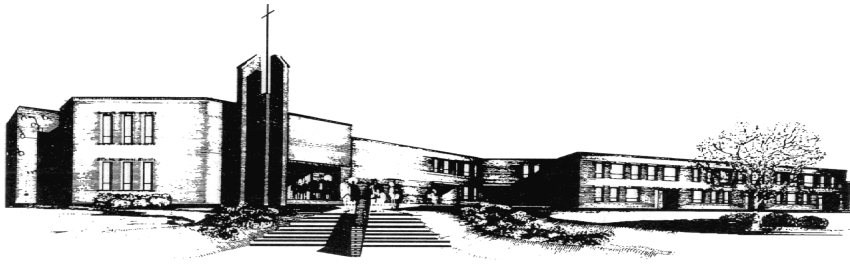


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A Roman Catholic Community



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3rd Sunday of Easter
Year A
May 7th and 8th, 2011

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.

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)

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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:

Good Friday: \$775.00
Easter Sunday: \$2380.50
2nd Sunday of Easter: \$1237.00

Please continue to support your Parish
as generously as you can.

CHURCH SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 7

5:00 pm

For the Intentions of the Parishioners

- by Fr. Joe

Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day

9:30 am

For all Mothers and Grandmothers

- by the staff of St. Peter's

11:00 am

For the repose of the Souls of Maria+ and Anton+

- by Anne

For all Mothers and Grandmothers

- by the staff of St. Peter's

Monday, May 9

No Mass

Tuesday, May 10

9:30 am

Wednesday, May 11

8:30 am

Thursday, May 12

8:30 am

Friday, May 13

8:30 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REFLECTIONS

1. **MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY:** At Fatima in 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary asked us to pray the Rosary every day for peace in the world. Beginning May 1st, Rosaries and pamphlets are being made available in the Parish by the Legion of Mary with hopes that all will help to fulfill Our lady's request.

2. **NEOPHYTE MASS:** It is customary that all those who have completed their initiation at the Easter Vigil come together during the Easter Season for a celebration of the Eucharist. This celebration will be held at Notre Cathedral on Sunday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m.

3. **ST. JOHN VIANNEY DRAMA:** Coming to Ottawa! Mark your calendars for this critically acclaimed drama that has been touring North America, and will be stopping for two shows in Ottawa: Holy Redeemer on May 9, 7:30 p.m. (tickets available at parish office) and St. Patrick's Basilica on May 10, 7:30 p.m. (tickets available at Saint Patrick's Gift Shop). Admission: \$12 Adults, \$6 Youth/Students. Suitable for ages 9 & up.

4. **NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE:** A pro-life gathering in Ottawa meant to remind our country that there is no protection in Canadian law for children in the womb. An abortion can be performed at any time during pregnancy with no legal repercussions. Parliament Hill, Thursday May 12 at noon people come together to stand up for our faith and say, "Abortion Kills a Human Being". Info re pro-life events, May 11 - 13: Masses, banquets, candlelight vigil, youth conference: (www.marchforlife.ca); Campaign Life Coalition (613-729-0379).

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

Email the office if you know of someone who is sick and in need of prayers.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2. 14, 22-33: *Peter and the apostles announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead.*

Psalm: 16: *God will show us the path of life.*

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1. 17-21: You were saved by Christ's sacrifice.

Gospel: Luke 24. 13-35: *Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus..*

The story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is perhaps the most endearing of the Easter appearances. The Risen Jesus brings new hope to two men who have lost all hope. He feeds their minds and their hearts by explaining the Scriptures to them. His true identity is revealed in the bread he breaks for them. Their experience is offered to us too at every Eucharist, as we receive the Word and the Sacrament and are strengthened in holiness. Christ's appearance to seven of his disciples on the shore of Lake Tiberias marks an important step in the growth of paschal faith. As the Father sent his Son into the world, so the Lord Jesus will send his disciples on mission. The overwhelming catch of fish from the lake is a living parable of the church's apostolic activity. The Risen Christ is the source of its fruitfulness. Just like the apostles who went back to their nets after the tragedy of the passion, we too are sometimes tempted to lose hope. What if our faith in the resurrection were not more than a religious tradition? What if Christ no longer dwells in this established Church, which seems so rooted in defensiveness and little given to apostolic boldness? If that were so, we might be tempted to return to the reassuring banality of our everyday tasks. Or we might be tempted to organize ourselves into a Christian ghetto, separate from those who might upset our certitudes. We could dream nostalgically of the Church of former times when faith was taken for granted and religion ruled society. But Christ stands on the shores of this world, more involved than ever, and he calls us to throw away our nets. We do not always recognize him at the first meeting, but he is there. He calls to us from the heart of our communities, in the commitments of those who seek the truth, who love and who forgive, who struggle for a better and more just world. He is there above all in that meal where we share his memory.

Do our hearts burn as we are nourished by the Scriptures? What can we do to ensure this is so?

We at St. Peter's pray for a deeper appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist. May the hope brought by the Risen Christ truly transform us.

Catholic Question

Q. How does someone like Pope John Paul II become a saint recognized by the Catholic Church?

A. The process is called Beatification and Canonization. It follows a set of procedures established by the Church. Firstly, the procedure states that a minimum of five years must have passed since the death of the individual being proposed. The process is started by the bishop of the diocese in which the person lived. This bishop is responsible to begin an investigation following approval to do so from the Holy See. He then forms a diocesan tribunal for this purpose. Witnesses are called by the Tribunal to recount concrete facts on the exercise of cardinal Christian virtues: prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude and others specific to his or her state in life. In addition, documents regarding the candidate must be gathered. At this point, he or she is entitled to be called a Servant of God. Once the diocesan investigation is complete everything is passed to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in the Vatican. Here a person called the "Postulator" prepares the "positio" which is a summary of the documentation which proves the heroic exercise of virtue. This "positio" is evaluated by nine theologians who then give their vote. If the majority are in favour, the cause is passed to the cardinals and bishops who are members of the Congregation. If their judgment is favourable, the case is presented to the Holy Father. For beatification a miracle attributed to the Servant of God, verified after his or her death, is necessary. The miracle must be proven through an investigation, following a procedure similar to that for heroic virtues. If successful, the Holy Father decides on beatification, and with beatification the candidate receives the title "Blessed." For canonization another miracle is needed attributed to the intercession of the Blessed and having occurred after his or her beatification. The methods to ascertainment of the affirmed miracle are the same as those followed for beatification. With canonization, the Blessed acquires the title of "Saint."

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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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AN INVITATION: If you are visiting our church
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presence. Our parish serves the needs of the
community in many different ways. We offer
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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.