

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul the Apostles

Masses this Week

Tuesday, July 1

No 5 p.m. Mass Today

Wednesday, July 2

8:00 a.m. + Maria Medeiros – *Rosa Eduino*

Thursday, July 3

5:00 p.m. People in the Holy Land - *Mike Chaves*

Friday, July 4

8:00 a.m. In honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – *Irene*

Saturday, July 5

5:00 p.m. + Norberto & Odillia Branco - *Maria Branco*

+ Jose Urbano Moura – *Wife Maria & Family*

+ Manuel Andrade – *Tony Andrade*

In honour of Canada – *Mike Chaves*

For the salvation of humanity – *Mike Chaves*

Sunday, July 6 – 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. - Low Mass (Ordinariate Use – all welcome)

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. - all parishioners

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, June 30

Office Closed

Tuesday, July 1

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Friday, July 4

8:30 a.m. - Adoration (Benediction 9:30 a.m.)

Saturday, July 5

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. – Confessions

Sunday, July 6

10:00 a.m. - Coffee Social (Parish Hall)

Preparing For Next Week

Zechariah 9: 9 - 10, Psalm 145,
Romans 8: 9, 11 - 13, Matthew 11: 25 - 30

Offertory

Envelope Contributions Last Week	\$3,362.50
Loose Collection	\$ 486.55
Total Collection – Thank you	\$3,849.05

Liturgical Ministers - July 5th & 6th

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeters	G. Mercier R. Bevan	P. O'Donnell <i>Vol. Needed</i>	R. France H. France
Lectors L1 L2	E. Kelly A. Kelly	D. Wylie B. Sousa	R. St. Cartier J. St. Cartier
Communion	W. Koluk H. Ernewein	M. Henry L. Henry	T. Cabral V. Umolac

**If you are visiting today,
St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.**

Please Observe a Reverent Silence in Church

Talk to God before Mass – and talk to each other after Mass – and please ensure that all mobile devices are switched off to avoid distracting others who are in prayer. Thank you.

Please Note

- ☞ The office will be *closed* this Tuesday, July 1st for Canada Day. There will be no 5 p.m. Mass celebrated on this day.
- ☞ There will be *no* Ordinariate Use Mass celebrated on Sunday, July 27th or Sunday, August 3rd.
- ☞ There will be *no* weekday Masses celebrated from July 22nd to August 1st, inclusive.

A New Parking Lot – at long last

It's no secret that our parish parking lot has been in a sorry state for some time. Our diocesan insurance company insists that this has become a safety issue and that the situation must be rectified. Experts inform us that further repair is no longer possible, so we have secured Bishop Crosby's permission to replace the existing church lot, add curbing and approximately 15 additional spaces beside and behind the rectory. Painting and new signs will complete the work.

After receiving bids, it has been determined that the estimated cost of the entire project will be \$90,000 - \$100,000. The work will be done during the second week of July and should be completed between Monday and Friday. Donations to offset the considerable cost of this project will be most welcome. Please note 'Parking Lot' on the information line of the cheque or on an envelope so that tax receipts may be given. The balance of the cost, not covered by donations, will necessarily be met with funds received from the sale of the convent.

If you will be attending weekday Masses or visiting the office during our parking lot renovation, kindly note that parking will only be available on the street.

Registered?

If you would like to be registered at St. Patrick's Parish, please complete a registration form (in envelopes marked "St. Patrick's Registration Form" located by each of the church doors) and place the completed form in the offering basket or return it to the parish office during the week. Thank you.

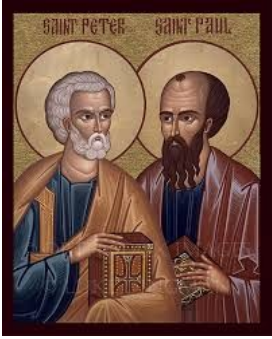
Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. June 30	Rev. Gordon Kennedy, C.S.B.
Tues., July 1	Rev. F.J. Power, S.J.
Wed., July 2	Servants of Mary Immaculate (S.S.M.I.)
Thurs., July 3	Most. Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki, D.D.
Fri., July 4	Very Rev. David Weise
Sat., July 5	Rev. Wayne Lobsinger

June 29, 2014

The Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul

Veneration of the two great Apostles, Peter and Paul, has its roots in the very foundations of the Church. They are at the origin of her faith and will forever remain her protectors and her guides. To them, Rome owes her true greatness, for it was under God's providential guidance that they were led to make the capital of the Empire, sanctified by their martyrdom, the centre of the Christian world, from which would radiate the preaching of the Gospel.



St. Peter suffered martyrdom under Nero in A.D. 66 or 67. He was buried on the hill of the Vatican where recent excavations have revealed his tomb on the very site of the basilica of St. Peter's. St. Paul was beheaded in the Via Ostia on the spot where now stands the basilica bearing his name. Down the centuries, Christian people in their thousands have gone on pilgrimage to the tombs of these Apostles. In the second and third

centuries the Roman Church already stood pre-eminent by reason of her apostolicity, the infallible truth of her teaching and her two great figures, Sts. Peter and Paul.

In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Sts. Peter and Paul: "*Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.*"

Taken from: CatholicCulture.org; CatholicNewsAgency.com

Merit

With regard to God, there is no strict right to any merit on the part of man. Between God and us there is an immeasurable inequality, for we have received everything from him, our Creator (c.f. Acts 17 : 28).

The merit of man before God in the Christian life arises from the fact that God has *freely chosen to associate man with the work of his grace...*so that the merit of good works is to be attributed in the first place to the grace of God, then to the faithful. Man's merit, moreover, itself is due to God, for his good actions proceed in Christ...and the assistance given by the Holy Spirit...so that the merits of our good works are gifts of the divine goodness.

Since the initiative belongs to God in the order of grace, *no one can merit the initial grace* of forgiveness and justification. Moved by the Holy Spirit and by charity, we *can then merit for ourselves* and for others the graces needed for our sanctification. These graces and goods are the object of Christian prayer.

The charity of Christ is the source in us of all our merits before God. As St. Thérèse of Lisieux prayed, "*...in the evening of this life, I shall appear before you with empty hands, for I do not ask you, Lord, to count my works. All our justice is blemished in your eyes. I wish, then, to be clothed in your own justice and to receive from your love the eternal possession of yourself*" (CCC 2007 – 2011).

Welcome to Our Christian Community

Baptism is the sacrament of faith. But faith needs the community of believers. It is only within the faith of the Church that each of the faithful can believe. The faith required for Baptism is not a perfect and mature faith, but a beginning that is called to develop.

For all the baptized, children or adults, faith must grow *after* Baptism. For the grace of Baptism to unfold, the parents' help is important. So too is the role of the *godfather* and *god-mother*, who must be firm believers, able and ready to help the newly baptized - child or adult - on the road of Christian life. The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at Baptism (CCC 1253 - 1255).

We welcome the following children to the household of faith through the waters of Baptism: *Sky Pearce, Christina-Marie Croitoru, Aubree Pratt, Sophia Camara, Liam Lelliott, Noah Fidler, and Jaela Lapointe-Silva.* Let us pray that they will continue to grow in faith, bearing witness to Christ by a life of holiness and service.

Interested in Becoming A Catholic?

Adults who have never been baptized and adults who would like to complete their Christian Initiation are invited to contact the parish office. Preparation sessions for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin in the Fall. Those who are prepared will be baptized or will complete their Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4, 2015. Those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and who wish to enter into the full communion of the Catholic Church will be received individually, according to the preparation that may be needed. Children in grade 3 or higher who have never been baptized or, having been baptized elsewhere, and now wish to become Catholics, should also begin a period of instruction and preparation. Please contact the parish office for more information.

The Great Adventure Bible Study Series

As Catholics, we search for a deeper and richer understanding of God's Word as found in Holy Scripture. This Fall, St. Patrick's Parish will be offering a Bible study series entitled, *The Great Adventure*. Over the course of seven weeks, we will be looking at God's revelation, as found in the Catholic version of the Bible, and how this divine revelation fits into God's plan for all of humanity.

Please plan now to join us from 7 - 8:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings from Sept. 25 - Nov. 6. Participant materials will be provided, and while there is no formal charge for the course, a donation to offset the material costs will be welcome. Since study materials must be ordered in advance, please call or e-mail the church office if you are interested in participating. Thank you.

Catholic Teaching on Cremated Remains

If you or a loved one are interested in cremation, at some future date, please see the pamphlet from the Diocese of Hamilton located at all three church doors.