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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
Administrative Assistant: Kristen Penfold

OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday - Friday 9AM - 12Noon
Parish Office is located behind the Church

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"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
- Matthew 16:16

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Second Sunday of Lent ✠ March 5, 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 12:1-4
 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10
 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 8
 6:00PM Intentions of Tom Tranter

Thursday, March 9
 Lakeland 10AM For the Residents
 Belvedere 11AM For the Residents

Friday, March 10
 12:10PM + Brody Haramis
 Adoration/Confession/Benediction following Mass

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 11
 4:00PM Intentions of Rosemary Pocantos

Sunday, March 12
 9:00AM + Fr. Gerhard Lecker
 11:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

LET US PRAY



For the sick
 Esther Bonitzke, John Boyer, Mark Dabek, 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

Bill Douglas
 "In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn." —Pope Francis

What's going on in Lent?
 Where can I learn more?
 Visit: spta.church/lent

Three Pillars of Lent

Pray – Find a quiet, private place to be alone with your thoughts and alone with God.

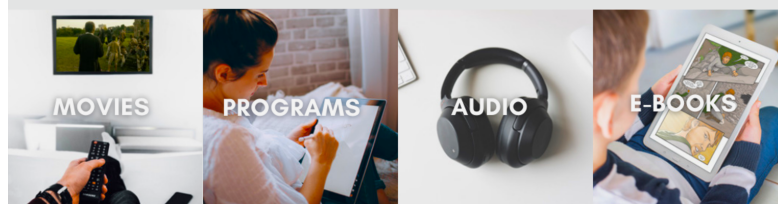
Fast – Think about what you eat and drink, and why. Try to make healthy choices and support local producers. Thoughtful self-denial cleanses both the body and spirit.

Give alms – Share what you have with a generous spirit. Acts of justice and compassion bless both giver and recipient.



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AN INVITATION TO COME AND MEET JESUS

There are people in our community who are searching for meaning in their lives. They are literally hungry for God. As Catholics, we have the bread to feed that hunger, but there's a catch. The searchers in our midst wait for an invitation from you and from me. Look around you. Extend the invitation to come and meet Jesus. Bring them to Mass with you. It starts with an invitation!

GROW WITH US THIS LENT

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.

SPRING FORWARD NEXT SUNDAY!



ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

Just a friendly reminder that we will have a meeting on Friday, March 10. **Please note the time has changed to 10:30AM** in the church basement as Friday Mass is at 12:10PM is followed by Adoration and Confessions during Lent. We felt it best to have the meeting before Mass and Adoration. We will have coffee and muffins at our meeting. Please bring your ideas, any question and a friend. If you need any further information please call Maureen at 705-774-6308. Look forward to seeing you.

LENTEN FISH N' CHIPS DINNER

Mark your calendar for March 24th at 6PM (following Stations of the Cross which start at 5:30 PM) as the Knights of Columbus will be serving up Fish n' Chips. Tickets will be sold starting this weekend after all Masses in the Narthex. There is a "gluten free" option, but tickets are limited (let the ticket seller know that you require the gluten free option). Tickets are \$15 per person. Tickets will also be available in the parish office during the week.

ST. PATTY'S DAY SOCIAL

Join us next weekend after Mass for coffee and treats! Hospitality provided by our Altar Servers.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

March 1st was "World Compliment Day." If you missed it, fine, your spouse may not connect the next compliment you give as a result of this prompt. Look for an authentic quality to compliment your spouse on this week.

A MENTION IN YOUR WILL

You can give St. Peter the Apostle Parish a boost from Heaven! Consider making a gift to the parish in your Last Will and Testament. Your final offering will help provide for the spiritual needs of future generations of Catholics. It becomes an enduring testament to your love for Christ and the Church. Thank you for thinking of us.

WORSHIP OFFERING

A summary of your financial stewardship for February 26, 2023

Offertory Envelopes	1,597.00
Offertory Loose	369.20
Electronic Giving	1,423.18
Total Offertory	\$ 3,389.38

Loving and Merciful God, we humbly ask for your grace as we aspire to become a welcoming community seeking to encounter Jesus and share Him with others. Help us to listen attentively for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and lovingly embrace Jesus present in each other, the poor, the alienated, and the spiritually hungry. Amen.