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The Keys to the Kingdom



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Welcome to Our Lady of Peace Parish

We welcome all new parishioners to our parish community.
Please call the parish office for information about our
parish or to register as a parishioner.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday - Friday 9:00 AM

WEEKEND MASS: Saturday at 5:00 PM, Sunday at 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

ROSARY- 20 mins before each Mass

ADORATION - First Friday of each month 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

RECONCILIATION - Saturday's at: 4:30 PM & Sunday's at: 8:30 AM

All Masses may be viewed online at: <https://www.ourladyofpeaceregina.com/>

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

May be dropped off at the parish, or call and we will gladly pick it up.

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STEWARDSHIP

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" (Romans 11:35)

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.



Please Pray For

Judith Lewis, Doris Frei, Cathy Chukwuma, Antonette Rothecker,
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Beverly Ratch, Clarence Capletto, Roger Bertrand, Madeline Daley,
Betty Woytuik, Lloyd Stan, Diana Chowanec,
Angel Faith, Barney Ozembloski, Cheryl Bell & Fred & Donalda Exner



Ask Father James:

Was it really Jesus' intention to establish a Church?

The question that is sometimes asked is: Was it really Jesus' intention to establish a Church? In Matthew 16:17-19, Jesus said; "Blessed are you Peter... I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church." Thus, the Church did not come into being by accident. God's purpose is not to save individual souls in isolation from one another, but to build a Church, to gather together into one a people of his own, drawn from every nation and culture. Christians are brothers and sisters, siblings in God's family through Christ, citizens of his Kingdom and stones in his temple (Eph 2:19-22).

Unfortunately, today, the word 'church' (*ekklesia*) bears a lot of negative connotations in itself. It is connected with the idea of an old-fashioned club for people with extreme spiritual needs. Others identify it as a chilly and old organization, which is conservative, standing against progress in human evolution, and riddled with sexual abuse scandals and they resent its perceived desire for power and money. Following Christ's intent, the church, since its foundation, has no political mission, but serves a religious mission. The church does this through its sanctifying mission - leading people to have "intimate union with God" and to love one another - "unity of all humankind" its social mission (Matthew 22:34-40).

Historically, human beings have always longed for these two purposes. In the Bible, the Jewish people expected a spiritual messiah - The one who is to lead them to a New Exodus. The Old Exodus was from Egypt to the Promised Land - Jerusalem. The New Exodus was to be a spiritual relationship with God leading to a liberation from principalities and powers, evil forces that daily oppress them. Jesus knew this and wanted to help the world to become free; hence his response to Peter's declaration of his messianic identity with a promise to "build" the church "upon" a "rock" and give him the "keys" to the kingdom (Matthew 16:17-19).

He told Peter, "... I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven..." which means the keys to open and close blessings of "my church." The church belongs to Jesus Christ and he established it to give grace and blessing to the people of God. The word blessing (*makarios*) in Greek Language and as used in the New Testament means the distinctive joy which comes to a person when they share in the salvation of the Kingdom of God. The church was established to give blessing to those who join it by responding to the invitation from Christ. That was why Christ gave the church the power to bind and loose; that is; to free people from bondage and captivity (Luke 4:18-21).

The Book of Revelation 1:18 speaks of Jesus having the keys of Death and Hades and it is this key that Jesus handed over to Peter and the apostles for "Binding and Loosing" (Matthew 18:18) or for the forgiveness and retention of sins (Matthew 16:19; John 20:23). The church is an attacking force against death and evil forces; it is equipped with all the power it needs to resist such an attack. The church exists to help us so that the gates of Hades - powers and authority of the underworld - the realm of the ungodly dead or 'powers of evil' - 'shall not prevail against us.

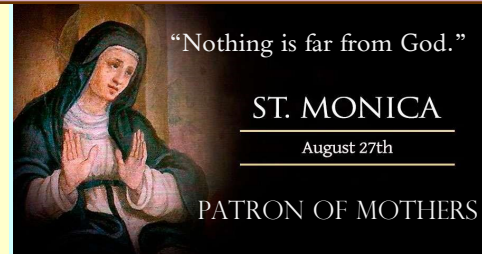
Do you have a faith question? Email Father James: frjowolagba@gmail.com

Recovering Together: Collection for Development & Peace (D&P) – August 29th & 30th

As Canada begins to recover from COVID-19, those in the Global South are experiencing the worst of its impacts. The most vulnerable are at increased risk of poverty, hunger, conflict and human rights violations. On August 29-30th, parishes are invited to hold a special collection to help cope with the devastating impacts of the pandemic. Watch this [video](#) to learn more about the actions of D&P. Give online at www.devp.org, T:1.888.234.8533, by cheque to:1425 René-Lévesque Blvd W., 3rd Floor, Montreal, QC, H3G 1T7 Thank you for support and solidarity.



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- Saint King Louis IX of France



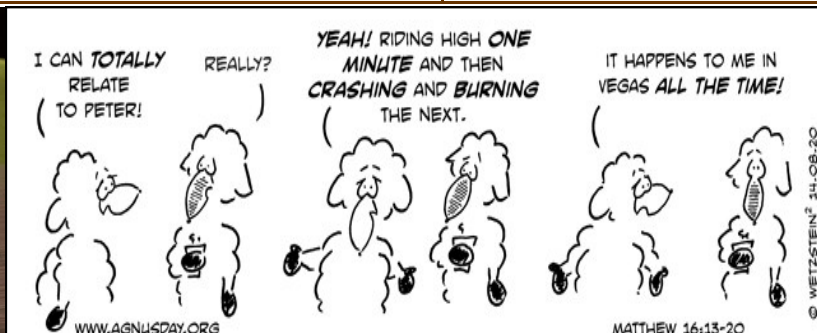
Mass Readings, Feast Days, SOLEMNITIES, Saints Days & Intentions

To request a Mass intention please call or email parish office.

Mass Date & Time <i><u>SOLEMNITIES</u>, Feast Days & Memorials</i>	Readings	Mass Intentions
Monday, August 24 - NO MASS <i>St Bartholomew, Apostle</i>	Revelation 21.9b-14 <i>Here is truly an Israelite, one in whom there is no deceit</i> John 1.45-51	
Tuesday, August 25 - 9:00 AM <i>St Louis</i> <i>St Joseph Calasanz</i>	2 Thessalonians 2.1-3a, 14-17 <i>You ought to have practised justice and mercy, without neglecting others</i> Matthew 23.23-26	<i>Dr. Dave, Cathleen & Dr. Amanda Devraj</i> <i>By Temrick Family</i>
Wednesday August 26 - 9:00 AM	2 Thessalonians 3.6-10, 16-18 <i>You are descendants of those who murdered the prophets</i> Matthew 23.27-32	† <i>Bill Davenport</i> <i>By Brian Martens</i>
Thursday, August 27 - 9:00 AM <i>St Monica</i>	1 Corinthians 1.1-9 Matthew 24.42-51 <i>You must be ready</i>	<i>Dr. Dave, Cathleen & Dr. Amanda Devraj</i> <i>By Parker Family</i>
Friday, August 28 - 9:00 AM <i>St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	1 Corinthians 1.17-25 <i>Here is the bridegroom! Come out and meet him</i> Matthew 25.1-13	† <i>Frances Zerr</i> <i>By Brian Martens</i>
Saturday, August 29 - 5:00 PM <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	Jeremiah 1.17-19 <i>Give me, here and now, John's head on a platter</i> Mark 6.17-29	All Parishioners <i>Missa pro populo</i>
22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday, August 30 - 9:00AM	Jeremiah 20.7-9 Romans 12.1-2 Matthew 16.21-27 <i>If any want to become followers, let them deny themselves</i>	<i>Dr. Dave, Cathleen & Dr. Amanda Devraj</i> <i>By Hilbig Family</i>
Sunday, August 30 - 11:00AM		<i>Dr. Dave, Cathleen & Dr. Amanda Devraj</i> <i>By Parker Family</i>



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**Join Knit & Chat,
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Calling all young people! The Archdiocese of Regina Leadership Camp will NOT be able to run as usual this year. But, in its place we are running four, day camps out at Glen Harbour. Two of the days (Aug. 23 & 25) are open to those ENTERING grades 7-9 in the Fall. And two of the days (August 24 & 26) will be dedicated to those ENTERING grades 10 – first year university in the Fall. Students may register for one or both of the days for their age group. The themes for the days are: “Mysteries, Miracles and Marvels” & “Who Dunit?” Both days will be filled with fun, faith



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and fellowship while following appropriate health guidelines. Students will NOT stay overnight, but will be BUSSED to and from the camp (15 per bus) The cost per day (including bussing from Regina) is \$60. Space is very limited! For further info or to register go to <https://archregina.sk.ca/youth-ministry/youth-summer-camps> or email mbraden@archregina.sk.ca



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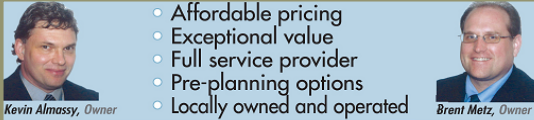
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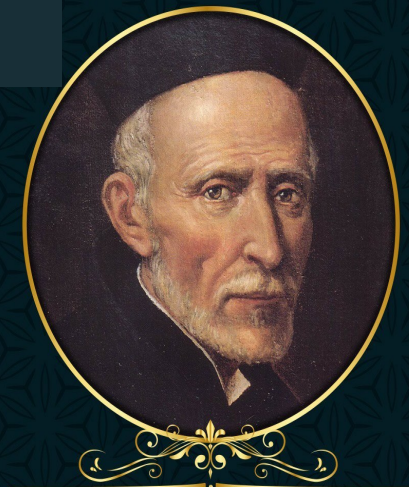
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BREAKING Bingo NEWS

FACTS, Questions & Answers

Is Bingo the primary fundraiser for Our Lady of Peace Parish?

No and Yes.

No. The parish has numerous fundraisers throughout the year; however, all non-liturgical events within the bricks and mortar of the church are prohibited at this time. Yes, Bingo fundraising is currently the only approved and primary fundraiser for the parish.

How much does bingo fundraising contribute to parish finances each year?

A substantial amount! It's the parish's highest revenue source among fundraisers. In 2019 our team raised \$15,178.40! To date, in 2020 our team has raised \$9,287.08.

How many people currently participate on the parish's bingo team?

Our dedicated team consists of only 10 people.

How many people are required each month and at each bingo session?

A minimum of 40 people per month are required and 12 people are needed for each bingo session.

Wow! 40 people per month and our dedicated parish team only consists of 10?

Yes, and like you and me and everyone else, our team tires out.

What will I be doing while helping at bingo?

There are a few key tasks such as: selling bingo paper to patrons, providing patrons with winnings and providing change.

How may I donate my time?

Bingo sessions are only 3 hours long with loads of fun and laughter!

What is the minimum age requirement for helping at bingo?

With permission of parents/guardians, students 14 and up may participate, and students are paid for their time!

I have safety concerns due to COVID-19, what precautions are followed?

All government safety guidelines and protocol are strictly adhered to. All surfaces are sanitized and disinfected and protective face masks are required.

What happens if more assistance isn't found?

The bingo fundraising will stop and the parish will lose a significant revenue stream. Every single parishioner would be required to substantially increase their weekly offering and ministries may need to be cut.

Now that I understand the importance of this fundraiser, how may I help?

The Bingo Team is providing two simple options for helping.

OPTION # 1.) Consider committing only 3 hours per month.

OPTION #2.) Instead of participating at the bingo hall, make a monetary donation to the fundraising efforts.

For example: John Doe cannot assist at a bingo, but he wants to help. John Doe donates \$20.00 to the bingo

Our Lady of Peace Bingo's are at:



Located on 2029 Park Street

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