

## Twenty – First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven"

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, August 24, 5:00 p.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's  
Sunday, August 25, 9:30 a.m. Mass + For the repose of the Soul of Jesus Angus Fernandez by the Maratas Family  
Prayers, Birthday Thanksgiving and Blessings for Priscille Henry on her 77<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
11:00 a.m. Mass – Pro - Papulo (For all parishioners) by Rev. Fr. Hezuk Shroff  
Monday, August 26, No Mass  
Tuesday, August 27, No Mass – Memorial of St. Monica  
Wednesday, August 28, 8:30 a.m. Mass - Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor  
Thursday, August 29, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist  
Friday, August 30, 8:30 a.m. Mass  
Saturday, August 31, 5:00 p. m. Mass - Pro - Papulo (For all parishioners) by Rev. Fr. Hezuk Shroff  
Sunday, September 1, - Twenty – Second Sunday In Ordinary Time, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation  
and Labour Day Weekend  
9:30 a.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's  
11:00 a.m. Mass – Prayers, Birthday Thanksgiving and Blessings for Osagie Gabriel Amanyunose by Sophia  
Amanyunose and Family

**TWENTY – FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REFLECTION:** On this Twenty – First Sunday In Ordinary Time gospel passage we read this weekend. We come to the end of the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John, which we have been reading over the last several weeks. The followers of Jesus are said to be struggling with his teaching in the dialogue with the Jews which follows the working of the sign of the feeding of the five thousand. Jesus has spoken of himself as the 'bread of life'. Early in the chapter this referred to his life-giving teaching, but in the later verses Jesus began to speak of people eating his flesh and drinking his blood, in a clear allusion to the Eucharist. It seems to be this teaching about the Eucharist that is difficult for some of his followers to accept. There is a contrast here between the followers of Jesus and the chosen Twelve. It is the Twelve who are then challenged by Jesus: 'Do you want to go away too?' One can understand the perplexity of the ordinary followers, but from those who have been with Jesus throughout the ministry greater insight and greater fidelity might be expected. The response of Peter comes in a firm commitment to Jesus: 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.' This speech of Peter, his profession of faith in the name of the others, recalls the reading from the Book of Joshua, in which the people newly arrived in the promised land renew their covenant commitment to be the people of God: 'We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.' Do we appreciate that the words of Jesus are truly words of life? What has this chapter of John's gospel taught us? We thank God for the gift of his Son, who is our Bread of Life. We pray for those who have never known the words of eternal life, nor had the opportunity to commitment themselves to the service of God.

**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 – August 17 and 18, 2024:** Envelopes: \$505.00, Loose: \$345.30; St. Vincent de Paul: \$177.10; Vigil Lights: \$39.50; Parish Roof Replacement: \$45.00; Grand Totals: \$1,111.90.  
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.**

**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

**FIRST AID...** Here's a simple prescription to heal those accidental wounds received by our brothers and sisters in Christ: Still your soul before God at the moment of impact. Apply direct pressure of understanding to the wound. Wash the wound thoroughly with kindness to remove all vindictiveness. Coat it liberally with the ointment of love, and bandage it with forgiveness. Don't pick the scab off by bringing up the subject and re-opening the wound. Avoid all self-pity which will only make the wound painful and touchy. Take a generous approach.

**SEASON OF CREATION MASS:** Celebrate the opening of the 2024 Season of Creation with a bilingual Mass, celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Yvan Mathieu on Saturday, September 7 at 5pm at Notre-Dame Cathedral. The John Dorner award will be presented at the end of Mass followed by a reception in the Café des Tours (located on the lower level of the Cathedral).

**OTTAWA REDBLACKS FAITH DAY:** CHRI, along with Athletes In Action, will be hosting the Ottawa Redblacks Faith Day on Saturday, September 7! Join in on Saturday, September 7th for a full day of family fun at TD Place Stadium as the RedBlacks take on the Toronto Argonauts in the battle of Ontario! It's Big Joe's birthday and there will be roaming characters, face painting, and activities for kids. Come cheer loud, bring the family, and join the CHRI team, along with special guests from the RedBlacks, for post-game activities and a discussion panel. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Kieran Ward, [kward@oseg.ca](mailto:kward@oseg.ca).

**Sunday Morning Smile:** A couple with three children waited in line to purchase tickets for a boat trip to Alcatraz. Others watched with varying degrees of sympathy and irritation as the young children fidgeted, whined, and punched one another. The frazzled parents reprimanded them to no avail. Finally, they reached the ticket window. "Five tickets, please," the father said. "Two round trip, three one way."

**TRAVELLERS PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, be with all those who travel during these days of summer. Let them be conscious of safety as they travel, and bring them safely to their destination. During days of vacation grant refreshment of spirit crowned with the joy of renewed fellowship with distant family and friends. Remind all who travel that their small journey is but a faint echo of the true journey of life, a journey back to you. Amen.