



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

**2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 17, 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:

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

Wednesdays 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: by appointment before Sunday Masses

First Fridays at 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

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

Mike and Lisa Birch

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Archbishop Prendergast requests

special collection of Haiti: To assist the victims of the earthquake in Haiti, the Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa, has requested that all parishes in the Archdiocese take up a special collection, during the weekend of January 23/24. The proceeds will be sent to Haiti Caritas through the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. The images from Port-au-Prince, the Haitian capital, indicate a disaster beyond our imagination. In addition to the Church's response to a humanitarian crisis, we are aware of the large Catholic population on the island. This collection is also, therefore, a concrete sign of our solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

2. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: A pyx is a small container, which is used to bring the Eucharist to those who are sick. Individuals can, after discussion with the pastor, be given a pyx to bring Communion to a sick relative or friend who cannot join us for Mass. Recently, it has come to the attention of the Archdiocese that in rare cases, individuals are using the pyxes to bring the Eucharist home for private adoration. This is, of course, not allowed. Therefore, the Archdiocese has asked for stricter guidelines in the distribution of pyxes. We are asking that all those with pyxes please meet with Father Joe prior to receiving the Eucharist at Mass. All pyxes in our parish will be marked with a special identification and will be signed out. As well, anyone who has permission to receive the Eucharist in a pyx from another parish can no longer receive the Eucharist in a pyx at our parish. You must receive only in the parish where you have obtained permission. We thank you for your understanding!

3. SUNDAY ENVELOPES: for 2010 are available on a table at the front entrance of the Church. Please check to see that your name and address are correct. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

4. Saint Peter's Choirs: Would you like to feel closer to God on Sunday morning? Come and join us in the choir loft and you will! Saint Peter's Choirs are looking for new members. No previous music experience is necessary. For more information please call the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 16

5:00 p.m. Mass

- For the soul of George Ting
by Martina Sim
- For the Soul of Emilie Jeanne Marie Joinette,
by Maureen Byrne & Mary McGee

Sunday, January 17

9:30 a.m. Mass

- For the souls of May and Phyl Reeyes
by Ann and Cliff, & all kins
- For the intentions of Kelvin Lim & the family
by Brigid Lim

11:30 a.m. Mass

- For the soul of Dorothy Mulrennan
by Deirdre Scott & family

From the Pastor's Desk:

Now that the solemn festivities are over, we have a debt of gratitude to express to the parish family for its presence at the celebrations, the generosity and outstanding show of support through monetary offerings, as you see below. This makes way to a debt-free Parish to the satisfaction of all concerned.

May your goodness continue as we move forward to enrich the faith, to promote the growth and to build the community in a bond of charity and peace.

Thanks to all the volunteers for their time, talents, energy, dedication and valuable contributions to keep St. Peter's in the limelight.

Collections

January 10: \$1042.50

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Please pray for God's healing:

Brandon Lankester, Tim Dooling, Anna Karolewicz, Lise Martin, Augusto Romano, 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

HELP NITE FOR SEPARATED OR DIVORCED CATHOLICS: Next session: January 21, 2010, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Pl. Marlene and Bob Neufeld of Healing Love Academy will discuss communication. Everyone is welcome. Info: Deacon Peter Lafleur, Family Ministry Office (plafleur@archottawa.ca).

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Come be a part of learning and growing in ecumenical Christian community. Workshops include Christian Unity, Contemplative/Centering Prayer, & Faith and the Environment. Saturday, January 23, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Annunciation Orthodox Cathedral 15 Lebreton Street North. Presented by the Christian Council of the Capital Area Churches as a service to members of all Christian Communities. Registration is free. Please indicate your interest by email to (Iroberts@uccanottawa.org) subject: Jan. 23 workshop.

DON BOSCO GALA: Youth Ministry needs to be celebrated! Come out to the 2nd annual Don Bosco Gala, Sat., Jan. 30. For anyone involved in Youth Ministry. Dinner, dance and awards ceremony. Awards will be given to outstanding volunteers in Youth Ministry. Andre Regnier will be speaking on Living Life with Passion. This is a dressy event! Cost: \$45/person. Info & tickets: contact Ted (thurley@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025 ext 231).

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: 96

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. For many Sundays in this lectionary cycle C), our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel. This is true of today's Gospel reading, which describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle.

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels.

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.



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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.