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**SUNDAY: 9AM & 11AM**

**WEEKDAY MASS**  
See Mass times inside

**CONFESSIONS**  
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**Pastor: Fr. Jerry Tavares**  
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**OFFICE HOURS**  
**Wednesday: 12 Noon - 5PM**  
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The Welcome Desk is open before and after Mass on the weekend

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# 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ✝ November 19, 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:** Proverbs 31:10-31  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6  
**Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30

## Month of the Holy Souls

The Month of November traditionally dedicated to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We accompany those who have died with our prayers, as they are purified in the fire of God's love, and prepared for the joy of Heaven. Your All Souls prayer intentions are reserved next to the altar and remembered at all parish Masses during the month of November. We will celebrate a special prayer service at Hillcrest Cemetery on November 29th, where we remember all those souls you have offered up in prayer.

### PURGATORY - STEPPING STONE TO HEAVEN

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that the Souls in Purgatory are *assured of their eternal salvation (CCC 210)*. The cleansing fire of God's love is the final step on their road to glory. Purification from sinful attachments is never a pleasant experience, but the Souls in Purgatory also experience joy, as they anticipate entering into the presence of God - forever!

### GET YOUR RED-HOT SUNDAY MISSAL

We have a limited number of the new St. Joseph Sunday Missals available for sale at the Welcome Desk. These Missals come into use on the First Sunday of Advent, December 3rd. For just \$5, they are a great resource if you'd like to follow along with the Sunday readings, and they make a great stock stuffers too! Get yours while supplies last.

### FAMILY ADVENT WREATH MAKING PARTY

On Saturday, December 2nd at 10AM, we're hosting our 3rd annual Family Advent Wreath Making Party in the Parish Hall. All materials and tools are provided. The cost for the materials is \$30 per family, or if you attended last year and have your Advent wreath ring, the cost is \$8 per family. We ask you to pre-registration at the Welcome Desk after all weekend Masses or by contacting the Parish Office. Space is limited, so register quickly.

### GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 28th is Giving Tuesday, a day many have begun to observe annually after the accelerated deal-hunting of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. On this day, special attention is paid supporting the works of charitable organizations like our parish. Thank you for your consideration!

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We are looking for families to light the Advent Wreath before Mass begins. There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Desk.

### LADIES POTLUCK

The Catholic Women's Group invites all ladies of the Parish to a potluck on Thursday, November 30th at 5PM in the K of C Hall. Please add your name to a list at the Welcome Desk or email Maureen Ryman - mryman138@gmail.com. We like to know how many to set up for. New friends are most welcome. Hope to see you there!

### CHRISTMAS TURKEY LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars! We will have our 19th annual Christmas Turkey Luncheon on Sunday, December 17th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Stay tuned for more information in the coming week.

### CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Christmas is just around the corner - and we're getting ready to lift up our voices in praise. The 10PM Christmas Eve Choir is now running rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 7PM. If you'd like to join us, please feel very welcome! No sign-up, just show up.

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We are looking for children to be actors for the 4PM Mass on Christmas Eve. If you're interested (or know someone who might be), stop by the Welcome Desk or contact the Office at 705-746-5181.

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve · December 24th  
 4PM, 7PM, 10PM  
 Christmas Day · December 25th  
 10AM



Next weekend is:  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, November 22  
 6:00PM Intentions of Branden Jay

Thursday, November 23  
 NO MASS Diaconate Ordination in Douro

Friday, November 24  
 NO MASS Diaconate Ordination in Douro

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

Saturday, November 25  
 \*\* 7:00PM Intentions of John & Melita Camilleri \*\*

Sunday, November 26  
 9:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)  
 11:00AM + Lynda Kingsland

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### TIME CHANGE NEXT SATURDAY!




Due to the closure of Church Street for the Santa Claus Parade, the Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 7PM!

### THE END IS NEAR

In the final weeks of the liturgical year, the Church turns her attention to imagery in Scripture that many find dramatic, if not outright frightening. We believe in the End Times, the Apocalypse, Armageddon (all references to the same reality), but it's not something we should fear— guided and guarded by God, as it is. The overwhelming message of Divine Revelation is that God desires to persist in real and personal relationship with us. We are precious to him. The circumstances of the world (even ones as dramatic as the End Times) do not change this.



 **CEMETERY PRAYER SERVICE**  
**SAVE THE DATE - NOVEMBER 29TH at HILLCREST**  
 Please join us on Wednesday, November 29th at 6:45PM at Hillcrest Cemetery as Fr. Jerry will offer special prayers for all our loved ones who have died in the Lord.