



# The Church of St. Peter

*An Anglo-Catholic Parish in the Diocese of the Holy Cross*

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**February 2021**

Well, we had a very short Epiphany season lasting only three weeks! I have to admit I am impressed that the Poinsettias are still going strong. Now that we have made it to the 'Gesimas' we are reminded that Lent is right around the corner. Ash Wednesday is two weeks away, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>! In some ways it feels like Lent never ended. I am sure we will not forget the shelter-in-place orders from last Lent any time soon. Needless to say, a Lenten Rule (if you aren't familiar with this term, think New Year's Resolution, but for Lent) may not sound all that interesting. It may take a little bit of motivation to really commit to a Lenten fast. But like anything else, it is when we do not feel like praying, or fasting, or reading that we need to the most; often we get the most spiritually out of it at these times. So before this season of Lent begins, I encourage you to think about a Lenten discipline or resolution. Start small. Here are some ideas from Bishop Hewett:

Read a chapter of the Bible a day (*like Mark, Luke or the Psalms*)

Read a book on prayer, or the life of a saint. (*e.g. The Imitation of Christ, Story of a Soul, or The Confessions of St. Augustine*)

Say 5 decades of the Rosary a day or 100 Jesus Prayers a day.

Make a list of people and causes to pray for daily.

Spend 3 to 5 minutes a day in Thanksgiving to God.

Keep a list of God's blessings this Lent

Clean a disorganized part of your home, car, garage, attic, or begin a project delayed by procrastination.

Observe Sunday as the Lord's Day, going to Mass unless inhibited by illness or distance, try to do chores on Saturday.

Attend a weekday Mass, or the Stations of the Cross weekly, or pray the Stations at home.

Say Morning or Evening prayer daily. (*choose one and gradually work up to saying both. You can also use Family Prayer from the BCP, pgs. 587-600.*)

Go to Confession before Easter.

*Remember, a Lenten rule should be simple enough that we can stick to it, and challenging enough to help us cooperate more fully with God's grace, and grow in our capacity to love Him. – Bp. Hewett*

If you have questions about a Lenten Rule let me know!

Fr. Geordan Geddings  
*Rector*

## **This Month at St. Peter's**

**Feb. 3rd** – Wed. Mass @ 10 AM, Candlemas & St. Blase

**Feb. 5th** – Fri. Mass @ Noon, St. Agatha

**Feb. 7th** – **Sexagesima**  
Mass @ 8:30AM & 10:30AM

**Feb. 14th** – **Quinquagesima**  
Mass @ 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM.

**Feb. 16th** – Shrove Tuesday

**Feb. 17th** – Ash Wednesday  
Mass @ 10 AM & 6:30PM

**Feb. 19th** – Fri. Mass @ Noon  
Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM

**Feb. 21st** – **The First Sunday in Lent**  
Mass @ 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM.

**Feb. 24th** – Wed. Mass @ 10 AM  
St. Matthias the Apostle

**Feb. 26th** – Fri. Mass @ Noon Ember Day  
Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM

**Feb. 28th** – **Septuagesima**  
Mass @ 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

## 'Mite Boxes'

Take a Lenten "mite box" home to help us raise money for the St. Paul Mission Society! Mite boxes are available in the Parish Hall.



**How it works:** Take a mite box home, you can put pocket change in it and small bills left over from your day. Or you can use it as a discipline, for example, if you miss a day in keeping your Lenten resolution, you can put a coin or bill into the box. We ask that you return your mite box by Easter Sunday or the First Sunday after Easter.

**About the St. Paul Mission Society:** The St. Paul Mission Society is the ACC's (one of our partner Churches in the G4) missionary outreach which provides humanitarian relief and a chance to hear the Gospel of Christ to people across the world.

**From the ACC Website:** The ACC works to fulfill the great commission through the St. Paul Mission Society. The SPMS was founded to "provide funding, personnel, and other forms of support for domestic and international missions," and to assist in "the amelioration, relief, and assistance of persons and communities distressed by natural or man-made events or disasters or by adverse social or political situations." Based in the US, the main focus of the Society is in the developing world. The generosity of those who donate has helped thousands with food, shelter, and clothing in places ranging from Haiti to Pakistan, and from the Philippines to Sudan.

[www.anglican catholic.org/mission](http://www.anglican catholic.org/mission)

## Our Prayer List

*For our Parish, for its growth in sanctity, ministry, size, and financially.*

*For all Bishops, Priests, & Deacons: + Paul our Bp., and +Mark, +Juan, +Walter, priest: Geordan+, Micah+, Jim+, Sam+. Dcns: Travis, Creighton, David.*

*For all Religious: Sr. Mary Grace and for St. Benedict's Abbey (this is Joanna's sister).*

*For all in Authority; Joseph our President, and Gregg our Governor. For peace in our Nation*

*For the end of the Coronavirus, for all those who suffer from the virus and for all who minister to them.*

*For all servicemen and women: Andrew, Jacob, Jessica, Preston, McKayla, Andy*

*For all Children born and unborn & for their mothers: Savannah, Erin.*

*For those in sickness or in need: Sonya, Francis, Jody, Sue, Christina, Shane, Andy, Byron, Kim, Michelle, Martin, Holly, Heather, Jolene, Marissa, Evelyn, Sadie, Joey, Nashirah, Ross, Susan, Virginia, Brittany, John & Dianne, Sandy, Ann, Lynne, Lori, Jerry, Jim, Faye, Jodie, Julie, Carrol, Verna & Tim, Patrick, Eleanor, Kristen, James, Madison, John & Rhetta, George, Anna, Sharon, Teresa, Jane, Terry, Pat, Kevin, Michael+.*

*RIP: Jimbo, Kelly, Patrick, Ruth, Dottie, Francis, Johnny,*

## Announcements:

Join us Sunday's at 9:30AM as we continue a **book study** on the classic theological work *On the Incarnation*, by St. Athanasius.

Our **Annual Parish Meeting** will be **February 7<sup>th</sup>**, after the 10:30 AM Mass.

It is that time of year to think about renewing **pledges**. Pledge cards may be found in the back of the Nave.

We will be phasing out the use of Easy Tithe in favor of the free service, Zelle, which is available through most banks.

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