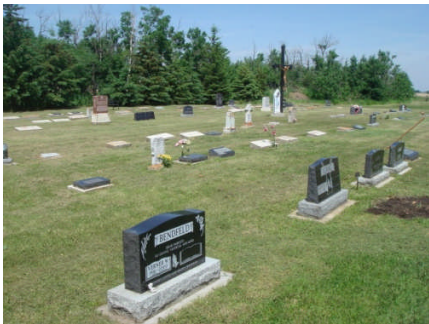


St. Peter Catholic Historical Church - Strome, Alberta

ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILY OF DAYSLAND, HEISLER, KILLAM & PARISHES

Daysland – Our Lady of the Prairies Church * Heisler – St. Martin Church * Killam – St. Joseph Church
Polska Church – St. John the Baptist Church * Prague Church – St. John Nepomucene Church
Spring Lake - St. Boniface Historical Church * Strome – St. Peter Historical Church

June 26, 2011 at 2.00 PM – Annual Mass & Blessing of the graves



LITANY FOR THE DEAD

Priest: Let us pray for those who have passed through the gates of death and await God's abundant mercy:

Priest: For those who died from sickness, disease or addiction,
For those who died in fire, floods or natural disasters,
For those who died from hunger, thirst or malnutrition, we pray:

People: **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

Priest: For those who died slowly, painfully or from prolonged illness,
For those who died in shame or guilt,
For those who died in poverty-stricken or dehumanizing conditions, we pray:

People: **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

Priest: For those who died suddenly or unexpectedly,
For those who died by violence, abuse or neglect,
For those who died at the hands of loved ones, we pray:

People: **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

Priest: For those who died in times of war,
For those who died in acts of terrorism,
For those who died by execution, we pray:

People: **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

Priest: For those who died at birth,
For those who died in the womb and by abortion,
For those who died prematurely in their youth, we pray:

People: **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

Priest: For those who died by suicide, in despair or without hope,
For those who died unreconciled with another or family, with the church or with God,
For those who died alone or unloved, unmourned or forgotten, we pray:

People: **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

Priest: For those who died in sorrow or regret,
For those who died amidst broken promises and unfulfilled dreams,
For those who died in accidental or tragic circumstances, we pray:

People: **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

Priest: For those who died as innocent victims,
For those who died for the sake of others,
For those who died defending life and protecting the innocent, we pray:

People: **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

Priest: For those who died in witness to the truth and justice,
For those who died in witness to faith, hope and love,
For those who died peacefully surrounded by family and friends, we pray:

People: **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

Priest: For those who died prayerfully in the hope of rising again,
For those who died fortified by the Sacraments of the Church and nourished by the Bread of Life,
For those who have died from our family or from among our friends, we pray:

People: **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

Priest: Let us pray: To you, O God, the dead do not die, in death our life is changed, not ended. Hear our prayers and command the souls of our servants to dwell with Abraham and Sarah, your friends, and be raised at last on the great day of judgment. In your mercy cleanse them of any sin which they may have committed through human frailty. We ask this through Christ, our Risen Lord. **People: Amen.**

Priest: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. **People: And let perpetual light shine upon them.**

Priest: May they rest in peace. **People: Amen.**

Priest: May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **People: Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: Trusting in God's power to save, whatever problems and difficulties may threaten us in life, we bring to Him our own needs and the needs of the world through the intercessions of St. Peter.

The answer to the petitions is: **Lord, hear our prayer**

1. For the leaders of the Church, Pope Benedict XVI, Archbishop Richard Smith and all the bishops and priests. May they continue to strengthen and encourage the Church through their teachings. Let us pray to the Lord:

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For those who are distanced from the Church, for those who have lost their faith as well as for those who are seeking the truth. Let us pray to the Lord:

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For farmers, that God's providence will bless them with good weather and plentiful crops. Let us pray to the Lord:

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For those who built St. Peter Church, for all those who in the past years prayed in this church, received the sacraments here, those who took care of this church and the cemetery. Let us pray to the Lord:

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

5. For the sick and the suffering, those who go through the difficult time in their lives. May they receive comfort and support from their families, friends and neighbours and healing from God. Let us pray to the Lord:

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

6. For our beloved dead, especially all those who are buried in our cemetery, that they may enjoy forever the reward of their faith in the new life of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord:

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

7. For all of us, who came to celebrate this Annual Mass in St. Peter Church in Strome. Give us your blessings in daily lives and safe trip to our homes. Let us pray to the Lord:

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Almighty Father, we place our prayers before you in complete trust and confidence through the intercessions of St. Peter. We ask these intentions today and all our prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



- To all the members of St. Peter Historical Society
- To all the people who continually help to keep St. Peter Catholic Church and cemetery in such a good condition
- To all the people who came to celebrate Eucharist today

Let Us Come To Our Lord Jesus Through His Body and Blood

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ reminds us of whom we eat and drink at the Eucharistic celebration. It also tells why we come to Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

It is the real body and blood of Christ that we receive at communion. It is also Christ's blood that we drink at Mass, but mere looking at it; we see it looks like bread and wine. We gather to celebrate the Eucharist and eat and drink of Christ's body and blood because it is a command from our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the last supper gave us His body and blood to eat and drink for the life of the world and for the forgiveness of our sins. And He asked us to be doing this in his remembrance.



St. Paul reminds us that what he is passing on to us is what he received from the Lord. Who before His death gave His body and blood for the life of the world.

We eat of the body of Christ because it is the food for eternal life. And His blood sanctifies us and cleanses our sins. For Jesus said, "He who eats my body and drinks my blood will live forever, even if he dies I will raise him up and he will never die again." (John 6.32-53)

We also eat the body and drink the blood of Christ because we want Christ Jesus to live in us and direct our lives. We want our Redeemer to be our friend and one with us. For Jesus said, "he who eats my body and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him." ((John 6.56-58)

We also come to celebrate the sacrifice of the Eucharist because we want to see Christ, we want Him to reveal Himself to us. Let us remember what happened when Jesus rose from the dead, the apostles gathered to celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday (the first day of the week), Thomas was not there, he was some where else, but when Christ came in, he presented Himself to His apostles who were there to celebrate the Eucharist.

Jesus gave them peace, the Holy Spirit, and the power to forgive sins. Thomas did not receive these gifts, nor did Christ reveal himself to him. Thomas only saw Jesus the next Sunday when He joined the rest to celebrate the Eucharist, (John 20.19-27). Thus we come to the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist because, we want Christ's peace and the blessings of the Holy Spirit in our lives and families.

Let us also cast our minds on what took place between Jesus and his disciples after his resurrection on their way to the City of Emmaus. They did not recognize Jesus, when he was sharing the gospel message with them. But when he broke the bread with them (the Eucharist) their eyes opened and they recognized Him, (Luke 24.13-32). The same it is with us, reading the bible alone will not open your eyes to experience Christ, only the Eucharist will open your eyes to see the risen Lord. Beloved in Christ Jesus, let us always come to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. For His body is real food and His blood real drink for our eternal life.