

# St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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**Pastor - Father Francis Chidi Ezenezi**

Parish Secretary - Dawn Marie Duffy

Permanent Deacons

Deacon M. Ketter

Deacon A. Lamothe

Diocesan Order of Women

Mrs. D. Ketter

Mrs. B. Lamothe

Mrs. P. Porter

## Baptism

A program of preparation is required. Parents are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to the birth of their child. Adults wishing baptism are asked to contact the Parish Office.

## Marriage

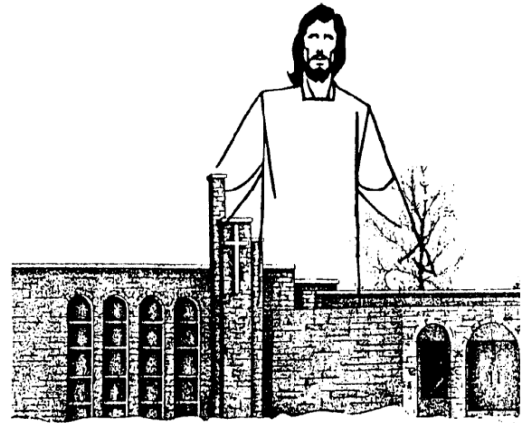
Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the wedding. A preparation course is required.

## Visitation of the Sick

If any member of your family is sick at home or in the hospital, please call and let us know. If you are confined to home, and would like to receive Communion on Sunday, please call the Office before 3:00 pm on Thursday.

## Prayers for the Sick

If you or any member of your family is sick, in distress or experiencing troubling times, we invite you to call the Parish office to place that person on our prayer list.



## Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

## Weekday Mass Schedule

For Weekday Mass Schedule please see inside bulletin.

## Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:00 to 3:30 pm or by appointment.

## Eucharistic Adoration

First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

## Children's Liturgy

Each Sunday at the 9:00 am Mass from September to June. All children (beginning from Jr. Kindergarten) are welcome.

## Welcome to St. Peter's

We warmly welcome new parishioners to our parish. You are asked to register by completing a registration form. Forms are available in the Entrance or from the Parish Office.



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# Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 10, 2024

“Offer gifts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving out of love and gratitude to our merciful God.”

## MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Mon, Mar. 11</b>	<b>9am</b>	Suzanne Champagne+ by the family
<b>Tues, Mar. 12</b>	<b>9am</b>	Rheal Beaulieu+ by Marcelle & family
<b>Wed, Mar. 13</b>	<b>9am</b>	NO MASS
<b>Thurs, Mar. 14</b>	<b>7pm</b>	Intentions of Paul Desjardins & Prayers for Healing by Nancy & family
<b>Fri, Mar. 15</b>	<b>9am</b>	June Carbonneau+ by St. Peter’s CWL
<b>Sat, Mar. 16</b>	<b>4pm</b>	Intentions of Marnie Wells & Prayers for Healing by Mom
<b>Sun, Mar. 17</b>	<b>9am</b>	Virginia Repaci+ by Domenic & family Terry Hutter+ by Bob & Christine Miller
	<b>11am</b>	Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis



**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:** Louise Fournier, Angelo Nunner, Jane Loken

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mar 11 – Mar 17, 2024	
Monday	Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47:1-9,12; John 5:1-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:16-30
Thursday	Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:18,31-47++
Friday	Wisdom 2:1a,12-22; John 7:1-2,10,25-30
Saturday	Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53
Sunday	Jeremiah 31:31-34++ Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33

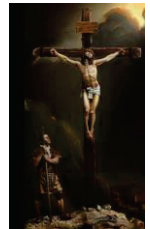
**Development & Peace**  
*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

## SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...”  
John 3:15

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, called “laetare”, that is, “rejoice” we are called to be joyful...  
“In hearing Jesus’ words to Nicodemus, we turn our heart’s gaze to Jesus Crucified and we feel within us that God loves us, truly loves us, and He loves us so much! This is the simplest expression that epitomizes all of the Gospel, all of the faith, all of the theology: God loves us with a free and boundless love. These words, summarize a theme that lies at the centre of the Christian message: even when the situation seems desperate, God intervenes, offering man salvation and joy. Indeed, God does not remain apart from us, but enters the history of mankind; He “meddles” in our lives; He enters, in order to animate it with his grace and save it. “Rejoice, Jerusalem”, [the antiphon] says, because God is with us. And we have the true and great hope in God the Father rich in mercy, who gave us His Son to save us, and this is our joy.



We also have many sorrows, but, when we are true Christians, there is the hope that is a small joy which grows and gives us certainty - God is near; Jesus is on the Cross to heal us. This is God’s love.” Mar.11,2018

*May Mary, Mother of Mercy, place in our hearts the certainty that we are loved by God. May she be close to us in the moments in which we feel alone, when we are tempted to surrender to life’s difficulties.*

Sunday March 3, 2024	\$3 694.95
Building Fund balance to date	\$165 675.03
<b>Building Fund Goal:</b>	<b>\$200 000</b>
<i>Thank you for your generous contributions!</i>	

**2024 Envelopes** are ready to be picked up. Please call the Church office for more information: 705-472-1817



There are a few Sunday Missals for sale at the Church Office. They are \$5 each.



Join us for a **St. Patrick’s Day Potluck Dinner & Party – St. Peter’s Parish Hall on March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm!** (After the 4pm Mass)

Enjoy an evening of Irish fun including games, food and fellowship. Hope to see you there! Bring your favourite food and join in the fun! All are welcome – even those without a food item!

The month of March is dedicated to:

## St. Joseph

St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.



## Pope Francis – March Prayer Intention

For the New Martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



### PRAYER → LOVE OF GOD

If you are to love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength you must PRAY. Your love for God will grow through prayer – this communication

with God, in a spirit of listening “Here I am Lord, your servant is listening.”

Prayer will lead you to an intimacy with God most magnificently expressed in the Eucharist, the Mass, the Liturgy, the Sacred Liturgy, the Divine Liturgy – the greatest of all prayers. So Lent is a season of prayer because by prayer we are going to be intimate with God and love God more with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.



### Orchards Gift Cards!

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### Watch: The Chosen (Season 1)

All are welcome to join us

**Fridays in Lent @ 7:00pm** after the Stations of the Cross.

Each Friday the parish will host an evening video of approximately 60 minutes for 6 weeks during Lent after the Stations of the Cross.

The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. We look forward to spending the evening with you!



### The Way of the Cross

All are welcome to join us Fridays in Lent at @ **6:30pm.**

We look forward to praying with you!!!



### THIS WEEK

Sunday March 10 **9:00AM** - NO First Communion Lesson

Wed. March 13 **9:30AM** – Rosary Cenacle

**12:30PM** – CWL (Executive)

**2:00PM** – CWL (General)

**5:00PM** – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Thursday March 14 **1:00PM** – Choir Practice (11AM)

**6:30PM** – Choir Practice (9AM)

**6:30-9:00PM** – Compassionate Care Committee

Friday March 15 **6:30PM** – Stations of the Cross

**7:00PM** – The Chosen (First Season)

Saturday March 16 **7:00AM** – TMIY (Men's Group) – “That Man is You”

**3:00PM** - CONFESSIONS

Sunday March 17 **9:00AM** – First Communion Lesson #4



### Colombia: Defence of Land and Territory

Colombia is home to nearly 10 per cent of the planet's biodiversity, yet it is also one of the most dangerous countries for people defending their land and territory against exploitation. Caritas Canada's partner, the

Asociación Campesina de Antioquia (ACA) supports peasant communities affected by armed conflict in defending their lives and territories and in building a culture of peace through filmmaking and art. Meet Raquel Soto, a participant in ACA's documentary filmmaking school at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).



### Easter Memorial Donations

In honour and remembrance of our loved ones this Easter we are accepting donations for the decorating of the Church for our Easter Celebration - The Feast of the

Resurrection.

Please place all donations into an envelope and label:

“Memorial Decorations”

In Remembrance of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated By: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring all donations to St Peter the Apostle by **March 24, 2023**. A list of names will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Income tax receipts will be issued for all donations with an address and/or envelope number. All Masses on Easter Sunday will be celebrated in memory of the names added to our Easter Memorial Donation list.



### Lenten Day of Confessions

Tuesday March 26, 2024

10-00am - 8:00pm

Priests Available all day

St. Peter the Apostle Church

Presented by the Catholic Parishes Of North Bay


“Return to me with all your heart.”

**Grief & Bereavement Support Group** – All are welcome to join these meetings. Every Tuesday from 1pm-3pm @ Holy Name of Jesus Church hall from April 2 until May 21, 2024. Please call 705-495-1501 for more information.



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