

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

But the angel of the Lord came back, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!"

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, August 10, 5:00 p.m. Mass – Pro - Papulo (For all parishioners) by Rev. Fr. Hezuk Shroff

Sunday, August 11, 9:30 a.m. Mass + For the repose of the Souls of Jenny Rose, Jungelito and Martin by Marlo Rontal and Family

+ For the repose of the Soul of Samuel Segubiense by the Segubiense Family

+ For the repose of the Souls of Adelle, Annabel, Catalina and Sohifacio by Marlo

Thanksgiving, Prayers and Blessings for the Tomalan Family

11:00 a.m. Mass - For safety and Birthday blessings for my husband, Mr. Augustine Amanyunose by Sophia Amanyunose and Family

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

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

Monday, August 12, No Mass

Tuesday, August 13, No Mass

Wednesday, August 14, 8:30 a.m. Mass - Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr

Thursday, August 15, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Special Patron of Acadians

Friday, August 16, 8:00 a.m. Mass – Opt. Memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary

Saturday, August 17, 5:00 p. m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

Sunday, August 18, - Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. Mass – Pro - Papulo (For all parishioners) by Rev. Fr. Hezuk Shroff

11:00 a.m. Mass – For all the Souls in Purgatory by Mary – Ann and Ronald Sialana

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REFLECTION: This weekend gospel reading. The discussion between Jesus and the Jews about the 'bread of life' continues. Once again his listeners are stuck with human ways of perception. They cannot accept that there is anything more to Jesus than the man who was brought up in Nazareth. What sense can they make of him 'coming down from heaven'? Jesus challenges their quarrelling and seeks to move the discussion to a deeper level. The focus of these verses is on Jesus as the one who brings true teaching. To learn from Jesus is to be fed indeed. To learn from Jesus is to come to know the Father. The stress is once again on believing in the words of the Son. These words, even in this present life, bring eternal life. Unlike the manna in the desert, the bread Jesus offers is a pledge of eternal life. In the final verse we have the first reference to the 'flesh' of Jesus: 'the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world'. The emphasis in this and the following verses will be on the Eucharist. We are reminded of the self-giving of Jesus at the Last Supper and at the cross. Jesus is the Bread of Life both in his words of life, and in the sacrament of his body and blood. The reaction of his hearers is predictably one of puzzlement, as the following verses will show. Do we really value the teaching of Jesus as revealing the Father? Do we treasure the coming of Jesus in Word and Sacrament at Mass? We pray that we may move beyond earthly perceptions to openness to the things of God. We pray that the Bread of Life will truly nourish us as individuals and as a community.

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.

Collection – August 3 and 4, 2024: Envelopes: \$855.00, Loose: \$652.55; St. Vincent de Paul: \$100.00; Vigil Lights: \$64.65; Parish Roof Replacement: \$305.00; Clergy Support: \$170.00; Pastoral works of the Pope: \$40.00; Grand Totals: \$2,187.20. 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 Dampousse, Ottawa – Cornwall Archdiocese.

Word from our new Pastor: Who is this new Pastor that Archbishop Marcel Dampousse 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. Thank you for your generosity and support with this project

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE, SUNDAY AUGUST 18: For the 67th time, Our Lady of Knock Shrine at St. Malachy's Church in Mayo, Quebec, will be holding their annual pilgrimage on August 18 to honour Our Lady's apparition at Knock, County Mayo, Ireland on August 21, 1879. The Eucharist will be celebrated in English by Bishop Jean-Louis Plouffe (Bishop Emeritus of Sault St. Marie and Ottawa native), assisted by Father Greg Murray of St. Malachy's parish. Info: <http://stmalachyolv.com/pilgrimage.asp>.