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We welcome new parishioners and visitors.
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Please register at the Parish Office.

LORD'S DAY MASS
SATURDAY: 4PM
SUNDAY: 9AM & 11AM
WEEKDAY MASS
See Mass times inside
CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:00PM until 3:45PM

BAPTISM
Parents seeking baptism for their children should approach the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE
Couples seeking the Sacrament of Marriage must meet Fr. Jerry at least one year prior to a desired date.

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Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

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"It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard,"
- St. Peter the Apostle, Acts 4:20

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Third Sunday of Advent ✦ December 11, 2022

Welcome to St. Peter the Apostle!

If this is your first time at church, or your first time in a long time, we're so glad you're here! We exist to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ; make disciples of all nations. If we can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call on us.

TODAYS READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

2nd Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

BAPTISM

In the month of November we celebrated the baptism of:

Peyton and Jonathan Payne

2023 OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes are ready for pick up in the Narthex, in alphabetical order, for those who used them this past year. If you're not currently using envelopes and would like to start, Kristen can set you up with a blank box and make sure to write your name and address on the first few.

Alternatively, you can donate by credit card online, or pre-authorized giving, which stops the worry of finding envelopes and gives the parish security knowing what is coming in each month. Thank you for your generosity in whatever form you support your parish.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

From time-to-time phone numbers, addresses and email addresses change. If yours has changed, please update the Parish Office. If you're a parishioner and **didn't** get a Christmas Card from Father last year, chances are our information isn't correct - so please update it.

CHRISTMAS DECOR

Help beautify our sanctuary for Christmas with beautiful flowers. Envelopes are now available as you enter the Church. Write names of loved ones to remember during the Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Do you enjoy singing Christmas carols? If so, our Choir needs you for the 10PM Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals will be Dec. 14 and 22 at 7:30PM. No sign-up, just show up. Thank you! 🎵

TREE OF DREAMS

Your donation will provide a happy Christmas for the children living in the orphanage. Thanks to your generosity, gifts will be purchased in Honduras for the children on your behalf. Please return your donation in the envelope marked "Friends of Honduran Children" to the Church. For tax receipts, also include your name and mailing address. Your commitment to invest in a child's future will change their life forever! Tax receipts are issued for \$20 or more.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

"Last Chance" confessions will be held Wednesday December 21st at 6PM with visiting priests assisting us. If it has been a while since you've been to confession, please consider this a gentle invitation. Come and experience the healing power of forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

CHURCH CLEANUP AND DECORATING

On Thursday December 22nd at 6PM we will have our pre-Christmas Church Cleanup and Decorating. Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex. Many hands make light work!!

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2022

Tax Receipts will be issued for all donations received by December 31, so all who wish to make a year-end financial gift to the parish have until the end of the month to do so. Thanks for your generosity.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Because of your sacrificial giving, you're helping to build the Kingdom of God right here in our local church. Your gift helps us spread the Message of the Gospel in our community. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for making St. Peter the Apostle Parish a part of your gift-giving this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS BULLETIN DESIGN CONTEST

Calling all artists: We're holding a competition for children/youth to design our official Christmas Bulletin cover. Winning design will be featured on the cover of our Christmas Bulletin, and the artist will receive a little gift card.

Contest Rules:

- Name of the Parish must be included in the design.
- Submissions should be on 8.5 x 11 paper, vertical.
- All designs must be drawn freely - no printing from the internet.
- The design should have a Christmas Theme.
- Submissions are due to the Parish Office no later than 12 Noon on December 18th.

Good luck everyone!

WORSHIP OFFERING

<i>Your Financial Stewardship for December 4th:</i>	
Envelopes	2,035.36
Electronic Giving	1,370.87
Loose	195.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 3,601.23

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, December 14

School Mass 10:00 AM + Christopher Ewaskiw
6:00PM + Fr. Alban Obani

Thursday, December 15 *Candlelight Vigil & Memorial Mass*

6:00PM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

Friday, December 16

12:10PM + Connor Lines

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 17

4:00PM + Deceased Members of the Camilleri Family

Sunday, December 18

9:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

11:00AM Intentions of Fr. Jerry Tavares

LET US PRAY



For the sick

Maria Lewis, Mary Renaud, Judith Romero

► New prayer requests are in **bold type**. To have a person added to our prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. The person's name will remain on the prayer list for **four weeks**.

For the deceased

Jack Haines, Karen Wade

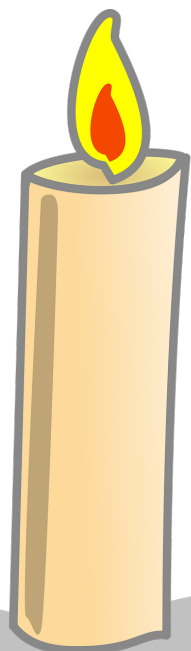
CHRISTMAS MASS

Christmas Eve

4PM · 7PM · 10PM

Christmas Day

10AM



Candlelight Vigil and Memorial Mass Thursday, December 15th at 6PM

On Thursday December 15, everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate our Advent Candlelight Vigil (starting at 6PM) followed by the Memorial Mass. The Vigil will begin with meditative instrumental music and conclude with prayer. Celebrating the life of family members and friends is an important way to stay connected to those who pray for us as they head heavenward!

We ask for a donation of \$25 for the large candle that is yours to keep after the Mass! To reserve your candle, please contact the Parish Office. Registration deadline is Dec. 14.

We hope you can join us for this beautiful pre-Christmas tradition.