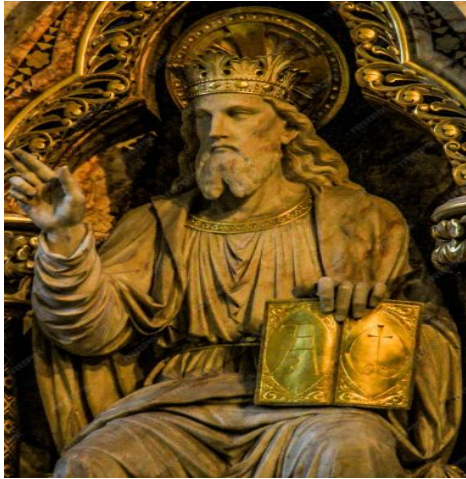


# WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Sunday, February 22, 2026

### WEEKLY LITURGY February 21<sup>st</sup>, – March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

<b>Sat. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>For the Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Peter's</b>
<b>Sun. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 a.m.</b>	+ For the repose of the Soul of Karen Fabbi by her Son Kevin and Family
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	+ For repose of the Soul of Gerry Aubut by his Children and grand kids Birthday Thanksgiving and Blessings for Sophia Amanyunose by Sophia Amanyunose and Family Thanksgiving Mass and Birthday offering for Daniel Balaji by Janice Balaji and Family
<b>Mon. Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tues. Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>+ For the Holy Face of Jesus by a Parishioner</b>
<b>Wed. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m.</b>	For Protection and elevation of Laurent Joel Ngono Eyebe and his Family by Laurent Joel Ngono Eyebe
<b>Thur. Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.</b>	+ For the repose of the Soul of Fr. Paul Beaudoin by the Sutton Family and Friends
<b>Fri. Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.</b>	+ For Holy Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner
<b>Sat. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.</b>	+ For the repose of the Soul of Fr. Paul Beaudoin by his Family and Friends
<b>Sun. Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 a.m.</b>	+For the repose of the Soul of Florence Lowry by Martin and Joanne Elsaesser
	<b>For the Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Peter's</b>

### WEEKLY COLLECTION: Feb. 14 and 15, 2026

**Envelope/Loose Collection: \$1, 079.70; Other Collections: \$362.35; Grand Total: \$1, 442.05**

**THANK YOU** for your kind generosity and support

### ST. PETER'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS and SACRAMENTS

#### Weekend Masses

Saturdays 5:00pm & Sundays 9:30am & 11:00am

Hospitality Sunday: (First Sunday of the month)  
Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 10:30 am Only

#### Weekday Masses

**Tuesdays @7pm beginning November**  
Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 8:00am

#### Confessions

Saturdays 4:15pm- 4:45pm  
Sundays 8:30am – 9:00am  
Weekdays upon request before each Mass

#### Eucharistic Exposition

**Wednesday @7.30am**  
Thursdays @ 7:30am (Silent)  
Fridays a@ 7:30am

#### Healing Mass and Adoration

First Friday of each month: Mass at 7pm and adoration follows immediately until 8.30pm

#### Baptisms, Confirmation, First Confession & First Communion

Please call the Parish office at least two months in advance for details.

#### Marriage

Please contact the office 6 months in advance.

**Pastor's Corner**  
**First Sunday of Lent - Reflection**

**Themes:** penance, temptation, history of salvation, sin and grace

Forty Days References in the Bible

What's in a number?

Through their 40 days of Lenten observance, Catholics simulate the period Jesus spent fasting in the desert as described in Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13 and Luke 4:1-13. Yet these are far from the only scriptural references to the number 40. In addition to their links to the number 40, several of these events share themes of fasting and sacrifice, often in preparation for a significant event.

Here are other notable examples: • God flooded the earth by casting rain upon it for 40 days and 40 nights (Genesis 7:4, 7:12, 7:17). • Moses spent 40 days and nights on Mount Sinai without any food or drink (Exodus 24:18 and 34:28, Deuteronomy 9:9). He later interceded on behalf of Israel for 40 days and nights (Deuteronomy 9:18, 25) and lived for 40 years in Midian (Acts 7:30). • The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years before reaching the Promised Land of Canaan (Exodus 16:35, Deuteronomy 8:2). Goliath taunted the Israelites for 40 days before David defeated him (1 Samuel 17:16). The prophet Elijah traveled for 40 days and nights to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8). • The prophet Ezekiel laid on his right side for 40 days, bearing the sins of the people of Judah (Ezekiel 4:6).

The Ninevites fasted in response to Jonah's warning that God would overthrow Nineveh in 40 days (Jonah 3:4-5). • Forty days elapsed between Jesus' resurrection and ascension (Acts 1:3). Moses, for example, received the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai following his 40-day fast; the Lord appeared to Elijah on Mount Horeb (another name for Sinai) after his 40-day journey; and Jesus' 40-day fast in the desert — where Satan repeatedly tempted him — preceded the start of his public ministry.

Today, the Catholic faithful dedicate themselves to 40 days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to prepare for the joy of Easter Sunday.

Fr. Cyprian Emeka Adibe

**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

We remember in prayer all those who are sick in our parish community, Volma Goodman, Shelley King, Joan Sutton, Ms. Molly, including Bill Ricketts, Mary Quigley, Elizabeth Guzzo, Earl Dalphy, Albert Potvin, Shaun Potvin and Deacon Ricardo Santiago. We also pray for those who have died ***"May God Restore You To Good Health"***

**LEGION OF MARY:** St. Peter's Legion of Mary invites you to join their group. We meet weekly and pray together, grow in faith and serve our community; **each Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m.** For more information, please contact the parish office.

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Starting Friday, Feb. 20, 2026 and Every Friday evening during Lent at 6:30 pm. Come and join Father Cyprian 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.



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**2026 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. The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be held on the weekend of Sunday, April 12, 2026 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held Sunday, May 31, 2026, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

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**Sunday Smile: The Lenten Diet** - A little boy announced at dinner, “Mom, I’ve decided what I’m giving up for Lent.” “Oh, that’s wonderful!” she said proudly. “What is it?” He replied, “Vegetables.” Mom paused... “Nice try. That’s not how this works!” Lent isn’t about giving up what we *never liked* in the first place — it’s about offering something that stretches our hearts!

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**STATEMENT FROM THE ARCHBISHOP ON THE TRAGEDY IN TUMBLER RIDGE**

Today, I grieve with the people of Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia, whose lives were changed yesterday. Words feel inadequate before such loss. As Canadians, this sorrow is deeply personal. We mourn the lives lost and pray for their families in their anguish. We remember the injured, and the first responders who stepped courageously into the chaos. We also entrust to God the perpetrator and their family, asking for his mercy and a grace strong enough to reach even the darkest places. I invite the faithful of our Archdiocese to join me in prayer for the people of Tumbler Ridge. Offer the small sacrifices of your day for their healing. Even in profound grief, let us remember to hold fast to hope.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted. May he console, restore, and gently lead Tumbler Ridge toward healing and peace.

✠Marcel Damphousse Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY: Our next Hospitality Sunday will be held next Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.** All are invited to join us for food, fun, and fellowship with our parish family and friends. Please Note that there will be only two Masses next weekend: Saturday, at 5 pm and Sunday, at 10:30 am only.

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**HEALING MASS AND ADORATION:**

First Friday of the month is this coming Friday, March 6, 2026. Healing Mass will be held at 7:00 p.m. and adoration follows immediately until 8.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

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**ST. PETER’S PRAYER CIRCLE:** Everyone is welcome to join us to come and share their intentions and offer prayers for one another, family and friends. Participants create a supportive environment in this sacred space, fostering connection and spiritual growth. We meet each Wednesday evening from 8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Online. For more information, please contact Jim Milinovich at 437. 925. 8652 or by email: milinovichjames@gmail.com

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**ST. PETER’S SOCIAL ACTION: “40 Items for 40 Days”** Food Drive during Lent. We invite parishioners to collect one non-perishable food item each day for our neighbours in need. International foods and baby foods/ formulas are welcome. Food donations will go to the Heron Road Emergency Food Centre. St Vincent de Paul for Those in Need envelopes are available in the church entrance for money donations. We are all God’s instruments; through Christ, may we continue to serve the poor with open and loving hearts. Thank you for filling our For Those in Need Grocery.

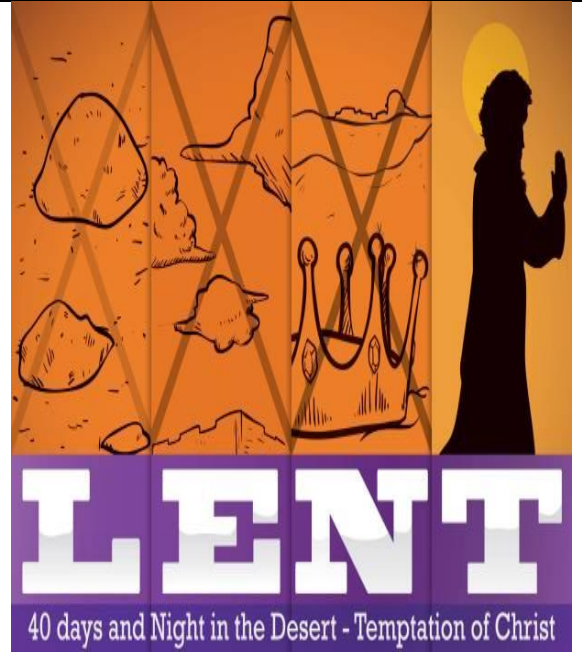
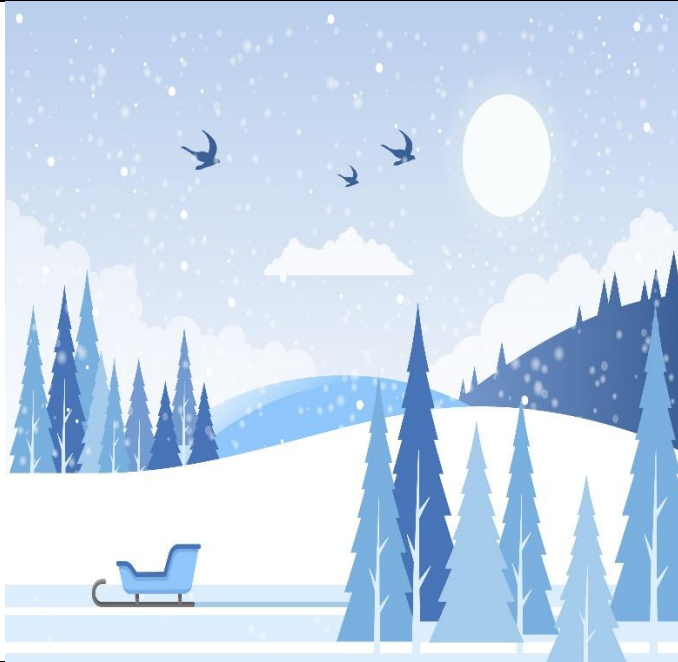
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**RITE OF ELECTION:** During Lent, adults from across our Archdiocese gather for the Rite of Election, publicly affirming their desire to enter the Catholic Church. At Easter, they will be fully welcomed into the Church through the sacraments of initiation. The entire Archdiocese is invited to celebrate this moment of grace. March 1, 2:30pm at NotreDame Cathedral-Basilica, 56 Guigues Ave.

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**Archbishop’s Fund for Mission Advancement –** Special Collection (February 21-22) On the First Sunday of Lent, we invite your contribution to the Diocesan & Missionary Works special collection, which supports the Archbishop’s Fund for Mission Advancement. This fund helps Archbishop Damphousse respond quickly and generously to real needs and to opportunities that support the mission of the Church, especially here in the Archdiocese of Ottawa–Cornwall. Most of what is given stays right here in our diocese, supporting evangelization, youth and family ministry, Catholic education and campus ministry, and other charitable works close to home. Thanks to your generosity, more than \$60,000 was raised last year. This year, our goal is \$100,000. Thank you for being a part of the mission!

Mass Intentions Offer a Mass, for a loved one, or In thanksgiving. Contact the parish office or visit us in person.



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