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✠ Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles ✠

June 29, 2025

Today, the Church celebrates with joy the memory of both Peter and Paul together. The "Rock" and the "Chosen instrument" finally met in Rome, fulfilling their apostolic ministry, sealing it with the effusion of blood. The mysterious journey of faith and love, which leads Peter and Paul from the land of their birth to Jerusalem, and then to other parts of the world and finally to Rome, in a certain sense is a model of the journey that every Christian is called to undertake to witness to Christ in the world.

The message that always comes to the Church from the holy Apostles Peter and Paul is clear and eloquent: by the grace of God, in every circumstance it is possible for man to become a sign of the victorious power of God. Because of this, he must not fear. Whoever has confidence in God, free from every fear, experiences the consoling presence of the Spirit also, and especially, in times of trial and suffering.

We strongly see the need of having "to begin again from Christ," the foundation of our faith and mission. "Yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8), Christ is the solid rock on which the Church is built. Following the example of Peter and Paul and with their constant support, let us try to repeat every instant to Christ: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God! You are our only Redeemer!" ~ *St. John Paul II on July 2, 2002*

CANADA DAY: On the occasion of the **Dominion of Canada's** 158th birthday this Tuesday, July 1st, we also celebrate what makes our country feel like home and our Faith which has been profoundly integral to our Canadian creativity and heritage. How blessed are we to live in this beautiful country with its diversity of landscapes and peoples!

A mari usque ad mare has been the official motto of the Dominion of Canada for nearly a century; it is inscribed on the Canadian coat of arms approved by King George V in 1921. The phrase comes from a verse in Psalm 72, translated as "he shall have dominion from sea to sea." This verse inspired the choice of *Dominion* as the title for Canada.

Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

June 30 – July 5

Tuesday *No Mass*

CANADA DAY

First Friday 9:00 a.m.

+ Gary Cannon, Andrew Brotton & Stanley Luckasavitch

by David & Julia Cannon

+ Howard Kavelman *by Maxie & Maureen Kiedroski*

Intentions of the Starflowers Prayer Initiative

+ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

July 6, 2025

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

+ Garry Pecarskie & Charlotte Pecarskie Kuiack

by Roy & Enise Hunter

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments

July 5

Readings

Lorraine Flynn

Communion

Beverly Glofcheskie

Offertory

Bruce Sullivan

Richard Luckasavitch

July 6

Ursula Jeffrey

Terry Recoskie

Paul Rivett-Carnac

Greg Kelly

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy.
Weekdays – before weekday Masses in sacristy or by appointment during office hours.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

-that as we celebrate Canada Day Weekend 2025, let us give thanks to God for our beautiful country and renew our desire to strive for a society that seeks truth and reconciliation with its First Peoples, and respects the dignity and rights of each and every human person – from conception to death, in this, our native land.

- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Ray Vananburg, Carmel Rumleskie, Linda Pilgrim.*

- for those who have died, especially: *Conrad Pierroz, Veronica O'Reilly.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Tuesday - Ferial (*Canada Day*)

Thursday - St. Thomas, Apostle

Friday - St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Saturday - St. Anthony Zaccaria, priest

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CANADA: The life of the Catholic Church in Canada has been integral to the history of our nation and its peoples. Deep faith in God, heroic sacrifice, and an immense love for Christ witnessed by her saints, shepherds and lay faithful has helped our country be truly “glorious and free”.

- 1535 - Jacques Cartier arrives in Canada and erects a cross at Saint-Servan
- 1611 - Samuel de Champlain founds the first Catholic colony in Quebec City
 - First Jesuits arrive in New France
- 1639 - Jesuits establish St. Marie-Among-the-Hurons near Midland, Ontario
- 1649 - Jean de Brebeuf and Gabriel Lalemant are martyred in Saint-Ignace II near Midland
- 1659 - St. Francois de Laval arrives in Quebec City as its new bishop
 - St. Marguerite de Bourgeoys founds the Congregation of Notre-Dame
- 1680 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha dies in Kahnawake, Quebec
- 1737 - St. Marguerite d'Youville founds the Sisters of Charity of Montreal (Grey Sisters)
- 1841 - Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate arrive in Montreal
- 1843 - Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher founds the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary in Longueuil, Quebec
- 1850 - Basilian Fathers arrive in Toronto
- 1851 - Mother Delphine Fontbonne and three Sisters of St. Joseph arrive in Toronto
- 1867 - CONFEDERATION OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA
- *1898 - The Diocese of Pembroke is formed from the territory of the Vicariate Apostolic of Pontiac under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Ottawa**
- *1902 - Mission church –St. Francis de Sales - built at Latchford Bridge**
- *1906 - Mission church – Sacred Heart -- built in Combermere**
 - 1907 - Founding of St. Joseph Chapel in Montreal by Saint “Brother” André Bessette, Congregation of the Holy Cross
- *1931 - Combermere becomes a parish**
- *1946 - Beginnings of what would become Madonna House Apostolate**
- *1947 - Latchford Bridge becomes a parish**
- *1951 - Sacred Heart Church burns to the ground**
- *1952 - Holy Canadian Martyrs Church is built and dedicated in 1953**
- *1957 - St. Francis de Sales reverts back to being a mission**
- *1963 - St. Joseph’s House (Madonna House) is established**
- 1967 - St. Joseph’s Oratory is completed in Montreal
- 1984 - Pope John Paul II’s first visit to Canada
- 2002 - World Youth Day-Toronto; 800K pilgrims celebrate the final Mass with Saint John Paul II
- 2022 - Pope Francis comes to Canada in a "penitential pilgrimage" with the goal of contributing to the "process of healing and reconciliation with the country’s Indigenous peoples"

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,277.50 (Envelopes: \$2,047.00; Loose: \$115.50; E-transfer: \$40.00; Visitors: \$10.00).

Thank you for your consistent financial support which enables us to have a church and community for worship, education and outreach.

SUMMER COTTAGE PARISHIONERS: We warmly welcome back our seasonal parishioners and hope that you once again have a wonderful summer in our beautiful area of creation! This is just a reminder that if you do have envelopes, please visit the entrance table to pick up your envelope box. If they are not there and you desire to have them, please contact call or email the office. Your contributions are appreciated and vital for helping with expenses.

PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR: Fridays at 9:45 a.m. - following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish as we continue to pray together for the sanctity of life, marriage and family.

CELL PHONES IN CHURCH: As we gather together for Mass, let's take a moment to ensure our cell phones are on silent mode. This helps maintain the peaceful and reverent atmosphere we all cherish. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our focus on prayer and reflection and creating a space for undistracted prayer.

BIBLE STUDY: Summer Series on the Gospel of John (Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture by Fr. Francis Martin). For those who might like to attend a bible study in the summer, we will be studying the Gospel of John Chapter 6 to Chapter 8 starting Wednesday June 11th ending August 27th. Books can be ordered online. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Hall. For more information contact John Morris, 613-729-6647.

85th ANNUAL CORMAC PILGRIMAGE: to the Shrine of St. Ann in Cormac and our Diocesan Celebration of the Jubilee Year of Hope will take place on Sunday, July 27th, 2025. The Triduum of Preparation and Pilgrimage Sunday will be led by Bishop Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R., Bishop of the Diocese of Pembroke. **Triduum Masses on Thursday, July 24th, Friday, July 25th and Saturday, July 26th at 7:00 p.m. each evening.** The principal Pilgrimage Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. at the Shrine.

**O God, by glorifying You,
may our land remain truly glorious and free.**