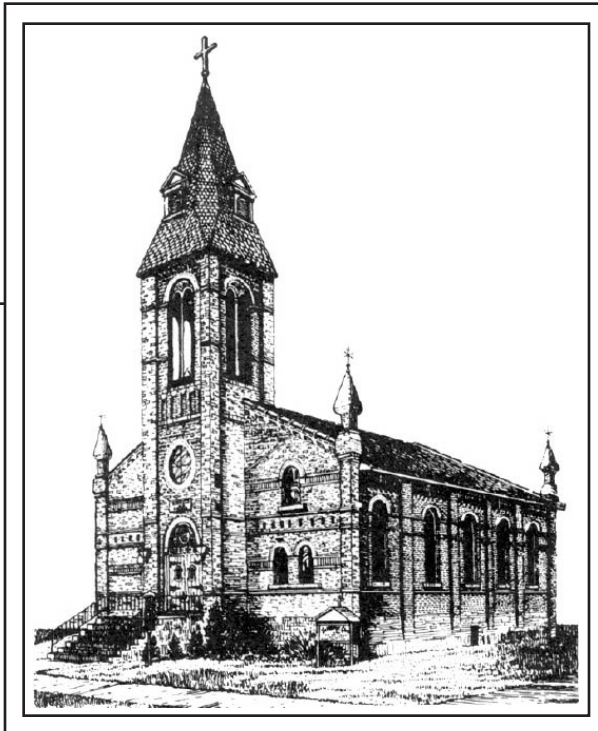


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**PARISH REGISTRATION:** All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

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*A few weeks ago, I placed an announcement in the parish bulletin asking whether any parishioners had topics of interest to them or questions they have about the Church, the sacraments, the Saints, Mary, etc. The first response I had was actually an article that was written about Holy Water, its power and its use, however, since it was a rather detailed clipping, I would have had to type the whole article myself. I've since received 2 additional questions and so I thought I would approach them both here.*

### Where Is St. Peter's Wife?

This is a great question and when we consider that Peter did in fact have a wife, a truth we know from the fact that Jesus cured Peter's mother-in-law. So, he had a wife. Yet when we hear those words of Peter and Andrew's call from Jesus to follow Him, with Peter's wife in mind, we also hear the words of the Gospel writer which says, "Immediately they left their nets and followed him". (Matt. 4:20) So, did Peter not even go home after work to tell his wife he wouldn't be back because he and Andrew had met a holy wanderer who invited them to be followers? No, of course not. Then what happened?

While the Church doesn't have a specific teaching about this it is generally believed that Mrs. Simon Peter died early on, making Peter a widower and, therefore, free to become an Apostle of Jesus, wherever that would take him. Whether we know for certain that she was alive during Jesus' public three-year ministry is not known from the scriptures themselves because she is never mentioned save for that one solitary instance of Jesus' cure of her mother. It is also true that two Early Church Fathers, Eusebius and Clement of Alexandria claimed that Peter's wife was martyred just before Peter was but, Eusebius got his source from Clement which means there is actually only one source for this idea. As well, no other Early Church Father mentions anything about Peter's wife during the ministry of Jesus, thus the tradition that she died before or during Jesus' three-year-ministry is generally accepted.

### When Is War Just?

The second question I received was in regard to the reality of evil in the world, personified by Satan, the tempter and hater of men's souls – "the thief (who) comes only to steal and kill and destroy". (John 10:10) But what of those followers of Christ who show great goodness? The question then was, what does that mean to Satan? Do we turn the other cheek?

And finally, this question of evil became so evident to the parishioner who asked the question in light of the fact that they never thought they would live to see Canadians, and people around the world, calling for the death of Israel and that its people would be wiped out. This, of course, is in response to the Hamas terrorist attack on Israel on October 8, 2023 which claimed the lives of over 1,400 citizens.

Well, to the question of turning the other cheek, as Jesus said, we turn the other cheek to those who would strike us, standing our ground but not giving in to an evil response. But, we never turn the other cheek to Satan, the Devil and to evil. To do so is to cooperate with evil or to hold that the devil is worthy of love. He's not. Most of the nations of the earth believed that what happened to Israel was a great evil and that they were right to respond to this great attack. Yet so quickly sympathy and support waned for Israel as

movements, small but loud, began to rise up and not reason but scream their outrage toward Israel, blaming them for their own victimhood. And so it goes. There is nothing new under the sun.

Again, to the readers question, how can people freely, openly and unabashedly call for the death and eradication of the Jews? And how does this differ from Nazism's call for the death of the Jews? The motivation is hatred and hatred can seep into the bones and the heart of individuals and peoples where they will justify the death of a nation and peoples as good. The questioner, I believe, has a good point in being shocked that Canadians and Americans would not voice but scream their hatred of the Jews publicly and call for politicians and leaders to go against Israel.

Jesus, our Messiah, Lord and King was a Jew. He didn't become a Christian when He founded His Church – He is the very foundation of it, and remained a Jew. Christians are those who choose to follow Jesus. The Church is clear in its teaching about the Jews and how we stand on their shoulders as those who first received the gift of faith, a faith we share commonly in the one, true God. The scriptures never speak of an end to Judaism but that as God's chosen people they would one day see the Messiah. We believe and know that the Messiah has already come so we live with Him now as they continue to wait. To call for the deaths of all Jews, or even one Jew, or Muslim, or Buddhist or Hindu or Christian is not of God and does not come from God. For anyone of any religion to hold that God is on their side as they call for the death of a nation and people in the name of God, is evil. Yet God's forces can with a minority go against a great and mighty foe and defeat it, not on their own but as proof that God was with them and enabled them, with a small group, to win victory. We see this with Gideon who was instructed by God to put together an army to do battle with the massive forces of the Midianites. God sifted through the soldiers Gideon started with and kept whittling down their numbers until there was only an army of 300 men, who drank at the river in the fashion of dogs. And God basically said to Gideon, "There's your army and I will be with you." A minority, with God, can accomplish anything. And Gideon's army gloriously and triumphantly defeated the Midianites, or, rather, God did.

There are times to fight and times not to fight. There are times to make peace and times to make war. And there are times to fight and defend yourself and times to acquiesce. One cannot make peace with another who not only doesn't want it but seeks to annihilate you at the first opportunity. Satan wants us all dead, no matter who we are or what side we are on or what evils we cooperate with. St. Thomas Aquinas said, war is justified (nation A wars justly against nation B) on the following conditions:

- A.** It is called by a **sovereign authority**.
- B.** It has a **just cause**.
- C.** The combatants have morally **right intentions** (not vengeance or profit).
- D.** Qualifying Conditions
  1. **Cannot intend intrinsically evil actions.**
  2. A good action, or at least a morally neutral action, will have two effects: a **good intended**, and **AN EVIL, NOT intended**, but **tolerated**.
  3. **Proportionality:** the good to be achieved **outweighs the evil of war.** (Fr. Charles)



**MASS** *SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS*

Tuesday Feb 6 <sup>th</sup> 7:00pm	+Claude Belcourt Requested by the Cudney Family
Wednesday Feb 7 <sup>th</sup> 8:30am	+Nadia Ann Clement Requested by Marilyn Wihby
	Unannounced Mass
Thursday Feb 8 <sup>th</sup> 8:30am	+Kevin & Christian Jaramillo Requested by Jacqueline & Terry Wong
Friday Feb 9 <sup>th</sup> 7:30am	Holy Hour
8:30am	Health Intentions Bart Grudzien Requested by Mom
	Unannounced Mass
Saturday Feb 10 <sup>th</sup> 3:30pm	Confessions
4:30pm	+Jean Van Benthem Requested by Nancy & Vince Massa
Sunday Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am	+Anne Van Boxmeer Requested by Ted & Shirley
11:00am	For the People

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Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Hilary Joseph, Henry Niepalla, Teresa & Feliks Kosierb, Mary Little, Elizabeth Pavilsa, Kaz Watroba, Stan Faria

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**SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS FOR OUR ORDINANDI OF 2024**

The CWL will be collecting prayers for the Ordinandi of 2024 in the Father Ellard Hall after all of the Masses the weekend of Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The spiritual bouquet contains the collective commitment of spiritual prayers and devotions by members. They are **NOT** paid offerings. Some people will offer each mass they attend for the next year. Some people will offer a daily prayer for them. Any and all combinations of prayer and devotions are accepted. Our Priests need your Prayers. If you cannot sign up in person, please go to [collcwl.ca](http://collcwl.ca) and submit your prayers there. Thank you.

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