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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.

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
Wednesday: 12 Noon - 5PM
Thursday & Friday: 10AM - 2PM
Parish Office is located behind the Church
The Welcome Desk is open before and after Mass on the weekend

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Second Sunday of Advent ✝ December 10, 2023

Welcome to St. Peter the Apostle!

May you encounter Jesus Christ in His church and in His sacraments through your participation in our Parish community. Visit our Welcome Desk before or after our weekend Masses for any information on our parish, it's ministries and it's community. We sincerely welcome you!

TODAYS READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, December 13

6:00PM Intentions of Pearl Yauk

Thursday, December 14

at Lakeland 10AM Intentions of Al van Hezewyk
 at Belvedere 11AM For the Residents

Friday, December 15

6:00PM Memorial Mass - Missa Pro Defunctis

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 16

4:00PM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

Sunday, December 17

9:00AM + Aaron Higgins
 11:00AM + Jose Medeiros Couto

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CHRISTMAS MASS

Christmas Eve
 4PM • 7PM • 10PM

Christmas Day
 10AM

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Sunday, December 17, after the 11AM Mass at the KofC Hall. Tickets are free and must be obtained in advance. You can get tickets at the Welcome Desk this weekend after all Masses. We ask that each family attending will either bring a salad or dessert, and the rest of the refreshments will be provided. Make sure if any children are attending that we get their age as Santa will be making an appearance.

LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST

The Knights of Columbus will help us celebrate the upcoming season by installing our new outdoor Nativity Scene (kindly donated by the KofC and CWG). We invite you to join us next Saturday, December 16th following the 4PM Mass as we turn on the lights, have some hot chocolate and sing a few carols.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

From time-to-time phone numbers, addresses and email addresses change. If yours has changed, please update Kristen at the Welcome Desk or contact the Parish Office during the week. 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 DÉCOR

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Do you enjoy singing Christmas carols? If so, our Choir needs you for the 10PM Christmas Eve Mass. This choir is open to all ages and skill levels. Rehearsals will be Dec. 14 and 22 at 7PM.

No sign-up, just show up. Thank you! 🎵

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

"Last Chance" confessions will be held Thursday 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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS

Signed up for the Pageant? Rehearsals take place in the Church on Saturday, December 9th, 16th and 23rd at 10AM; and Thursday, December 14 at 4PM.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

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, just go to the Welcome Desk and make sure to write your name and address on the first few. Alternatively, you can donate by credit card online or Automatic Giving (pre-authorized), 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. Tax receipts will be issued for any of these methods.

END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS & TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made to the parish in 2023 will be available early in the new year. Parishioners making end-of-year donations are reminded that only those envelopes and online donations received by the parish on/prior to December 31st can be included on 2023 tax receipts. Online donations sometimes lag by several days as transactions are posted by banks, please keep this in mind when making your offering.

CHURCH CLEANUP & DECORATING

On Friday, December 22nd at 6PM we will have our pre-Christmas Church Cleanup and Decorating. Sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Desk after all weekend Masses. Many hands make light work!

WORSHIP OFFERING

Your financial stewardship for December 3:

Offertory Envelopes	2,665.00
Automatic Giving	1,472.18
Offertory Loose	306.05
Total Offertory	\$ 4,443.23



Candlelight Vigil and Memorial Mass December 15th at 6 PM

On Friday, 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 visit the Welcome Desk after all weekend Masses or contact the Parish Office during the week. Registration deadline is December 14.

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