

# ST-PETER'S CWL NEWSLETTER

**CATHOLIC**  
and **LIVING IT!**

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## WELCOME!

We are so excited to introduce our newsletter to you! Each month, you will receive a copy with information about our upcoming activities and important items. We will also be celebrating our sisters and their milestones and lifting those up in need in our prayers. This is YOUR CWL and we want you to feel joyful about our ministry.



## PEACE

“Peace: it does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work, it means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.” The author is unknown, perhaps a wise sage that transcends tradition or ideology.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego relied on each other for strength. They knew they had each other no matter what was to happen to them. And their collective action made their resistance that much stronger. And Jesus was with them, accompanying them through the fire.



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Faith

Service

Social  
Justice

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Thank you to each one of you who participated in last Friday's **Mary's Way of The Cross and Lenten Soup**. This was the largest attendance to date and our fellow parishioners were so moved by our presentation. A big **THANK YOU** to Jan Myhre for bringing this beautiful rendition of the Stations of The Cross and to all the ladies who made their delicious homemade soup which was raved about!

The beauty of our ministry is our deep-rooted commitment to help those who need it most as well as our parish community. During the Easter season we are being called to assist in the **Easter Vigil for the RCIA** candidates on April 8 as well as the reception following mass with Bishop McGrattan on **Divine Mercy Sunday** on April 16. I pray the Holy Spirit and our Lady of Good Counsel guide us in our servant leadership. Sign-ups are in the newsletter.

Blessings to you and your families this Easter season.

Janet



## IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

**April 1:** Growing Smiles Spring Fundraiser Open

**April 8:** RCIA Easter Vigil

**April 12:** CWL Executive Meeting

**April 16:** Divine Mercy Sunday with Bishop McGrattan

**April 19:** CWL Installation of Officers, Welcome to New Members, General Meeting

**April 22 & 23:** April Showers

**May 2:** Growing Smiles Order close

**May 5 & 6:** CWL Diocesan Convention, High River

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*The Catholic Women's League of Canada*

**101<sup>st</sup> Calgary Diocesan Convention**

Friday, May 5 to Saturday, May 6, 2022

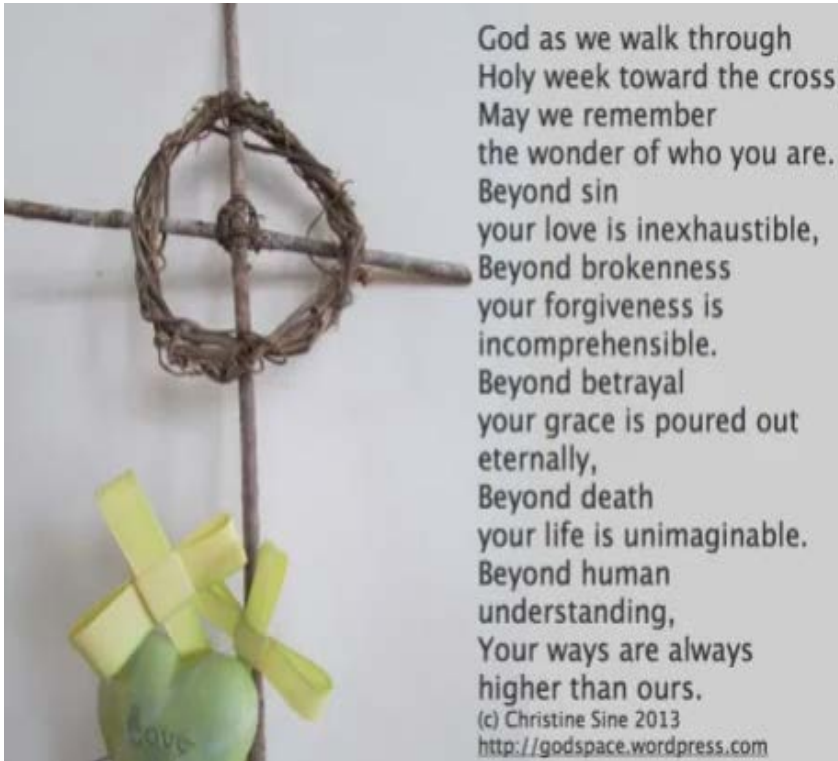
**Highwood Memorial Centre**

128 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, High River, AB T1V 1M3

All CWL members are invited to attend by registering at the link below.  
Our designates are the president and one other member of the executive.  
***If you are attending and would like to carpool, please sign up [here](#)***

**[REGISTRATION FORM](#)**

## FAITH



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## STRATEGIC PLAN

Thank you to everyone who came out earlier this month to work on our strategic plan. This newsletter is part of those efforts!

The CWL three pillars are:

### FAITH

### SERVICE

### SOCIAL JUSTICE

As we move along in the development of our new strategic plan, we will see changes in our executive as well as how we organize under each pillar.

The purpose of the new strategic plan is to recognize that there is a need to continue to attract new members and make our organization relevant to today's society.

In the meetings to come, your executive will be explaining the steps we are taking as a council.

## QUICK LINKS

<https://www.st-peterscwl.ca/>

### DIOCESAN:

<https://www.calgarycwl.ca/>

### PROVINCIAL:

<https://www.cwlabmk.ca/>

### NATIONAL:

<https://cwl.ca/>



## MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

## SERVICE

As a CWL Council, we are called to service. There are many opportunities to gift your time and talent and enjoy the camaraderie that comes with our sisterhood. Volunteers are needed for the following events:

### EASTER VIGIL – April 8.

St Peter's RCIA will have 21 candidates celebrating for which 11 will be baptized and 10 confirmed. We will be hosting the Easter Vigil Reception which will be at 10:30 pm and likely run until 12:30 am. Volunteers are needed to set-up, serve and clean up. Your service would be greatly appreciated for this most special event, and you can sign up [here](#).

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – April 16

Bishop McGrattan will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday at 3:00 pm at St Peter's Parish. Our CWL will host with the Sisters of the Divine Mercy the reception following the mass. Please see the [sign up sheet](#) to volunteer.

### APRIL SHOWERS – April 22 & 23

On the weekend of April 22 & 23, we will be collecting baby necessities to fill our St Vincent de Paul pantry as well as Elizabeth House. Donations of diapers, wipes, baby formula, baby food and cash are gratefully accepted. Volunteer after mass [here](#):

## CWL 2023 BURSARY

Any female from St Peter's Parish who graduated in 2022 or will graduate in 2023 is invited to apply for the CWL Bursary. Registration in a post secondary institution for the upcoming year. Full details available [here](#). **Deadline to apply is April 15.**

## OFFICER INSTALLATION & NEW MEMBER WELCOME

On **April 19** following the evening mass, we will have the installation of officers and welcome to new members presided over by Deacon Stephen. In addition, we will recognize members with special milestones. Our regular general meeting will follow in the parish hall with refreshments.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

Our council, led by Joan Shillington – Legislation & Resolutions Chair and Dr. Peggy Gibson, has been instrumental in furthering the conversation on MAiD – Medically Assistance in Dying. There is a window of opportunity to change public opinion. To read an interview with Dr. Gibson please visit: <https://www.catholicregister.org/item/35219-new-hope-for-maid-opponents>

The video presentation at St Peter's on February 24 was attended and viewed by hundreds of Catholic faithful. To view the video, please click here: <https://st-peters.ca/vimeo-video/traid-for-maid-mp4/>





## BIRTHDAY CAKE POPCORN

This fun and festive birthday cake popcorn snack mix is the perfect birthday party treat for kids who don't like frosting. Featured in The Ultimate Kids' Baking Book! It adapts well for Easter.

### INGREDIENTS

- 24 cups prepared plain popcorn or 2 batches of homemade popcorn made from ½ cup kernels
- 3 cups white chocolate chips
- 3 heaping tablespoons yellow cake mix just the powdered mix, don't prepare the actual cake batter
- 1 (11.4 oz) bag M&Ms
- Sprinkles

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place the popcorn in a very large mixing bowl.
2. Place the white chocolate chips in a microwave-safe bowl. Heat on HIGH for 30 seconds and then use oven mitts to remove the bowl. Stir the chips and then continue to heat in 15-second intervals until the chocolate is melted. When the chocolate is nice and smooth, stir in the cake mix.
3. Pour the chocolate mixture over the popcorn and use a large cooking spoon to stir the popcorn and coat it with the chocolate.
4. Spread out the popcorn onto a large sheet of waxed or parchment paper. To avoid having the candy colors run everywhere, be sure to let the popcorn cool for 2 to 3 minutes. Don't wait too long though, or the sprinkles may not stick.
5. Sprinkle the candies and sprinkles evenly over the popcorn. Let the mixture completely cool and harden.
6. Break the popcorn into large pieces and serve in party cups.

## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Please submit newsletter contributions to [Megan](#) or [Janet](#) by the 30th of the month and we will do our best to incorporate your contribution.



### OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL FEAST DAY IS APRIL 26

Do you have ideas or suggestions on how we can celebrate our patroness?

Please reach out to [Janet](#) or [Megan](#) who will bring it to the executive.

## GROWING SMILES SPRING FUNDRAISER

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Growing Smiles Spring Fundraiser will run from April 1 to May 2, 2023. This fundraiser helps support many of our works and charities and is a beautiful way to enhance your garden!

If you've got a spacious yard or a cute condo deck, there's beautiful flowers, gorgeous planters and hanging baskets, hardy vegetables and tender herbs to replenish your space.

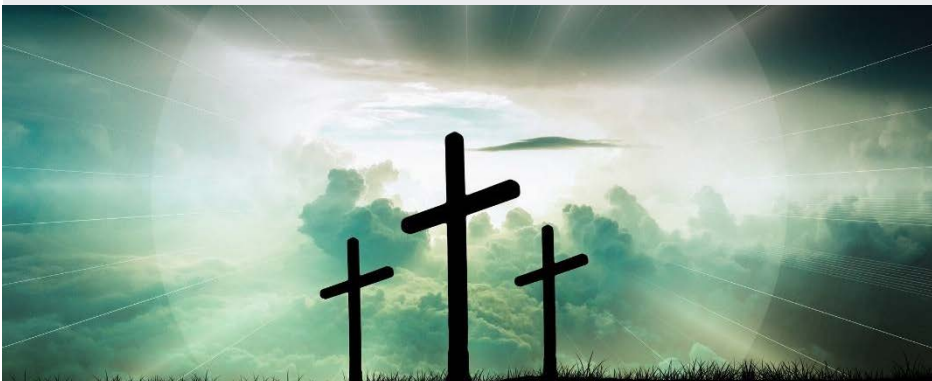
Our prices are competitive with the local box stores and other fundraisers with up to 30% of the proceeds going to our charitable works!

Start dreaming of your gardens and place your order today:

<https://stpeterschurch.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

### PLANTING A MARY GARDEN IS ONE WAY TO FOLLOW POPE FRANCIS' CALL TO CARE FOR CREATION

The tradition of planting flowers, shrubs, and herbs in honor of the Virgin Mary dates to medieval times. These plots were called "Mary Gardens, and the faithful thought that flowers were perhaps the best proof on earth of the beauty, glory, and goodness of God. The Blessed Virgin was also considered an image of our Lord's beauty, glory, and goodness, and thus the connection between the Mother of God and flowers.



### TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are grateful to God, the Creator, for the gracious gift of these lands for all peoples. In a spirit of gratitude, we acknowledge that this Treaty 7 Territory, where as a community we worship, live, work and play, is the traditional home of the Siksika, Piikani Kainai, Bearspaw, Chiniki and Goodstoney First Nations and the Tsuut'ina Nation. This area is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3. As members of St Peter's Parish, we will in humility strive to learn, reflect, and act in ways that will promote our shared journey of truth, reconciliation, healing and hope.