

# 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

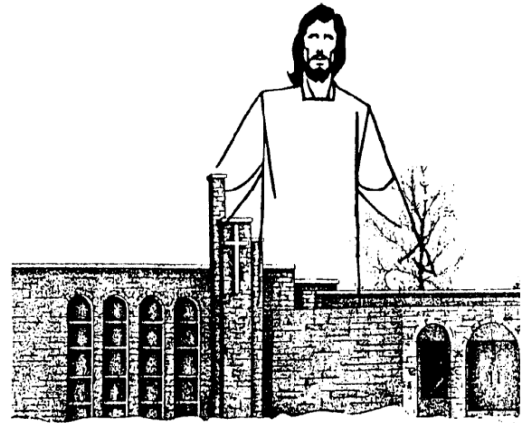
Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the wedding. A preparation course is required.

## 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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# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 21, 2024

“Jesus is calling us today.”

## MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Sat, Jan 27</b>	<b>4pm</b>	William Waugh+ by Joan Waugh Amelia Saini+ by her family
<b>Sun, Jan 28</b>	<b>9am</b>	Santo & Anna Scarfone+ by Rosemary & Shawn Intentions of Giacinto & Barbara Castrilli with Anniversary Blessings by Louise & Joe Defonzo
	<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:** Angelo Nunner

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jan 22 – Jan 28, 2024	
Monday	2Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday	2Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday	2Samuel 7:1-17++; Mark 4:1-20 <i>St. Francis de Sales</i>
Thursday	Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18 <i>The Conversion of St. Paul</i>
Friday	2Timothy 1:1-8; Luke 10:1-9 <i>St. Timothy &amp; St. Titus</i>
Saturday	2Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41
Sunday	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28 <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

Sunday January 7, 2023	\$1 829.71
New Year's Offering Jan.7,2024	\$170.00
Sunday January 14, 2023	\$1 097.30

Building Fund balance to date \$162 543.03

**Building Fund Goal: \$200 000**

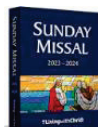
*Thank you for your generous contributions!*



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

472-1817

**Sunday Missal 2023-2024 - Sunday Missals** are for sale at the Church Office. They are \$5 each.



## SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Come follow Me and I will make you fishers of people.” Mark 1:17

On this Sunday of the Word, let us listen to Jesus as He proclaims the Kingdom of God. What does He say?

“God is near. The time of His distance ended when, in Jesus, He became man. Before all else, we must believe and proclaim that God has drawn near to us, that we have been forgiven and shown mercy. Prior to every word of ours about God, there is His word to us, His Word who

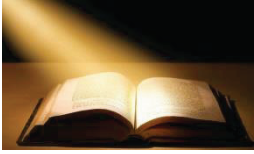


continues to tell us: “Do not be afraid, I am with you. I am at your side and I will always be there”.

Indeed, by His word the Lord consoles us, that is, He stands “with” (con-) those who are “alone” (soli). In speaking to us, He reminds us that He has taken us to heart, that we are precious in His eyes, and that He holds us in the palm of his hand. God’s word infuses this peace, but it does not leave us in peace. It is a word of consolation but also a call to conversion.

Those who hear God’s word are constantly reminded that life is not about shielding ourselves from others, but about encountering them in the name of God who is near. The word sown in the soil of our hearts, leads us in turn to sow hope through closeness to others. Even as God has done with us.” Jan.24, 2021

*During this liturgical year, we are reading Saint Mark, the simplest and the shortest of the Gospels. Why not read a brief passage each day? It will make us feel God’s closeness and fill us with courage.*



## Sunday of the Word January 21, 2024

2024 Theme: "Remain in My Word" (John 8,31)

Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time in his Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis* in 2019. "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of His word and enables us to proclaim its fathomable riches before the world."

The Dicastery for Evangelization announces that Pope Francis will preside over Mass in St. Peter's Basilica this Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. The Mass will be broadcast live by Vatican media:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html> or  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFDKCdHRek>



### THIS WEEK

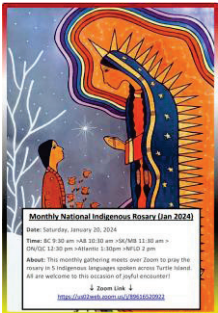
- Wednesday Jan. 24 **9:30AM** Rosary Cenacle
- Thursday Jan 25 **1:00PM** – Choir Practice (11AM)  
**6:30PM** – Choir Practice (9AM)
- Saturday Jan 27 **7:00AM** – TMIY (Men's Group) – "That Man is You"



### "Big Band" Style Fundraiser:

Pro Cathedral of the Assumption  
480 McIntyre St. West, North Bay  
**February 11<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30pm**

Admission \$20 each; \$40 per family Or what you can afford. Cash, Debit or Credit payment. Advance tickets available at the Pro Cathedral Parish office. Tickets available at the door. All proceeds help replace the Church roof.



### Come Pray the Rosary –

**Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30pm!** Join us as we gather each month to pray the rosary. This gathering is an opportunity to pray as one with the intention that "all who live in this land, Indigenous and non-Indigenous may experience healing and reconciliation on a renewed journey of justice and peace for our children". (Intention courtesy of Our Lady of

Guadalupe Circle) We pray in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ and pray for where God is leading us all into the future. No advance registration necessary. Link for Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89616520922>

### Morning Offering Prayer

Dear Lord God Almighty, on this new day, may every second and every moment of this day, every thought, word and deed be filled with Your WISDOM, MERCY and LOVE. Lord help me to remember Your presence in everything I do today (work, play, school, etc.) May Your Will be done. May every moment, every heart beat be a sign of Your Love! Amen.

## Pope Francis – January Prayer Intention

**For the Gift of Diversity in the Church**  
We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



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### Coming to Stillness: An Invitation to Face Sacred Moments – Beginning January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

All are welcome to join a series of **6 ZOOM** contemplative prayer experiences sponsored by Shalom Place and facilitated by Sr Léa Joanisse. Held on the third Monday of each month.

**To register: [shalomssm@shaw.ca](mailto:shalomssm@shaw.ca), [www.shalomplace.ca](http://www.shalomplace.ca) or (705) 254-4690.**

### Coffee Sunday! Sunday Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>!

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



### 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).

### ALPHA EXPERIENCE – Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Who will you invite? Join us Tuesday evenings at the Pro Cathedral of the Assumption. A free meal begins each session. More information at [www.alphanorthbay.com](http://www.alphanorthbay.com)

### Eucharistic Ministers Needed: For Hospital Ministry

Are you available 90 minutes per week for one month?  
And for every second month thereafter?  
We need you for this important ministry!  
**Contact Deacon Rick 705-476-8115**



**2024 NORTHERN ONTARIO CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE: Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, St. Joseph-Scollard Hall.**

Join youth from across Northern Ontario for a day of faith, music, sharing, talks and powerful witness featuring popular Catholic Speaker David Patterson – founder of YES Catholic. Registration fee is only \$25 and includes all meals! The **Conference runs from 10am – 8pm. All youth aged 13-19** are invited to register @ [www.northern catholic.ca](http://www.northern catholic.ca). This event is presented by the RC Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie.



THE MONTH OF **JANUARY** IS DEDICATED TO:


### The Holy Name of Jesus

"At the name of Jesus every knee shall bend, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father in Heaven and on earth and under the earth." *Philippians 2:10-11*



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