

Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Welcome to the Cathedral! Are you new here? We are so glad you have joined us. Please visit our website and register: www.stpeterspeterborough.ca

MASS INTENTIONS

5th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, February 5th

7:30am - + Greg Pierzchala - Joseph Couneya
12:10pm - Intention of Don Hayes - A Friend

Tuesday, February 6th

7:30am - +Luitgard Hetzler - Monika Hetzler
12:10pm - + Brian Fitzgerald - Audrey von Boven

Wednesday, February 7th

7:30am - Intentions of Jose Marin - Vincenzo, Maria & Jeannie
12:10pm - Intentions of Johanna Schady & Ceara Corkery - Anna & Felicity Ward

Thursday, February 8th

7:30am - + Chris White - Joseph Courneya
12:10pm - + Sybil Battaglini - Maria & Family

Friday, February 9th

7:30am - + Mary Daly - Janette Astrom
12:10pm - Intentions of Carolyn Parker - Catherine Ward

Saturday, February 10th

9:00am - Intentions of Living & Deceased Members of the Cathedral CWL
5:00pm - Intentions of Lynda Bolton - Cathedral Pastoral Team

Sunday, February 11th

7:30am - + David Hatton Sr. - David Hatton Jr.
9:00am - People of the Parish
10:30am - + Felix Amancia Sr. - Salvacion & Bryan Jones

We Pray for the Sick...

Fran Barry, Jeannie Caravaggio, John Davies, Mike Gain, Christine Hatherly, Steve Henry, Theresa Jermey, Millie Lafleche, Lorraine Leddy, Javier Lopez, Margaret MacMaster, Stephen Martin Crystal McCausland, Maureen McGillis, Autumn Shane & Pauline Sherry

OFFERTORY

January 28, 2024	\$	3,172.00
Online	\$	10.67
Pre-Authorized	\$	1,380.88

There are many ways of giving at the Cathedral. As well as Offertory Envelopes, we have Pre-Authorized Offertory Plan, and on-line donation through our new website. Please also, remember the Cathedral in your estate planning. As always, your support of our Cathedral is greatly appreciated.

Online donations are made through our new website: www.stpeterspeterborough.ca/giving or by using the QR codes on the cards in the pews. Please do not make offertory donations by e-transfer.

PREPARING FOR LENT

Whether we feel ready or not, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Church's observance of the Lenten season—six weeks that are set apart for the purpose of drawing closer to God and seeking him with greater intensity. Unfortunately, the Lenten season often gets reduced to the question, "What are you giving up for Lent?" This is a fine question, but it can only take us so far. The real question of the Lenten season is, "How will I repent and return to God with all my heart?" This begs an even deeper question: "Where in my life have I gotten away from God, and what are the disciplines that will enable me to find my way back?"

To help you prepare for this Lent, we have prepared a Lenten Guide as an addition to this bulletin. We hope you will find it useful as you prayerfully prepare for Lent.

FROM THE OFFICE

Next weekend is your last chance to please drop off old palms at the office or back of the church to be burnt in the coming week and used for the distribution of ashes at our Ash Wednesday Masses.

We have printed and are preparing to mail the charitable tax receipts. **If you have moved in the past 12 months, please ensure that we have your correct address by calling or emailing Catherine.**

Offertory envelopes are still available in the office. We have a few unclaimed boxes as well as extra boxes for those wishing to start using them. If you are unable to get to the office during regular hours, simply call or email to make alternate arrangements.

CWL NEWS

The next CWL meeting is on Saturday, February 10th at the Rectory following the 9:00am Mass. New members are welcome. For more information, contact Patricia Madill at 1-647-545-3078 or email: patriciamadill@gmail.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next general meeting of our Cathedral Knights of Columbus, Council 9873, is on Monday, February 19th at 6:30pm at the St Peter's High School Library. All members are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Ranald Pearson.

CITY WIDE LENTEN MISSION

Mark your calendars! The Cathedral will be hosting a city-wide Lenten Mission, "Eucharist - Our Pledge of Future Glory". The mission will be led by Fr. Juan Diego Sutherland of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal on March 11th - 13th at 11:00am OR 7:00pm - pick the time that fits your schedule. Watch future bulletins and announcements for more details closer to the date.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is on February 14th this year. There will be Masses and distribution of ashes at 7:30am, 12:10 pm with Bishop Miehm and 7:00pm. There is also a St Teresa School Mass at 9:30am at the Cathedral.

PRAYER PARTNERS

We currently have 26 children preparing to receive First Holy Communion on May 5th, and 9 young people preparing for Confirmation on May 19th. It is a tradition at the Cathedral to match each of these young people to a parishioner who will pray for them during their time of preparation.

In the coming weeks, we will post cards with the names and which Sacrament they are preparing for. This is a commitment that would ideally culminate with your attending the Mass on the day of the celebration of the sacraments.

CAMP NORTHERN LIGHTS COLLECTION

Camp Northern Lights had a successful year in 2023 thanks to your generosity to our annual special collection for the Camp. We will be running again this summer for our 52nd year. This year the special Camp Northern Lights collection will take place on the weekend of February 10th and 11th. Please make all cheques payable to the Cathedral and reference Camp Northern Lights on the memo line on the cheque. For further information call Randy Riel at 705-872-7343. Thank you for all your continued support.



FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

February 3rd is the feast of St Blaise. Blaise came from a place called Sebastea in Armenia. He was born to a rich and noble family who raised him as a Christian. He became a priest and was nominated bishop. Blaise is best known as an intercessor for ailments of the throat because he intervened to save the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. To bless someone's throat might seem odd to some. However, the blessing also includes the whole person. So, if you come forward for a blessing, please know your entire being is blessed by the God who created you, knows you and loves you. The wording of the prayer of blessing on the feast of Blaise is: 'Through the intercession of St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. When we think of St. Blaise we think of the Blessing of throats and while this is important, we should also ask his protection against any spiritual ailments that pass from the mind to voice box and out into open speech - Words of profanity, blasphemy, cruelty, gossip, disrespect or bullying. Blessing will be offered after all Masses this weekend.

SPECIAL CATHEDRAL COLLECTION

Over the last few weeks, we have faced a number of unexpected expenses - the furnace repairs, the lighting replacement and the sound system repairs. Beginning the weekend of February 17th & 18th, we will have special envelopes for a fundraising campaign to cover these repairs. Our goal is \$30K. As part of your Lenten almsgiving this year, we ask that you prayerfully consider contributing. Your support is greatly appreciated!