Our Lady of Peace Parish

February 9 2025

Fifth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

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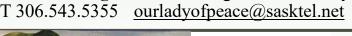
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"Then Jesus said to Simon, "DO NOT BE AFRAID; FROM NOW ON YOU WILL BE CATCHING PEOPLE.""

-Luke 5:10

MASS TIMES

For Mass times please check inside.

*ROSARY: 25 mins before weekend Masses

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5 pm & Sunday 10 am

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays - Fridays 9am - 4pm

SACRAMENTS

Registration for all Sacraments is available online or at the information desk at the Parish front entrance. For more information, contact Father Stephen, Deacon Kevin or Stacy Grunert at 306-543-5355

Baptism Sessions Please note that next set of sessions will be offered in Fall of 2025. Specific dates will be updated later.

Children's Sacraments (Confirmation and 1st Eucharist) - Currently in process.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the pastor at least eight months prior to wedding date to begin the necessary preparations.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office if you need anointing at home or in the hospital.

MASS AND INTENTIONS

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS
Saturday, February 8	5:00 PM MASS	Kelsey Brodner
Sunday, February 9	10:00 AM MASS	Mass for the people
Monday, February 10	NO MASS	NO MASS
Tuesday, February 11	NO MASS	NO MASS
Wednesday, February 12	NO MASS	NO MASS
Thursday, February 13	NO MASS	NO MASS
Friday, February 14	8:00 AM Adoration	Special Intentions from Cathy Gerein
	9:00 AM Mass	

* If you would like to do Confessions this week, please contact Parish Office.

BRING YOUR OLD PALMS TO CHURCH FOR BURNING.

Please drop off your old palms in the baskets in the church entrance and these will be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

QUOTES FROM THE SAINTS ON THE EUCHARIST

* "All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man."

- ST. JOHN VIANNEY, CURE D'ARS



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

February 9, 2025 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'"
- ISAIAH 6:8

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, "Here I am, Lord."

<u>Children's Liturgy</u> for children age 4 to Grade 1 Sundays, is at the 10 AM Mass. We are in need of teachers for this program. Lessons are prepared for you. This is a High Security Position so a Criminal Record Check for Vulnerable sector is required. Protocol states that 2 adults need to be in the room during the program. Contact Stacy Grunert or Parish Office if you are willing to help.

ATTENTION - PARISH HALL RENTAL

Please note that due to conflicting scheduling and the additional administration and janitorial requirements we will be discontinuing all new hall rentals at our parish effective immediately; except of course for funeral and other specific religious event!



MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS XXXIII WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

11 February 2025

"Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5), but strengthens us in times of trial

Dear brothers and sisters,

We are celebrating the 33rd World Day of the Sick in the Jubilee Year 2025, in which the Church invites us to become "pilgrims of hope". The word of God accompanies us and offers us, in the words of Saint Paul, an encouraging message: "Hope does not disappoint" (*Rom* 5:5); indeed, it strengthens us in times of trial.

These are comforting words, but they can also prove perplexing, especially for those who are suffering. How can we be strong, for example, when our bodies are prey to severe, debilitating illnesses that require costly treatment that we may not be able to afford? How can we show strength when, in addition to our own sufferings, we see those of our loved ones who support us yet feel powerless to help us? In these situations, we sense our need for a strength greater than our own. We realize that we need God's help, his grace, his Providence, and the strength that is the gift of his Spirit (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1808).

Let us stop for a moment to reflect on how God remains close to those who are suffering in three particular ways: through *encounter*, *gift* and *sharing*.

1. *Encounter*. When Jesus sent the seventy-two disciples out on mission (cf. *Lk* 10:1-9), he told them to proclaim to the sick: "The kingdom of God has come near to you" (v. 9). He asks them, in other words, to help the sick to see their infirmity, however painful and incomprehensible it may be, as an opportunity to encounter the Lord. In times of illness, we sense our human frailty on the physical, psychological and spiritual levels. Yet we also experience the closeness and compassion of God, who, in Jesus, shared in our human suffering. God does not abandon us and often

amazes us by granting us a strength that we never expected, and would never have found on our own.

Sickness, then, becomes an occasion for a transformative encounter, the discovery of a solid rock to which we can hold fast amid the tempests of life, an experience that, even at great cost, makes us all the stronger because it teaches us that we are not alone. Suffering always brings with it a mysterious promise of salvation, for it makes us experience the closeness and reality of God's consoling presence. In this way, we come to know "the fullness of the Gospel with all its promise and life" (SAINT JOHN PAUL II, <u>Address to Young People</u>, New Orleans, 12 September 1987).

2. This brings us to the second way that God is close to the suffering: as *gift*. More than anything else, suffering makes us aware that hope comes from the Lord. It is thus, first and foremost, a gift to be received and cultivated, by remaining "faithful to the faithfulness of God", in the fine expression of Madeleine Delbrêl (cf. *La speranza è una luce nella notte*, Vatican City 2024, Preface).

Indeed, only in Christ's resurrection does our own life and destiny find its place within the infinite horizon of eternity. In Jesus' paschal mystery alone do we attain the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God" (*Rom* 8:38-39). This "great hope" is the source of all those small glimmers of light that help us to see our way through the trials and obstacles of life (cf. BENEDICT XVI, *Spe Salvi*, 27, 31). The risen Lord goes so far as to walk beside us as our companion on the way, even as he did with the disciples on the road to Emmaus (cf. *Lk* 24:13-53). Like them, we can share with him our anxieties, concerns and disappointments, and listen to his word, which enlightens us and warms our hearts. Like them too, we can recognize him present in the breaking of the bread and thus, even in the present, sense that "greater reality" which, by drawing near to us, restores our courage and confidence.

3. We now come to God's third way of being close to us: through *sharing*. Places of suffering are frequently also places of sharing and mutual enrichment. How often, at the bedside of the sick, do we learn to hope! How often, by our closeness to those who suffer, do we learn to have faith! How often, when we care for those in need, do we discover love! We realize that we are "angels" of hope and messengers of God for one another, all of us together: whether patients, physicians, nurses, family members, friends, priests, men and women religious, no matter where we are, whether in the family or in clinics, nursing homes, hospitals or medical centres.

We need to learn how to appreciate the beauty and significance of these grace-filled encounters. We need to learn how to cherish the gentle smile of a nurse, the gratitude and trust of a patient, the caring face of a doctor or volunteer, or the anxious and expectant look of a spouse, a child, a grandchild or a dear friend. All these are rays of light to be treasured; even amid the dark night of

adversity, they give us strength, while at the same time teaching us the deeper meaning of life, in love and closeness (cf. *Lk* 10:25-37).

Dear brothers and sisters who are ill or who care for the suffering, in this Jubilee you play an especially important part. Your journey together is a sign for everyone: "a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope" (*Spes Non Confundit*, 11). Its strains are heard far beyond the rooms and beds of health facilities, and serve to elicit in charity "the choral participation of society as a whole" (<u>ibid.</u>) in a harmony that is at times difficult to achieve, but for that very reason is so comforting and powerful, capable of bringing light and warmth wherever they are most needed.

The whole Church thanks you for this! I do as well, and I remember you always in my prayers. I entrust you to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, in the words that so many of our brothers and sisters have addressed to her in their hour of need:

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

I bless you, along with your families and loved ones, and I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 14 January 2025

FRANCIS

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DAY OF RECOLLECTION for women

SATURDAY, FEB 22, 2025 | 10:30 AM
OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH
425 BROAD STREET, REGINA

• 30 Minute Meditation

(podcast from St. Josemaria Institute)

- Holy Rosary
- Spiritual Reading
- Examination of Conscience
- Priest available for confession

NO RSVP NECESSARY

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ROMINA

BEDOGNIR@GMAIL.COM

The Eucharist, Christ's Real Presence

Jan 22 & 29, Feb 5 & 12
7 - 9 pm
Christ The King Parish
Parish Hall, 3239 Garnet Street, Regina



In Part 2 of our Adult Formation Series on the Sacraments...

come explore the mystery of the Eucharist and its transformative power in our lives

we will deepen our understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith

REGISTER ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE





Questions about Faith?

Join us for a Q&A with Fr. Steve & Deacon Kevin on Friday, Feb 28 at 6pm-8pm with Beer and Wings

FREE WILL OFFERING ACCEPTED.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO

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For Registrations call us at Parish Office at 3065435355 or email us at ourladyofpeace@sasktel.net



St. Peter Parish

100 Argyle St.

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YEAR	TOTAL COLLECTIONS UPTO	AMOUNT
2025	JANUARY 31	\$13,360
2024	JANUARY 31	\$12,723
YEAR	TOTAL EXPENSES UPTO	AMOUNT
2025	JANUARY 31	\$23,673
2024	JANUARY 31	\$26,237
YEAR	TOTAL FUNDRAISING REVENUE	AMOUNT
2025	JANUARY 31	\$12,541
2024	JANUARY 31	\$7,731

OFFERING

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.
- Proverbs 11:24



We very much need VOLUNTEERS (14 years or older). If you are available for 3-hour shifts during day or evening, please contact Anita at 306-543-0421. Many THANKS to the

volunteers presently working our scheduled bingos and those using the envelopes at the information desk to financially support (*income tax receipts issued at end of year*) to help renting workers. May God's Blessings be many.

<u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u> - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OLD FASHIONED PARISH BAZAAR

- Sunday, March 30th following
the 10:00 am Mass. Many events

for young and old. Accepting donations for the "Parade of Prizes" Free advertising for those donating – leave in Parish Office during Office hours.

PARISH SUPPERS – April 25th.... Roast Beefand April 27th.... Turkey



CLOTHING SALE – April 30, May 1, 2 - Remember this sale when spring cleaning your closets.

JUNK IN THE TRUNK – May 31 Consider renting a spot in parking
lot or inside hall to sell your Treasures.
CRIBBAGE AFTERNOONS May 23 & June 6th.



CWL CORNER

Our next meeting is February 25 at 1:30pm

Membership is now due.

Sunday money counters and rosary reciters please p/u the new Jan - June 2025 schedules
They are on the information desk at the back of the church.



55+Semior Group Annual Membership \$10.00 UPCOMING EVENTS



Executive meeting: Monday, March 3 @ 1:30 pm Invitation to join The 55+ Senior Group Executive. Come to our next meeting!

Forever in Motion/Free with membership - Classes Tuesdays. & Thursdays @ 9:45

Stretch and Relaxation Class - Leader Alice Samkoe. Contact Betty for more info!

Dance/Listen to Live music. Thurs Feb 13th 1:30 to 3:30pm, \$5 members, \$6 non members includes refreshments & goodies.

Knit & Chat - Thursdays at 1:30pm.



*PUZZLE EXCHANGE IS BACK for Winter in Children's Liturgy Room. Due to Lack of Storage, Please take one and leave one only.

For more info on any 55+ events or to donate call Betty at 306-545-3402

Drop off your **SARCAN** Recyclables at any Sarcan location. Remember the Key phrase "HelpUs to HelpOthers". When using the Drop&Go option.

THANK YOU!



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

WHO BRAVED THE WEATHER ON JANUARY 31ST TO PLAY CRIBBAGE. WE HAD 35 PLAYERS. 50/50 WINNER OF \$44.50 WAS LEE ROULSTON.

1ST PLACE – ED LANG - \$41.00

2ND PLACE – LLOYD LEIBEL - \$30



3RD PLACE – FRED EXNER - \$16.50

SEE EVERYONE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH DOORS OPEN AT 12:15. CRIBBAGE FROM 1 TO 3:30 PM. COST \$5.00 PER PERSON. COME OUT AND ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF CRIBBAGE WITH FRIENDS.



The Archdiocese of Vancouver, BC and Catholic Street Missionaries invite young adults 19-30 to join us for the Hope on the Horizon outreach and leadership program happening between July 14 and August 22 in downtown Vancouver. The program is designed to introduce young people to the life of a street missionary, sharing a life of prayer and service with others who go out into the streets bringing the love of Jesus to the homeless. For six weeks, participants will live a communal life, praying, learning, and reaching out to our homeless friends on the streets. There will be street outreach training, faith formation, and personal skills development. We will also enjoy recreational activities together. Food and accommodation will be provided. For more information and to register, please visit: https:// www.catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon Thank you for your consideration and help, and may God bless this endeavor. - Sincerely, Mildred Moy, Founder, Catholic Street Missionaries. The HotH 2024 newsletter summarizing the event from last year (PDF)

INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Little Flower Parish - 420 College Avenue Saturday, March 8 @ 6 p.m.

> Adults \$30 / Children (7-12) \$12 Children (6&under) Free

All proceeds to benefit parish projects

Dinner Menu

- * Spring Rolls
- * Bruschetta
- * Vegetable Pakora w/Chutney
- * Chicken Tikka Masala
 - * Pork Adobo
 - *Banh Tet
- * Fried Rice & White Rice
 - * Corn with Peppers
 - * Caesar Salad
 - * Bread Pudding
- * Gulab Jamun in Syrup
 - * Ice Cream
- * Choice of Beverages

Jesse Stradeski as Elvis * 50/50 * Prize Alley

Wear your ethnic attire

Tickets Advance Purchase Only Parish Office 306-522-8583 / Gord 306-596-4767

St. Peter Parish **Building Fund Dinner**

Sunday Feb. 23, 2025 4:00 P.M. - 8 P.M. Leicester's Family Restaurant & Lounge 474 McCarthy Blvd., Regina Sask.

\$30.00 PER PERSON (ADULTS OR CHILDREN) DOOR PRIZES, 50/50 DRAWS DINNER CHOICES: STEAK, BURGER, CHICKEN WRAP, **LASAGNA**

TICKETS SOLD AT ST. PETER CHURCH (100 ARGYLE ST.) BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES, AND AT THE PARISH OFFICE MON-THU 9:30-12:30 & 1:00-4:00

Contact Ken for more info kendumont@accesscomm.ca 306-519-0313



"Soft people in the church, those who are double minded and wish to run from the truth, will tell pastors not to preach about abortion. These folks will tell pastors not to-bring political issues into the pulpit,

and far too many otherwise faithful pastors comply. But, of course, abortion is distinctly a biblical issue.

Abortion takes the life of a child (Fifth Commandment) and is a sin against the God of creation. When we deny the human life of the child in the womb, we deny our Lord Jesus, who made His home in the womb of Mary. Abortion also puts in grave jeopardy the faith of those who claim to be pro-choice. But then, humorously, the people of the world take an opposite tack. They say that abortion is moral issue, but not a political issue. They say you can preach whatever you want in your churches, but you can't legislate morality. What's clear is there is a darkness at work.

DON'T TALK ABOUT ABORTION AT CHURCH, BECAUSE IT'S A POLITICAL ISSUE. DON'T TALK ABOUT ABORTION IN POLITICS, BECAUSE, IT'S A RELIGIOUS ISSUE. HOW CONVENIENT, AND HOW TERRIBLY EVIL!"

- Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer, Professor and chairman

Exegetical Department at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Attached is a list of our events for 2025, so please mark your calendars and join us in supporting LIFE!

REGINA PRO LIFE EVENTS 2025

40 Hours for Life	DAILY March 5 - April 13; 4-5 pm	
For Life	Thursday, May 9, 2025	
Pro Life Banquet	Date not yet determined March	
Life Chain	Sunday, October 5, 2025	

Join us in our fight for the unborn - the least of our brothers and sisters!!

SHARE LENT WORKSHOP

The Development & Peace Share Lent 2025 workshop for the Regina area will be held at Holy Child Parish, 2636 7th Ave. E on Saturday, February 8 at 1 p.m.

To register for the workshop or if you have any questions, please contact Marian at 306-552-8318 or at mariangrady@sasktel.net.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS - Hospital chaplains visit patients and their families to address any spiritual needs, pray, to provide a friendly face & comforting presence, to talk about people's fears & concerns, to bring Communion & to contact a priest for anointing of the sick.

> Pasqua Hospital: 306-519-1380 Wascana Rehabilitation Center: 306-530-6511 **General Hospital**: 306-519-1405

> > MINISTRY OF CARE

Visitation Offers prayers, visiting and Ministry bringing Holy Communion for those who are in hospitals, care homes or home bound. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry, or if you are going to have surgery or be in hospital, Contact the Parish Office.



Check out these Catholic resources to have question answered and broaden your knowledge of your faith!

EWTN https://www.ewtn.com/

Catholic Answers https://www.catholic.com/

Scott Hahn https://www.scotthahn.com/

AMEN app https://amenapp.org/ HALLOW https://hallow.com/

Living With Christ is also a free app available for weekday/Sunday Scripture readings for.



Pope Francis' **Prayer Intention** February For Vocations to the

Priesthood and Religious Life Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life. thepopevideo. org/

Easter 2025: Celebrating Together to Strengthen Unity In 2025 -Christians from all traditions will celebrate Easter on the same day, 20 April. But in many years major Christian traditions celebrate Easter on different dates, thus giving the impression of a divided witness to this fundamental aspect of the Christian faith. This webinar will bring together people from different traditions - Coptic, Eastern Orthodox, Catholic, and Lutheran - to explore how a shared celebration of Easter can unite Christians worldwide in their common faith in the resurrected Christ. February 13, 2025 at 9:00 am Registration: us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN RuLP2e18RB-WCvWyzgAPrVA#/registration Produced by Rev. Dr Martin Illert, Faith and Order Commission, World Council of Churches

Turn Debt Into Hope - Worldwide Caritas Campaign Workshop Our Holy Father has called us all to journey on a pilgrimage of hope this year of Jubilee. But, at the same time, there are over 3.3 billion people in our world who live in countries wracked with spiraling national debt costs. Pope Francis calls on all the Catholic faithful to journey towards Jubilee justice this year, by taking a stand to promote fairness in international debt relief amid the climate crisis. Join Development and Peace - Caritas Canada members as we respond to this call in our Parish and Diocesan communities. online workshops (these will be both online and in-person): February 15 at **10:00** am – **11:15** am (PA workshop) register at: us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tU0bNphUSnuvbXZY9VQx0w #/registration Contact: Mike LeBlanc at 306-205-2334 or mleblanc@devp.org. Visit devp.org for more info.

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> Appointment Only Phone: (306) 502-1806



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Spirit Alive Charismatic Prayer Group

Tuesdays at 10 AM at Our Lady of Peace Parish For more information contact Michael at: 306-201-2305 or Denise at: 306-726-5865. All are welcome to come and pray.



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