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WEEKDAY MASS
See Mass times inside

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:00PM until 3:45PM

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Pastor: Fr. Jerry Tavares
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Wednesday: 12 Noon - 5PM
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1st Sunday of Lent ✝ February 18, 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: Genesis 9:8-15
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

READY SET LENT



This past Wednesday we began the Lenten Season with our celebration of Ash Wednesday. The three pillars of Lent are **Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving**. It is through the observance of these three Lenten practices that we hope to enter into Lent as one person and to step out into Easter as a better, more Christ-like version of ourselves.

We have a number of Lenten activities happening:

JUST FOR LENT: THE MASS
Thursdays at 6:00PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Fridays from 12:30PM until 1:30PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays at 5:30PM

FRIDAY WITHOUT MEAT

Meatless Fridays are a timeless tradition in the Catholic Church. The simple act of abstaining from meat joins us to the sacrificial heart of Jesus. We encourage every parishioner to adopt this penitential practice on the Fridays during Lent.

FASTING ISN'T JUST ABOUT FOOD

Catholics traditionally fast from food during Lent, but perhaps we should look beyond what we eat. Have you ever thought of fasting from the media devices which dominate much of our lives? The silence that follows is an invitation to prayer and meditation. Try it!

CONFESSIONS

Experience the healing power of unconditional forgiveness. Father is available to hear confessions on Saturdays between 3:00PM-3:45PM in the Confessional and during Adoration on Fridays. If it's been a while or you don't know how to start - don't worry....Father will help you through it. Don't let the sins of the past weigh you down.

LENTEN PASTORAL VISITS

If you know of anyone, or are yourself, unable to leave your home to attend Mass, please call the parish office and leave your name. During Lent, Fr. Jerry would like to visit our shut-ins to offer anointing of the sick, Holy Communion or just a short visit with a cup of tea in the comfort of their home.

WEEKDAY MASS

Have you thought about coming to Mass throughout the week? If you're not used to coming to weekday Mass, start by coming just one day a week throughout Lent. Mass is celebrated Wednesday at 6PM, Thursday and Friday at 12:10PM (usually).

ECUMENICAL LENTEN LUNCHES

Feb 21, Salvation Army - Fr. Jerry Tavares
Feb 28, St. Peter the Apostle - Fr. Robert Mansfield
March 6, St. James United - Major Debbie Allen
March 13, Trinity Anglican - Rev. Monica Moore
March 20, Salvation Army - Mr. Corey Brunatti
Program starts at 12:10PM. See poster for details.

WILD GAME DINNER

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their 11th Wild Game Dinner in the Hall on March 2nd. Reception 5PM / Dinner at 6PM. Tickets are \$45. For tickets call Joe Ryman 705-342-1558; Kristen 705-746-5181; Theo 705-773-8081. Tickets are also available after Mass.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

Inviting all women of the Parish to a meeting on Thursday, February 22nd in the KofC Hall at 10:30AM. We will be discussing new upcoming events that may interest you. Coffee/Tea and goodies will be provided. See you there!

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MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, February 21
6:00PM + Wayne Cormier

Thursday, February 22
at the Gardens 10:00AM For the Residents

Friday, February 23
12:10PM + Phyllis Ertel

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, February 24
4:00PM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

Sunday, February 25
9:00AM + Francis Doris
11:00AM Intentions of Anthony Galea

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Ways to observe Lent



Let Go

Give up something that distracts you from your relationship with Jesus and others, like constant phone usage, gaming or watching TV.



Give More

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Plug In

Add something that helps you connect with God. Read the bible, pray the Rosary or attend Adoration.



Serve

Serve in our parish. Join a ministry and volunteer. Make a visible difference in our community.



Do it Together

Share your Lenten practices with others to help you stay accountable. Consider doing one of the above with a friend or as a family and grow together.

LITURGICAL CHANGES

In Lent, we experience a few liturgical changes during our worship:

- **The Gloria** is not sung and the word 'Alleluia' is also not said or sung.
- For the **Profession of Faith**, we will use the **Apostle Creed** (instead of the Nicene Creed).
- The ending of the **Universal Prayers** shifts to: "Lord, in your mercy" and we respond: "Hear our prayer."
- The sung **Parts of the Mass** (Holy, Mystery of Faith, Great Amen, Lamb of God) will be chanted without musical accompaniment.