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5:00pm (sat)
9:00am; 10:30am; 12:00pm; 4:30pm

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Monday - Friday: 7:30am; 12:10pm

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Monday - Friday: 5:10pm

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Tuesday: 3:00pm-6:00pm

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Monday - Friday: 11:30am - 12:00pm
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ST. PETER AND THE PAPACY TODAY

How can today's readings about the Apostle Simon Peter help us to understand the modern papacy?

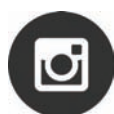
Throughout the New Testament, the Apostle Simon Peter gets special attention. He is the first to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In response, Jesus promises him the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, and that Simon's profession of faith and strong character would be the foundation of Jesus's own Church on earth (giving Simon the nickname "Peter"—meaning "rock"—which seems to have stuck) (Matthew 16:13-20). Peter also recognizes that

Since 1856, St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs. We are blessed because you are all here!

Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. If you need to, feel free to walk with your child in the back of the church or in the hallway off the side aisle.



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Jesus has “the words of eternal life” (John 6:68), and is a witness to the transfiguration of Jesus on Mt. Tabor (Luke 9:28-36). At Pentecost and afterwards, Peter speaks and ministers fearlessly as a witness of the risen Christ, like in today’s reading from Acts.

But the New Testament authors don’t shy away from telling us about Peter’s faults, either. Peter is portrayed as headstrong and a bit, well, dense. Peter tries to dissuade Jesus from undergoing the Messiah’s foretold passion, which leads Jesus to call Peter “Satan” (a nickname that didn’t stick). Peter also violently defends Jesus with a sword in the Garden of Gethsemane (John 18:10-11), and denies even knowing Jesus three times during the Lord’s passion.

In today’s reading from the final chapter of the Gospel of John, John paints what I consider to be the ultimate portrait of Peter. Since the Gospel is written after Peter’s crucifixion and death in Rome, John can portray Peter knowing the full shape of Peter’s earthly life, including his final witness as a Martyr. The result is a portrait of a Judean fisherman—with his human faults and charms—illuminated by the Resurrection and coloured by the powerful witness he would bear until his

death. As the first Bishop of Rome (bishops are the successors of the Apostles), this portrait of Peter is John’s depiction of the archetypal and paradigmatic papacy.

Peter *follows* Jesus’s directions, and as a result he and the disciples receive more than they could ever have asked for (“...there were *so many fish*”), like on the Sea of Galilee earlier in Jesus’s ministry (Luke 5:1-11). Peter *converses with Jesus honestly and with humility*, confirming earnestly three times that he loves Jesus, reversing his three-fold denial during Jesus’s passion. As a result of Peter’s pledge of love, *Peter must be a pastor—a good shepherd—feeding and caring for Jesus’ flock* (“feed my lambs”). And Peter, the fisherman from the margins of the Roman Empire, must go to the centre of the imperium—to Rome itself—to spread the Gospel. In other words, *Peter must be a unifying bridge between the centre and the peripheries*.

Through the intercession of St. Peter, let us pray that our next pope will have a deep prayer life, listen closely to Jesus’s directions, be close to his sheep, and continue to reach out to the peripheries of the Church and society.

- Dr. Greg Rupik

PARTNERS IN MISSION: READING AND REFLECTION GROUP

Wednesday evenings, May 28 to June 18

Would you like a more caring, compassionate, and friendly Church? One where Jesus, Our Lord and Saviour, is our mentor and the gospels are our roadmap along our pilgrim way leading to God’s heavenly kingdom? If these ideas excite you, join us to build a mission-driven community at St. Basil’s, where we support and accompany one another as we live the Gospel.

We invite you to participate in a 5-week series that involves reading the book *Divine Renovation: Bringing Your Parish from Maintenance to Mission* (Mallon, 2014) and reflecting on how the invitations from the book might lead to a renewal of mission at our parish. Each session will include prayer, small groups in the style of “Conversation in the Spirit” (synodal process), and large group discussion. Sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings: May 28 from 6-8:30pm; June 4, June 11, June 18 from 7-8:30pm; and June 25 from 6-8:30pm. Please sign up by May 16. More details and registration is here: <https://forms.office.com/r/Yf5ovC1kbm>. Questions? Contact: Marion Bayfield at marionbayfield@yahoo.ca

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May 3/4: ShareLife

MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 4 - 10



SUNDAY EASTER III

9:00am John I. Glover (✱)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Terance Coates (✱)
4:30pm Jose Nascimento (✱)

MONDAY

7:30am Corazon Bueno (✱)
12:10pm

TUESDAY

7:30am
12:10pm

WEDNESDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Joseph Bala Vanniasinkam (✱)

THURSDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Joseph Sorbara (✱)

FRIDAY

7:30am Sebastian Sanchez Galiano (✱)
12:10pm Luigi, Lina, Len, and Michael
Ciavarella (✱, ✱, ✱, ✱)

SATURDAY


5:00pm VanBerkum-Farahat Family (liv)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Annabelle Brossard, Desmond Brownlee, Steve Chandler, Yvonne Clarke, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Maisie Henry, Maryanne Hodges, Bohdanka Kovalska, Elaine Landrie, Anne McFadden, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, David Martin, Rosy Menezes, Dr. Peter Moran, Paul O'Brien, Robert Rodbourne, Delaila Salvador, Todd Snow, Federico Sorianosos Jr., John Sytsma, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, Rosalie Wimbs, and Alexander Wu.

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