

# 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

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## 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

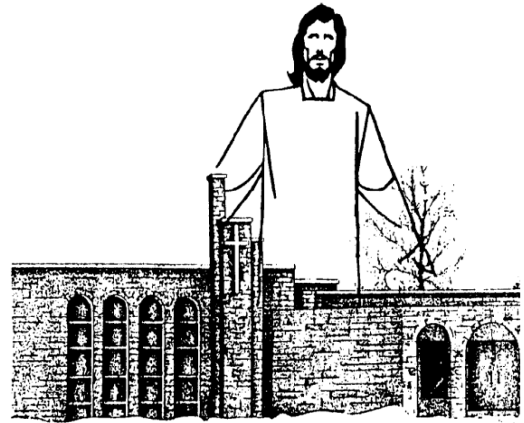
Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the wedding. A preparation course is required.

## 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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# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 4, 2024

“Jesus, the Word of God, came for all the world.”

## MASS INTENTIONS:

|               |      |   |
|---------------|------|---|
| Mon, Feb. 5   | 9am  | Intentions of Fred Bukowski by Celine Mayer   |
| Tues, Feb. 6  | 9am  | Intentions of Ellen Tunney & Birthday Blessings by the family   |
| Wed, Feb. 7   | 9am  | Andre & Simonne Martin+ by the family   |
| Thurs, Feb. 8 | 9am  | Intentions of Angelo Nunner & Prayers for Healing by Karen Beaulieu   |
| Fri, Feb. 9   | 9am  | NO MASS   |
| Sat, Feb 10   | 4pm  | Intentions of Maureen Tallon & Prayers for Healing by Nancy Tremblay<br>Intentions of Angelo Nunner & Prayers for Healing by Nancy Tremblay |
| Sun, Feb 11   | 9am  | Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis  |
|               | 11am | In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received by Theresa Taillefer   |

**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, Roger Guillemette, Yvonne Guillemette

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS Feb 5 – Feb 11, 2024

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Monday    | 1Kings 8:1-7,9-13; Mark 6:53-56<br><i>St. Agatha</i>  |
| Tuesday   | 1Kings 8:22-23,27-30; Mark 7:1-13<br><i>St. Paul Miki and Companions</i>  |
| Wednesday | 1Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23  |
| Thursday  | 1Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30  |
| Friday    | 1Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37  |
| Saturday  | 1Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10<br><i>St. Scholastica</i>  |
| Sunday    | Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46<br>1Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1<br>Mark 8:1-10<br><i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i><br><b>World Day of the Sick</b> |

Sunday January 28, 2024 \$2 751.55

Building Fund balance to date \$163 150.03

**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, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up.” Mark 1:29-39  
We have listened to the simple and touching account of the



healing of the mother-in-law of Simon – who is not yet called Peter – in Mark’s version of the Gospel.

““He came and took her by the hand” ... There is so much tenderness in this simple act, which seems almost natural: “the fever left her; and she served them” (ibid.). Jesus’ healing power meets no resistance; and the person healed resumes her normal life, immediately thinking of others and not of herself – and this is significant; it is the sign of true “health”!

Taking care of the sick of every kind is not an “optional activity” for the Church, no! It is not something extra, no. Taking care of the sick of every kind is an integral part of the Church’s mission, as it was for Jesus’. And this mission is to bring God’s tenderness to a suffering humanity. Bending down to lift up the other. Let us not forget that the only legitimate way to look at a person from top down is when you stretch out a hand to help them get up. The only one. And this is the mission that Jesus entrusted to the Church.

Closeness, tenderness, compassion are the style of God. God draws near, and He draws near with tenderness and compassion.” Feb.7, 2021

*May the Holy Virgin help us to allow Jesus to heal us – we always need this, everyone – so that we might in our turn be witnesses to God’s healing tenderness.*



## World Day of the Sick February 11, 2024

Jesus' ministry to the sick is a central part of the life of the Church. Today (also known as a Memorial to Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the Church's ministry of healing. Instituted 30 years ago by St. John Paul II, the theme for this year is: **"It is not good that man should be alone"** (Gen 2:18) - *Caring for the sick by caring for relationships.* God spoke those words at the beginning of creation and thus revealed to us the profound meaning of His project for humanity.

*"Let us remember this central truth in life: we came into the world because someone welcomed us; we were made for love; and we are called to communion and fraternity. This aspect of our lives is what sustains us, above all at times of illness and vulnerability. It is also the first therapy that we must all adopt in order to heal the diseases of the society in which we live."*



*To those of you who experience illness, whether temporary or chronic, I would say this: Do not be ashamed of your longing for closeness and tenderness! Do not conceal it, and never think that you are a burden on others. The condition of the sick urges all of us to step back from the hectic pace of our lives in order to rediscover ourselves.* The sick, the vulnerable and the poor are at the heart of the Church; they must also be at the heart of our human concern and pastoral attention. May we never forget this! And let us commend ourselves to Mary Most Holy, Health of the Sick, that she may intercede for us and help us to be artisans of closeness and fraternal relationships.

### THIS WEEK

|                  |                   |  |
|------------------|-------------------|--|
| Tuesday Feb. 6   | <b>7:00PM</b>     | Social Life Committee                  |
| Wednesday Feb. 7 | <b>9:00AM-5PM</b> | <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>           |
|                  | <b>9:30AM</b>     | Rosary Cenacle                         |
|                  | <b>5:00PM</b>     | 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting   |
|                  | <b>6:30PM</b>     | 1007 Knights (General)                 |
| Thursday Feb 8   | <b>1:00PM</b>     | Choir Practice (11AM)                  |
|                  | <b>6:30PM</b>     | Choir Practice (9AM)                   |
| Saturday Feb 9   | <b>7:00AM</b>     | TMIY (Men's Group) – "That Man is You" |



### Eucharistic Adoration -

Spend an hour with Jesus!

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration

**9:30am - 5pm Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**beginning at 9:30am.** Everyone is invited. Please sign the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the Church and select your hour time slot as we do not want to leave Jesus alone. **The Church will remain open all day if all time slots are filled.** **Unscheduled drop**

## 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.



### Orchards Gift Cards!

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### Preparing for 2025 Jubilee:

**"Pilgrims of Hope"** More than 300 representatives of consecrated life from over 60 countries are set to meet in Rome from 1

to 4 February for a preparatory meeting ahead of the 2025 Jubilee. **"This meeting is the first of a series of events that bring together the five continents.** All pilgrims are encouraged to learn more about the upcoming Jubilee Year on the website: [www.iubilaeum2025.va](http://www.iubilaeum2025.va) and through the App. **The**



**2025 Jubilee Year begins on Dec. 24, 2024 (Christmas Eve), and concludes on Jan. 6, 2026.**

**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).

### 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.northernatholic.ca](http://www.northernatholic.ca).**



**CWL News :** "Hunger Knows No Season" – sponsored by the CWL, Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. On Saturday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm, members will be at Jeff & Tanis' No Frills on Lakeshore Dr accepting food donations to be split amongst the food banks and the soup kitchens across the entire diocese. In North Bay, it will be split between Catholic Charities and the Gathering Place. Our first general meeting of the year will be on **Wednesday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.** Please note the change in start time. We will be discussing our yearly budget and the plans for the upcoming year.

### Reminder: Lent begins February 14<sup>th</sup>!


**Ashes for Ash Wednesday –February 14, 2024-** If you have any old blessed Palm branches please bring them to the Church. They will be burned for our Ash Wednesday Celebration.





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