

# 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

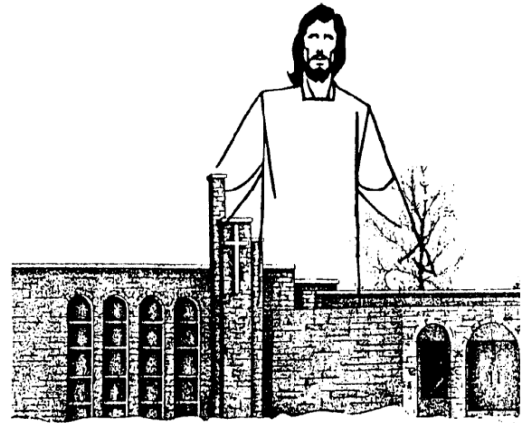
Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the wedding. A preparation course is required.

## 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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# Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept 17, 2023

“We cannot claim forgiveness only for ourselves - God’s mercy is for all.”

## MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Mon, Sept 18</b>	<b>9am</b>	Jean Lukasik+ by the family
<b>Tues, Sept 19</b>	<b>9am</b>	Intentions of Susan Laferriere & Prayers for Healing by Adele
<b>Wed, Sept 20</b>	<b>9am</b>	Louis Taillefer+ by Theresa Taillefer Rheal Beaulieu+ by Laura & Art Tiernay
<b>Thurs, Sept 21</b>	<b>9am</b>	No Mass
<b>Fri, Sept 22</b>	<b>9am</b>	No Mass
<b>Sat, Sept 23</b>	<b>4pm</b>	Frank Tremblay Sr.+ by Nancy Jim Garaghan+ by Eithne dePencier & family
<b>Sun, Sept 24</b>	<b>9am</b>	Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis
	<b>11am</b>	Jack Veltri+ by Victor Veltri & family Jacqueline Ware+ by William Barter & families



**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:** Kirk Tremblay, Jean Carmichael, Jean Sharkey, Ellie Gauthier, Peter Croteau, Blayne Watson, Shawn Croteau

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Sept 18 – Sept 24, 2023	
Monday	1Timothy 2:1-7++; Luke 7:1-10
Tuesday	1Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17
Wednesday	1Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35 <i>St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang &amp; Companions</i>
Thursday	Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13; Matt 9:9-13 <i>St. Matthew</i>
Friday	1Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3
Saturday	1Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15 <i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>
Sunday	Sirach 27:30 – 28:7 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35 <b>Needs of the Church in Canada World Day of Migrants &amp; Refugees Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Lord, how often should I forgive my brother or sister if they sin against me?” **Matt 18:21**

The heart of the parable is the indulgence the master shows towards his servant with the bigger debt.

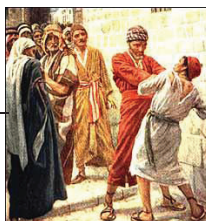
“Jesus exhorts us to open ourselves with courage to the strength of forgiveness, because in life not everything can be resolved with justice. We know this. There is a need for that merciful love, which is also at the basis of the Lord’s answer to Peter’s question, which precedes the parable - “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him?” (v. 21). And Jesus replies, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times” (v. 22). In the symbolic language of the Bible this means that we are called to forgive always.

How much suffering, how many wounds, how many wars could be avoided if forgiveness and mercy were the style of our life! Even in families. It is necessary to apply merciful love to all human relationships: between spouses, between parents and children, within our communities, in the Church and also in society and politics. Think of your end, of God’s forgiveness, and stop hating. Reject resentment, that bothersome fly that keeps coming back. If we do not strive to forgive and to love, we will not be forgiven and loved either.” Sept.13,2020

**Let us entrust ourselves to the maternal intercession of the Mother of God: May she help us to realise how much we are in debt to God, and to remember that always, so that our hearts may be open to mercy and goodness.**

PADP for August 2023	\$4 756.00
Building Fund balance to date	\$153 718.78
<b>Building Fund Goal:</b>	<b>\$200 000</b>

Thank you for your generous contributions!





## Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation - 2023

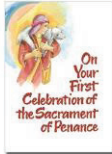
Students in Grades 7,8,9,10 or older are welcome to register for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please complete the registration form available online only at:

[www.holynamestalphonsus.com/confirmation](http://www.holynamestalphonsus.com/confirmation).

Make sure to choose your parish name when registering.

Registration deadline is **September 27, 2023**

## Registration for First Reconciliation



Families are now welcome to register for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. We will begin with a **PARENTS ONLY MEETING** (no children required) on **Monday, September 18, 2023** @ 6:00 pm in our Parish Hall.

Registration forms are available September 18<sup>th</sup> and at the Parish office during office hours or online on our website: [stpetertheapostle.ca](http://stpetertheapostle.ca) Following the program the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be celebrated the evening of **Wednesday November 15, 2023**. If you know of anyone that would be interested in our program please let us know by contacting the parish office or Father Francis.

### THIS WEEK

Monday Sept 18 **6:00PM** Parent's Meeting – First Reconciliation

Tuesday Sept 19 **4:00PM** – Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
**6:30PM** – Baptism Program  
**7:00PM** – Social Life Committee Meeting

Wed Sept 20 **9:30AM** – Rosary Cenacle  
**1:30PM** – Knights 4<sup>th</sup> Degree

Thursday Sept 21 **1:00PM** – Choir Practice (11AM)  
Thursday Sept 21 **6:30PM** – Choir Practice (9AM)

Saturday Sept 23 **1:00PM** – Chalice Presentation  
Saturday Sept 23 **3:00-3:30PM** – Confession

**Sunday Sept 24 9:00AM & 11:00AM** – Coffee Sunday  
After Sunday Masses this weekend.

Your voices are needed! The 11am choir will be resuming their rehearsals on **Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm** for the 11 am Mass. Singers are also needed for the Saturday 4 pm Mass (rehearsal time will be dependent on interest). Please speak to Christine after Masses. Feel free to call or email: 705-493-1846 [chrisaini70@gmail.com](mailto:chrisaini70@gmail.com)



### CWL News

Our annual Harvest Tea and Bazaar is fast approaching - **Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>**! If you would like to volunteer or have items to donate please contact Christine Osborne at [cfeechrisp71@gmail.com](mailto:cfeechrisp71@gmail.com) or 705-303-3808. Please keep an eye on the parish bulletin board as the donation board for the kitchen will be going up shortly. Blessings, Christine Osborne

## Pope Francis – September Prayer Intention

For People Living on the Margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions. May they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



### Orchards Gift Cards!

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## Pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Oratory

What an amazing two days we had on our Pilgrimage to Montreal – especially on the feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary! The weather definitely cooperated.



Many graces were received by all! Thank you to all who attended and for those who prayed for us. Than you Father Francis for encouraging us to go!

## World Day of Migrants and Refugees Sept 24<sup>th</sup>

**BUILDING THE FUTURE WITH MIGRANTS & REFUGEES**

"Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay".

Please visit the website for more events and information:

<https://migrants-refugees.va/world-day-of-migrants-refugees/>

"The synodal path that we have undertaken as a Church leads us to see in those who are most vulnerable – among whom are many migrants and refugees – special companions on our way, to be loved and cared for as brothers and sisters. Only by walking together will we be able to go far and reach the common goal of our journey."



BISHOPS' ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

Reminder:

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada is **September 23/24 2023**

**CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS: PRAYER & PIZZA NIGHT:** For Young Adults aged 18-35 join us on **Friday, September 22 at 7pm** at Holy Name of Jesus Church. We begin with a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a make-your-own-pizza social and games! All are welcome to attend!

**North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre's Grand Re-opening** – All are welcome to attend September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am 357 Ferguson St. Please RSVP: [nbphrc@hotmail.com](mailto:nbphrc@hotmail.com)

**TMIY: Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart : That Man is You!** Join us for food, fellowship and faith **Saturdays @ 7:00 AM** at **St. Peter's Parish Hall**. All men are welcome! Learn more at [tmiy.org](http://tmiy.org).

## Coffee Sunday! Sunday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>!

Reminder to sign up on the bulletin board and bring your goodies at the beginning of Mass!








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