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**SUNDAY: 9AM & 11AM**

**WEEKDAY MASS**  
See Mass times inside

**CONFESSIONS**  
Saturday 3:00PM until 3:45PM

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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**  
**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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# 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✝ January 28, 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:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
**Gospel:** Mark 1:21-28

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## CANDLEMAS, PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

On Friday, February 2nd, come celebrate Candlemas! This special occasion commemorates the day that the baby Jesus was presented at the Temple in Jerusalem. At this Mass we'll be blessing the candles that will be used throughout the liturgical year (and you will be welcome to take one home).

## FEAST OF ST. BLAISE - FEBRUARY 3RD

Christians endure illness and physical suffering in this life as all people do. However, our faith reminds us that suffering will not have the last say. Not only that, but Jesus' own suffering becomes an invitation for those who are sick or suffering to turn to him as the true remedy of all torments.

So, we ask for the intercession of the saints to help us turn to Our Divine Physician and entrust all those suffering and sick into his care.

One way Catholics have traditionally done this is through the blessing of throats on the feast of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr which will be available after all Masses next weekend.

## FATHER IS AVAILABLE

It's important to remind parishioners periodically of how we can help in times of serious illness or in the event of a loved one's passing. If a loved one is at the West Parry Sound Health Centre, Father can be summoned for you by hospital staff. Long-term care and retirement homes in the parish all know how to contact our parish office to request a visit, but families are encouraged to reach out to us directly by phone. If someone requires the Sacrament of the Holy Anointing of the Sick and is in danger of death please call the parish office.

## PALMS PLEASE

It's that time of year - Ash Wednesday will be upon us soon (February 14th). We are collecting palms to be burned for use on Ash Wednesday. Please place your palms in the box marked "Returned Palms" in the Narthex.

## 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](mailto:office@spta.church) and we'll give you more information.

## JUST FOR LENT - THE MASS

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it revolves around a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

To register for this 6 week program, contact the office. Registration is FREE and everyone is welcome!

## MASS FOR FRIENDS AND BENEFACTORS

As a church, we rely on the financial support of parishioners and friends of the parish to offer spiritual programming, maintain our beautiful church and property, and build up the Kingdom of God right here in Parry Sound. We continue offering Mass for Friends and Benefactors on the first Thursday of the month, and lift you all up in prayer - thank you!

## 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!

## WILD GAME DINNER

The KofC are hosting the 11th Wild Game Dinner on March 2nd, 2024. See insert for full details.

## A LEGACY GIFT

Giving a legacy to your church is an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God for all that you have been given and enjoyed during your life. It is also a means of ensuring that your past can become part of the future of your church's life, through mission and ministry to all God's people. Thank you.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, January 31  
6:00PM + Wayne Cormier

Thursday, February 1  
12:10PM Friends & Benefactors of SPTA

Friday, February 2  
11:00AM Adoration and Confessions  
12:10PM Intentions of John & Annette

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, February 3  
4:00PM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

Sunday, February 4  
9:00AM Intentions of Theresa Flagler  
11:00AM Intentions of Joe Galea

## COUNTDOWN TO LENT: Ash Wednesday is February 14th!

### Ash Wednesday

Among the beautiful, meaningful, and solemn ceremonies of the Catholic Church is the gathering of the faithful on Ash Wednesday.

This special day begins our Lenten journey on February 14th. It is the start of 40 days of prayer, penance, and almsgiving as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday, March 31st.

**Please join us on Ash Wednesday**  
**9:00AM Mass** (at St. Peter's School)  
**5:00PM - 5:45PM Confessions**  
**6:00PM Mass**

The Church will be open all day on Ash Wednesday for private prayer and devotions.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Feb. 13 - Mardi Gras/ Shrove Tuesday

- **5:30PM:** Burning of the Palms
  - We gather outside and burn the palms that were distributed last year to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.
- **6PM:** Pancake Supper
  - We will celebrate with a traditional pancake dinner on Shrove Tuesday - we'll feast before we begin the fast.

### EVERY THURSDAY

Just for Lent - The Mass / Madonna Chapel 5PM  
• Join in this study series by Bishop Barron.  
Register at the Office to ensure enough materials.

### EVERY FRIDAY:

Adoration following the 12:10PM Mass  
Stations of the Cross at 5PM