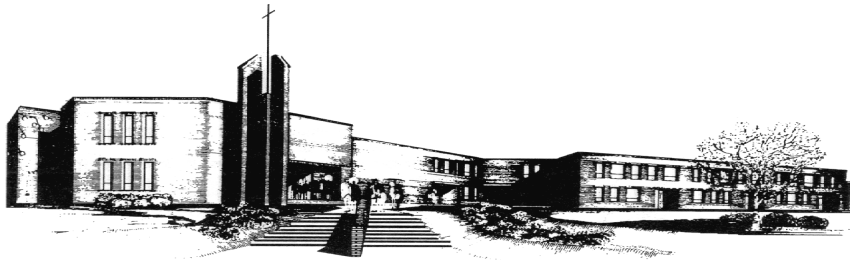


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**The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year A**  
**March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

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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:**

February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011: \$1497.00

Thank you for your generosity and support.

## CHURCH SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 5

**5:00 pm**

*For the repose of the Soul of James Arthur  
McAlpine+*

-by Pat and Deirdre Scott

Sunday, March 6

**9:30 am**

*For the repose of the Soul of Leona  
MacDonald+*

-by Martin and Joanne Elsaesser

*For the Merciful Heart of Jesus*

-by John Pasqua

**11:00 am**

*For the Intentions of the Parishioners*

-by Fr. Joe

Monday, March 7

**No Mass**

Tuesday, March 8

**9:30 am**

Ash Wednesday, March 9

**7:00 pm**

Thursday, March 10

**8:30 am**

Friday, March 11

**8:30 am**

*For the repose of the Soul of Edwin Murphy+*

-by Georgette Lacelle

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & REFLECTIONS

1. **ASH WEDNESDAY:** Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and marks the start of Lent. A special Mass with the distribution of Ashes for the parish community will be held 7:00 pm here at St. Peter's. All are invited to attend. Please note that there will be No 8:30 am Mass that morning.

This is the time in the Church year for the solemn observance of the great central act of history, the redemption of the human race by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In the Roman Rite, the beginning of the forty days of penance is marked with the austere symbol of ashes used in that day's liturgy. This use of ashes is a survival from an ancient rite according to which converted sinners submitted themselves to canonical penance. It is also the period of final preparations for the Catechumens who will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter. In Lent, the Alleluia and the Gloria are suppressed until Easter. Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed and applies to persons 14 and older. The law of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday applies to persons 18 or older and younger than 60.

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. **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.

4. **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.

5. **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 Carroll, 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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Deuteronomy 11.18, 26-28, 32: *I set before you today a blessing and a curse.*

**Psalm:** 31: *In you, O Lord, I take refuge.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 3.21-25, 28: *We are justified by faith apart from the observance of the law.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 7.21-27: *Anyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like the wise man who built his house on rock.*

Our Sunday gospel reading presents the final words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, the first and most famous of the five long discourses of Jesus in the Gospel according to Matthew. The reading puts before us the challenge to take seriously the words of Jesus' preaching and to put them into practice. In the first paragraph Jesus speaks about 'doing the will of the Father. There is an echo of the words of the Lord's Prayer. If we pray 'thy will be done', then we must play our part to make those words a reality. In the parable in the second paragraph of our reading Jesus compares the actions of the wise man and the fool. There are two ways of responding to Jesus' words. The lesson is clear.

As he concludes his account of the Sermon on the Mount, the evangelist Matthew is well aware that people often resist the words of Jesus. The first reading, from the book of Deuteronomy, asks us to allow the words of God's law to enter our hearts and our souls. There is a fundamental choice to be made between the way of life and the way of death. The challenge is 'set before us today'. The second reading this Sunday is from St Paul's great but difficult masterpiece, the Letter to the Romans. 'God's justice', writes Paul, 'made known through the Law and the Prophets, has now been revealed'. Faith in Christ brings the promises made to the Jewish people to fulfillment.

How can we listen more attentively to the words of Christ? In the decisions of life do we tend to build our house on rock, or on sand?

We at St .Peter's pray for the courage to do the will of the Father. We pray for those who endeavour to explain the good news to a reluctant world.

#### Act of Love Prayer:

O my God, I love you above all things with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbour as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me and I ask pardon of those whom I have injured. Amen.

~God Bless~



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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.