



Peter's CWL April 2024 Newsletter

Dear Ladies,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! I hope you all had a good Lent and Holy Easter!

We now enter Eastertide (also known as Eastertime or the Easter season) or Paschaltide (also known as Paschaltime or the Paschal season) focusing on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Church celebrates the Eastertide for 50 days, culminating with the feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles.

I'm happy to have these 50 days to meditate on the learning curve of the disciples – Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, Betrayal by Judas Iscariot, Passion and Death of Our Lord, Resurrection, Ascension, then Pentecost. That's a lot to take in in just over 50 days! I'm looking forward to walking through Passiontide with the Apostles and get to know them better!

Spring! That marvelous season when we look forward to planting our gardens! With that in mind, please support your CWL by purchasing flowers through **Growing Smiles** – information below.

Our **Daffodils and Crocuses Tea** has returned this year! Get your fascinators out and come join us on **April 27th**.

Help us fill the April Showers playpen in the Narthex the **Weekend of April 20/21st** with baby supplies for single parents.



You are invited to Our Lady of Good Counsel Prayer Service in St. Peter's Sanctuary on April 26th at 1 pm. Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the Parish Hall.

At 1 pm on May Wednesdays 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th please join us in Praying the Rosary in the Grotto. We will be saying the rosary in French, Hungarian, Nigerian and Spanish.

Blessings to you and your family!
Joan Shillington
President, St. Peter's CWL



Social Justice Report

Unfortunately, our Social Justice Chair has had to step away from this position due to health and family commitments. We are sorry to see Maria Boudais leave, but family and health always come first. We pray for your return to good health and an easy journey with your mother.

There are many responsibilities to the Social Justice Chair including April Showers and Project Warmth.

An integral part of the CWL is Social Justice, is to bring social issues to the attention of St. Peter's CWL. It can be any level of government; Federal, Provincial or Civic. Recent issues that CWL Councils across Canada have initiated: euthanasia, abortion, and human trafficking.

These issues may be submitted in the form of a Resolution or Position Paper to the Diocesan Social Justice Committee. Templates can be shared with CWL members to write to government officials and always, keeping our members informed what is happening.

There is a need for this important position to be filled. Could that be you!

Here I am Lord, Send Me! Isaiah 6:8

WITHIN 1 KM OF YOU, SOMEONE IS BEING LURED INTO SEX TRAFFICKING.

For information about how to identify that someone you know is at risk, the Joy Smith Foundation has prepared a simple download brochure: ["TRAFFICKING SIGNS STUDY GUIDE – a handbook to keeping a friend or family member safe."](#) DYK – St Peter's CWL takes part in the IWIN project, which provides survival backpacks for people trying to escape from human trafficking.



Welcome New CWL Members



St. Peter's CWL **Installation of New Members** was held Sunday, March 24th. Thank you to all the new members who attended and to Deacon Stephen who presided over the ceremony!

What's Happening in April

Breakfast with the Bishop

1. April 6th, 10 am – 1 pm. All interested in Catholic healthcare are invited to a brunch with Bishop McGrattan at the Railway Café at Heritage Park. Regular attendees: \$40, Student attendees: \$25. RSVP by indicating the number of guests and e-transferring to catholicmedyc@gmail.com Cheques and exact cash accepted at the door.
2. If you would like to renew or purchase a new CWL membership, they can be purchased for \$45.00. <https://www.st-peterscwl.ca/get-involved>
3. CWL Nametags are \$20 and may be ordered from the [registration page of the CWL website](#)), or the next general meeting, speak with Denise, Membership Chair.
4. Wednesday, April 10th, 7 pm, CWL Executive Meeting in Boardroom.
5. Cake Raffle April 13, 14, held in the Narthex after masses.
6. April 17th, 7:30 pm in Parish Hall - Regional CWL Meeting
7. April 20/21 April Showers weekend – see announcement.
8. Fri - April 26th – Our Lady of Good Counsel Prayer Service, 1 pm – 3 pm in Sanctuary. Coffee and Fellowship following in Parish Hall.
9. Sat – April 27, Daffodils and Crocuses Ladies Tea – see announcement.

Coming In May

Sunday, May 19, 11:30 am, 3rd CWL Ministry live stream Mass. We are reaching out to organize all CWL ladies to support ministries as Ushers/Greeters/Collectors, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Sacristan.

(a) you may sign up at <https://volunteersignup.org/J3KEP>

(b) all CWL members get to wear your blue sashes – pick up and return sashes to the Narthex.

If after you signed up to minister, and must postpone, contact Judy Montes at 403-241-0726 so we can fill your spot.

(c) We will pause ministry masses during summer months and resume in September.

2024 Executive	Contact Information
President	Joan Shillington, president.cwl.stpeters@gmail.com >
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April Showers! Weekend of April 20/21 –



Please help fill our playpen with diapers, baby food, formula, and baby wipes. Donations will support infants and toddlers through St. Vincent de Paul and KARA, a CCSD program that supports teen parents. KARA will provide tax receipts on donations of \$20 and up.

Donate on link <https://justgiving.com/campaign/ccef-karaprogram>



St. Peter's Catholic Women's League Bursary Application Deadline:

Sunday, May 5, 2024.

Click <https://tinyurl.com/yjp6net4>

St. Peter's CWL is proud to offer one annual award of \$1500. This bursary will be given to a female student who is a member of St. Peter's Parish in Calgary and who has graduated high school in the last two years (2023 or 2024). The successful applicant must be pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited institution such as a university, a college or SAIT. In addition to academic achievement, parish involvement and participation in community/school activities will be considered.

GROWING SMILES FUNDRAISER - SPRING FLOWERS



**Your CWL is bringing gardening to you!
Order an array of beautiful hanging baskets,
planters, vegetables, herbs and so much more this spring!**

Order online by April 30th - Pick up May 18th at St. Peter's Parish.

<https://stpeterschurch.growingsmilesfundraising.com>

Visa/MC/Amex accepted.

Contact is CWL President Joan Shillington, president.cwl.stpeters@gmail.com

Daffodils & Crocuses

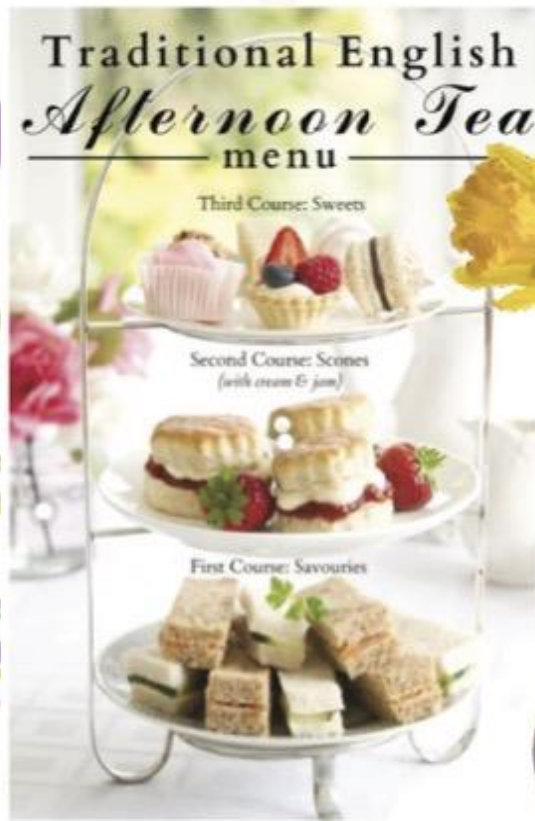
Ladies Afternoon Tea
Saturday, April 27, 2024 1-3 PM



All Ladies 5+ Welcome
5-15 \$5.00 / 16+ \$10.00



Wear your Fascinator for Fancy and Fabulous Fun





ENTIRE MONTH OF
APRIL

EARTH MONTH

Apr 1-30, 2024

Get Special Offers
& Discounts on
Selected Products

SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER

Our fundraiser will **earn 25% on every sale**
made through our Tru Earth Fundraising link.

- One small box of LAUNDRY STRIPS REPLACES 9 PLASTIC Bottles
- Simply use the link & help save the planet!
- tru-earth.sjv.io/st-peterscwl

With SPECIAL THANKS, and BLESSINGS

OPPORTUNITY



CWL Volunteer Opportunities Open

1. Partner and Mentor new CWL Members – Open to existing CWL Members. Please contact CWL's Welcome Committee Co-Chairs, **Marianne Evashuk and Charlotte Parkinson**, at Welcome.cwl.stpeters@gmail.com.
2. Social Justice Chair is open - please contact Joan Shillington, CWL President for details about this very important role. president.cwl.stpeters@gmail.com

Tell me more about the benefits of volunteering at the Catholic Women's League.

- Provides spiritual purpose and a sense of belonging to a community,
- Helps you meet new friends, increases your social skills in communication,
- Improves self-esteem, teaches you valuable skills such as ministry, prayer, time management, commitment, problem solving, marketing, communications and serving others.
- You are never alone but part of a larger sisterhood -a team of women that represent all ages including, daughters, young moms, professionals, grandmothers, and seniors, who care outside of themselves, can advise and mentor you.
- Expands your network that may lead to a job where you can write a resume that includes your volunteer skills and responsibilities as well as gain references.
- When English is your 2nd or 3rd language, you may need to practice speaking English more, what better way to practice while having fun serving!
- Brings joy and fun into your life while giving your time to help benefit others who desperately need your support and connection.

Thank you CWL Members for all your volunteer support.



Bulletin and Newsletter Submission Deadlines

Weekly Bulletin – Mondays any time before 2 pm

Monthly Newsletters - The first day of the month by 6 pm

Contact Communications Chair, Lynn Merrithew by email cwl.stpeters@gmail.com; and copy President, Joan Shillington, president.cwl.stpeters@gmail.com

