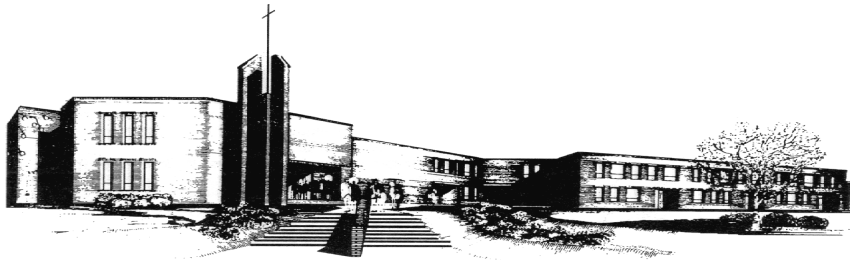


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**The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**Year A**  
**March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

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

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:**

To promote the gospel values to form a community based on Faith, Hope, and Charity.

**MASS SCHEDULE: September to June**

**Sunday Obligation:**

- Saturdays at 5:00 pm
- Sundays\* at 9:30 am & 11:00 am
- \*Last Sunday of each month: Mass at 10:30 am only

**Weekdays:**

- Monday: no Mass
- Tuesday\* at 9:30 am  
(unless otherwise noted within bulletin)
- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 8:30 am
- \* No Mass on a Tuesday after a long weekend holiday.

**LEGION OF MARY PRAYER MEETING:**

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

**ADORATION:**

First Friday of the month from 9:00 am - 10:00 am

**CONFESSIONS:**

20 minutes before weekend Masses.  
No appointment necessary.

**BAPTISMS:**

Saturdays at 11:00 am

**MARRIAGE:**

Please give 6 months notice. A Marriage Preparation Course and the Pastor's approval are required.

For any more information, call the parish office or visit the parish Website.

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

**Liturgy Committee**

Fr. Joe Vayalil  
Deacon Bob Birch  
Richard Sutton (liturgy  
coordinator/sacristan)

**Finance Committee**

Michael Kealey – Chair  
John Pasqua  
Juanita Peate  
Sergio Loyo  
Robella Folliet – Bookkeeper

**Lectors' Leaders**

5:00 pm Mass – George Assing  
9:30 am Mass – Jay Hunt  
11:00 am Mass – Richard Sutton (temp.)

**Ministry of Communion Coordinators**

Fr. Joe Vayalil & Richard Sutton

**COLLECTION:**

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011: \$1424.00

Thank you for your generosity and support.

## CHURCH SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 12

**5:00 pm**

*For the Intentions of all parishioners*

- by Fr. Joe

Sunday, March 13

**9:30 am**

*Mass offered in thanksgiving, to the*

*Sacred Heart of Jesus*

- by Yona Loyola-Nazareth

**11:00 am**

Monday, March 14

**No Mass**

Tuesday, March 15

**9:30 am**

Wednesday, March 16

**8:30 am**

Thursday, March 17

**8:30 am**

Friday, March 18

**8:30 am**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & REFLECTIONS

1. **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:** The standard North American period for Daylight Savings Time is from the 2nd Sunday of March to the 1st Sunday of November. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour this coming Sunday, March 13.
2. **INCOME TAX RECEIPTS** for 2010 are now ready for pick-up in the main entrance area of the church. If you wish to have your receipt mailed to you, please provide a self-addressed and stamped envelope.
3. **SPECIAL COLLECTION:** This weekend, March 12-13, 2011, we are collecting for Diocesan and Missionary Works. This collection enables the Archdiocese of Ottawa to respond to requests for assistance from Canadian and foreign dioceses, as well as from various groups. Thank you for your support.
4. **CONFIRMATION:** Archbishop Prendergast will celebrate Confirmation for adults (grade 9 & above) on Pentecost Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, and for children (grades 6-8) on Trinity Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Both celebrations take place at the noon Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral. All candidates will have registered at their respective parish and will have received the appropriate preparation there.
5. **RITE OF ELECTION AND CALLING CANDIDATES TO LENTEN RENEWAL** will be held at Notre Dame Cathedral on Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. All are welcome. You must sign up with your parish.
6. **VOCAION DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** For men discerning priesthood. Saturday, March 26, 10 am-3 pm, at Ste Famille Church, with Mass, talks, adoration, discussion. For young men, Grade 12 and up. Info and registration: Fr. Tim McCauley (613-445-3054); (timbmccauley@hotmail.com).
7. **ST. JOHN VIANNEY DRAMA IS COMING TO OTTAWA:** Mark your calendars for two shows in Ottawa: Holy Redeemer on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm (tickets available at Holy Redeemer office) and St. Patrick's Basilica on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm (tickets available at Saint Patrick's Gift Shop). Admission: \$12/Adults, \$6/Youth/Students. Visit [www.vianneydrama.com](http://www.vianneydrama.com) for more information.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Alex Tobin, Veneta Richard, Isabel Coutu, Lynn McLeod, Willijn Bertrand, Lorraine Da Pra, Teresita Alvarado, Bishop Ernest Leger, Rachelle Caroll, Lise Martin, Anna Karolewicz, Louise Jarvis, Fr. Bob Bedard

Email the office if you know of someone who is sick and needs to be prayed for.

## SUNDAY REFLECTION

**1st Reading:** Genesis 2.7-9, 3.1-7: *Eve and Adam eat from the tree that was forbidden to them by God.*

**Psalm:** 51: *A prayer for mercy.*

**2nd Reading:** Romans 5.12-19: *Through the obedience of Jesus, many will be made righteous (shorter form: Romans 5.12, 17-19).*

**Gospel:** Matthew 4.1-11: *Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.*

The readings set before us for the Sundays of Lent are extraordinarily rich. On the first Sunday the gospel is always that of the temptations of Jesus, read from one of the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). This year it is Matthew's account which is read. Jesus, filled with the Spirit received at his baptism, is now led by the same Spirit to the place of encounter with the devil. He who was willing to undergo the baptism usually reserved for sinners now submits to the challenge of evil. He who showed solidarity with sinners now confronts the power of sin. There is a profound mystery here. The sinless one, who comes to save sinners, is nevertheless tempted, for Jesus in his humanity has the same power of choice that we have. While we frequently succumb to the lure of evil, Jesus never does. Three distinct temptations invite him to abuse his miraculous powers for selfish ends (turning stones into bread), to manipulate his relationship with the Father (leaping from the temple parapet), and to collude with evil to gain dominion over the world (worshipping the devil). Jesus confounds the devil on each occasion by quoting from the Book of Deuteronomy. The Scriptures urge us to pursue what is good and to worship the one, true God. The behaviour of Jesus in the gospel contrasts sharply with that of Adam and Eve in the reading from Genesis as they succumb to temptation. St Paul, writing to the Romans in the second reading, explains the effects of the disobedience of Adam and the obedience of Jesus.

From where does Jesus derive his strength in his battle with evil? To what extent do the Scriptures inspire our decisions?

We at St. Peter's pray for the courage to unmask the deceptive power of evil. We pray for the wisdom to reject selfishness and the strength to confront evil.

### Catholic Question

**Q:** Where in the synoptic Gospels does Jesus claim to be God?

**A:** There are few things clearer in the synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke than the fact that Jesus did indeed claim to be God on several occasions. For example, in the synagogue at Nazareth, when He read the prophecy from Isaiah about the Messiah and then said to his listeners, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21), He was claiming to be the promised Messiah. On another occasion, He told His disciples: "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father" (Matthew 10:32-33). And of course at His trial before the Sanhedrin on the night before His death, Jesus was asked by the high priest: "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" Our Lord knowing that his words would mean certain death, replied, "I am; and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven" (Mark 14:61-62). The enemies of Jesus had no doubts about the meaning of His words for they found Him guilty of blasphemy - of claiming to be God - and they sentenced Him to die for making that claim.



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**"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.