

# February 2024 Parish Bulletin

## Ss Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish

A Catholic Parish within the Eparchy of Edmonton, under the omophor of Bishop David. Fr Gary, Pastor.

Sunday Confessions 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

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## Lent

With Easter early this year Lent begins soon! The following is an overview of our upcoming pre-Lenten, and Lenten Services.

- ❖ All Souls Saturday(1), February 3, 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy for the faithful departed of our families and our parish.
- ❖ Clean Monday (first day of Lent), February 12, 10:00 a.m., Lenten Presanctified Service and the Rite of Mutual Forgiveness.
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, February 18, 10:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy with the annual blessing of Icons (**please feel free to bring your Icons from home for this Liturgy and blessing**).
- ❖ All Souls Saturday(2), February 24, 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy for the faithful departed of our families and our parish.
- ❖ All Souls Saturday(3), March 2, 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy for the faithful departed of our families and our parish.
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, March 3, 10:00 a.m., Exaltation, Procession and Veneration of the Life-giving Cross followed by Divine Liturgy.
- ❖ March 8 and March 22, Lenten Soup Suppers, 6:00 p.m. - see below for more info.
- ❖ All Souls Saturday(4), March 9, 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy for the faithful departed of our families and our parish.
- ❖ Akathist Saturday, March 16, 9:00 a.m., Akathist Hymn in Honour the Mother of God & Ever-virgin Mary.

## Confessions

For Lent and Holy Week private Confessions are being celebrated on:

- Saturdays, 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.
- Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Clean Monday, February 12, following the 10:00 a.m. Lenten Presanctified Service.
- Friday, March 8, beginning at 7:15 p.m. in the church following our Lenten Soup Supper
- Friday, March 22, beginning at 7:15 p.m. in the church following our Lenten Soup Supper
- Holy Wednesday, March 27, 7:00 p.m., Presanctified Liturgy followed by Confessions.
- Holy Saturday, March 30, 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. (followed by Easter Basket Blessing).

Please note, no Confessions on Easter Sunday.

## *Parish AGM*

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 3, 11:30 a.m. in the hall. Please plan on attending and participating. Your opportunity to come together in this important year of transition as we prepare to welcome a new pastor.



# Lenten SOUP Supper

Our Lenten Soup Suppers return again this year!

- Friday, March 8, 6:00 p.m. in the hall, hall doors open at 5:30 p.m. At 7:15 p.m. we will celebrate a short penitential service in the church followed by the opportunity for Confessions.
- Friday, March 22, 6:00 p.m. in the hall, hall doors open at 5:30 p.m. At 7:15 p.m. we will celebrate a short penitential service in the church followed by the opportunity for Confessions.

If you would like to volunteer to bring a meatless soup please speak to Alice.

## *Mnohaya lita and Thank You!*

- ★ Thank you to the families who have cleaned the church this past month - and for those who will be cleaning in February!
- ★ Thank you to everyone who pitched in to shovel and clean the sidewalks at the church and hall these past few weeks.
- ★ Thank you to the members of the choir for all of their time, effort and talents in practising for and singing our Sunday Divine Liturgies!

## *Word Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life*

The 28<sup>th</sup> World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated on February 2, the Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord in the Temple. The World Day for Consecrated Life was instituted by Pope St John Paul II in 1997, a day of prayer for those women and men who have devoted their lives to God in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Encounter of the Lord. On this Feast, candles are traditionally blessed symbolising Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. On this day we pray for the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (SSMI), the Order of Saint Basil the Great (OSBM), and the Skete of the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-creating Cross (Hieromonk Fr Teodosy).

## *UCWLC Ladies*

The Ladies normally gather on the first Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m. See Michele (403 593 2482) for further details.

## *K of C Gentlemen*

The Gentlemen normally gather on the third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. See Fred or Grant for further details.

## *Pilgrims of Hope - 2025 Jubilee Year*



Pope Francis declared 2025 as a Jubilee Year designating its theme as *“Pilgrims of Hope.”* In the words of the Holy Father, *“Pilgrims of Hope”* evokes *“the movement of a Church that walks in pilgrimage to the light of hope that makes the future possible.... The Jubilee, with its focus on conversion, forgiveness, abundance, walk, and mercy, becomes a possibility for the future itself. Hope is the light that brightens the future, but not in a naively optimistic sense. We know it: hope is Jesus Christ dead and risen.... ‘The*

*people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on the inhabitants of a country in shadow dark as death light has blazed forth.’* (Isaiah 9:1).

*The light is that of the Son made Man, Jesus, who with the very Word, gathers every people and every nation. We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope.”*

Follow the Vatican’s official Jubilee 2025 website (<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>) for the latest details on plans, news, initiatives and resources related to the Jubilee.

## *Our Ongoing Bottle Drive!*



A reminder that our parish does have an account at the [Ability Bottle Depots](#), both the north and south locations. The addresses are:

- ❖ 1610-29 Street N; and, 2915-32 Street S

You can take your bottles, cans, milk cartons & etc. for refund and they will automatically be credited to our parish account. PLEASE NOTE, let the cashier know BEFORE you unload your bottles that the proceeds are to go to Ss Peter & Paul Church. Should you have any questions please speak with Grant.

### *iPraises App*

The Eparchy of Edmonton launched a new liturgical app called iPraises available in Android and Apple platforms. The app is free and hosts the liturgical propers in English for the Divine Liturgy each day during the year, including the troparion, kondak, Epistle, Gospel, and everything else you need to follow along during the Divine Liturgy. The app can also be used at home, school, or work to take a few moments in prayer with the Lord each day.

### *Indigenous Reconciliation Fund*

In January 2022 the Canadian Catholic Bishops of Canada announced the creation of an Indigenous Reconciliation Fund to support Indigenous-led projects in the areas of: Healing and Reconciliation for Communities and Families; Culture and Language Revitalization; Education and Community Building; and Dialogues for Promoting Indigenous Spirituality and Culture. The Fund represents a Catholic Commitment to Healing and Reconciliation. The Eparchy of Edmonton was pleased to provide a \$10,000 grant towards an Indigenous Beadwork Project at Catholic Parish of Sacred Heart, Edmonton. *“The Indigenous Beadwork project is a transformative initiative that celebrates the art form of beading, holding deep cultural significance for Indigenous, Inuit, and Métis peoples. Guided by a resilient Dene woman who survived residential schools, these workshops focus on healing, using traditional materials, fostering connection and reviving cultural practices.”*

*February parish calendar on the following page.*

*A copy of this calendar can also be found on the bulletin board at the church.*

*An updated calendar is also available throughout the month on our parish website.*

# Parish Calendar

## February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish</b> 7 Avenue N & 12B Street, Lethbridge Parish email: <a href="mailto:sspp.parish@gmail.com">sspp.parish@gmail.com</a> For hospital emergencies and funerals phone Fr Gary at 403-308-8797.				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Encounter</i> 9:00a Divine Liturgy	<b>3</b> <i>All Souls</i> 8:15a Confessions 9:00a Divine Liturgy 9:45a PPC meeting
<b>4</b> <i>Meatfare</i> 9:00a Confessions 9:30a K of C Rosary 10:00a Divine Liturgy 11:00a Fellowship	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00a Morning Prayer	<b>7</b> 6:00p UCWLC gathering	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8:15a Confessions 9:00a Divine Liturgy 9:45a Walk With Christ
<b>11</b> <i>Cheesefare</i> 9:00a Confessions 9:30a First Hour 10:00a Divine Liturgy 11:00a Fellowship	<b>12</b> <i>Clean Monday -Lent-</i> 10:00a Presanctified Service, Rite of Mutual Forgiveness, Confessions	<b>13</b> <i>Clean Tuesday</i> 9:00a Morning Prayer	<b>14</b> <i>Clean Wednesday</i> 7:00p K of C mtg	<b>15</b> <i>Clean Thursday</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Clean Friday</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Clean Saturday</i> 8:15a Confessions 9:00a Divine Liturgy
<b>18</b> <i>Lent 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</i> 9:00a Confessions 9:30a UCWLC Rosary 10:00a Divine Liturgy w/ Icons Blessing 11:00a Fellowship	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00a Morning Prayer	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>All Souls</i> 8:15a Confessions 9:00a Divine Liturgy 10:00a Safe Enviro. onboarding
<b>25</b> <i>Lent 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</i> 9:00a Confessions 9:30a First Hour 10:00a Divine Liturgy 11:00a Fellowship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:00a Morning Prayer	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	Did you know, the first week of Lent is known as "Clean Week." After Lent we celebrate "Great & Holy Week" and then after Easter "Bright & Glorious Week."	