

St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Pastor - Father Francis Chidi Ezenezi

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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

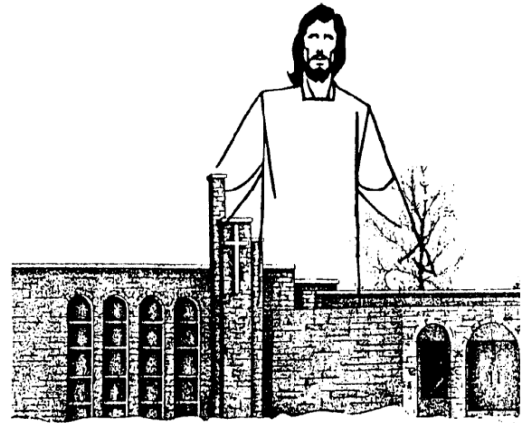
Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the wedding. A preparation course is required.

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.



PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS



First Sunday of Lent – February 18, 2024

“Repent, and believe in the Gospel.”

MASS INTENTIONS:

Mon, Feb. 19	9am	Rheal Beaulieu+ by Karen Beaulieu
Tues, Feb. 20	9am	Souls in Purgatory by Marcel Desbiens
Wed, Feb. 21	9am	Intentions of Beverly Gibbons & Prayers for Healing by Nancy Tremblay
Thurs, Feb. 22	9am	Intentions of Ellen Tunney & Prayers for Healing by Nancy Tremblay
Fri, Feb. 23	9am	Jean Lukasik+ by Suzanne & family
Sat, Feb. 24	4pm	Nelson Paquette+ by Paul & Sue Aultman
Sun, Feb. 25	9am	Richard Buchanan+ by the family Rollande Giroux+ by Maria Miscio
	11am	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, Jane Loken

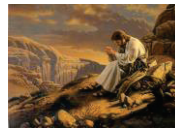
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: Sheila Pendergast+

SCRIPTURE READINGS Feb 19 – Feb 25, 2024

Monday	Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18; Matt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
Thursday	1Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19 <i>Chair of St. Peter</i>
Friday	Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matt 5:43-48
Sunday	Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31b-35, 37++ Mark 9:2-10 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent



“Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” Mark 1:14-15

This first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel recalls the themes of temptation, conversion and the Good News.

“Jesus goes into the desert to prepare Himself for His mission in the world. For us too, Lent is a time of spiritual “contest”, of spiritual struggle: we are called to confront the Evil One through prayer in order to be able, with God’s help, to overcome him in our daily life.

Immediately following the temptations in the desert, Jesus begins to preach the Gospel, that is, the Good News. Believe in this Good News - that the kingdom of God is at hand! In fact, we are never sufficiently orientated towards God and we must continually direct our minds and our hearts towards Him.

In order to do this, we need to have the courage to reject all that takes us off course, the false values which deceive us, by subtly flattering our ego. Rather, we must entrust ourselves to the Lord, to His goodness and to His project of love for each of us. Lent is a time of repentance, yes, but it is not a time of sorrow! It is a joyous and serious commitment to strip ourselves of our selfishness... and to renew ourselves according to the grace of our Baptism.” Feb.18, 2018

May Mary Most Holy help us to live this Lenten Season with fidelity to the Word of God and with unceasing prayer, as Jesus did in the desert.

Sunday February 11, 2024 \$2 395.10
PADP for January 2024 \$5 322.00

Building Fund balance to date \$164 175.03

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

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

Coffee Sunday! Sunday Feb. 25th!

Reminder to bring your goodies at the beginning of Mass! We will see you this weekend!



The month of February is dedicated to:
The Holy Family

Grant unto us, Lord Jesus, ever to follow the example of Your Holy Family, that in the hour of our death Your glorious Virgin Mother together with blessed St. Joseph may come to meet us and we may be worthily received by You into everlasting dwellings: who lives and reigns, world without end. Amen.



Pope Francis – February Prayer Intention

For the Terminally Ill
 We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



2023 Donations - Thank You!

Dear Parishioners,
 On behalf of the members of the Parish Finance Committee, we wish to express our unreserved gratitude to you for your thoughtfulness, support, generosity and your continued commitment to our parish despite the challenges in 2023. It is wonderful to witness the good work that is done when so many hands are joined together to spread the Gospel and give witness to the good work of Jesus in our Christian community and in the world.
 All of us are called to share our gifts with one another and our Church community. Please consider donating:
 1) **Sunday Envelopes**
 2) **Online Giving:** canadahelps.org (Church of St. Peter the Apostle)
 3) **e-Transfers:** stpeters@cogeco.net
 4) **Pre-Authorized Donations**
 Wishing you abundant blessings in 2024.
 Rev. Francis Ezenexi

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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!



Reaping Our Rights

Development and Peace has chosen **Create Hope** as their guiding theme for five years (since 2023). This year, Development and Peace calls us to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South – by defending their rights to life, land, water, biodiversity, justice, health, participation, decent livelihoods, a healthy environment and more.



Join us for the Share Lent Reaping our Rights national campaign launch webinar on Feb 17th @ 1:30pm ET!

To register: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZctc-uvqTwrGNxYqg8eMY_c_vVA3MOuhAmP#/registration

Don't forget: March 17, 2024 is Solidarity Sunday! Donate online @ devp.org/give.

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.

Euchre Tournament Fundraiser: \$20/person
Saturday Feb 24th & Saturday March 16th 1pm- 4pm
 JOIN US for a fun day of cards in support of the restoration of St. Joseph's Church. Coffee & snacks are provided and there are prizes to be won! **Where?: 250 Clark Street, Powassan**

Catholic Girls League: Faith, Fun, Friendship, Formation for girls aged 10-16yrs...**Come & See what It's All About!** **Information Session: Thursday March 7th @6:30pm** **Where?: Pro Cathedral Parish Hall**

THIS WEEK

Sunday Feb 18 9:00AM - First Communion #1
 Wednesday Feb. 21 **9:30AM** – Rosary Cenacle
1:30PM – Knights 4th Degree
 Thursday Feb 22 **1:00PM** – Choir Practice (11AM)
6:30PM – Choir Practice (9AM)
 Friday Feb 23 **6:30PM** – Stations of the Cross
7:00PM – The Chosen (First Season)
 Saturday Feb 24 **7:00AM** – TMIY (Men's Group) – "That Man is You"
3:00PM - CONFESSIONS
 Sunday Feb 25 **9:00AM** – Coffee Sunday
11:00AM – Coffee Sunday

The Way of the Cross

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

We look forward to praying with you!!!




LENTEN RETREAT- All are welcome! Saturday, March 9th
@ St Joseph's Catholic Church, Powassan, with Msgr. Dave Tamontini, 9:00 to 1:00 pm. The retreat begins with Mass, followed by a talk, and concludes with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Refreshments will be served. Good-will offerings to defray expenses are appreciated.



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