

## **Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

### **Mass Schedule and Intentions**

Saturday, August 3, 5:00 p.m. Mass – Prayers and Blessings for Kaylan Rayne on his 10<sup>th</sup>, Birthday by the Family  
Prayers and Blessings for Rev. Fr. Hezuk Shroff as he starts his new pastoral assignment.

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

Sunday, August 4, 9:30 a.m. Mass + For the repose of the Soul of John Carroll by his Wife and Family

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

Prayers and Blessings for Rev. Fr. Hezuk Shroff as he starts his new pastoral assignment.

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

Prayers and Blessings for Rev. Fr. Hezuk Shroff as he starts his new pastoral assignment.

Monday, August 5, No Mass

Tuesday, August 6, No Mass – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Wednesday, August 7, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, August 8, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest

Friday, August 9, 8:00 a.m. Mass – Opt. Memorial of Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Saturday, August 10, 5:00 p. m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter’s

Sunday, August 11, - Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter’s

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

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REFLECTION:** In this weekend gospel reading, after the multiplication of the loaves by Jesus, once the crowds have caught up with him again, there is a dialogue concerning the sign Jesus has worked. The crowds have interpreted the sign in a materialistic way. They want to make Jesus their king so that they can be sure of their supply of bread. The sign has not been understood. Jesus invites them to believe in the one God has sent, but they clamour for a new sign. They disparage Jesus' works by referring to the manna Moses gave in the desert. Once again, Jesus challenges their interpretation. It is God who is the source of all good gifts. The new gift God is giving, if they could accept it, is the gift of himself, the 'bread of life'. The conversation should not be about material survival, but about life in its fullness. The theme of the 'bread of life' will continue as the chapter unfolds. To what extent do we misunderstand the signs Jesus gives us? Do we understand what it means to 'work for God'? We pray for an understanding that faith can resolve our human concerns. We pray for a deeper love of Christ as the one who satisfies our deepest needs.

**POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST:** We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

**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 August 29, 2024, 7:00 p.m. 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)

**Collection – July 27 and 28, 2024:** Envelopes: \$960.00, Loose: \$432.25; St. Vincent de Paul: \$207.00; Vigil Lights: \$46.20; Parish Roof Replacement: \$347.55; Clergy Support: \$5.00; Nigerian Community: \$250.00; Mass Intentions- July: \$225.00; Mother’s Day Donations: \$85.35  
Grand Totals: \$2,559.35. THANK YOU for your generosity and support.

**Welcome!** .... we extend a warm St. Peter's Welcome to Rev. Father Hezuk Shroff, Our new Parish Pastor appointed by his grace Archbishop Marcel Damphousse, Ottawa – Cornwall Archdiocese.

**Word from our new Pastor:** Who is this new Pastor that Archbishop Marcel Damphousse has just assigned to St. Peter's Parish Community? To partially answer this question, allow me to share with you the broad outlines of my priestly journey. Fr. Hezuk Shroff was born in India in 1971. His family immigrated to Canada when he was four, and he grew up in the Ottawa area. Father's family were Parsi, which is the name given to the Indians who belonged to the Zoroastrian religion that originated in Ancient Persia. When Father left Ottawa to study at McGill University, he discovered and fell in love with the Catholic Faith. He was received into the Catholic Church in 1995.

After his conversion, Father felt called to pursue a religious vocation. After finishing his Master's degree at McGill, he spent several years seeking the Will of God and where God was calling him. He spent a few years with the Benedictine monks (both in Quebec and in France), and with the Brothers of St. John (in Canada, the US, France, and the Philippines). While on mission in Cebu in the Philippines, Father felt God calling him to leave religious life and serve the Church as a diocesan (parish) priest. After his temporary vows expired, Father, with the permission of his superiors, returned to Canada and entered the diocesan seminary in Toronto. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Ottawa (now Ottawa-Cornwall) on May 13, 2011, the feast of Our Lady of Fatiima.

Fr. Shroff has served in various parishes since his ordination. He has served as a parish priest at Notre-Dame Cathedral, Divine Infant Parish (Orleans), Holy Redeemer Parish (Kanata), Good Shepherd Parish (Blackburn Hamlet), and St. Catherine of Siena Parish (Metcalf). He has also served as priest-chaplain to Couples for Christ, and is currently the spiritual director of the Ottawa Legion of Mary. Father also helps with formation for the Spiritual Motherhood of Priests and, until August 2024, has helped with the Marriages for Mary marriage apostolate. In 2017, exactly 22 years to the day when Father became Catholic, he received his mother into the Catholic Faith: she was baptized, confirmed, and made her first Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil that year. Father is very happy to be here at St. Peter's Parish, and he looks forward to getting to know the parishioners and the community over the weeks and months ahead.

**ROOF REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT:** St. Peter's Church and Prince of Peace School will be undergoing this replacement project over the summer during the months of July and August. The building, including the school, needs a new roof. The school board has contracted to have the work done; they will be paying for most of this, as the school is the largest portion of the building. The total cost for this project is \$704,383.00. However, we will need to pay for our share, which will be around \$144,000.00. So please, help us to whatever level you can. Envelopes for the roof replacement project can be found on the bulletin board shelf at the main entrance of the church or Interac e – Transfer to our Parish with the email: [stpeters1640@gmail.com](mailto:stpeters1640@gmail.com). Thank you for your generosity and support with this project

**150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO STE-ANNE-DE-BEAUPRÉ AND OUR LADY OF THE CAPE** Pilgrimage to Ste. Anne de Beaupré and Our Lady of the Cape from the Dioceses of Ottawa-Cornwall, Pembroke, Mont-Laurier/St-Jérôme, Kingston and Gatineau on August 10-11. The weekend celebrants are Archbishops Marcel Damphousse, Terrence Prendergast, Guy Desrochers, and Bishops Yvan Mathieu, Raymond Poisson, and Pierre Goudreault. This may be the last annual pilgrimage. contact [mike.budge@bell](mailto:mike.budge@bell).