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Are you new here? Welcome!
We welcome new parishioners and visitors.
We'd love to see you again!
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.

HOLY ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?
Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith?
Interested in receiving the Sacraments?
Contact the Parish Office.

Pastor: Fr. Jerry Tavares
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OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday - Friday 9AM - 12Noon
Parish Office is located behind the Church

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"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."
- Psalm 51

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First Sunday of Lent ✠ February 26, 2023

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: Genesis 2:7-18, 25: 3.1-7
2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19
Gospel: Matthew 4:11-11



This past Wednesday we began the Lenten Season with our celebration of Ash Wednesday. The three pillars of Lent are Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. It is through the observance of these three Lenten practices that we hope to enter into Easter as one person and to step out into Easter as a better, more Christ-like version of ourselves.

We have a number of Lenten activities happening:

JUST FOR LENT: Forgiven & Presence
 Wednesdays at 6:30PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
 Fridays from 12:30PM until 1:30PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 Fridays at 5:30PM

FRIDAY WITHOUT MEAT

Meatless Fridays are a timeless tradition in the Catholic Church. The simple act of abstaining from meat joins us to the sacrificial heart of Jesus. We encourage every parishioner to adopt this penitential practice on the Fridays during Lent.

FASTING ISN'T JUST ABOUT FOOD

Catholics traditionally fast from food during Lent, but perhaps we should look beyond what we eat. Have you ever thought of fasting from the media devices which dominate much of our lives? The silence that follows is an invitation to prayer and meditation. Try it!

CONFESSIONS

Experience the healing power of unconditional forgiveness. Father is available to hear confessions on Saturdays between 3:00PM-3:45PM in the Confessional and during Adoration on Fridays. If it's been a while or you don't know who to start - don't worry....Father will help you through it. Don't let the sins of the past weigh you down.

LENTEN PASTORAL VISITS

If you know of anyone, or are yourself, unable to leave your home to attend Mass, please call the parish office and leave your name. During Lent, Fr. Jerry would like to visit our shut-ins to offer anointing of the sick, Holy Communion or just a short visit with a cup of tea in the comfort of their home.

WEEKDAY MASS

Have you thought about coming to Mass throughout the week? If you're not used to coming to weekday Mass, start by coming just one day a week throughout Lent. Mass is celebrated Wednesday at 6PM, Thursday and Friday at 12:10PM (usually).

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

Invites all women of the parish to come to Mass on Friday March 10th at 12:10PM. Following Mass we will gather downstairs in the Church. Bring your own bag lunch and we will provide tea/coffee and dessert. We will chat about what's happening around our Parish & Community. Looking forward to seeing everyone, it's been a while. Bring a friend!

PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM (KofC)

The St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon is on display this weekend. "St. Joseph's example of 'creative courage' in the fulfillment of his vocation as father of the Holy Family makes him a particularly good model for all those men who, in these time of uncertainty and unrest, seek to persevere in fidelity to our Lord and his Church, entrusting their lives and the lives of their families to his providential guidance and care." (Papal Message to the 139th Supreme Convention 2021).

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Office will be closed Wednesday March 1st and will re-open Tuesday, March 7.

Looking ahead:

- KofC Fish & Chips Dinner: March 24th.

WORSHIP OFFERING

A summary of your financial stewardship for February 19, 2023

Offertory Envelopes	1,407.00
Offertory Loose	337.90
Electronic Giving	1,373.18
Total Offertory	\$ 3,116.08

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 1
 6:00PM + Carlos Isidoro

Thursday, March 2
 12:10PM Friends & Benefactors of SPTA

Friday, March 3
 12:10PM + Phyllis Ertel
Adoration/Confession/Benediction following Mass

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 4
 4:00PM + Hubert O'Neill

Sunday, March 5
 9:00AM Intentions of the Penfold Family
 11:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

LET US PRAY



For the sick

John Boyer, Mark Dabek, Bill Douglas, Bob McKay

►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

Catherine Heber, Tony Pajaczkowski

Pope's Intention

For Parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, unity and welcome towards those most in need.

What's going on in Lent?

Where can I learn more?

Visit: spta.church/lent

Ways to observe Lent



Let Go

Give up something that distracts you from your relationship with Jesus and others, like consistent phone usage, gaming or watching TV.



Give More

Evaluate what you give to St. Peter the Apostle and other charities. Sacrifice a pleasure, like a coffee, and put the amount you would have spent towards our parish or a charity.



Plug In

Add something that helps you connect with God. Read the bible, pray the Rosary or attend Adoration.



Serve

Serve in our parish. Join a ministry and volunteer. Make a visible difference in our community.



Do it Together

Share your Lenten practices with others to help you stay accountable. Consider doing one of the above with a friend or as a family and grow together.

LITURGICAL CHANGES

In Lent, we experience a few liturgical changes during our worship:

- **The Gloria** is not sung and the word 'Alleluia' is also not said or sung.
- For the **Profession of Faith**, we will use the Apostle Creed (instead of the Nicene Creed).
- The ending of the **Universal Prayers** shifts to: "Lord, in your mercy" and we respond: "Hear our prayer."
- The sung **Parts of the Mass** (Holy, Mystery of Faith, Great Amen, Lamb of God) will be chanted without musical accompaniment.