**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons…….**

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday, February 3, 5:00 p.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**Sunday, February 4, 9:30 a.m. Mass + For the Soul of John Carroll by his Family**

**11:00 a.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**Monday, February 5, No Mass - Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr**

**Tuesday, February 6, No Mass – Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

**Wednesday, February 7, 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Thursday, February 8, 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Friday, February 9, 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Saturday, February 10, 5:00 p.m. Mass**

**For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**Sunday, February 11, 9:30 a.m. Mass – Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time – World Day of the Sick**

**+ For the Soul of John Carroll by his Family**

**11:00 a.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REFLECTION: As he begins the story of the ministry of Jesus, Mark sets before us a typical day's ministry of Jesus in Capernaum. It begins with the healing of the sick man in the synagogue, which we read last week. There are many others who also need Jesus' help. Jesus is still accompanied by the four disciples, the first ones to be called. The evangelist tells us how he heals the mother-in-law of Simon Peter. While our translation says that he 'helped her up', the Greek original is, literally, 'he raised her up'. This is the term used for the resurrection of Jesus. The miracles of Jesus are signs of the kingdom, and point to the resurrection. He has come to raise up to new life those who welcome his help. At sunset, once the sabbath has ended, the townspeople begin to bring their sick to Jesus. Mark stresses the impact of Jesus' healing work by speaking of the gathering of the 'whole town'. There is another reference to those who are possessed, those who in the contemporary view were victims of Satan. Jesus commands them not to make him known. He is constantly concerned to avoid any misunderstanding of his mission and purpose. The evangelist brings the day to a conclusion by speaking of Jesus at prayer before the night ends. How do we experience the new life and healing Jesus brings? Do we allow time for quiet prayer in our daily life? Let us pray for those who struggle with debilitating sickness of body or spirit. Let us pray for those who care for sick and elderly family members.**

**Sunday Morning Smile:** **When a man goes to get his driver’s licence renewed at the local Motor Vehicle Bureau the place is packed. The line inched for almost an hour until it was finally his turn. After he had his photo taken he paused for a moment to inspect it and commented to the clerk, “Uggg… I was standing in the line so long I ended up looking pretty grouchy in this photo.” The clerk studied the picture too and reassured him, “It’s okay… that’s actually how you’ll look if the police pull you over anyway.”**

**Collection – January 27 – 28, 2024: Envelopes: $427.20, Loose: $251.50, Nigerian community: $250.00; Sunday Missal Sales: $5.00; St. Vincent de Paul: $105.00; Vigil Lights: $42.35; Initial Offering: $15.00; Grand Total: $1, 346.05. THANK YOU for your generosity and support**

**Welcome!** **…. we extend a warm St. Peter’s Welcome to Father Jonathan Madueke, Father Michal Kruszewski and Deacon Thomas Stephenson, our newly Interim pastoral team appointed by diocese until further notice.**

**SACRAMENTS: REGISTRATION PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION IS NOW OPEN. Parents who wish to have their child(ren) prepare for any of these Sacraments are asked to visit the parish office to pick up a registration form after Mass or call the parish. Please note that your child must be a Baptised Catholic in order to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. It is important that you bring a copy (not original) of your child’s Catholic Baptismal certificate with you.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY 2024: Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 14, 2024 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 8:00 a.m. Mass celebrated on that morning.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**: **each Friday evening during Lent at 6:30 pm. Come and join Father Jonathan here at the parish , as we walk through the fourteen stations to experience this powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus’ gift of himself to us.**

**2024 Sunday Collection Envelopes: Sunday Collection Envelopes for 2024 are available at the back of the church.  To streamline our database EVERYONE has been given a new number for 2024, based on alphabetical order. Please put your full name and address on the first 3 envelopes you use.**

**DO NOT USE envelopes from previous years or even other parishes. If you would like to obtain a box of Sunday Collection Envelopes, please speak to Richard, Fr. Jonathan or Deacon Thomas.**

**Cursillo 3-Day Weekend:** **The Ottawa Cursillo Movement is holding its next Women’s Weekend from April 25 - 28 at Centre de L’Amour in Plantagenet. This Church movement promotes Catholic ideals, fellowship, and spiritual growth in daily living. Cost is $280 per person (this covers all meals and private accommodations). For more information** [**https://ottawacursillo.ca**](https://ottawacursillo.ca)**.**

**QUO VADIS?** **Where are you going? Is the Lord calling you to serve him as a priest? Join other men discerning the priesthood for monthly formation, fellowship, and Eucharistic Adoration. The next session will be held on February 15 at the new Café des Tours, located in the basement of Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. To join the Quo Vadis email list or for more information, contact Fr. Connor O’Hara, the Vocations Director for the diocese, at** [**vocations@ottawacornwall.ca**](mailto:vocations@ottawacornwall.ca)

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass – Registration Form**: **For couples of the Archdiocese who are celebrating 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 60+ years of marriage in 2024. The English Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, April 14, 2:30 pm. Info & link to the online registration form: https://en.archoc.ca/anniversary-mass. Please register before April on the diocese website.**