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St. Peter Catholic Church

A Parish Home to Grow in Holiness

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Regular Mass Times:

Sat., 5:00 p.m. Sun., 10:00 a.m. Tue. - Fri., 9:00 a.m.

Join in Mass online: www.youtube.com/ @StPeterRegina

Gospels and Homilies: www.youtube.com/ @DigdeepintotheGospel

The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary: 25 minutes before Masses.

Confessions:

30 minutes before every Mass, pastor's office.

Other Sacraments

Baptism and RCIA: call the parish office.

1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion, Confirmation: next registration in the fall.

Marriage: couples, call at least six months before.

Staff / Office

Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Office administrator: Luke Wadel

Office volunteer: Emma Hompoth

Caretaker: Tewodros Gebreselassie

Oct. 19, 2025 Bulletin:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)



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Oct. 18-26 Mass Schedule and Intentions			
18	Sat	5:00 p.m.	† Cecilia Gartner and Philomena Jackson
19	Sun	10:00 a.m.	all parishioners
21	Tue	9:00 a.m.	available
22	Wed	9:30 a.m.	available. St. Raphael School classes coming!
23	Thu	9:00 a.m.	For Fr. James' intentions
24	Fri	9:00 a.m.	† holy souls
25	Sat	5:00 p.m.	available
26	Sun	10:00 a.m.	all parishioners

Feast Days this Week

Saturday, Oct. 18: **St. Luke, Evangelist**

Monday, Oct. 20: **St. Hedwig, St. Mary Alacoque**

Wednesday, Oct. 22: Pope St. John Paul II, Dedication of Consecrated Churches

Thursday, Oct. 23: St. John of Capistrano

Friday, Oct. 24: St. Anthony Mary Claret

Dig Deep into the Gospel with Father James.

Time Spent in Prayer Is not Wasted but Invested

Luke 18:1-8, also known as the parable of the persistent widow and the parable of the unjust judge, is our Gospel text for this Sunday. In the parable, a widow repeatedly pleaded with a judge to grant her justice against an adversary. The judge neither feared God nor cared for her. For some time, he refused. But finally he gave her justice, "so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!" (Luke 18:5).

There are divergent opinions about how to apply the widow's approach to prayer. Some of us are asking, are we really expected to pester God in prayer the way the widow pesters the judge? Are we supposed to try to wear God out, and ask for vengeance against our enemies? Does God really answer our prayers just to shut us up? On the other end of the spectrum, some say that once you've asked God for something, it would display a lack of faith to ask for it again and again, since you ought to believe you already have received it (based on Mark 11:24).

Listen to and watch Fr. James' homilies at www.youtube.com/@DigdeepintotheGospel

Jesus told his disciples this parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. The danger is that we get discouraged and quit praying. Also of note: 1. Sometimes, when we pray, God delays in responding because when God does respond on the matter, it's final. 2. Prayer is giving God the permission to dabble in your life issues. This is why prayer is a private conversation first. Prayer is a necessity, if we want God to intervene. Thus, time spent in prayer is not time wasted but time invested, and it will yield result if we stay invested.

The parable is also meant to explain that God does not act like that judge. God is absolutely just, loving, and trustworthy. But we must persist in prayer. Persistent prayer and seeking justice both involve struggle, wrestling, and honest questioning. When we come to God in prayer, we learn to speak honestly, to ask questions, and to persist in faith, hope, and love despite seeming failure and silence. So do not lose heart, but have faith, even when it seems like His answer is delayed.

- We look forward to classes from St. Raphael coming Wednesday morning for Mass! Mass will start at 9:30 a.m.
- Luke will be away from Oct. 20-29. Until then, for Mass intentions, etc., please contact Fr. James.
- The Nov. memorial table book and box are out early. You can enter the names of deceased loved ones to be prayed for.

Gome for a Living Rosaryl Led by Rock of All Ages youth

Saturday, Oct. 25,430 p.m., followed by Mass

More Volunteers Needed for Bingo

Each month, our Ladies and Mens Auxiliary works one Saturday evening and one Tuesday afternoon Bingo.

From March to August 2025, total earnings were about \$28,000. Bingo funds are paid to a variety of charities including St. Peter's Parish and groups. In 2024, these totalled about \$25,000. This is a major source of funds and we would hate to see it lost.

Thanks to all the volunteers who put in time and effort at Bingos.

But in order for us to continue, we desperately need more participation, especially on Saturday evenings. It doesn't have to be every time. PLEASE contact <u>Deb Penn at 306-543-8238</u> if you can help out. It would be shame not to have enough people. Please prayerfully consider.

Thank you for supporting our parish!

I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.

2 Timothy 4:1-2

Oct. 13 Sunday collection + e-transfers: \$3,035.10.

Our regular donations have been falling short of regular budgeted expenses, but thankfully, these are supplemented by donations from our parish groups, and other parish activities.

Thank you for giving, by envelopes, spontaneous donation, auto-deposit, stpete@sasktel.net e-transfer, or at archregina.sk.ca/group/giving.

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Online Bible Study at St. Peter



Wednesday Nights at 6:30 p.m. Online, Using Google Meet (free)

Phone the Parish Office at 306-545-4411, or send us your email address.

Come join us for a fun day of treasures, food, and community spirit!



Donate Items – Drop off gently used items for the school to sell.

Get Involved – To book a table or learn more, please call the school office or message us on Instagram.

Parish Fundraiser - Knights' Cash Calendars

\$10,000 grand prize



64 draws in 52 weeks

\$40 each. \$25 of that goes to the Church.

To buy one or more, **on weekends** you can find Ken Hegel or one of the other Knights before or after Mass; **on weekdays** you can get them from the Parish Office.

Sunday, Nov. 2 Double Header

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9:30 a.m. - noon in our Parish Hall

Our Knights of Columbus will be serving a delicious brunch of pancakes, sausages, eggs, and more.

Come on down!

Feel free to meet some parishioners you haven't met before.

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11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

A local pharmacist is coming to offer flu and Covid vaccines in St. Peter's Seniors' Centre

There is no charge for vaccines, but your health card would be required.

Everyone age 5 and over is welcome.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church, or you can call Charmaine at 306-569-0219.
Signing up does not commit you; it is just to let the pharmacist know approximately how many doses to bring.



This year's ArchRegina Congress will be Saturday, Nov. 1, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Holy Child Parish (2636 7th Ave E.).

The day will begin with an optional Mass at 8:30 a.m.

This gathering is for priests, parish staff, pastoral and finance councils members, volunteers, and anyone interested in the life of the church.

Lunch will be provided.

Pre-registration is required: mgurash@archregina.sk.ca, 306-352-1651.

Nearby Church Events

A Catholic Response to MAiD, Resurrection Parish, Oct. 22

Implementing the Synod on Synodality, Holy Family Parish, Oct. 22

Pilgrims of Hope, Noursihing Life, Healing the Wounded, Resurrection Parish, Oct. 23

Book Sale,

Our Lady of Peace, Oct. 24

Retreat for Adults - Holy Spirit: Myriam Family House, Oct. 25

Catholic Engaged Encounter, at the Mother Teresa Centre in Kenosee, Oct. 31-Nov. 2

(For single men 18-39) **Come** and See: A Day with the Jesuits, 333 Avon Dr., Nov. 1

Family Retreat,

Myriam Family House, Nov. 1

Fall Suppers amd Faith-Sharing Supper various parishes, various dates

On Stewardship, from the Archdiocese bulletin (edited):

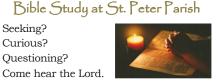
"Proclaim the word, be persistent, whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." (2 Timothy 4:2).

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Add our own pride and ego into the equation, and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! But remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.



In this week's readings, we see the value of persistent prayer, as Moses prays with outstretched hands for victory, and Paul encourages Timothy to remain faithful in preaching the Gospel. Jesus reinforces this call by urging us to "pray always and not to lose heart." The Annual Appeal invites us to persist in faithful support, trusting that our ongoing generosity sustains our parish's mission. Through steadfast giving, we join in the work of God's kingdom here and now.





Wednesdays 6:30 p.m., online. Call 306-545-4411 for more info.







Note: Parishioners are noticing these ads! After one ad was discontinued, we had a number of callers asking for that business's number, remembering it and wanting its services.