

## Welcome to all Visitors & New Parishioners!

If you are a new parishioner, we invite you to fill out a new parishioner form (found in the church entrance). Completed forms can be placed in the offering basket.

**Our Mission Statement:** We, the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Peter's, live joyfully in harmony with our surroundings and collaborate in an ecumenical spirit with our larger community, as we build the Kingdom of God.

"Memorial Bench" – For a donation in an amount you choose, plus \$15.00 for the plaque, we will place a plaque in memory of your departed loved one(s) on our Memorial Bench. For more information, please speak to Bob Aulie (306-537-6510).

# Mass Times

April 27 – Daniel B. (Altar Server), Bob A. (Mass Coordinator), **Donnette G.** (1<sup>st</sup> Reading), **TBD** (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading),

Darlene H. & Ken K. (Collection/Gifts), Bob A. & TBD (Cup)

St. Peter Parish, Lumsden **Sundav** 9:00 am Tues & Thurs 9:00 am Friday Devotion May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. St. Jerome Parish, Regina Beach **Sunday** 11:00 am Wed & Fri 9:00 am

Summer Mass at Silton United Church 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays (May 31<sup>st</sup> to September 6<sup>th</sup>)

### **Reflection on the Readings for Easter Sunday**

My Dear Friends in Christ "The Lord has indeed Risen." We all want to live, and Easter is the feast that celebrates life. Once again, we acclaim "Alleluia, Praise the Lord!"

Christians openly profess that the Lord's death was not a defeat, but a victory! We share in that victory every time we profess in faith "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." God promised us eternal life and God always keeps His promise!

In the first reading from (Acts 10: 34-43) Peter clearly tells us that Jesus who was put to death was raised on the third day and appeared to many. As an Apostle Peter witnessed all that he had communicated and placed emphasis on Jesus' commandment to his Apostles to go out and preach the "Good News."

In the second reading Saint Paul (Col3:1-4) tells us to seek heavenly things. Through our baptism we die to our own sinfulness and will be raised up with Christ at the end of our earthly life if we believe in faith that Jesus, is Christ!

The alternate reading (1 Cor 5-8) speaks to a change of heart. Our Paschal Lamb, Christ has been sacrificed, therefore celebrate His Passion and Death at the Table of the Lord in the sacrament of the eucharist.

John's Gospel (20:1-18) is about renewed faith. Peter saw Jesus' garments left in the tomb and believed. The disciples took time to acknowledge the resurrection because the Holy Spirit had not yet come to reveal the divine mystery to the Church. We need the Holy Spirit to bring light to our own belief in faith!

**Practical Application(s):** Through the renewal of our own baptismal promise and prayer may we be given the fortitude to put our total trust and faith in God!

Blessed Easter,

Deacon Harper Boucher

# You cannot hang out with negative people and expect to live a positive life.

There will be no Happy Hour after Mass on Easter Sunday.

> Parish Finance Council will meet in the Hall at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Parish Pastoral Council will convene at 7:30 p.m. You are most welcome to attend either or both meetings.

## ~ Our Parish Community ~



Apr 11 Daniel Buttigieg Apr 12 Caden Gienow Apr 19 William & Sarah Cey Apr 30 Olga Fabrik



Apr 8 Nick Fabrik Apr 8 Raymond Eberts Apr 12 Marie MacDougall

Apr 13 Albert Rumpel Apr 27 John Eberts

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Apr 29 Ryan McCaig & Anna Strueby-McCaig Apr 30 Gerard & Christel Crompvoets

> We pray for healing, courage and strength for Emilie's daughter, Roseanne, and for Pope Francis.



People in long-term care or home-bound, and those suffering the loss of a loved one or facing turmoil, loneliness and/or uncertainty in their lives, need our prayers. We are truly grateful to all who pray for others, and for all prayers answered.

Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> Offertory - \$1,065.00 (YTD - \$13,164.87) Development & Peace - \$200.00 (YTD - \$715.00) Building Fund - \$1,300.00 (YTD - \$5,000.00)

E-transfers accepted at <u>stpetesfund@gmail.com</u>. Please note "Offertory" in the memo section.



### HALL RENOVATION UPDATE

We are truly grateful that cash donations and pledge forms continue to be received in support of the hall renovations.

Much prep work has been done in the past week by a dedicated group of volunteers, and painting will be done from Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> to Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> while the daycare is closed.

Once painting is complete, we will determine the timing of the next phase of the renovations. If you are available to help with carpentry, plumbing, organization, or have other skills (food prep, etc.), please notify Darrell Yakimowski of your skills and when you are available, to coordinate the times required.

A Huge Thank you. God Bless you.

# Archdiocese of Regina April 20, 2025





From Archbishop Don and all of the staff at the Archdiocese of Regina



### **Updates to Hospital Chaplains**

As of April 8, 2025, the Saskatchewan Health Authority is now asking patients at Admission if they would like a Spiritual Care Visit during their hospital stay in the General or Pasqua Hospital, they will collect the patient's faith information and notify the chaplains that you are in the hospital. This information is not stored at the hospital upon discharge, so you will need to provide the information for additional hospitalizations. If you end up in the hospital by the emergency room, you are not going to be asked this question. If you would like to have a visit, you or a family member can use the contact information below to speak with a hospital chaplain. If you would like a visit from your parish priest, you will need to notify the chaplain or the parish to let them know that you are in the hospital.

### **Hospital Chaplains**

**General Hospital:** Jennifer Holtslander – 306-519-1380 Pasqua Hospital: Jerry Fitzgerald - 306-519-1405 Wascana Rehab: Joan Rink - 530-6511

### Alumni of Distinction Gala

May 7 – Campion College is holding its Alumni of Distinction Gala at the Conexus Art Centre

The Alumni of Distinction Award promotes the tradition of excellence of Campion College and honours alumni and former students who have not only distinguished themselves in their profession and in their community but also demonstrate the core values of their Jesuit education in their professional and personal lives. 2025 Honourees are: Judge Patrick A. Reis and Desmond Hartney. Visit campioncollege. ca/alumni/dinner/ for more details or to order tickets.

**Retreat Day wih the Myriam Family of the Prairies** A retreat day for adults on April 26th, 2025 From 9:30 to 4:00

With the theme: The adventure of my spiritual journey; The evangelization of my being. The retreat will include a talk, Mass, Holy hour, prayer ministry, lunch and fellowship, in the beauty of nature and the silence of the countryside at our house of prayer in McLean, Sk, 45 km East of Regina. Register at prairies@famillemyriam.org or 306-751-0528

Campion College is hosting the 2025 Prairie Symposium for the Common Good on May 22-23

The Prairie Symposium for the Common Good is a partnership of St. Paul's College, University of Manitoba; Campion College, University of Regina; and St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan. The symposium takes place at the three colleges oThe symposium seeks to provide a platform for addressing the multifaceted challenges and opportunities related to human solidarity. By engaging diverse perspectives and expertise, we aim to inspire collaborative efforts towards a more humane world for the common good. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Monica Marcelli-Chu, Assistant Professor of Theological Ethics of Santa Clara University - Berkeley Campus, Jesuit School of Theology. Dr. Marcelli-Chu will present on "Care for Our Common Home Through the Spirit's Gift of Counsel." Visit campioncollege.ca/prairie-symposium/

#### Stewardship Bulletin Bit

"...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (Acts 10:38)

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "We are made for greatness." Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

The Archdiocese of Regina is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nêhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.



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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Warm greetings, and Happy Easter to each and all of you! There are some advantages to having a late Easter this year. Over the years I remember many Easter Vigils when we had to put our winter coats on to go outside to light the Easter fire, or couldn't in fact light the fire outside because there was a blizzard out there. If the forecast holds, that shouldn't be the case this year! The huge banks of snow that had drifted into my yard and garden have melted, and the signs of Spring are everywhere, from the sound of meadowlarks and robins to the sight of crocuses blooming and tulips popping out from the crusty soil. The waking up of nature brings much needed joy.

It has been a difficult winter on the Canadian prairies, with long stretches of cold windy weather. And it has been a rough few months here and the world over in other ways. We live in the midst of great turbulence and instability politically and economically, in a world which is increasingly polarized, where violence breaks out easily, and where many have deep fears about the future. That is the context in which we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, which grounds us in a hope which is, to borrow phrases from the poet e.e. cummings, "deeper than the sea" and "higher than the sky."

Holy Week takes us on a journey into the heart of darkness: denial, betrayal, mob violence, brutality, the suppression of the truth, the crucifixion of the author of life. It can't get much darker than that. But God does not leave us there. From the empty tomb, new life rises. The truth cannot ultimately be silenced. Death does not win in the end. Life and love prevail. God does not allow human failure and sin to have the last word.

Easter is not simply a proclamation of good news that makes us cheerful for a day or a week, then sets us back into the mire of discouragement and despair. Easter is about the big picture of what ultimately is going forward in history. Not that we're encouraged to believe that things are getting better and better, when clearly they are not on many fronts. But rather, Easter reminds us that God can and does bring forth life even at the most deathly of times, God can and does bring forth light even from the places of deepest darkness. History is ultimately in God's hands.

Faith invites us to hold on to that big picture of what God is doing, to place our trust there. And then to see the world through the lens of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and to live out of the hope that has its foundations there. That's what we might call paschal thinking, and paschal living. When we see the world that way, we can see hope arising even from the smallest places and most everyday things: the first glimpse of the sun bending over the horizon with each new day; every new birth; each life-giving encounter with another; the experience of forgiveness; resilience in the face of adversity; the song of the meadowlark the first time you hear it in the spring; the smell of Easter lilies; the life that is given us at each moment.

The hymn in the background celebrates that deep connection between the coming of Spring and the rising of Jesus from the dead. The hymn opens by speaking about the springing up of a grain of wheat:

"Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain..."

Then the hymn proceeds to speak of the death and resurrection of Jesus:

"In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain, Thinking that He never would awake again, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain, Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain; Quick from the dead the risen One is seen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green."

Dear friends in the Lord, may each of you know the joy of the Risen Lord this Easter, and may the joy and hope arising with Jesus from the tomb spill over into the way you see the world and into every corner of your lives. Happy Easter!

✤Donald Bolen Archbishop of Regina