



4th SUNDAY IN LENT
March 22, 2009

A WARM WELCOME TO
ST. PETER'S PARISH
ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Rev. Jessimar Cavan Tapia,
the Pastor of St. Peter's Parish, and
Mr. Bob Birch, Deacon, welcome all
newcomers and visitors to our parish
community.

On behalf of all our parish ministry
leaders, Father Jessi encourages your
active participation in 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.

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SCHOOL: Prince of Peace School (613) 731-4733
(Elementary School – Kindergarten to Grade 6)

MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday at **5:00 p.m.** --- fulfills
Sunday Obligation
Sunday at **9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**

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

No Mass on Mondays.

No Mass on a Tuesday after a long weekend holiday.

Regular Weekday Mass on **Tuesdays, Thursdays &
Fridays at 8:30 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.**

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: 8:30 a.m.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS: 9:00 a.m.

LEGION OF MARY PRAYER MEETING:

- MONDAYS at 7:00 p.m.

CENACLE PRAYER:

- THURSDAYS at 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

ADORATION: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. on Fridays

CONFESSIONS: 15 mins. before weekend Masses

BAPTISMS: 4:15 p.m. on Saturdays

10:30 a.m. on Sundays

For info. kindly call our office at 613-733-1553.

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

MARRIAGE: Kindly give us at least 6 months notice.

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



Prayer for Vocations

Loving God,
you call all who believe in you
to grow perfect in love
by following in the footsteps
of Christ your Son.
Call from among us more men
and women who will serve you
as priests, deacons and religious.
By their way of life,
may they provide a convincing sign
of your Kingdom for the Church
and the whole world.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 21

5:00 p.m. Mass

- Special Intentions for Maryann Freda & Christopher Hector by the Joseph and De Souza Families
- For Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life
- For Parishioners' Intentions living & deceased

Sunday, March 22

9:30 a.m. Mass

- Thanksgiving Mass in honor of St. Francis of Paola by Carmela Filice
- For the soul of Dr. Joseph Kattackal by the Kattackal Family
- For Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life
- For Parishioners' Intentions living & deceased

11:30 a.m. Mass

- For the soul of Alvina Girouard by Fr. Jessi & CWL members
- For Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life
- For World Peace
- For Parishioners' Intentions living & deceased

Monday, March 23

- no 8:30 a.m. Mass -

7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Prayer Meeting)

Tuesday, March 24

8:30 a.m. Mass

- For All Souls' Intention

Wednesday, March 25

9:30 a.m. Mass

- For World Peace

Thursday, March 26

8:30 a.m. Mass

- For Pro-Life Intention

Friday, March 27

8:30 a.m. Mass

- For Vocations

9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00 a.m. Benediction

7:00 p.m. Lenten Stations of the Cross (church)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Please join us for our Lenten Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. here in our church: **March 27 & April 3.**

2. NEXT SUNDAY, Mass will be at 10:30 a.m.

only. Please join us for our monthly Socials and Refreshments at the gym area after the 5:00 p.m. and the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

3. ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD:

Deacon Gerard Lafrenière will be ordained on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Wed., March 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at St-Joseph parish, Orléans. Deacon Jonathan Blake will be ordained Sat., May 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Archbishop Prendergast, S.J. will preside at both ordinations. All are encouraged to attend.

4. FAMILY MINISTRY OFFICE:

Beginning Again Seminar for separated or divorced Catholics on Sat., March 28, at the Diocesan Centre. Full day seminar. Cost: \$50. Info or to register for sessions: Deacon Peter Lafleur (613-738-5025 ext.222); (plafleur@archottawa.ca).

LECTOR WORKSHOP: For lectors already involved in the ministry. Hosted by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. St. John the Apostle parish, 2340 Baseline Rd., Sat., March 28, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. A practical session to enhance proclamation skills. Limited to 10 participants. Focus on the Triduum Readings. Facilitator: Theresa Verver. Cost: \$15. Registration: abrown@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025, ext. 217.

Please pray for God's healing: Lucy Phan, Augusto Romano, Genevieve Arden, Emilie Joinette Julia Aquino, Lise Martin, Louise Jarvis, Karen Slywchuk, & 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

OTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DAILY MASS AT HOSPITALS: Daily Mass is celebrated at the Ottawa Hospital, General Campus and Civic Campus at 12:00 noon; and on Sundays at 3:30 p.m. All are welcome.

VISION TV: National Catholic Broadcasting Council televised Mass from St. Basil's Church, Toronto, daily Monday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Perpetual Help Devotions sponsored by the Redemptorists, Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m.

PALLIATIVE CARE PRESENTATIONS: "Palliative Care for the Dying: Myths and Realities" with Dr. Louise Coulombe, palliative care physician, Sat., March 28, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.; "Palliative Care: Living Your Life with Dignity" with Maryse Bouvette, RN, pain and symptom management consultant, Thurs., May 14, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Both sessions at St. Paul University, Room 203. Cost: \$10 per session. No registration required. Info: abrown@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025, ext. 217).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY EUCHARIST: Notre Dame Cathedral, Sun., May 3, 2:30 p.m. For couples celebrating 10, 15, 20, 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2009. Registration details are available in all parishes. Deadline: Fri., April 24, 2009. Families are encouraged to join in this celebration. Info: abrown@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025, ext. 217).

IMPORTANT DATES HERE AT THE PARISH: Palm Sunday weekend will be on April 4 & 5, 2009
Holy Week will be on April 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10.
Easter Vigil Mass, April 11 Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Mass, April 12 at 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Reflection for this Sunday's Gospel Reading: *John 3:14-21*:

The bronze serpent pointed to the cross of Christ which defeats sin and death and obtains everlasting life for those who believe. The result of Jesus "being lifted up on the cross" and his rising and exaltation to the Father's right hand in heaven, is our "new birth in the Spirit" and adoption as sons and daughters of God. God not only redeems us, but he fills us with his own divine life and power that we might share in his glory. Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit that we may have power to be his witnesses and to spread and defend the gospel by word and action, and to never be ashamed of the Cross of Christ. The Holy Spirit gives us his seven-fold gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence for God and his ways, and a holy fear in God's presence (see Isaiah 11) that we may live for God and serve him in the power of his strength.

Do you thirst for new life in the Spirit?

How do we know, beyond a doubt, that God truly loves us and wants us to be united with him forever? *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life* (John 3:16). God proved his love for us by giving us the best he had to offer – his only begotten Son who freely gave himself as an offering to God for our sake and as the atoning sacrifice for our sin and the sin of the world. This passage tells us of the great breadth and width of God's love. Not an exclusive love for just a few or for a single nation, but an all-embracing redemptive love for the whole world, and a personal love for each and every individual whom God has created in his own image and likeness. God is a loving Father who cannot rest until his wandering children have returned home to him. Saint Augustine of Hippo says, "God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love." God gives us the freedom to choose whom and what we will love. Jesus shows us the paradox of love and judgment. We can love the darkness of sin and unbelief or we can love the light of God's truth, beauty, and goodness. If our love is guided by what is true, and good and beautiful then we will choose for God and love him above all else. What we love shows what we prefer.

Do you love God above all else? Do you give him first place in your life, in your thoughts, decisions and actions?



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BEQUESTS AND WILLS:

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
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used for the benefit of the Parish and its
pastoral works."*

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