

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 19, 2017

- Wed, Feb 22 12:00 pm** John Lariviere by Cheryl Zufelt
Intentions of Andre & Linda Bedard by Len Weisflock
- Thu, Feb 23 12:00 pm** Ron Guillemette by Mike & Delma Ketter
Intentions of Rose Johnson by Evelyn Reid
- Fri, Feb 24 Sacrament of the Sick**
9:30 am Intentions of Donna Rogers by Prayer Partner, Leona Kotsilidis
Gerard Laplante by Charles & Huguette Pepin
- Sat, Feb 25 5:00 pm** Intentions of Sr. Linda McIssaac by St. Peter's Catholic Women's League
Intentions of Gert Lalande by Prayer Partner
Dr. Aaron M. Higgins by Patricia & Michael Cassidy
- Sun, Feb 26 9:00 am** Al Gallant by Lorraine & Family
Lena Aultman by Stella Sutherland
Jeannette Beaulieu by Marie Boell
- 11:00 am** For the intentions of all parishioners by Father Tony

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 20 for Family Day Holiday.

Father Tony's homily is available online at www.stpetertheapostle.ca →About→Meet Our Pastor→Our Pastor's Homilies

PRAYER LINE: *In sorrow and suffering, go straight to God with confidence, and you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed.* If you or any member of your family, or anyone you know, is sick, in distress or experiencing troubling times, we invite you to call the Parish Office to place that person on our prayer list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:

CHURCH SUPPORT

Jan 2017 Pre-Authorized Donations \$3 105.00

Sunday, February 12, 2017 \$3 919.65

Thank you for your generous contributions!

CWL NEWS

The Catholic Women's League *Executive Meeting* will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Just a friendly reminder: The Catholic Women's League 2017 Memberships (\$25) are now due. For more information contact Ann at 705-497-3147.

Schedule of Events

- Mon** Parish Office Closed for Holiday
- Wed** **9:30 am** Cenacle – Rosary (Church)
2:00 pm Catholic Women's League Executive Meeting (Parish Hall)
6:30 pm Baptism Prep (Upper Room & Church)
- Thu** **1:00 pm** Parish Hall Occupied
4:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Parish Hall)
6:30 pm Choir Practice – All Members
New Members Always Welcome!
- Fri** **5:00 pm** Marriage Prep (Parish Hall)
- Sat** **9:00 am** Marriage Prep (Parish Hall)

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Feb 20-26

Monday	Sirach 1.1-10; Mark 9.14-29
Tuesday	Sirach 2.1-11; Mark 9.30-37
Wednesday	1 Peter 5.1-4; Matthew 16.13-19
Thursday	Sirach 5.1-8; Mark 9.41-50
Friday	Sirach 6.5-17; Mark 10.1-12
Saturday	Sirach 17.1-15; Mark 10.13-16
Sunday	Isaiah 49.14-15; 1Corinthians 4.1-5; Matthew 6.24-34

WISDOM QUOTE:

"The only commandment that really matters is universal kindness. Be as kind as you can to everyone." Jonathan Lockwood Huie

Please save your used stamps (with ½ inch paper around the stamp) for **Development & Peace**. Used stamps may be deposited in the box in the Church entrance. Thank you!

The Promises of Fatima: Come pray the Rosary with a group of dedicated people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30am at St. Peter's Parish.



Confirmation Information Night 2017

Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 pm



in St. Peter's Parish Hall. Candidates and parents are asked to attend this meeting. Sponsors are also welcome. Please include a copy your Baptism Certificate with registration form, available from the Parish Office or on the church website

www.stpetertheapostle.ca Candidates requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation are presumed to be in Grade 7 or 8 (or older) and to have previously received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. If you are missing one or more of these sacraments, please call the Parish Office at 705-472-1817.

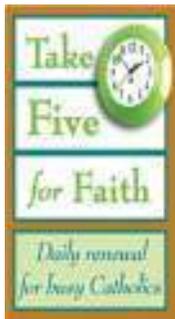
Countdown to Lent

Ash Wednesday is coming!

Lent begins March 1st



Lent is a time of repentance, change of heart, and prayer. During Lent, we work to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.



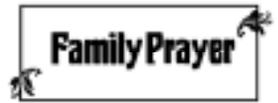
Right neighbourly of you

It's easy to love our neighbours when they are friends or family. It gets a little dicier, however, when our neighbour is particularly unpleasant or has wronged us. Jesus invites us to sidestep the temptation of repaying violence or unpleasantness with more of the same and instead to do the unexpected. He calls us to be creative and take a fresh look at the situation and respond with our best selves. Does this mean we become doormats for another's aggression or irrationality? No, but it does mean being willing to love, trusting that love can make a difference even if it is not returned in kind.

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

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Prayer for Families



God of the temple, you had the Israelites carry you through the desert, and have made a home for yourself in the Eucharist. As we eat and drink your Body and Blood, make us living temples, walking out into the world to carry you to the people you long to touch and love. Amen.

Don't give up *chocolate* for lent

Join Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. Sign up for our free email program Best Lent Ever and get daily inspirational emails that will help you identify what stands between you and happiness . . . and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever? Sign up at BestLentEver.com

Pornography hurts! Please help the Catholic Women's League in their fight against pornography, especially Child pornography. Take time to complete and sign the postcard in today's bulletin and send it to Prime Minister Trudeau (no postage required). Please include your address as indicated. Get involved! Our children's lives depend on it!

Lenten Walk with the Lord – 40 Acts of Kindness:

The Sault Ste. Marie Diocese is presenting an additional or optional way to enhance and enrich your Lenten commitment and experience. "*Lenten Walk with the Lord*" invites you to do one (1) simple act of kindness for each of the 40 days of Lent. The calendar in today's bulletin is to help you keep track of your kindnesses along with some simple instructions to help guide you. For example, kindness can be as simple as a smile and often begins at home.



Duke of Edinburgh 5th Annual Spaghetti Supper

Thank You!

The Duke of Edinburgh committee would like to thank Father Tony, the CWL, student servers and parishioners for all their support with the spaghetti supper held February 12th. It was a big success and funds raised will go towards the Costa Rica mission trip 2017. Special thanks to Dooley Ricci and Guido Farelli for the delicious food.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday evening during Lent at 7PM in the Church. Everyone welcome

Lenten Walk with the Lord 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			March 1 Ash Wednesday 	March 2 	March 3 	March 4 
March 5	March 6 	March 7 	March 8 	March 9 	March 10 	March 11 
March 12	March 13 	March 14 	March 15 	March 16 	March 17 	March 18 
March 19	March 20 	March 21 	March 22 	March 23 	March 24 	March 25 
March 26	March 27 	March 28 	March 29 	March 30 	March 31 	April 1 
April 2	April 3 	April 4 	April 5 	April 6 	April 7 	April 8 
April 9	April 10 	April 11 	April 12 	April 13 Holy Thursday 	April 14 Good Friday 	April 15 Holy Saturday 

"A Kindness a Day during Lent"

The above calendar serves as a simple reminder of how you may wish to enrich your Lenten journey through the undertaking of simple Acts of Kindness. By doing Little Acts of Kindness, you are sharing the love you have to give with family, friends and everyone you meet. Check off or circle a 'footprint' for each Act of Kindness for each day on your Lenten walk with the Lord. There are many things you can do as little expressions of kindness, such as the following:

- Visit or call someone who is sick or elderly and bring them a simple meal, soup, or loaf of homemade bread;
- Give someone a smile who needs it — spend some time with them to help cheer them up;
- Yield the right-of-way to another driver or give up a parking space — give them a wave and a smile rather than a frown;
- Bring someone a coffee who would appreciate it;
- Help out at home where needed;
- Contribute or help at a soup kitchen or similar facility;
- Help shovel someone's driveway or walkway;
- Help an elderly person get their groceries or offer them a drive in the cold/slippery weather;
- Baby-sit for a young couple or single mother so that they can enjoy an evening out;
- Run an errand for someone who needs it;
- Spend some time listening to someone because many times people are too busy to do so;
- Open a door for someone;
- Opportunities for kindness present themselves during every hour of every day — take advantage of them as often and wherever you can! Use your imagination. And don't forget to enjoy the journey! You'll be in the best of Company.

February 19, 2017 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The first reading recalls Moses relaying to the people God's call to be holy by loving one's neighbour as oneself. The second reading reminds us that we are a temple of God, because the Holy Spirit resides within us. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches the disciples that they must love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them. God the Father sent his son, Jesus, to win our salvation and reveal the way we need to live, that we might come to share eternal life in heaven. The teachings of Jesus make it clear that God loves us without limit, and is ever-willing to forgive. Thus, to walk in God's way of love we must strive to love all people, including our enemies, and be willing to forgive.

Development and Peace Share Lent Campaign Information Meeting Sunday, February 19 at 2:00PM at St. Peter's Church. Everyone welcome! For more information, call Shirley at 474-5379.

Marriage Preparation Weekends: Call Regional Catholic Services at 472-5821 to reserve your place. Material cost is \$40.00 per couple payable at time of registration. Spring 2017 Sessions: 24-25 February, 21-22 April. Register early!

Soup & Card Party 4th Monday of the Month at Holy Name of Jesus Hall. Form a foursome or come with a friend. \$6/person for soup, sandwiches, tea, coffee and a table to play cards until 4:00 PM. Lunch served at noon. **Next party is February 27.** For information or to reserve a table, call Roy at 477-4084 or John at 845-1020. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 12106.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper Tuesday, February 28 at Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. Join us this last day before Ash Wednesday – Everyone Welcome! 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM with General Seating. All tickets purchased at door: \$6.00/Adults; \$4.00/Children Under 12 Years of Age; \$20.00/Family. Pancakes, sausage, tea, coffee, juice.

North Bay & Area Right to Life/Pro Vie 27th Annual Spaghetti Meatballs & Lasagna Fundraising Dinner will be held Sunday, March 5 at Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. Two sittings: 4:15 PM and 5:30 PM. Adults/\$12 Children 3-10/\$5 and Take Out/\$8. Tickets—Call: Harley 752-4105, Nancy 472-6099, Jeannine 724-3424 or Office at 474-3666. Also having a silent auction table. If you have a new or "just like new" or "collectible" item that you want to donate, please call Nicky at 474-3018 and leave a message.

The Passion & The Cross by Ronald Rolheiser Book Study will be facilitated by Sr. Mae Kierans at the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall from 1:30 to 3:30 PM on 7-14-21-28 March. Cost per book is \$15 Take a journey into the deeper meaning of Lent! Limited to 25 participants – register soon by calling the parish office at 472-3970

Book Study on Pope Francis' The Joy of Love will be held on Saturdays April 1, 8, 22 & 29 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM at the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. Facilitated by Sr. Mae Kierans, this book is appreciated as an aid to reflection, dialogue and pastoral practice and as help and encouragement to families in their daily commitment and challenges. Registration limited – register soon by calling the parish office at 472-3970.

Prayers for the New Evangelization in our Region: Every Tuesday at Holy Name Church from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM. In front of the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for the Holy Spirit to help us to be Evangelizers. For more information call Fran at 476-4146 or Holy Name Parish Office at 495-1501

Open Adoration: St. Alphonsus in Callander every Friday 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. First Friday 8:30 AM to 8:30 AM (24Hrs).

St. Joseph's Motherhouse first Sunday of the month from 3:30-4:30 PM in Holy Family Chapel and Pro-Cathedral First Friday 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

The Promises of Fatima: Come pray the Rosary with a group of dedicated people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30am at St. Peter's Parish

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday at 11:55 AM at Pro-Cathedral prior to the 12:05 PM mass.

The New Evangelization Summit 2017 is scheduled for May 12-13, mark it on your calendar. Eight great speakers – including Bishop Robert Baron. Cost is \$25.00/person. For more information contact Len Lanthier lanthier@gmail.com 705-724-1368

CLAY- (Catholic Love Attitude Yes!) A Youth Program for JK to Grade 5, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00pm at St. Gregory's School Gym, Powassan, back entrance. Come out and join us for games, crafts and faith teachings in a fun filled and positive environment. For more information please contact Laurie Dobbs at 724-1277 or Jessica Sheppard at 724-1835 or jessicasheppard@gmail.com.

Lenten Retreat Day at St. Joseph's Motherhouse in the Bishop Carter Room on Saturday, Marc 4 from 9:00 AM to 1:45 PM. Celebration of Sunday Eucharist at 2:00 PM. "As we are taken into Jesus' passion, death, waiting and new life, we will discover, with new eyes, our own answer to the question Jesus posed to Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" Facilitated by Patricia Dennis, B.A., M.R.E. – 35 years experience as a spiritual director, facilitator and teacher of theology. Call the Motherhouse to register at 474-3800. \$30/Suggested Offering

Join with the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada and the Coalition for Healthcare and Conscience in asking the Ontario government to add conscience protection for healthcare workers in Bill 84, the province's new medical aid in dying legislation. EFC President Bruce Clemenger will co-host two webinars this week on the call for conscience protection in Ontario. See TheEFC.ca/Conscience for details. Please contact your MPP to request his support

Palliative Care Bill Passes Second Reading – Good News! Private member's Bill C-277 passed second reading in the House of Commons and has gone to the Health Committee for review. This bill requires a palliative care framework to be developed, which would increase caregiver support and data collection, as well as identify palliative care education and training needs. Palliative care is vital for Canadians, and only 30% of Canadians who need palliative care have access to it. See the EFC's sample letter of support for Bill C-277 and ask your MP to support increased palliative care in Canada.

L'Arche North Bay and Community Living are hosting a Wine and Canvas event on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Davedi Club, 313 Airport Rd. This is a artist-led event and art materials are provided, and conclude with lunch and wine. Cost: \$40. Deadline: March 5. Contact Karen Sherry 705-474-8673 or karensberry@sympatico.ca

THE EDGE Catholic Youth Group: Calling Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8's!! Join us Mondays at 6:45 PM in the hall of St. Joseph's Church, Clark St., Powassan. THE EDGE uses live music, drama, small group discussions, guest speakers, games, Scripture, crafts and other cool stuff to explore issues about our Faith, solid values, youth concerns and happy living!! No need to pre-register. Call Pauline 724-5964 for information or transportation.

Lenten Retreat at Villa Loyola "Are you Kidding?" – Remembering and reclaiming the gifts of the child. Friday March 10 (7 pm) to Sunday March 12 (1 pm) with Director: Fr. Philip Chircop, S.J. In this retreat we will explore some habits of the heart intended to educate us into becoming childlike once again. Cost: \$230.00, all inclusive (a non-refundable \$30 deposit is required with registration) For more information and registration 705-522-3502 ext. 0 or loyola@isys.ca