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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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*"I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly."*  
- John 10:10

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# Third Sunday of Easter ✝ April 23, 2023

*Welcome to St. Peter the Apostle!*

If you are new to our parish or just visiting today, we warmly welcome you to our parish community. We are blessed to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If we can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call on us.

## TODAYS READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-28

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

## LET US PRAY

### For the sick

Lynda Kingsland, Fr. Clair Hickson, Fr. Gerard McMahon, Fr. Ron Meyer, Wayne McKerrow

► 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

Sister Joyce Walsh, Paul Drohan



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## FLAME OF FAITH

The Paschal or Easter Candle is the most important symbol of the Resurrection. It's lighted at the Solemn Easter Vigil and then stands next to the ambo throughout the entire fifty days of the Easter Season. The newly baptized are welcomed into the Church by its light and it speaks of eternal life at every Funeral Mass.

## HOLY WATER AT THE DOOR

At the doors of every Catholic Church you will find a Holy Water Font. We dip our fingers into the water and make the Sign of the Cross whenever we enter or leave the church. This simple gesture reminds us that Baptism is the gateway to life in Christ and membership in the Church.

## HOSPITAL VISITATION

The Sacrament of Anointing the Sick is the healing touch of Jesus. We encourage parishioners to ask for this blessing before entering the hospital for surgery or other medical procedures. In case of emergency, a Catholic priest is always on call. Place a request at the Nursing Station and they will contact a priest for you.

## INFANT BAPTISM

It is always a joyful experience for us to welcome a new Christian into the Church and into our parish community. Through baptism, your child will be adopted into God's family, receive the grace of salvation won for us by Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, and have life in the Holy Spirit. If you're interested in having your child baptized, please contact the Parish Office, and we'll help you get started.

## UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

As you are nearing the end of the school year and final exams are upon you. Remember to believe in yourself and know that all your hard work will pay off. Know that we as a parish are praying for you as you write your finals. Good luck and looking forward to your return for the summer!

## OFFER THE GIFT OF A MASS

Did you know that you can have a Mass intention to honour a living or deceased relative or friend? It is a prayerful gift to be given and even more meaningful to receive. Mass intentions can be arranged at the Parish Office, simply call 705-746-5181, email us [office@spta.church](mailto:office@spta.church), or stop by the Welcome Desk and we'll give you more information.

## CONGRATULATIONS BISHOP MIEHM

This past week His Excellency celebrated his 6th anniversary as Shepherd of the Diocese of Peterborough.

## EASTER DÉCOR

Thank you to all those who helped beautify our sanctuary for the celebrations of Easter. A list of those being remembered through our Easter Decor has been included in this bulletin.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Catholic Education Week 2023 begins on Sunday, April 30, 2023. St. Peter's School and publicly funded Catholic schools throughout the province will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to join us for a Community Mass to celebrate Catholic Education here at the Church on Wednesday, May 3 at 6PM followed by a Community BBQ. Everyone is welcome!

## MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Next weekend we will start selling tickets for your chance to win a lovely Mother's Day basket, to be raffled off on Mother's Day Weekend, May 13th. All proceeds for this raffle will go towards the repairs of the front stairs to the Church. Tickets are \$5 each. Visit the Welcome Desk after each Mass to get your tickets.

## MAKE THE SWITCH

With Electronic Giving, you can help sustain and build ministries this year that reflect the promise of God's love. Think about making the switch to Electronic Giving, it is safe and secure, and is automatically transferred to the parish from your bank account. **Thanks for considering it!**

*April showers bring May flowers.*

## WORSHIP OFFERING

*A summary of your financial stewardship*

**April 9th - Easter**

**Total Offertory \$6,963.41**  
(Good Friday, Easter, Envelopes, Loose, Electronic Giving)

**April 16th - Divine Mercy**

**Total Offertory \$3,304.76**  
(Includes Offertory Envelopes, Loose, Electronic Giving)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, April 26  
6:00PM + Henri Aubin

Thursday, April 27  
The Gardens 10AM For the Residents

Friday, April 28  
12:10PM + Lilian Reck

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 29  
4:00PM Intentions of Helen Bondi

Sunday, April 30  
9:00AM + Henri Aubin  
11:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

## The Easter Season

The Easter season is a time for rejoicing. Jesus has shattered the bonds of death through his Resurrection. We celebrate His victory because it is our victory as well. He didn't just destroy the bonds of death for himself but for all of us. And to show us the way to everlasting life. Alleluia!

**Thank you · Miigwech · Merci · Obrigado ·**

**Danke · Tak · Mahalo · Toda · Salamat**

The Holy Week and Easter Liturgies were truly beautiful! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed to their success - including our servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and all those who participated in the foot-washing ceremony. Our music ministry team, decorators, cleaners, and behind-the-scenes helpers also deserve our sincere thanks. We are especially grateful to our greeters and hosts, who helped create a warm and welcoming atmosphere. To everyone who played a role in making these celebrations meaningful, we offer our heartfelt thanks. We are deeply thankful to God for each and every one of you and your generosity to St. Peter the Apostle. May the Joy of the Risen Lord be with you always.