



ASCENSION OF THE LORD
May 24, 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: by appointment before Masses

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

MARRIAGE: Kindly give us at least 6 months notice.

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



Prayer for Vocations

Lord God,

in every generation you have provided
shepherds after your own heart & spiritual
fathers for the family of the Church.

Hear us in our day as we beg you:

"Do not leave us orphans!

Send us the Holy Spirit!"

Stir up in the hearts of those whom you have
chosen to be priests an awareness of your call
& the courage to say, "Let it be done to me
according to your word."

By your Spirit, mould them in the heart of Mary
to be the image of your Son, faithful stewards
of your grace. Shape them into zealous
apostles, who will preach the Gospel
with boldness, celebrate the Eucharist
with reverence and be living signs of your love
for all people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for God's healing:

Lucy Phan, Augusto Romano, Emilie Joinette Julia Aquino, Lise Martin, Louise Jarvis, Fr. Bob Bedard, Wilf Medland, & Marian Smith.

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

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 23

5:00 p.m. Mass

- For World Peace
- For Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life.
- For Parishioners' Intentions living & deceased

Sunday, May 24

9:30 a.m. Mass

- For the intention of all candidates of Confirmation & First Holy Communion and their families.
- For Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life.
- For Parishioners' Intentions living & deceased

11:30 a.m. Mass

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- For Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life.
- For Parishioners' Intentions living & deceased

Monday, May 25

- no 8:30 a.m. Mass -

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

Tuesday, May 26

8:30 a.m. Mass

- For All Souls

Wednesday, May 27

9:30 a.m. Mass

- For World Peace

Thursday, May 28

8:30 a.m. Mass

- For Pro-Life Intentions

Friday, May 29

8:30 a.m. Mass

- For Vocations

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

10:00 a.m. Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next Sunday, May 31, the last Sunday of the month, Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. only.

2. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION this Sunday, May 24 at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. We welcome all the family and friends who are visiting to grace these important church celebrations.

3. Father Jessimar, being the Archdiocesan Spiritual Director for the CWL (Catholic Women's League), will be attending the whole day Archdiocesan Convention next Saturday, May 30 at St. Philip's Church in Richmond.

Father Jessi will also be attending to the following conventions as the Archdiocesan Director:

-The Provincial Convention will be held in Midland, Ontario (July 5 to 10).

-The National Convention will be held in Newfoundland (August 9-14).

Next summer of 2010 (August), the National CWL Convention will be held here in Ottawa at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

4. CHURCH OUTDOOR SIGN:

Our parish church outdoor sign near Heatherington Road has already been fixed this past week. Thanks to OCS – Ottawa Custom Signs – for the work.

5. PARISH BAKE SALE:

Our Spring Bake Sale will be on the weekend of June 6 & 7.

6. COUPLES FOR CHRIST:

Seeks to strengthen Christian family life by bearing witness to the Lord in daily activities. There are opportunities for the young in Kids for Christ and Youth for Christ. Info: Adel and Julie Bicol (juliebicol@rogers.com).

7. We welcome our New Parishioners to the parish. Registration forms are on the table at the back of the church beside the piano.

8. Congratulations to John Carroll and Rachelle Carroll for receiving the Sacrament of Marriage in our parish this Saturday, May 23, 2009. May God bless you both!

OTHER ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ORDINATIONS: Archbishop Prendergast will ordain Deacons Simon Lobo, Carlos Martins and Jamie Utronkie to the Priesthood for the Companions of the Cross at Notre Dame Cathedral, next Saturday, May 30, 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS: (<http://www.zenit.org/rssenglish-25376>). Benedict XVI is proclaiming a Year for Priests on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of St. Jean Marie Vianney, the Curé of Ars. The theme for the priestly year is "Faithfulness of Christ, Faithfulness of Priests." The Pope is scheduled to open the year with a celebration of vespers June 19, the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR LITURGICAL MUSICIANS: The Archdiocese of Ottawa is hosting the Summer School for Liturgical Musicians at St. Paul University, August 23-27, 2009. We are very privileged to have such a high quality conference held in our city. Please consider sending at least one of your parish musicians to this event. Musicians will experience intense liturgical and musical formation that will benefit your whole parish. This year's summer school will include special interest to those who work with youth and children's choirs. Meals are included so your musicians can relax and enjoy the learning process. Flyer can be found on the website (www.ArchOttawa.ca) in the English section under Pastoral Services/ Liturgy. Support your music ministry. Questions: contact Klara Kinahan (613-829-4908).

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – INTERFAITH EVENT: Members of the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Bahà'í, and Buddhist communities are organizing and co-sponsoring a special "film and discussion night" to be held on June 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Temple Israel (1301 Prince of Wales Dr). \$5 suggested donation. The film, *Be the Change* explores the challenges and rewards of living lightly, a moral imperative in our age. The event also launches Phase III of the Greening Sacred Spaces Program of Faith & the Common Good with support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Appreciation to Holy Cross Parish, Catholic co-sponsor. Info: John Dorner (Archdiocesan Liaison - Environmental Stewardship): (613-738-5025, ext 223); (jdorner@archottawa.ca).

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Why did Jesus leave his disciples forty days after his resurrection? Forty is a significant number in the scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the Promised Land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after his resurrection Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples to assure them that he had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which he began during his earthy ministry.

St. Mark ends his gospel account with Jesus' last appearance to the apostles before his ascension into heaven. Jesus' departure and ascension was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time. Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Savior, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the River Jordan. When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' last words to his apostles point to his saving mission and to their mission to be witnesses of his saving death and his glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the world. Their task is to proclaim the good news of salvation, not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations. God's love and gift of salvation is not just for a few, or for a nation, but it is for the whole world – for all who will accept it. The gospel is the power of God, the power to forgive sins, to heal, to deliver from evil and oppression, and to restore life. ***Do you believe in the power of the gospel?***



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

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