

April 5th, 2026 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



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Fr. Peter's office hours: Tuesday - Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Parish office hours: Tuesday: 9:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.– 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Thursday: 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Mass Times

Tuesday - Friday: 6:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Sacraments & Other Ministries

Confession: Contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Peter to schedule a time. Regular times are a half hour before each weekday Mass, Saturdays from 4:15–4:45 p.m. and First Fridays during Adoration from 5:30 p.m.– 6:30 p.m.

Baptism: Please contact the parish office to request the Sacrament.

Holy Matrimony: Please contact the parish office to request the Sacrament.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the parish office to request the Sacrament.

Funerals: Please contact the parish office.

Communion for the Sick: Everyone willing to take communion to family members who are homebound or sick, please contact the parish office.

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Parish Bus Trip to Pinawa: Join us on June 13th for a parish bus trip to St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Pinawa as we celebrate the Year of St. Francis. We will meet in our church parking lot and depart at 10:00 a.m. Travel with us on the bus or follow along in your own vehicle. Mass will be celebrated at noon, followed by free time to explore and reflect. The bus will return to Winnipeg by 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. Participants should bring a picnic lunch. All are welcome. If you are interested in joining us on the bus, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Parish Photo Directory: Our church is creating a new photo directory. Photography will take place June 1st–6th. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex. Just one short visit will ensure you are included. Each participant will receive a free copy of the directory. This project helps us get to know one another and strengthens our parish community. Our directory isn't complete without you, so please sign up and be part of this important parish initiative.

Divine Mercy Devotion: In February 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina Kowalska in Poland, entrusting her with a message of mercy for the whole world. She recorded these encounters in several personal diaries, revealing the depth of God's love, and His call for every person to place their trust in Him.

The message of Divine Mercy is both simple and profound. We are called to trust in Jesus, to receive His mercy, and to extend that mercy to others in our daily lives. Through St. Faustina, Christ reminds us that no sin is greater than His mercy, and no one should be afraid to return to Him. You can learn more about the devotion at thedivinemercy.org. Her diaries are available through reliable online sources, or as the podcast *Saint Faustina's Diary in a Year* by the Marian Fathers on Apple Podcasts or Spotify.

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration: St. Andrew Bobola Parish invites everyone to join in celebrating the Feast of Divine Mercy on April 12th. Reconciliation begins at 1:00 p.m., followed by Mass celebrated by Archbishop Albert at 3:00 p.m. As a designated Shrine of Divine Mercy, St. Andrew Bobola Parish is blessed to house a first-class relic of St. Faustina.

<u>Upcoming Mass Schedule</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention & Requested by</u>
April 4	8:00 p.m.	Needs & intentions of all parishioners
April 5	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Linda Fields † / Fernandes Family Intentions of the Lozano family
April 7	6:30 p.m.	Belen Manoy †
April 8	6:30 p.m.	Belen Manoy †
April 9	6:30 p.m.	Belen Manoy †
April 10	6:30 p.m.	In thanksgiving for the 50 th wedding anniversary of Alina & Jan Kazula
April 11	5:00 p.m.	Belen Manoy †
April 12	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Needs & intentions of all parishioners Waldetrudes Tapay † & Manuel Lozano Jr. †
April 14	6:30 p.m.	Shirley Du † & Rogelio Tuano †
April 15	6:30 p.m.	Mass
April 16	6:30 p.m.	Mass
April 17	6:30 p.m.	Mass
April 18	6:30 p.m.	Mass
April 19	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Mass Joshua Paculaba †

Our Collection

March 21st & 22nd, 2026
Offertory Envelopes: \$2,111.00
Loose collection: \$353.00

\$2,464.00

March 28th & 29th, 2026
Offertory Envelopes: \$2,640.00
Loose collection: \$564.00

\$3,204.00

Development & Peace Share Lent Campaign Update: Development and Peace - Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting their *On Track for Justice* campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected \$831.00. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

Manitoba Passion Play Auditions: Manitoba's Passion Play is seeking enthusiastic actors, primarily for male roles, who are willing to volunteer their time from April through July. This is a unique opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience of sharing the life of our Lord with others. If this is you, email audition@passionplay.ca before April 11th.

Jason Schreyer Grocery Access Program: The Jason Schreyer Grocery Access Program operates at St. Gerard School on the first and third Saturdays of each month. The program is open to anyone who needs affordable groceries. This is a cash-and-carry program; please bring cash, as it is the only method of payment accepted. Enter through the back lane to the gym, where the store will be set up. For more information, please contact Chris Sweryda at 204-801-9239 or umsweryd@myumanitoba.ca.

Save the Date for the Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration: Are you celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary this year? You are invited to participate in the Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration, on May 3rd. A Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Albert LeGatt at the St. Boniface Cathedral at 3:30 p.m. Couples will be invited to renew their vows and receive a special blessing. A reception with light refreshments will follow. Celebrating couples will receive an anniversary certificate signed by Archbishop LeGatt. Please register by April 24th. For more information and to register, please visit the "Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration" tab on the Archdiocesan website (<https://www.archsaintboniface.ca>). Or contact Grace Dumont, 204-594-0275 or gdumont@archsaintboniface.ca.

The sanctuary lamp, hosts, wine and flowers were generously sponsored
in remembrance of Pat Slobidnyk on April 4th & 5th.

We are grateful for this meaningful offering, which helps enrich the beauty and solemnity of our
Sunday celebrations. Your generosity is deeply appreciated by the entire parish community.

Fr. Peter's Easter Message

How do Catholics Understand Death and Resurrection?

We all know that we are mortal. We have come into this world through the love of God, and at some point, each of us must say goodbye to this life. As the book of Ecclesiastes reminds us, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted" (Eccl 3:1-2). When we bid farewell to this world, we hope not to be lost but to find our way back to God, who loves us without end.

Christ has shown us the way to be with Him, saying, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (Jn 14:6). When we follow Him, we walk the path that leads us to our true home. After His death, Christ rose again to demonstrate that He is the head of the mystical Body, and we are the members of this same mystical body. Christ wants us to know that where he leads, we will follow. We must remember, Christ has risen from the dead, and this is our hope and the destiny of the entire Body, for we are all His Body.

In this year of St. Francis of Assisi, I would like to draw upon his wisdom, shared in his writings, about death. St. Francis understood that the journey to eternity could only be made with Sister Death as a companion. He invites us to embrace rather than battle her, to love her rather than despise her, and to welcome her rather than shun her. One day, Sister Death will greet us, and we will return home to God, who created us, loves us and redeems us.

I would like to close this message with a few verses from the *Canticle of the Sun* (also known as *Laudes Creaturarum* or "Praise of the Creatures") by St. Francis of Assisi:

"Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth, who sustains us and governs us and who produces varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no living man can escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin. Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will, for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks, and serve Him with great humility."

Happy Easter everyone!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T. Peter', with a long horizontal line underneath it.