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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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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ January 14, 2024

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: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-20
Gospel: John 1:35-42

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. —Philippians 4:6

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WITH THANKFUL HEARTS

Big thank you to everyone who helped make our celebration of Christ's birth a joyful and beautiful experience: Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Hosts, Greeters, Musicians, Altar Servers, Ops team, and our Decorating Team for making our Sanctuary beautiful. **We are blessed!**

GRATEFUL

Father Jerry would like to thank all who generously shared Christmas gifts with us here at St. Peter the Apostle Parish! You have helped us celebrate the spirit of the season with your kind and generous gifts, cookies, treats and liquid happiness!

ENGAGED OVER CHRISTMAS?

Anyone receive a ring under the tree? If yes, we extend our warmest good wishes on the occasion of your engagement! Just a reminder that the Diocese of Peterborough requires one full year's notice for wedding dates. Stop by the Welcome Desk for more info or call us at the office.

WINTER WEATHER

When snowflakes fall, please be extra cautious and courteous in our parking lot, for everyone's safety. Also, if you park on nearby side streets, be sure not to block traffic for our neighbours. Thank you for helping us be gracious neighbours!

REACHING OUT IN JESUS' NAME

Evangelizing, sharing the faith, is the work of every Catholic. Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to invite others to encounter Jesus in a deeply personal way. It's a good time to reach out to the lost, the confused and the alienated. Bring them to Mass and then follow up in the days and weeks that follow.

CELEBRATE BAPTISM

If you're looking to have a child baptized, please contact the Parish Office to get the process started. NOTE: In order to receive First Communion or Confirmation, your child must first be baptized. If you're an adult seeking Baptism or thinking about becoming Christian, speak to Fr. Jerry or contact the Parish Office for more information.

LOOKING FOR A CERTIFICATE/REFERENCE?

Anyone requesting a re-issued Baptismal Certificate or Reference Letter or any other documentation, please allow for a 2 week turnaround time. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

JANUARY SCHOOL MASS

Father will be celebrating the first Mass of the New Year at St. Peter the Apostle Elementary School on Thursday, January 18th, at 10:45AM. Parishioners are welcome to join them as they make a new beginning in company with the Lord. This Mass will take place at the School.

2024 OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Parishioners should now be using 2024 Offertory envelopes. If you haven't picked up your new box yet they are still available in the Narthex. Not using envelopes but want to start? Just pick up a blank box from Kristen and write your name and address on the first few envelopes.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2024

Tax Receipts will be issued for all donations received by December 31. If you haven't already updated your address with the Parish Office please do so within the next week as Kristen is in the process of preparing the tax receipts. Thank you!

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st
9:45AM until 11AM (between the Masses)

WORSHIP OFFERING

A summary of your financial stewardship for:

<i>December 24</i>	\$3,161.49
CHRISTMAS	\$6,759.58
<i>December 31</i>	\$6,634.85
<i>Mary, Mother of God</i>	\$1,233.00
<i>January 7</i>	\$4,310.90

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MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, January 17
 6:00PM Intentions of Anne and Julie

Thursday, January 18
 at SPTA School 10:45AM + Bernard Tranter

Friday, January 19
 12:10PM + Phyllis Ertel

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 20
 4:00PM Intentions of Ethan Penfold

Sunday, January 21
 9:00AM + Bernard Tranter
 11:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

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ORDINARY TIME

During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions. Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from Apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's Resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.