promoting unity and contributing to the parish's mission.

Who Are We Looking For?

1-Parish Pastoral Council Members

We are seeking individuals who are:

- **Active and Engaged:** Involved in ministries or parish life.
- **Faithful to Church Teachings:** Upholding Catholic values.
- **Prayerful and Discerning:** Seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance.
- **Collaborative:** Working well with others to promote unity.
- **Representative:** Reflecting the diversity of our parish community.

Composition of the Parish Pastoral Council:

- Five members representing each of the key pastoral areas of the parish.
- Two members representing the largest ministries in the parish.
- One member nominated by parishioners.
- One member directly appointed by the pastor.

2-Finance Council Members

We are seeking individuals who are:

Knowledgeable: Skilled in financial management, compliance, and/or human resources.

- **Administrative Assistance:** Able to provide valuable guidance on parish operations.



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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...

- **Collaborative Team Players:** Working effectively with others to align resources with pastoral goals.
- **Accountable Stewards:** Committed to transparency and sound financial practices.

Composition of the Finance Council:

- One member representing the Building Maintenance Committee.
- One member representing the Fundraising Committee, established last December.
- One member who is an accountant
- One member directly appointed by the pastor.
- One member nominated by parishioners.

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE

Please prayerfully consider and nominate one person for each council who embodies these values and has a sincere commitment to serving our parish.

Your engagement ensures that our parish councils reflect the gifts and talents of our community, working together to fulfill our mission. Thank you for your active participation and commitment to the life and mission of our parish!

Fr. Fábio de Souza

[Please click HERE to participate and submit your nominations.](#)

SUNDAY REFLECTION

SHARING THE WORD

Gospel – John 2:1-12

Both the first reading and the Gospel speak about a wedding and marriage. It is no coincidence that Jesus performed his first miracle at a wedding feast. This in turn deepened his relationship with his disciples. Mary’s unwavering faith in her son shines forth as a witness in discipleship and leadership: “Do whatever he tells you.”

- 1. Jesus’ first miracle was at a wedding; Isaiah’s words today sound like a love-poem. What is God trying to tell us through these two readings?**
- 2. How does Mary lead us to Jesus with her words “Do whatever he tells you”?**
- 3. “My hour has not yet come” – Have you ever felt that God called you to something for which you did not feel equipped or prepared?**
- 4. How are you transformed by Jesus to become a “believing disciple”?**

Diocese of Saskatoon

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www.st-peters.ca

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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

Pastor:

Fr. Fábio de Souza

[*fabio.desouza@st-peters.ca*](mailto:fabio.desouza@st-peters.ca)

Assistant Pastor

Fr. Abraham Joseph

Deacons:

Stephen Robinson

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JANUARY 21 - 26

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

Do whatever
HE TELLS YOU

JOHN 2:5

YOU ARE CALLED.
YOU MATTER.
YOU
belong
catholiccyc.ca/RENEWAL

 2nd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Name	Intention
Jan 21	8:30 AM	Luisa Leitao Infante	(SI)
Jan 22	8:30 AM	Kwok Wai Au	(RS)
Jan 23	8:30 AM	Bernard Rondeau	(RS)
Jan 24	8:30 AM	Leonard Ruggins	(RS)
Jan 25	8:30 AM	Stella Bergen	(RS)
Jan 25	5:00 PM	Austin Richard Yates & Augustine Yates	(RS)
Jan 26	8:00 AM	Maria de Los Angeles Giglioli Salas	(RS)
Jan 26	9:30 AM	Irene & Harvey Mills	(RS)
Jan 26	11:30 AM	Christa Scholtens	(RS)
Jan 26	5:00 PM	Gracy & Damas D'Souza	(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

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, 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 - \$20 - \$25 -
\$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.



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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.**

The next scheduled event is our Annual Spaghetti Dinner - stay tuned for details.

Cleaning out your basements 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



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!*



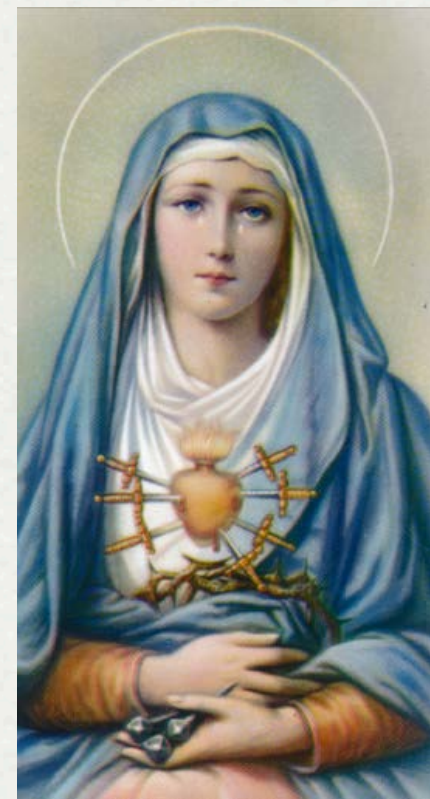
Jesus | Trust in You!

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.



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 24



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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Association of Canada





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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



CCEF ANNUAL

50/50 RAFFLE

IN SUPPORT OF:

The Calgary Catholic School District

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WHILE MAKING A
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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