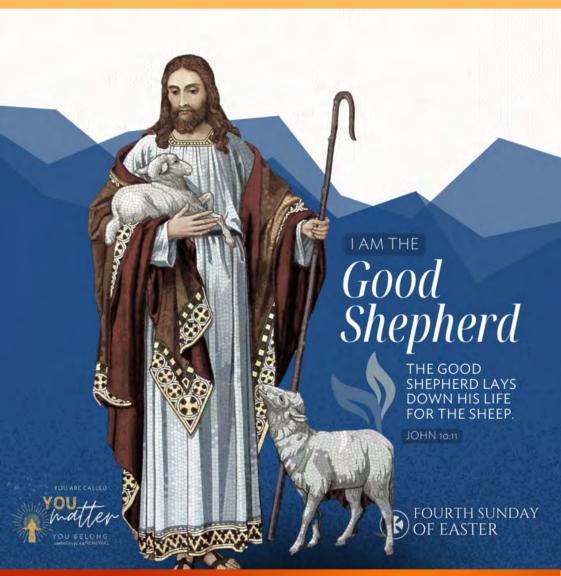
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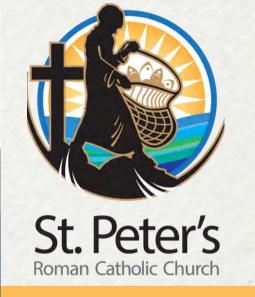
PETER'S PAPER

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By virtue of Baptism and Confirmation, every Christian is called to be a Gospel witness. However, God has always invited some, with a special vocation, to make an even more complete gift of themselves for the cause of the Kingdom. He has certainly turned his gaze also upon the young men and women of today. I urge all who hear his voice resounding in their hearts to give their own generous "yes" to him and then to nourish it daily in prayer, remaining united to Christ like branches to the vine (cf. Jn 15: 5). **Pope John Paul I**I



SCHEDULE

ROSARY

Tuesday - Saturday 8:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Thurs / Sat 8:30 am
Friday 9:00 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 - 12:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am - 9:45 am

RECONCILIATION

Friday 9:30 am Saturday 9:00 am Saturday 3:00 pm

or by appointmen



SUNDAY REFLECTION

SHARING THE WORD

Gospel Reading – John 10:11-18

John characteristically uses "I am" statements to indicate the revelation of Jesus' identity (an echo of God's name as revealed to Moses). Today we see Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and are reminded of Ezekiel's contrast between the good and bad shepherd of his day. Jesus is the shepherd who "knows" His sheep and is willing to give His life for them. To "know" here refers to a relationship of communion and love, not simply an intellectual knowledge. Being chosen by the Shepherd, however, is no cause for elitism or privilege; rather, there is a greater responsibility that we shoulder a people who are co-sheppards.

- 1. Whom are you "shepherding" in your life right now and who "shepherds" you?
- 2. How can we be "known" by Jesus? And how do we "know" Jesus?
- 3. In what direction is the Good Shepherd calling you at this time in your life? Do you believe you are called by God? How can we overcome doubts to recognize God's call in a spirit of humility and faith?
- **4**. How is your parish supporting vocations? Some parishes have prayed the prayer for Vocations (below) every Sunday during Mass.

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday

Tuesday - Thursday

CLERGY

Associate Pastor:

Deacons:

<u>stephen.robinson@st-peters.ca</u>

John Arbeau

MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 22 - APRIL 28





WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS OR "GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY,"

We heed the Lord's call to "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest." (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

We ask for your prayers for young people to courageously answer God's call to priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

The Diocese of Calgary also asks for your generous donations today to support the education and formation of our seminarians and those in the permanent diaconate program.

You can donate online at: catholicyyc.ca/give or through our parish.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated. Thank you.

St. Peters 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, 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@stpeters.ca or phone 403-286-5110.

A member of the Pastoral Care Team will contact you to make the arrangements.



SACRAMENT SPLASH

Spring Edition

WE REALLY NEED HELP WITH SACRAMENTS!

Hundreds of children & families participate in Sacrament Preparation each year at St. Peter's. Unfortunately, the heavy load of preparation is carried almost solely by the Sacrament Coordinator. We are asking for your help in three key areas:

- Welcome & Hospitality.
- AV support during our sessions.
- · Catechesis.

Our most significant need is
welcoming families to our sessions. If
you can help, please email Larissa, our
Parish Engagement & Volunteer
Coordinator, at pvsc@st-peters.ca. We
appreciate your consideration.

CONFIRMATION

Documents Due: April 15 Rehearsal: May 9 at 6:00pm

Celebration: May 11 at 10am & 2pm

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents hoping to have their child Baptized at St. Peter's, please join our Baptism group to register:

stpetersca.flocknote.com/Baptism Upcoming Prep Sessions:

April 20, May 4, June 15, No Prep in July

Upcoming Parish Baptisms:

April 28, May 12, June 23, July 28

SCHOOL AGE BAPTISM

For children in Grades 2 to 5 (ages 7 to 11). At this age, children can decide for themselves if they want to be Baptized into the Catholic Church.

Spring Preparation Sessions:

Wednesdays at 4:30pm May 22 and May 29

Baptism: Sunday, June 9 at 2:30pm.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION

Sessions are on Thursdays at 6:00pm. Upcoming Prep Sessions:

April 18, May 23

First Communion Celebrations

Will happen at all Sunday Masses on the first four weekends in June.

SACRAMENTS FOR TEENS - ST. FRANCIS

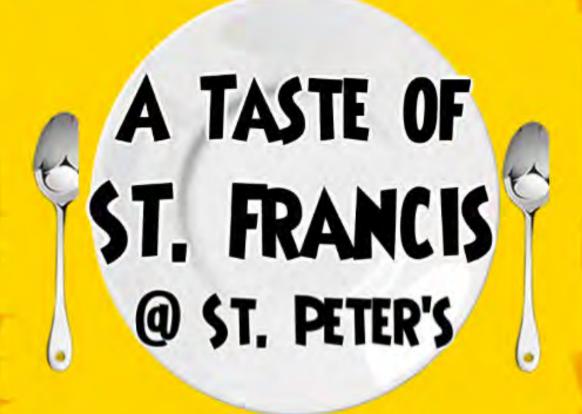
For students in Grade Nine who desire to become Catholic in order to attend St. Francis High School. Intro session in June, resuming in the Fall, with Baptism, Eucharist, & Confirmation in November 2024.

WORD ON FIRE ENGAGE

An exciting new opportunity for you to deepen your faith. Word on Fire (WOF) Engage is a part of the Flocknote platform we use for Sacraments.

Access the complete WOF library at

https://stpetersca.flocknote.com/



May 4 after the 5pm mass

St. Francis students are bringing ethnic dishes

FOR ALL TO TRY!

Free to attend Donations are welcomed





SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SSVP Needs your help

Children's clothing

SSVP collects clean, gently-used children's clothing and delivers it to the families we serve. Please place items in the SSVP bin located in the narthex. If you are interested in helping sort the clothing, contact: ssvp@st-peters.ca

Many hands make light work. Willing hearts make it bright.

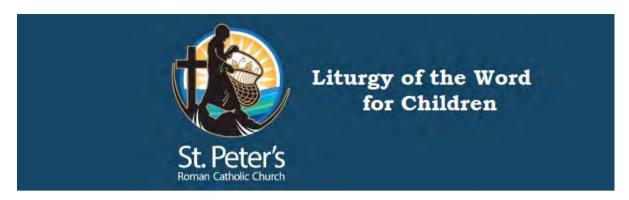
Want to give what SSVP needs?

- Hamper staples include hearty soups, canned fish & meat, PB, pasta, pasta sauce, and canned beans.
- Grocery store gift cards* (\$25 denominations provide the most flexibility)
- Cash donations of +\$25/year 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

*Gift cards purchased at St. Peter's will benefit the Building Fund.

Those who are gracious to the poor lend to the Lord, and the Lord will fully repay them. — PROVERBS 19:17





Children's Liturgy: REGISTRATION 2023-2024

The Children's Liturgy program will be at the Sunday 9:30am Mass.

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 an interactive Gospel reflection and related activity. Children will then return back to their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Register By

- 1. Scanning the QR Code (below)
- 2. Alternatively, you can use this website link https://forms.gle/mVxwkGHyUPEMk5wK8



For questions, volunteer information, or to register by email, contact: Adam.Andrusiak@St-Peters.ca



The Blue Knights Catholic Club is a boys' club aimed at teaching the truths of the Catholic faith to boys through Scripture, saints' biographies, games, crafts and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Based on the popular Little Flowers Girls' Club, this program developed by retired Marine, theologian and Catholic author, Dan McGuire maps out nine virtues for boys ages 5 to 10 in the first year, and then follows up with four years covering nine catechetical lessons each.

If you think you might be interested in this program for your son(s), please fill out the following form to receive more information:

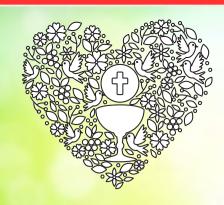
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Bulletin Submissions

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.



There will be a Pastoral Care Ministry
Training happening over two Saturdays
(April 20th and May 4th).

There are still some spots available.

If you are interested in considering this form of ministry, information about the training and registration is accessible



JUNE MASS INTENTIONS ARE NOW FULL.

JULY MASS INTENTIONS WILL OPEN ON MAY 1ST AT 9:00 AM.

SPECIAL COLLECTION DATES FOR 2024

- Good Shepherd Sunday(Seminary): Apr
 21
- Pope's Pastoral Works: May 05
- World Mission Sunday: Oct 20
- Catholic Education Sunday: Nov 03
- Mission Mexico: Dec 12
- Together in Action (Bishop's Appeal):
 Ongoing throughout the year

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, inperson, <u>online</u>, <u>OR</u> 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.



Mothers Day Roses will be available on May 11 & 12 after Mass

for \$5.00/per rose -

Donations will go to Supporting
Educational Life-Affirming
Programs presented at Catholic
Schools by Calgary Pro~Life
Association.



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.

CELEBRATING THE WORD

This gathering offers an opportunity to reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings for a deeper understanding.

You are welcome to join us!

Wednesdays from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Contact Mary Briggs at <u>marybriggs@shaw.ca</u> for more information.





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Fund Raiser ends May 31 so act now!

to carry! Easy to use!

Free shipping over \$50, and no heavy bottles



April Showers! Weekend of April 20/21

FINAL WEEK TO DONATE

Help support teen parents with infants, and toddlers who need donations of diapers - all sizes, baby food, formula, baby wipes or cash donations.

On behalf of the programs that St. Vincent de Paul, KARA, and CCSD are delivering, we can help with our donations.

KARA will provide Tax receipts for \$20 and above.

https://justgiving.com/campaign/ccef-karaprogram



Catholic Women's League

HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME

ISAIAH 6:8

1. Renew or purchase a new CWL memberships, for \$45.00. Name tags can be ordered for \$20.

https://www.st-peterscwl.ca/get-involved

2. Fri, Apr 26th 1:00 pm "Our Lady of Good Counsel Prayer Service" Coffee and Fellowship after.

3.Sat, Apr 27, 1-3 "Daffodil and Crocuses Tea" in Parish Hall – volunteer opportunities are open now, sign up is here **volunteersignup.org/JTTJJ** Thank you for all your support!.

4."St. Peter's CWL's Annual Bursary". Open Now until May 5th please submit applications here https://tinyurl.com/yjp6net4.

5.Sunday, May 19, 11:30 am, 3rd CWL Ministry live stream Mass. CWL ladies are invited to support ministry mass as Ushers/Greeters/Collectors, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Sacristan. Sign up a https://volunteersignup.org/89HJK

6.We ask all CWL members to wear Blue Sashes, pick up and drop off in Narthex. If after signing- you need to postpone, call Judy Montes 403-241-0726 so we can fill your spot.



SPRING FLOWERS & PLANTS FUNDRAISER

Your CWL is bringing gardening to you! Order an array of beautiful hanging baskets, planters, vegetables, herbs and so much more this spring and support the CWL's charitable work! Order online at: https://stpeterschurch.growingsmilesfundraising.com

ORDER BY APRIL 30TH, 2024
Pick up May 18th at St. Peter's Parish
Visa/MC/Amex accepted.

For assistance ordering, please contact Joan Shillington at: president.cwl.stpeters@gmail.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



St. Don Bosco Council 8146
SERVICE TO ONE. SERVICE TO ALL

Thinking of Becoming a Knight!

Did you know that your first-year membership is at no cost to you! ?

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

Save the Date:

10th Ann MNO Dinner- September 27, 2024

Visit our web site for new purchase options, https://stpetersmensnightout.com or scan QR code:





St. Peter's Catholic Women's League Bursary Application Deadline: Sunday, May 5th

Click: https://tinyurl.com/yjp6net4

St. Peter's CWL is proud to offer an annual \$1500 bursary award and are seeking applications from female students attending St. Peters Parish. Qualifications include:

- A female high school graduate in 2023 or 2024.
- Pursuing post-secondary education or accredited institution and presents academic achievement.
- Demonstrates parish involvement and participation in community/school activities.

FINANCIAL UPDATE Year to April 12

OPERATING	
Receipts	\$259,783
Expenses	\$275,341
Over/(Under)	-\$15,557
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BUILDING FUND	
Receipts	\$44,393
Disbursements	\$96,472
Over/(Under)	-\$52,079
TIA	
Receipts	\$13,832

\$74,862

-\$61,030

TAP TO GIVE

2024 Goal

Over/(Under)

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 <u>scan the QR code on the sign and complete</u>

<u>the required information to register your credit card</u>. Tax receipts will be
issued annually.

Please email accounting@st-peters.ca with any questions.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

HIKE FOR LIFE

Join us on May 11 at Prince's Island Park for the Calgary Pro-Life Association 44th annual Hike for Life. This is a fundraiser for Respect for Life Educational Programs.

The Pledge sheets are In the Narthex. Please sponsor one or all our three teams that will be undertaking the Hike for Life this year.

Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League and Deacon Stephen Robinson

Thank you in advance for your support!

Retreat
Centres
Upcoming
Events

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/

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-aglance/

Divine Mercy Centre, Calgary Livestream Prayers available at:

https://sistersofdivinemercy.org/livestream-adoration

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.



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!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Audio Visual Ministry is looking for interested individuals who have some prior general computer knowledge.

Even if you are not trained on any AV equipment do not worry! We will provide thorough training for all new volunteers!

If you are interested in helping out in this ministry please email the AV Coordinator, Chris Abel, at chris.abelest-peters.ca or our AV Team Lead, Zach Blair, at zach.blairest-peters.ca.

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



MINISTRY TOWNEN

Most Catholic men lack connection and friendship with other men.

HeroicMen strengthens men with the best Catholic media,

meetups, and materials - for men.

MINISTRY TO MEN BREAKFAST

Inviting all men
to Join us
the 1st and 3rd
Saturday each month
in the Parish Hall
for

Breakfast Faith Brotherhood

Next Mtg: May 4th



The Parish Renewal Team would like to hear from You!

We will be hosting a number of opportunities to hear from parishioners on the path our parish should take over the next 5 years.

The first of these gatherings will be hosted on April 21st at 1pm in the hall.

We will be serving lunch and leading conversations to help create a welcoming culture at St Peter's where You Are Called, You Matter and You Belong!

Please sign up:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DABAD2AA6FF2-48562801-pastoral

We are capping it at 100 so that we can hear from those in attendance. There will be other opportunities in the future.



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE HOSTED BY BELOVED DAUGHTERS

Revelation 21:5

MAY 3, 2024

7 PM - 9:30 PM

MAY 4, 2024

8:30 AM - 6 PM

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CALGARY, AB

CRYSTALINA EVERT



FR. ANTHONY SORTINO, LC

SCAN FOR MORE INFO

CHRISTIAN YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (FATE 20'S - 19'S) Silent Ketveat

DATE

MAY 10 - 12, 2024



LOCATION

MOUNT ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER
41160 RETREAT ROAD, COCHRANE AB



SCAN TO REGISTER & FOR MORE INFO OR CLICK HERE

Holding on to Hope

"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

-Isaiah 40:31

QUESTIONS/ CONTACT Email Chika at cypretreat@gmail.com