



**ST. PETER'S PARISH
ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

Easter Sunday
April 4, 2010

Pastor: Father Joe Vayalil
Deacon: Bob Birch
Sacristan: Richard Sutton
Secretary: Josephene Kealey

Welcome to everyone, parishioners, newcomers and visitors to St. Peter's Parish. We encourage the *active* participation of all in the prayer and song of our community worship.

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

To promote the love and compassion that Jesus Christ showed to all people, of every creed, with a special emphasis on the needs of the poor and the underprivileged.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. --- fulfills Sunday Obligation
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Last Sunday of every month: Mass at 10:30 a.m. only

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES:

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 8:30 a.m.
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

No Mass on Mondays.

No Mass on a Tuesday after a long weekend holiday.

LEGION OF MARY PRAYER MEETING:

MONDAYS at 7:00 p.m.

CENACLE PRAYER:

THURSDAYS from 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

ADORATION:

FIRST FRIDAYS from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS: 20 minutes before weekend Masses.

No appointment necessary.

BAPTISMS: 4:15 p.m. on Saturdays

10:30 a.m. on Sundays

No Baptisms on last weekend of the month as it is our parish monthly socials: **October to June.**

For more information kindly call our office at 613-733-1553.

MARRIAGES: Kindly give us at least 6 months notice.

A Marriage Preparation Course is required after the Pastor's approval.

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5:00 p.m. Mass – George Assing

9:30 a.m. Mass – Jay Hunt

11:30 a.m. Mass – Michael Murray

Ministry of Communion Coordinators

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MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 3

8:00 p.m. Mass – Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 4

10:30 a.m. Mass – Easter Sunday

- For Therese Martin White +
(by Hazel & John Collins)
- Prayers and healing for Maureen O'Reagan
(by Don & Mary Smith)

Monday, April 5

No Mass

Tuesday, April 6

No Mass

Wednesday, April 7

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, April 8

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, April 9

8:30 a.m. Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. COUPLES CELEBRATING A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR:

If you are celebrating Anniversary number 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40, 50, 60 or more, this year, Archbishop Prendergast invites you to the annual WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS at the Cathedral, Sunday May 2, at 2:30 p.m. Information can be found on the bulletin board at the main entrance to the church or by calling the Diocese at 613-738-5025, ext 217.

2. PARISH CONFESSIONS (Sacrament of Reconciliation):

Confessions every Saturday 20 minutes before Mass and on Sunday 20 minutes before Mass.

Collections
March 28
\$1518.00

ARCHBISHOP'S EASTER MESSAGE 2010

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In the accounts of the resurrection we find the risen Lord Jesus: going to meet his disciples. In the proclamation of the Easter Message, he encounters men, women and children of every age, including our own.

Christ the Lord comes to share with us his joy and peace, his Holy Spirit and the special gift of himself “in the breaking of the bread”—Holy Communion.

With this in mind, we reread this Eastertide how Jesus revealed himself to the disciples in so many touching ways. At the Easter Vigil we hear Luke's account of the discovery of the empty tomb and on Easter morning of the meeting with Mary Magdalene.

All the resurrection accounts hint at the reversal of the tragedy of Jesus' death. The ritual of mourning and the gestures of respect toward the body of Jesus by the faithful women turn to perplexity when they discover the tomb is empty. Then, suddenly there is amazement at the angelic message. Finally, there is overwhelming joy when at last Jesus comes to them.

In Luke's account the message of the angels takes on a challenging tone, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?” There is an incompatibility now between Jesus and death. He shares eternal life with God and offers it to those who believe. The promise of God's power has been realized, but the story appears unbelievable to the disciples who thought the resurrection would happen only at the end of time.

In Jesus' ministry, Peter learned that Jesus' surprising sayings regularly came true. So on the first Easter, he marvelled at the linen grave cloths but at first did not come to faith. That had to await his personal encounter with the Risen One, as it must for each one of us.

John the Evangelist suggests what this encounter means for us as he tells of Mary Magdalene's meeting with Jesus. The risen Lord appears both different from the one Mary knew (she thought he was the gardener), yet the same person who knows her by name (“Mary!”). Jesus tells Mary that henceforth she and others share a new relationship with God, who has become “your (plural) Father and your God”.

Jesus commissioned Mary as the “apostle (one sent) to the apostles”, to bring the good news of the resurrection to the world. He asks us to do the same today. In a few weeks, this mission will be explored by our young people and those from other dioceses who will come to Ottawa for the Youth Summit/Montee Jeunesse whose theme is that of the Easter message, “Sent/Envoye”.

My Easter wish for all in the Archdiocese is that all of us— young and not so young—will experience anew, and discover fresh ways to share, the Good News of Jesus' resurrection.

God bless you all!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Terrence Prendergast, S.J.

Fr. Joe's Easter Message

Let a New Spring Time Begin!

The Holy Week was meant to revive the spirit and Easter is supposed to foster hope. Not only our bodies and spirits rise, but our marriages, families and relationships are to rise to new heights. Roll away the stone to make room for the Risen Lord. May I suggest the following: First, love the things worth loving; second, put first things first. Third, enhance the spiritual life by faithful attendance at the Holy Eucharist on Sundays. Fourth, strive for integrity of character. Fifth, enlist in causes that benefit the community. It is time to turn the temple of life into “the Father's House.” Thanks to all for sincerity, generosity, dedication, devotion, participation and faithfulness to the Lord and His Church. May the Risen Lord fill you with His Joy.

Alleluia, Happy Easter!

Please pray for the following:

Bishop Ernest Leger, Father Gerald Gahagan Rachelle Carroll, Lise Martin, Tim Dooling,
Anna Karolewicz, Louise Jarvis, Fr. Bob Bedard.

Please send an e-mail to our office if you know of someone who is sick and needs to be prayed for:

stpeters@inbox.com

YOUTH SUMMIT: locations in Ottawa. Opened to A bilingual gathering of young adults from across Canada who wish to deepen their faith and to live it actively. May 21 - 24 at various all young adults ages 17 - 35. SEEKING HOST HOMES: To provide accommodations for these participants.

Info: www.youthsummit.ca; 613-738-5025 ext.229; youthsummit@archottawa.ca. Join us for this wonderful event!

FAMILY'S MANY FACES: An international, interdisciplinary bilingual colloquium on the family. May 6, 7 & 8 at St. Paul University. Aims to offer a place for exchanging ideas and encourage dialogue between different perspectives on (Christian) families. Further information and registration: (www.ustpaul.ca/FamilyFaces).

5TH ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THE LATE POPE JOHN PAUL II: The Most Reverend Pedro Lopez Quintana, Apostolic Nuncio Designate, will be presiding at the Mass which is being held on Tuesday, April 6, 6:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral. This event is sponsored by the Polish embassy, the Apostolic Nunciature and Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. The celebration will be followed by a concert of sacred music performed by the Ottawa Bach Choir and a reception. All are invited to attend.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 IN MADRID, SPAIN: Are you interested in going? Will you be between 16 and 30 in August 2011? The Archdiocese of Ottawa is organizing a pilgrimage, departing August 10 and returning August 24. Pilgrimage includes optional retreat at the end in Avila. Info: Ted (613-738-5025 ext. 231).

2010 Catholic Tours from Ottawa: Austria and the Oberammergau Passion Play with Fr. Joe LeClair from July 9-18 (8 seats left); Ireland with Fr Paul Shepherd, August 8-18; the Holy Land with Fr. James Raphael from October 31 to November 10. Call Sandra at Agape Travel 613-863-9939 or e-mail sandra@agapetravel.ca

EASTER REFLECTION

First Reading, Acts of the Apostles:

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Psalm 118: 1 - 2, 16 - 17, 22 - 23

Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading, 1 Corinthians 5: 6b - 8

Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel, John 20: 1 - 9

Mary of Magdala, finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection. Each one of our four canonical gospels ends with stories of the discovery of the empty tomb and accounts of appearances of the risen Jesus. Throughout the first week of the Easter period the gospel at Mass is taken from this material. Today we read John's account of the discovery of the empty tomb. The account gives a prominent role to Mary Magdalene, who becomes known by Christians as 'the apostle to the apostles'. It is she who discovers the empty tomb and passes on the news. Why is it empty? She will know why when Jesus appears to her later in the chapter. The disciple whom Jesus loves, thought to be the author of the account, is convinced of the resurrection without even seeing the risen Jesus. It is sufficient for him to see that the body of Jesus no longer lies in the tomb. The later appearance of Jesus to the eleven disciples will confirm what he already knows. Christian faith proclaims: 'Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!' Without the resurrection, the real rising of Jesus to new life in a transformed and glorified body, there would be no good news to proclaim. The God of love is more powerful than death and sin, and God has shown this in raising Jesus, who became a victim of sin, to the life of the resurrection. The world is in dire need of news that is true, amid so many messages which are false, undermining and deceptive. True hope lies in the God who raised Jesus from the dead. Do I appreciate the fundamental significance of the resurrection of Jesus? Do I have the vision to see the wonders God works in each human life? We pray for those baptised and those received into the Catholic Church this Easter. We pray for Christians for whom the cross is a daily and painful reality; that they will know that the risen Christ is at their side.



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In your kindness,
please remember St. Peter's Parish
in your bequests and wills. If anyone
wishes to make such a bequest in their
Will, the following clause may be included
or added to a will or added by codicil:

*"I give devise and bequeath the sum
of \$..... to St. Peter's Parish,
Ottawa, to be used for the benefit of
the Parish and its pastoral works."*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

AN INVITATION: If you are visiting our church today,
know that we are honored by your presence.
Our parish serves the needs of the community in many
different ways. We offer preparation for sacraments,
children's liturgy, social activities, assistance to those in
difficulty, and comfort to the sick and those who mourn a
loss. If we can be of service to you, do not hesitate to call
on us.