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Mass Times: Tuesday 6:00 p.m.,
Wednesday-Friday 9:30 a.m.
Weekend: See below.

September 2020 – 23rd to 26th Sundays in Ordinary Time

September 6 (23rd Sunday)

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, **you shall give them warning from me.** If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Ezek 33:7-9



St. Ambrose blocks Emperor Theodosius from coming to Mass, and gives public penance for murdering 7000. Further details are in the Forgiveness section of our website.

A Status Update on Masses and Other Activities at St. Peter Parish

Praise God, we have progressed safely through a number of stages of reopening since the end of May. Thanks to the diligence of our parishioners and hard working volunteers here; and of Archbishop Don, his staff, the SK Health Authority and others in our province; the evolving rules seem to have protected our church from COVID-19 transmission so far.

Currently, therefore, 50 or so are able to attend one of four weekend Masses. Weekday Masses can be attended without use of lists or phone calls. Those who were recently in other provinces do not (on that account) have to self-isolate before coming. And we no longer have to maintain a 5 meter/16 foot distance between groups of up to 30. Baptisms, small weddings, confirmations, and small funeral Masses are happening. Necessary donations and financial assistance are being deposited regularly. Our volunteers screen everyone at the door, test with remote thermometers, and clean between Masses.

What has not changed includes the rules of coming to weekend Masses only when scheduled (contact stpetyqr@gmail.com or the Parish Office early in the week to make new arrangements); keeping 2 meters/6 feet distance between members of different households; not coming if new symptoms that might be of COVID-19 appear (cough, fever, chills, loss of taste or smell, and other cold or flu symptoms) or if one has been in contact the past 14 days with someone with COVID-19; self-isolating for 14 days after coming from another country; following our volunteers' and Father's directions; using sanitizer, and (if possible) masks; and letting the Parish Office know if one tests positive for COVID-19 after being in church. Our downstairs rooms still may not be used for funeral luncheons, meetings, or parishioner rentals. If someone needs to be downstairs for reasons other than maintenance, please check with Father or the Parish Office first.

We look forward to starting to let certain prayerful church meetings happen (upstairs only for now) in the church. On September 20, a very short Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held (see inside for details). We have received conditional permission from the Archdiocese to let our Parish Hall be used, within the limits set by SK Health Authority. One of those limits is a rule concerning active air ventilation down there; so we are looking into a possible furnace modification. Hopefully more information will be available to give out at our AGM.

Thank you those who together donated \$10,404.10 to St. Peter Parish in August. Your donations keep us a viable parish.

September 13 (24th Sunday)

Does anyone harbor anger against another, and expect healing from the Lord? If one has no mercy toward another like himself, can he then seek pardon for his own sins? If a mere mortal harbors wrath, who will make an atoning sacrifice for his sins? Remember the end of your life, and set enmity aside; remember corruption and death, and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not be angry with your neighbor; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook faults.

Sir 28:3-7



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- On Saturday, **Sept. 12**, there will be **only one Mass** (4:30 p.m.), and on Sunday, **Sept. 13**, again (9:30 a.m.). **Please only come if our organizers call you for these dates**, so we do not exceed allowed numbers.
- On Friday, Sept. 11 and Tuesday to Friday, Sept. 15-18, there will be no **weekday Masses**.
- **Congratulations and every blessing** to Victor and Raj Nwaodu, who were married here on Sept. 5!
- We will continue to publish **bulletins monthly instead of weekly** until further notice. Archdiocesan Bulletin weekly updates can be found at archregina.sk.ca/archdiocese-of-regina-bulletin.
- **We need more volunteers to help as ushers and cleaners.** If you are able and willing, please contact Bernie Flynn at 306-543-2546 or 306-537-6458. We will give volunteers masks, gloves, supplies, and instructions. Ushers are asked to come 30 minutes before Mass.
- **Parishioners involved in health care**, your dedication is truly appreciated and our prayers are with you. There will be a special blessing for you at Mass, Sept. 26-27.
- **Congratulations and joyful blessings** also to Fr. Christopher, Fr. Andrew, and Deacon Christian on their ordinations at Holy Rosary, Aug. 15!

St Peter Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.)

St Peter’s A.G.M. is scheduled for Sunday, **Sept. 20, 2020, 1:00 p.m.** in the church. All who are attending are encouraged to wear a mask – if you do not have one, one will be provided. Printed agendas and A.G.M. booklets will not be provided. Please print and bring your own copies. All documents pertaining to the A.G.M. will be emailed to parishioners prior to the meeting. The emphasis of this meeting will be **brevity**; committee reports will not be presented. If there are specific concerns, please contact the Office. Luke will put you in communication with the Chair of the appropriate committee.

There will be a sign-in sheet at the church for the A.G.M. If you are not able to attend Mass prior to the A.G.M. and wish to attend, please contact the Office to have your name added to the list. This will help establish who will be attending the A.G.M. and how many people will need to be accommodated.

The primary focus of the meeting will be to approve the minutes of last year’s meeting; to have an update and approval of the Budget for 2020–2021, and a forecast regarding the Proposed Budget; and the election of open positions on Parish Council. The available positions for our P.P.C. are:

Vacant Positions:

Spiritual and Religious Education
Stewardship
Vocation Awareness

Needing Replacement:

Chair (Ken Dumont willing to volunteer)
Vice-Chair (Patricia Mulvay is willing to volunteer)
Secretary (Ken D. has the name of a person willing to volunteer)
Pro-Life

Positions to be Continued:

Deanery and Ecumenism
Music
Youth Representative
Social Justice and Development
Parish/Public Relations
Pastoral Care and Visitation
Liturgy
Personnel Committee

Anyone interested in being involved in our P.P.C. will be enthusiastically welcomed.

Looking forward to seeing you at the A.G.M.

Bernie Flynn
Parish Pastoral Council Chair



September 20 (25th Sunday)

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’”

Mt 20:1-7



“You go into my vineyard too”...is addressed to every person who comes into this world... “Keep watch over your manner of life, dear people, and make sure that you are indeed the Lord's labourers. Each person should take into account what he does and consider if he is labouring in the vineyard of the Lord.” Young people should feel that this call is directed to them in particular, and they should respond to it eagerly and magnanimously.

-Pope St. John Paul II, *Christifideles laici*, 2, www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_exhortations.index.html

Fr. John Weckend is coaching his relay team again this year in the Queen City Marathon. Because of COVID-19, all races will be virtual. This means that participants register, pay the fee, and do the race anywhere, any day in September. Distance and time will be recorded using GPS devices and sent in. Fr. Weckend asks for your prayerful and financial support. **All funds raised will be donated to Visitation House.** Write cheques (or envelopes with cash) out to Visitation House. Put these in the collection basket at Mass, or drop them off at our church office. Receipts will be given for \$10.00 or more. We will collect until the end of September. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Praying for the Eucharist by Holly Gustafson (excerpts)

I love reading about and learning about the saints, but there are a couple of them that I have become particularly close to...St. Faustina Kowalska is one...whose diary, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, feels less like spiritual reading, and more like a conversation with a wise and compassionate friend. I turn to her diary often...

The other saint with whom I have formed an intimate bond is St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars. I received him randomly as my patron saint one year (Jennifer Fulwiler's Saint Name Generator...), and felt somewhat disappointed; it seemed that all my friends had received cool, popular or current female saints...And, alas, when I received St. John Vianney as my randomly-selected patron saint for the second year in a row, I knew that God was trying to tell me something, or rather, that God knew that the little Curé of Ars had something to tell me...

And in my reading about the life of St. John Vianney, I slowly but surely fell in love. I rooted for him to become a priest...I empathized with him as his tiny parish grew, to the point where he, who had always yearned for a quiet contemplative life, tried to run away from Ars four times (as a young mother who was sometimes overwhelmed by the unrelenting duties of caring for a growing family, I knew the feeling!). And as I read about the hot August days in which he lay in his bed dying, while his parishioners draped wet tarps over the roof to cool the house and keep him with them a little while longer, I too felt like I was losing my beloved parish priest, and would have done anything to keep him with me a few more days.

“...It is the priest who continues the work of redemption here on earth,” says St. John Vianney, the official patron saint of priests. “The priest holds the key to the treasures of heaven: it is he who opens the door.”

I've been thinking of our priests often lately... Several months ago, I spoke with a priest whose parish is in the heart of New York City, which was, at the time of our conversation, the global epicentre of the pandemic. His parish was closed... he knew that his biggest challenge was yet to come – bringing people back to the Eucharist, and returning his parish to the thriving community it once was.

“The priest is not a priest for himself,” St. John Vianney tells us, “he is a priest for you.” Our priests, who...do all they can to administer the Sacrament to us in a safe and prudent way, need our prayers more than ever.

-For the full version, currently recommended at the Archdiocese website, see archregina.sk.ca/news/2020/08/31/praying-eucharist.

September 27 (26th Sunday)

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.
 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.
 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.
 For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.
 Who are they that fear the LORD? He will teach them the way that they should choose.

Ps 25:4-5, 8-12.



September is a Season for Prayer for Creation.

[T]he first day of September is celebrated by the Christian family as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the beginning of the Season of Creation, which concludes on the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on the fourth of October... We are asked to re-appropriate God's original and loving plan of creation as a common heritage, a banquet which all of our brothers and sisters share in a spirit of conviviality...supporting and protecting one another...

...Today we hear the voice of creation admonishing us to return to our rightful place in the natural created order... The disintegration of biodiversity, spiralling climate disasters, and unjust impact of the current pandemic on the poor and vulnerable: all these are a wakeup call in the face of our rampant greed and consumption. In some ways, the current pandemic has led us to rediscover simpler and sustainable lifestyles. The crisis, in a sense, has given us a chance to develop new ways of living. Already we can see how the earth can recover if we allow it to rest: the air becomes cleaner, the waters clearer, and animals have returned to many places from where they had previously disappeared. The pandemic has brought us to a crossroads. We must use this decisive moment to end our superfluous and destructive goals and activities, and to cultivate values, connections and activities that are life-giving. We must examine our habits of energy usage, consumption, transportation, and diet. We must eliminate the superfluous and destructive aspects of our economies...

-Full message at www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2020.index.html.

September Special Mass Intentions								
Date	Day/Time	Intention						
1	Tu 6:00 p.m.	Sacr. Prep. Team	8	Tu 6:00 p.m.	<i>Lino & Denise P.</i>	22	Tu 6:00 p.m.	<i>Available</i>
2	We 9:30 a.m.	<i>Moved to Sept. 9</i>	9	We 9:30 a.m.	<i>Stanley, Mary & Kes E.</i>	23	We 9:30 a.m.	<i>†Morley Christian</i>
3	Th 9:30 a.m.	<i>Moved to Sept. 10</i>	10	Th 9:30 a.m.	<i>†Colin Gelinas</i>	24	Th 9:30 a.m.	<i>Available</i>
4	Fr 9:30 a.m.	<i>Moved to Sept. 8</i>	11	Fr 9:30 a.m.	<i>Cancelled</i>	25	Fr 9:30 a.m.	<i>Available</i>
5	Sa 4:30, 6:00 p.m.	<i>Available</i>	12	Sa 4:30, 6:00 p.m.	<i>Available</i>	26	Sa 4:30, 6:00 p.m.	<i>Available</i>
6	Su 9:30, 11:00 a.m.	<i>All parishioners</i>	13	Su 9:30, 11:00 a.m.	<i>All parishioners</i>	27	Su 9:30, 11:00 a.m.	<i>All parishioners</i>
			19	Sa 4:30, 6:00 p.m.	<i>Available</i>	29	Tu 6:00 p.m.	<i>Available</i>
			20	Su 9:30, 11:00 a.m.	<i>All parishioners</i>	30	We 9:30 a.m.	<i>Available</i>

The Archdiocese of Regina has volunteers who are willing to reach out to those in need – of groceries/essential items, or of someone to talk or pray with. E-mail outreach@archregina.sk.ca; or call 306-541-3086, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday.

Other emergency aid: Food support, 306-777-7000. Food, shelter, etc., 1-866-221-5200. Mobile crisis, 306-757-0127. See regina.ca/coronavirus (click “Community Partners”) for bagged lunches info and more. For workers and businesses, see www.saskatchewan.ca, and click on “COVID-19 Information for Businesses and Workers” in “Business and Industry.” **If you're not sure who else to call**, please phone or text **211**, or start a web chat at sk.211.ca (service available 24/7).

- **Anointing of the Sick:** If someone in the hospital needs anointing, please contact the hospital chaplains: **Pasqua**, 306-519-1380. **Wascana**, 306-530-6511. **General**, 306-519-1405. For outside the hospital, please see the front of the bulletin.
- **To donate** to our parish if you aren't attending Mass yet: • For **pre-authorized debit, Interac e-transfer, or credit card**, see archregina.sk.ca/giving. • By **phone**: call Deacon Barry Wood at 306-519-8997. • **Mail** donation envelopes to our parish.