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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 of Lent ✝ February 25, 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 22:1-2, 9-18
2nd Reading: Romans 8:31-35, 37
Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, February 28
 6:00PM + Wayne Cormier

Thursday, February 29
 12:10PM Intentions for Skylar Penfold

Friday, March 1
 12:10PM + Phyllis Ertel
Adoration/Confession/Benediction

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 2
 4:00PM + Ken Lowry

Sunday, March 3
 9:00AM + Hubert O'Neill
 11:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

TEMPTATIONS

When it comes to our neediness:

First Temptation
 Meeting legitimate needs in illegitimate ways.

Second Temptation
 Meeting legitimate needs through short-cuts.

Third Temptation
 Meeting a legitimate need by worshiping it.

*What's going on in Lent?
 Where can I learn more?
 Visit: spta.church/len*

AN INVITATION TO COME AND MEET JESUS

There are people in our community who are searching for meaning in their lives. They are literally hungry for God. As Catholics, we have the bread to feed that hunger, but there's a catch. The searchers in our midst wait for an invitation from you and from me. Look around you. Extend the invitation to come and meet Jesus. Bring them to Mass with you.

It starts with an invitation!

GROW WITH US THIS LENT

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).

LENTEN FISH N' CHIPS DINNER

Mark your calendar for Friday March 15th at 5:30PM (following Stations of the Cross which will start at 5PM this week only) as the Knights of Columbus will be serving up Fish n' Chips. Tickets will be sold after all Weekend Masses or in the Parish Office during the week. There is a gluten free option, but tickets are limited (let the ticket seller know that you require the gluten free). Tickets are \$15 per person.

PASTORAL REFERENCES

Students and teachers applying for a position with a Catholic School Board must have a pastoral reference from their parish priest. It is a prerequisite. Please be aware that Fr. Jerry will only provide references for registered parishioners who are personally known to him. Attendance at Sunday Mass is expected and participation in parish ministries is a definite plus when applying for any teaching job.

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

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Three Pillars of Lent

Pray – Find a quiet, private place to be alone with your thoughts and alone with God.

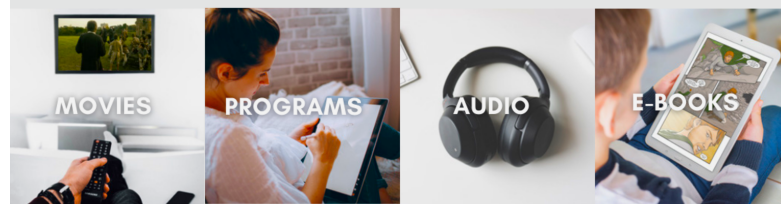
Fast – Think about what you eat and drink, and why. Try to make healthy choices and support local producers. Thoughtful self-denial cleanses both the body and spirit.

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