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SATURDAY: 4PM
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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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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ✝ January 21, 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: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

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Sunday of the Word of God

In 2019, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God as an annual celebration on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today is a great time to remember that we encounter Jesus Christ when we read the Scriptures. Reading the Bible is not merely an intellectual encounter, but it is spiritually nourishing as well.

He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

-Luke 24:45.

Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.

-Hebrews 4:12

Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.

-St. Jerome

Whenever we spend time with the Scriptures, may we allow the Word of God to bear rich spiritual fruit in our lives. May the reading of God's word translate into our daily actions.

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.

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 or email us office@spta.church and we'll give you more information.

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!

TEACHER REFERENCE LETTERS

Many young people come looking for a Pastoral Reference Letter when they apply for teaching jobs with Catholic Boards. Fr. Jerry will only provide letters to those who are registered in the parish and active in parish life. Think ahead. Get involved.

350th ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPARITIONS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Beginning December 27, 2023 (1st Apparition to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque) Bishop Daniel Miehm has decreed Plenary & Partial Indulgences in celebration of this devotion. The parishes of Sacred Heart, Peterborough, Sacred Heart, Trout Creek, and Sacred Heart Mission, Harwood/Baltimore are designated parishes where the indulgence can be obtained. All parishes will be holding events marking the Jubilee. For more information, visit this website: <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/JubileeSacredHeart/>

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MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, January 24
6:00PM Intentions of Elizabeth Flagler

Thursday, January 25
at The Gardens 10:00AM + Margaret O'Neill

Friday, January 26
12:10PM + Phyllis Ertel

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 27
4:00PM + Jose & Gloria Barbosa

Sunday, January 28
9:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)
11:00AM + Jose & Valentina Tavares

COUNTDOWN TO LENT: Ash Wednesday is February 14th!

LENT IS ON THE HORIZON

With the Christmas season (just barely) in the rearview, it's already time to start turning our attention to Lent. This year, our preparation for Easter will begin with Ash Wednesday, February 14th (yes... we know it's Valentine's Day). The best Lenten observances - penances and devotional additions - are rooted in prayer. Start reflecting now on how you'd like to make the season special.

PALMS PLEASE

It's that time of year - Ash Wednesday will be upon us soon. We are collecting palms to be burned for use on Ash Wednesday. Starting next weekend there will be a box in the Narthex marked "Returned Palms" for you to place your palms in.

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!