ST. PETER'S PARISH // JUNE 22, 2025 MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

PETER'S PAPER

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI: THE BODY WE RECEIVE, THE BODY WE BECOME Living the Mystery of Communion, Unity, and Mission in Our Parish Life

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi brings us to the heart of who we are as Church. At the center of everything stands the Eucharist—not simply our activities, plans, or programs. These are important, but they are not the source. What truly sustains a parish is not its schedule of planned initiatives, but its altar—where Christ gathers, nourishes, and sends His people.

It is around the Eucharist that the Church is gathered and renewed. Here, we are reminded that we do not build the Church by our own strength; we receive it as a gift, shaped by the presence of Christ who gives Himself entirely—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. As the Church teaches, "the Eucharist is the source and summit (fons et culmen) of the Christian life" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 10).

In the words of St. John Paul II, "The Eucharist builds the Church and the Church makes the Eucharist." At the altar, the community is not only nourished—it is formed. We receive the Body of Christ to become the Body of Christ. The Eucharist is not merely something we attend; it is the mystery that gives the Church her identity.

This reality shapes the life of the parish. It gathers those who were scattered. It turns strangers into brothers and sisters. It teaches us how to belong, how to follow, and how to serve. The Eucharist we celebrate is far more than a liturgical action—it is the place where Christ gathers us, transforms us, and forms us into one Body.

The final words of the Mass, "Go in peace," come from the ancient Latin phrase Ite, missa est. Ite means "Go," and missa est is traditionally understood as "she is sent," referring to the Church. In simpler terms, it expresses that the whole community is being sent. That's why the word missa gives us both the name "Mass" and the word "mission." The liturgy doesn't end at the dismissal—it continues in our daily lives. We are sent as one Body in Christ to carry what we have received into the world.



St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church

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As we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, let us take to heart what we truly are: not separate individuals, but members of one Body gathered, held together, and sent in communion. The Eucharist we receive is not a private grace—it is a call to walk together, trusting the One who leads us along the path we share. In a divided world, the Church is called to be different: not perfect, but united. Let us allow the Body of Christ we receive to shape the Body of Christ we are becoming.

Fr. Fabio de Souza

SUNDAY REFLECTION

SHARING THE WORD

Gospel Reading – Luke 9:11-17

The terms "taking the loaves," "looked up to heaven," "blessed and broke" and "gave them to the disciples" have strong Eucharistic overtones. This is not unusual for Luke in all meal accounts in his Gospel. Luke refers here both to the Eucharistic celebration of the Christian community as well as to the heavenly banquet at the end of time, especially when he mentions "all ate and were filled," and there was lots leftover. Our daily bread, the Eucharistic meal, promise fulfillment at the end of time.

1. What are for you the parallels between the Eucharist and this Gospel passage?

2. Recall special meals with others – what made these meals so special?

3. All three readings describe a real meal that obtained a deeper reality – how and when does this still happen for us today?

Diocese of Saskatoon

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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*

Assistant Pastor Fr. Abraham Joseph

Deacons: Stephen Robinson stephen.robinson@st-peters.ca John Arbeau john.arbeau@st-peters.ca

MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 24 - 29

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

Date	Time	Name	Intention
June 24, 2025	8:30 AM	Tam Tran	(SI)
June 25, 2025	8:30 AM	Stephen Ma	(RS)
June 26, 2025	8:30 AM	Henry & Elizabeth Seredynski	(RS)
June 27, 2025	8:30 AM	Carmelina Travasso de Souza	(RS)
June 28, 2025	8:30 AM	Infane Salgado Family	(SI)
June 28, 2025	5:00 PM	Zola Fernandes	(RS)
June 29, 2025	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Peter's	(SI)
June 29, 2025	9:30 AM	Villamil Family	(SI)
June 29, 2025	11:30 AM	Owen Ahearn	(RS)
June 29, 2025	5:00 PM	Hedviges Pacheco	(RS)

A New Associate Pastor for St. Peter's!



Deacon Peter An will be ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop William McGrattan this Friday, June 27 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. All the faithful are warmly invited to attend this solemn Mass and to celebrate this blessed moment in Deacon Peter's life and in the life of the Church.

Please join us as we welcome Fr. Peter An who will celebrate his first Mass here at St. Peter's on Sunday, July 6 at 5pm.

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 <u>pastoralcare@st-peters.ca</u>.

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 <u>pastoralcare@stpeters.ca</u> or <u>office@st-peters.ca</u> or phone 403-286-5110.

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



We are hiring a full-time Sacrament Preparation Coordinator here at St. Peter's. The Coordinator is responsible to ensure that all necessary requirements have been carefully minded and arranged for all individuals and families preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

For a complete job description and to apply please click <u>HERE.</u>



We're also looking for someone to help with some administrative tasks over the summer.

If you're comfortable working with a computer and would like to support the parish during this time, please submit your resume to our Parish Office at office@st-peters.ca

Deadline to Apply - June 23



AUGUST MASS INTENTIONS ARE NOW FILLED.

SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS WILL OPEN JULY 1 AT 9AM.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

If you have information or an event you would like included in the bulletin, please email it to <u>bulletin@st-</u> <u>peters.ca</u>.

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.

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> \$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 <u>scan</u> <u>the QR code on the sign and complete</u> <u>the required information to register</u> <u>your credit card</u>. Tax receipts will be issued annually.

Please email <u>accounting@st-peters.ca</u> with any questions.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

TAP TO GIVE TAX RECEIPT REQUESTS

To request your tax receipt, simply scan the QR code below and fill out the form with your information.

This form can be submitted at any time, but **only needs** to be completed once per payment card.

Important Notes:

- If you made a payment using Apple Pay or Google Pay, please use the last 4 digits shown in your digital wallet—not those on the physical card.
- Even if you have completed the previous form, please submit this updated form.
- Tax receipts are issued annually.



Please contact the office if you have questions. 403-286-5110

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Support SSVP this summer!

SSVP at St. Peter's serves people who live within the St. Peter's parish boundaries. They are our neighbours.

In 2024, our direct food costs tallied about \$6,500 a month. School food drives and non-perishable food donations help keep those costs down. That total does not include the cost of gift cards that are included in every hamper.

Please keep SSVP in mind this summer.

Bring a pantry staple to Mass: Nonperishable food items can be left in the SSVP box in the narthex. Staples include oatmeal, cereal, canned fruit and meats, peanut butter, pasta sauce and granola bars. **Donate children's clothing:** SSVP accepts new and gently-used children's clothing year-round! Items can be left in the SSVP box.

Donate grocery store cards or cash:

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. Cash and grocery cards can also be left in the SSVP drop box located on the book shelf near the sanctuary doors.

SSVP is a mission of charity. When we gather, Vincentians ask God's blessing on our benefactors and the people we serve.

Learn more about SSVP at St. Peter's: https://ssvpstpeters.wixsite.com/stpetersssvp2017

Saturday, July 5 following 8:30am Mass

Everyone Welcome!

A Call to Service: Men of St. Peter's -Get Engaged for the 2025 Stampede Breakfast!

Men of St. Peter's,

your help is needed to make our 2025 Stampede Breakfast a resounding success! We invite you to join us in serving our parish and the wider community. No prior ministry or group affiliation is required to participate. On-site training will be provided for all pancake flippers!

Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talents to this important event.

To sign up, please visit volunteersignup.org/T3F3D and follow the simple instructions on the page. Your commitment will only take a few moments to register.

Thank you for answering the call to serve!



St. Peter's Parish Building Fund STAMPEDE FAMILY DINNER & DANCE

BALHOUSIE CENTRE DINNER AND LIVE MUSIC PLUS KIDS ENTERTAINMENT TICKETS \$45/ADULT 13+ \$15/KIDS 5-12 UNDER 4 FREE

Cash bar, 50/50 and more!

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES UNTIL JULY 6, 2025 OR PURCHASE ONLINE



'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

LUKE 22: 19



CORPUS

Together in Action is more than just a campaign; it's an expression of our faith and love in action. Our Parish goal is \$74,862. This year, we find inspiration in Romans 12:12, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." In this spirit, Together in Action invites you to make a significant impact in the lives of those we serve.

Up to June 6 we have collected \$15,037, which is 20.0% of our goal.

To make a donation you can use an envelope found in the Narthex, donate online <u>here</u>, or e-transfer to tia@st-peters.ca.

All surplus funds will be directed to the St. Peter's Building Fund.

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-aglance/

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: <u>https://www.fcjcentre.ca/</u>

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 <u>here</u> to register or call 403-328-3422 for more details.

Divine Mercy Centre, Calgary Livestream Prayers available at: <u>https://sistersofdivinemercy.org/livestream-adoration</u>

Applications for the Permanent Diaconate

Deacons are a permanent sign of Christ the servant, no matter where they are or what they are doing. They extend the sacramental presence of Christ's service outside of the Church building and into the secular world, modelled after the threefold apostolic

ministry of the Bishop:

· The ministry of charity,

The ministry of the Word, and

• The ministry of Sacrament.

Bishop McGrattan: "I invite men who believe that they have the qualifications and interest necessary for service of the Church as a deacon to begin to pray for guidance. If you are a married man, pray together with your wife, confident in the sacrament of matrimony, to embrace a second sacramental call."

Applications are being accepted until July 31, 2025, for beginning formation in September, 2026.

See <u>catholicyyc.ca/permanentdiaconate</u> for more information, or Contact j<u>ohn.walsh@calgarydiocese.ca</u>, or Email Deacon Stephen <u>stephen.robinson@st-peters.ca</u>

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.

NEW TOPIC SERIES:

Stay tuned! We'll be starting a new topic series in the fall – more details to come.

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, following the CSSD school calendar.

Our next meeting is September 5 -join us!

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

Altar Server Training

Saturday, June 28 10am - Noon



We are excited to see so many youth receiving their first communion in June ! Boys and girls who are about to or 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.

We are also seeking adults who regularly attend weekend Masses to help mentor, organize and schedule the altar servers at those weekend Masses.

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.

One of the basic building blocks for all Catholic communities is gathering for the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and Altar Servers hold a privileged place in these celebrations. More than just an "assistant" to the priest/deacon, the Server exercises a ministry of service to the community and to the one in whose name we gather, Jesus Christ. As with all liturgical ministers, Servers both personally participate in the liturgy and contribute to the worshiping experience of the gathered community.

St John Paul II said of Altar Servers:

"Your commitment to the altar is not only a duty, but a great honor, a genuine holy service... the altar server occupies a privileged place in the liturgical celebration. The altar server presents himself or herself to a community and experiences firsthand that Jesus Christ is present and active in every liturgical act."

Serving at the Altar helps increase one's faith and builds a unique relationship between the Server and Jesus Christ and offers the St. Peter's community the opportunity to pray, worship, and grow in faith.

Your participation in this family ministry would truly enable the community to live our mission in the world.

If you are interested in the Altar Server ministry as a Server or mentor and desire to attend the training, please contact <u>eric.collins@st-peters.ca</u> as soon as possible.

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 <u>anndowli@telus.net</u> or Marie Sieben <u>sieben.7@shaw.ca</u>. We gratefully accept cash donations and donations of unused yarn!

ST PETER'S, CALGARY

St. Peter's Men's Breakfast is held the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 7am in the Hall. We invite all men in the Parish to join us!

Our next Breakfast is July 19

<u>MONSIGNOR</u> <u>DOYLE SCHOOL</u> <u>WELCOMES</u> <u>YOU!</u>

Monsignor E.L Doyle is a wonderful school community, and we are currently accepting registrations! At Monsignor Doyle, we:

- are a one-to-one school, where every student has access to their own personal learning device
- bring learning to life with hands-on learning experiences, such as residencies in Physical Education and Fine Arts, plus field trips in our community and beyond
- focus on our faith, but we accept all students regardless of their faith background

Ready to learn more? Call us at 403-500-2098 to book your own personal tour. We can't wait to meet you!



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Catholic Women's League

Have a great summer - our next CWL meeting is Wednesday, September 17 at 7pm

Congratulations to our CWL Members who received years of service pins and to Gail Monk who was awarded the Maple Leaf pin!







COLUMBUS

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

Thinking of Joining the Knights?

Membership Contacts:

David Mildenberger at <u>cdmilden@shaw.ca</u>, or Angelo Scarpino at <u>ascarpino@telus.net</u>

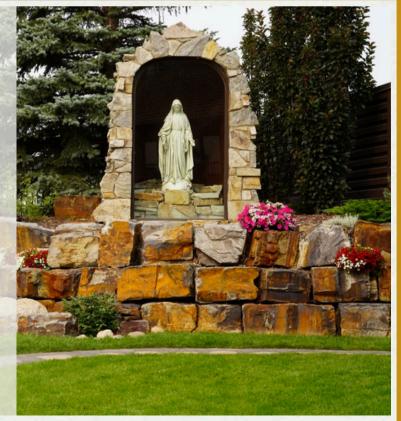


"In recognition of National Indigenous Peoples Day, June 21, we offer this land acknowledgement: We are grateful to God the Creator, for the gracious gift of these lands for all peoples. In a spirit of gratitude we acknowledge that this Treat 7 Territory where, as a community, we worship, live, work and play, is the traditional home of the Siksika, Piikani, Kainai, Bearspaw, Chiniki and Goodstoney First Nations, and the Tsuut'ina Nation. This area is also part of the homeland of the Otipemisiwak Métis Nation of Alberta. As members of St. Peter's Parish, we will in humility strive to learn, reflect, and act in ways that will promote our shared journey of truth, reconciliation, healing and hope."



The Outdoor Cardens ministry is looking for more volunteers once again. For the next few months, our members will be working like busy bees in the churchyard. Would you like to join us to help our Mother Mary to look after her gardens? She doesn't mind if you don't have a green thumb, she welcomes everyone, regardless of age or ability! She will find you something to do. You can do as much or as little as you're able to help.

If you're feeling the call from our beautiful Mother Mary, please contact <u>gardens@st-peters.ca</u>



You are a priest forever, according to the Order of Melchizedek

Psalm 110



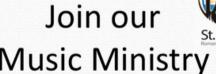
CELEBRATING THE WORD

"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



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

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 <u>tia@st-peters.ca</u>

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, <u>online</u>, OR special envelopes will be available in the pews near the scheduled weekend.

PLEASE ALWAYS REMEMBER TO INDICATE THE NAME OF THE SPECIAL COLLECTION ON YOUR DONATION.

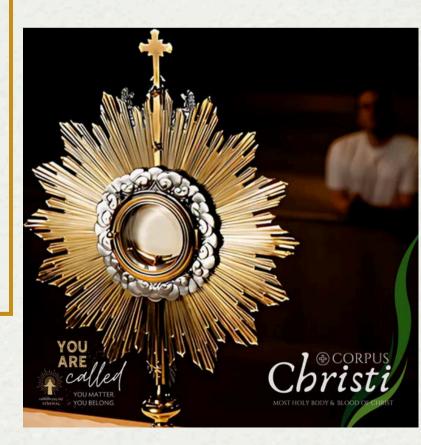
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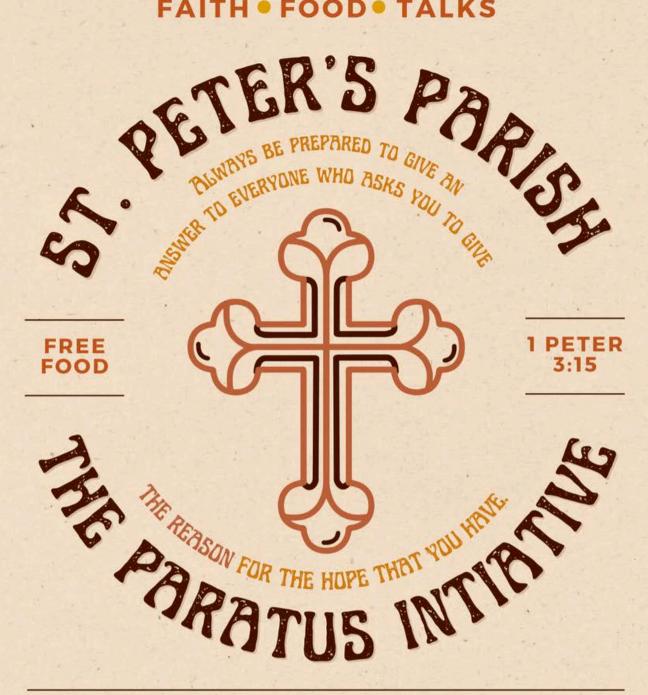
Holy Water is available in the Church with your own container.

Or Bottles of Holy Water are available in the Parish Office for a suggested donation of:

\$4 per container.



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