

# St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church



## 21ST FEBRUARY 2021 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### SACRAMENTS

#### HOLY EUCHARIST:

Saturday: **4:30 pm**  
Sunday: **8:00 am; 11:00 am**  
July & August – Killbear Park – **8:00 am**  
Weekdays: Please see the schedule inside the bulletin

**RECONCILIATION:** 30 minutes before weekend Masses

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

**BAPTISM:** By Appointment

**MARRIAGE:** First appointment at least one year prior to wedding date.  
All couples are required to take a Marriage Preparation Course.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK  
AND COMMUNION**

**FOR THE SHUT-INS:** Please call the Parish Office 746-5181

#### DEVOTIONS

**ROSARY:**

**CANCELLED**

**ADORATION:** First Friday, 10:30 am  
followed by Mass at 11:30 am

**NOVENA MOTHER  
OF PERPETUAL HELP:**

**CANCELLED**

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www.visnews.org

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#### OFFICE HOURS (Closed Mondays)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
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**Sick Visitation:**

Lou McLeod 746-9688

**Bulletin Ad Solicitor:**

Vacant

**Volunteer Screening:**

Suzanne Youngs, Jerry Wiley, Len Yauk,

Anne Haines

*New to the Parish? Please complete and place this form in the offertory basket.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Offertory envelopes needed?

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	Feb. 20	<i>No Mass</i>	+ Loretta Dorothy Dalrymple	Carl Dalrymple
Sun.	Feb. 21	<i>No Mass</i>	+ John DeSousa	Eva DeSousa
Mon.	Feb. 22	<i>Day Off</i>		
Tues.	Feb. 23	10:30 am	No Intentions	
Wed.	Feb. 24	10:30 am	No Intentions	
Thurs.	Feb. 25	10:30am	+ Gerald William	Basil & Marie Pacini
Fri.	Feb. 26	10:30 am	No Intentions	
Sat.	Feb. 27	<i>No Mass</i>	People of the Parish	
Sun.	Feb. 28	<i>No Mass</i>	No Intentions	

**Please pray for the sick:** Dale McWhirter, Judy Desmasdon, Linda Fisher, Rita Kunc, Colin Baker, Michael Cassidy, Brandon Buttineau, Troy Buttineau, Joan Demick, Lorraine McEwen, Peter Agnello, Nancy Rorye, Jordan Broadway, Jim Zimmer, Harold Gardner, Mary Jo Racine, Sandra McCarthy, Carol Mymko, Jane Corbet, Laurette Agnello, Carol Roberto, Jonathan Goal, Cindy Profit, Michael Agnello, Mary Rose Kenny, Carl Dalrymple, John Robinson, Anthony Agnello, Kathy Pastoor, Will Pemberton

*Please call the Parish Office if you would like someone placed on the prayer list.*

**STEWARDSHIP** NOTE: for *easier counting and bookkeeping*,  
Please submit *SEPARATE* cheques  
for *SEPARATE* donations.

Last Week:

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 500.00
Masses	\$ 80.00
<b>Total Thank You!</b>	<b>\$ 580.00</b>

### **Lent: A Time to Renew Our Hearts**

Forty days before Easter, Christians around the world begin a spiritual journey of renewal and conversion: the liturgical season of Lent. For nearly six weeks, we try to look at our lives in the light of Gospel, and to ask ourselves how God is inviting us to embrace the calling of our baptism, so that we can be ready to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection with joy at Easter. The three pillars of for the season of Lent:

**Praying:** a way to spend time with and grow closer to, God.

**Fasting:** a way to remove the obstacles that get in our way, by choosing to give up something that we are perhaps too attached to;

**Almsgiving:** helping us to share with those who have less than we do.

These spiritual practices are personal and will look different in the life of each Christian.

**Ways to Get More out of Lent:** The goal of Lent is to build new virtues into our lives. A virtue is essentially a good habit. To create a new habit, you need to bear down, focus, and do something consistently for just about thirty to forty days. Try taking thirty minutes to pray. If you need to get up early or stay up late to get the thirty minutes of quiet, do it! Turn off your phone and computer. Do not put it off and do not allow interruptions. So, in your quiet time, seek the Holy Spirit's guidance. Make a few practical Lenten resolutions based on what you feel most drawn to do. Start with just one thing. But do not start with more than three. Be careful because if you try to do too much, you may not succeed in anything! Here are few suggestions:

i) As you remember the ashes you received on the first day

of Lent, pray for humility daily. Spend your Lent learning about the virtue of humility. Seek out opportunities to humble yourself in your relationship with others.

ii) Commit to a daily quiet time of prayer each day. Listen God; do not just talk. And listen twice as much as you talk, either by reading his inspired Word, resting silently in his presence, or a combination thereof.

iii) Spend the first available five minutes each day thanking God for everything you are grateful for ... before you ask for anything!

iv) Recite the Our Father every day, slowly and thoughtfully. Expand to three times per day. This is a prayer habit very widespread in the early Church.

v) Establish the habit of making an examination of conscience each night before bed.

vi) Give thanks daily for your own cross—the trials and misfortunes in your life—with the confidence that God will turn them to good.

At *Easter*, do not just celebrate for one day, but for fifty days, until Pentecost! And do not abandon the new, powerful habits you have built during Lent. Celebrate, but hold your ground until it is time to make new advances next Lent!

**Tax Receipts** are being delivered or mailed out. If you have recently moved, especially during COVID, please contact the Parish Office or contact Kristen to make sure she has your current address.

**CanadaHelps.org Your Donors tax Receipts:** Most donors receive an automatic tax receipt (monthly recurring do not) from CH.org when they make a donation. Donors can access and download their receipts on the CH.org website through Receipt Download Tool [CanadaHelps - Receipt Download](#)





**Catholic Women's League News**  
**"Care for our**  
**Common Home"**

**Next Meeting:** TBD  
**2021 Annual Membership Fee are now due** - \$25.00.  
 Memberships dues can be dropped off in the parish offertory at mass or dropped off that the parish office.  
**CWL Gift Cabinet:** New items have arrived! If you would like to purchase something, contact Mary George (705) 746-9182 to arrange for pick up.  
**CWL Fall Newsletter:** Ladies, please read the CWL Fall Newsletter, especially the two articles submitted by your local CWL Council. Copies in Narthex or call JoAnne 705 746 9149.



**Knights of Columbus News:**  
**BINGO in Knights' Hall** - Mondays at 7pm  
*(except July and August)*  
**Grand Knight:** Jim Sim 705-746-1232  
 Email: [kofc7080@cogeco.net](mailto:kofc7080@cogeco.net)

**GENERAL MEETING:** has been cancelled at this time.  
**BINGO:** has been cancelled at this time  
**Pancake Breakfast:** has been cancelled at this time



**St. Peter the Apostle School News:**  
**705-746-7196**  
**Principal Susan Eccleshall**  
**Secretary, Danielle Hill**

**School Newsletter:** Help us to "go green"! Send a request to [speoffice@smcdsb.on.ca](mailto:speoffice@smcdsb.on.ca)  
**JK Registration:** Please visit our information site. [www.welcometokindergartenparrysound.ca](http://www.welcometokindergartenparrysound.ca)  
**Spring Break:** April 12th – 16th  
**Catholic Education Week:** May 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 7<sup>th</sup> Please watch for a more inform and plan to come in to celebrate Catholic Education with us at the school.

**Premier's Announcement:** Parishes served by North Bay-Parry Sound District Health Unit will remain in lockdown until at least Monday, March 8, 2021. Therefore, churches will continue to be limited to a maximum attendance of 10 people. (including the priest and the liturgical ministers). Please visit [Ontario.ca/covidresponse](http://Ontario.ca/covidresponse) for the full list of public health region classifications.

**Employees working from home as much as possible:** Employees of the parishes and the Diocese will work from home until February 16, 2021 and continue to work from home as much as possible thereafter in consultation with their pastor/supervisor.

**Sacramental Preparation:** Parents who are considering their children to celebrate the sacrament of first reconciliation and first communion any time this year are advised to approach the parish office and fill out a registration form to enrol in the program. This year, preparation will look a bit different. Most of the preparation will be done at home at whatever pace parents choose using a couple of workbooks and accompanying videos. There are no due dates or pressure. With the assistance of the parents, parish catechists and the priest this approach hopefully will bring some positive results in the way the church hands on the faith to the next generation. There is a fee of \$25.00 for each Sacramental preparation program totalling \$50.00 over the year to help offset the cost of the materials. Your child will receive 2 books, Celebrate and Remember Reconciliation and Celebrate and Remember Eucharist.

**Be-good-to-yourself Therapy**

When the world seems cold, hostile, and uninviting,  
 go to a peaceful place inside you.



**Gospel Mark1:12-15** [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)  
 Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan.

**Gospel Reflection: The Good News of the Covenant**

At the beginning of Lent we renew our response to the Covenant of the love that God made with each of us at our baptism. Imagine what good news it must have been to Noah, alone in a drowned world, when he learned that God's love had not abandoned, nor ever would abandon, the earth and its creatures (Missal). Christ came to the rescue his people when there was no hope. In OT, before the coming of Christ, the only hope was in Sheol, the place of the dead, a place of darkness, no life. God's love for us made Christ to come, to shade off this darkness and give us life. God cannot abandon his own. St. Peter tells us today that in the spirit Christ went to the spirits imprisoned. He descended there as a Saviour, proclaiming the Good News to the spirits imprisoned there (1Peter 3:18-19). Christ our Lord prepared Himself very well to be able to save us. So, after His baptism, he was in the wilderness for forty days, fasting and praying. It was a great preparation to fight the temptation. After fasting for forty days, He was tempted by the devil, but He did not fall. Christ then tells us that prayer and fasting help us to overcome temptations.  
 Lent is a penitential season. It is also a time of reflecting on the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer. In the Gospel reading of Ash Wednesday, Christ encouraged us to pray, fast and give alms, and to do it for God, who alone gives the reward. The acts of intensified prayer, fasting (for those who can), giving to those in need, forgiving others and penitence; are all emphasized in this season. These are the ways we participate actively in the observance of Lent. They are the ways we actively feel and share in the covenant of love of God. (Homily-Fr. Placid)

**SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING!**

**February:**

- 20 - No Mass
- 21 - No Mass
- 23 - Mass @ 10:30 am
- 24 - Mass @ 10:30 am
- 25 - Mass @ 10:30 am
- 26 - Mass @ 10:30 am
- 27 - No Mass
- 28 - No Mass

**March:**

- 14 - Clocks "Spring Ahead"
- 19 - Blood Donor Clinic @ 2:00 pm-7:00 pm (K of C Hall)  
 \*appointments only

**\*Due to the provincial lockdown, there will be no weekend masses at St. Peter the Apostle Parish until further notice \***



**Readings Next Week-Feb 27-28th (Second Sunday of Lent)**

- First Reading – Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18
- Second Reading – Romans 8:31b-34
- Gospel – Mark 9:2-10





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