

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.

CHURCH SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 4, 5:00 p.m. Mass + For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Theresa Chinelo Onyeogubalu by St. Peter's Pastoral Council and Parishioners **of St. Peter's Parish.**

Sunday, March 5, 9:30 a.m. Mass + For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Theresa Chinelo Onyeogubalu by St. Peter's Pastoral Council and Parishioners **of St. Peter's Parish.**

11:00 a.m. Mass + For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Theresa Chinelo Onyeogubalu by St. Peter's Pastoral Council and Parishioners **of St. Peter's Parish.**

- Intentions of the Parishioners and World Peace

Wednesday, March 8, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday, March 9, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, March 10, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 11, 5:00 p.m. Mass + Soul of Loraine Beauregard by Elizabeth and James Wilson

Sunday, March 12, 9:30 a.m. Mass – Second Sunday of Lent

Intentions of the Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Mass + For the Soul of Mrs. Theresa Chinelo Onyeogubalu by Elizabeth and James Wilson

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT REFLECTION: 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 here 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.

OUR SYMPATHY: With regret of the Parishioners and the Pastoral Council of St. Peter's Parish, we would like to express our sympathy to Father Emeka Onyeogubalu for the death of his mother, Mrs. Theresa Chinelo Onyeogubalu, on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. The funeral will take place on Thursday, May 4 in Umuoji, Anambra, Nigeria. A Memorial Mass to her Life by Clergy, Parishioners, Family and Friends will be determined in the coming days. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

BIBLE STUDY: St. Peter's Bible study group will meet this coming Wednesday evening March 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. All are welcome.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: A special collection will take place this weekend, March 4-5. Funds collected will enable the Archdiocese of Ottawa to provide for its missionary work and respond to requests for assistance from Canadian and foreign dioceses, as well as from various groups. Please make your cheque payable to St. Peter's Parish. Your donation is remitted to the Archdiocese of Ottawa and registered here at the Parish for income tax receipt purposes.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PETER'S PARISH: 2017 will be our parish's 40th anniversary and 150 years for Canada. Do you have ideas or interested in joining a special Anniversary Committee to plan some special events? Please contact the Parish Office and leave your name or any ideas.

2016 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: The 2016 income tax receipts are available, in alphabetical order, on the small table in the entrance area of the church. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

ST. PETER'S MULTICULTURAL SHOW: will be held on Saturday, June 3rd, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$20.00 for adults, \$10.00 12 years and under and free for 2 years and below. Please see the poster at the main entrance of the church for more information.

PAINT WITH PORTIA: a fun workshop will be offered on Saturday, April 1st, 2017 at 12:00 noon for three hours. The cost of the workshop is \$30.00 includes materials, artworks and snacks

MAN OF THE SHROUD EXHIBIT: The "Man of the Shroud" exhibit is coming to St. Isidore Roman Catholic Church, Kanata, April 4 - 11. This is a scholastic exhibit, with a dramatic actual-size digital authentic reproduction of "The Shroud of Turin" printed on linen. This free event is made possible by the Vancouver Shroud Association and the Archdiocese of Ottawa; donations accepted. Everyone is welcome. Info: <http://www.theshroud.org/>;

PERMANENT DIACONATE – INFO: Is the Lord calling you to the Permanent Diaconate? Come and discover what the diaconate is about. Catholic men in the Archdiocese are invited; married men are encouraged to come with their wives. To attend, contact Deacon Michael Seath (613-324-0007); (mseath@archottawa.ca). 4 info sessions: **Wed., Mar. 8, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**, Good Shepherd Parish; **Mon., Mar. 13, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** St. Augustine Parish, 1060 Baseline.

PARISH LENTEN SSCHEDULE: Station of the Cross each Friday evening during Lent at 6:30 pm March 3,10,17,24,31, April 7 and 14 (Good Friday) Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. - Parish Penance Service