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Please register at the Parish Office.

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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Our vision is to offer every person in our community a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent ✝ March 10, 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: 2 Chron. 36:14-17, 19-23
2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel: John 3:14-21

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 worshipping it.

*What's going on in Lent?
Where can I learn more?*

Visit: spta.church/lent

TODAY IS LAETARE SUNDAY

It is on this Fourth Sunday of Lent that we change liturgical colours to rose in honour of the fact that Easter is drawing near. It is a time to rejoice in the coming celebration of the events of our salvation. The day's theme comes from the entrance antiphon reflecting on Isaiah 66:10-11: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast."

Laetare Sunday is the Church's way of giving us a "shot in the arm" as we approach the darkness and horror of the days through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It's an opportunity to savor and keep in the back of our minds what awaits us on Easter Sunday — the reality that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and that our hearts will always be filled with joy!

CONFESSIONS

Whether is has been 10 years, or 10 months or 10 days, God is waiting for you. Come experience the mercy of a Father who loves and forgives you. Make a plan to go to Confession this Lent. Fr. Jerry is available to hear confessions every Friday from 12:30-1:30PM and Saturday from 3 - 3:45PM.

Our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service followed by Confessions (last chance before Easter) will take place on Wednesday, March 27th at 6PM.

CHRISM MASS - MONDAY, MARCH 25TH

Each year during Holy Week the Chrism Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter-in-Chains in Peterborough. During the Mass the Priests of the Diocese renew their commitment to priestly service. Bishop Daniel Miehm blesses the oil of catechumens (Baptism) and the oil of the sick (Anointing of the Sick) and consecrates the oil of chrism (Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination of clergy and the consecration of altars). The oils are then distributed to clergy to be used during the year for their local communities. Everyone is warmly invited to join Bishop Miehm, Fr. Jerry and our clergy at this Mass.

LAST SUPPER/HOLY THURSDAY DINNER

Join us for our 3rd Annual Holy Thursday Dinner on March 28th, our 'last supper' before the Holy Triduum. Tickets can now be purchased after Mass on the Weekend or through the Parish Office. **Two Can Dine for \$35!** Menu included in this bulletin.

JUST FOR LENT: THE MASS

Thursdays at 6:00PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays from 12:30PM until 1:30PM

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Fridays at 5:30PM

TEACHING MASS

This coming Wednesday, March 13th at 6PM in conjunction with our RCIA program, Fr. Jerry will be offering a Teaching Mass. This is an opportunity to deepen our understanding and appreciation of what happens during Mass, and to learn the meaning and spirituality of the different parts of the Mass, what we do, and why. Our celebration will be followed by a tour of the Sanctuary.

EASTER DECOR

Envelopes can be found at the church doors for donation to help make the sanctuary beautiful for Easter. They can be made in memory of loved ones who's names will be published during the Easter season. Please write your name as well as names of loved ones you would like to remember.

PROPERTY UPDATES

Over the past few weeks we've made a number of upgrades around our Campus.

- We have replaced the bathroom and vestry faucets to a handsfree model.
- As part of our security grant, we have upgraded the lighting outside the Church and Office/Rectory (and soon the Hall). More security cameras have been installed at the entrances and around the campus.
- The front steps to the Church are due to be replaced this spring. More details soon.

FYI: Trinity Anglican Church was broken into very recently with many valuable things stolen. This is why we continue to make use of this grant money. We have had suspicious activity around the property - and the police has been frequently monitoring the area.

WORSHIP OFFERING

Your financial stewardship for March 3rd

Offertory Envelopes	2,281.00
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MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 13
6:00PM + Fr. Allan Hood

Thursday, March 14
at Lakeland 10AM For the Residents
at Belvedere 11AM For the Residents

Friday, March 15
12:10PM + Souls in Purgatory
Adoration/Confession/Benediction

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 16
4:00PM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

Sunday, March 17
9:00AM + Aaron Higgins
11:00AM + Deceased Members of the Banozcy Family

About the Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle represents Christ, the Light of the World. The pure beeswax of which the candle is made represents the sinless Christ who was formed in the womb of His Mother. The wick signifies His humanity, the flame, His Divine Nature, both soul and body. Five grains of incense inserted into the candle in the form of a cross recall the aromatic spices with which His Sacred Body was prepared for the tomb, and of the five wounds in His hands, feet, and side.

During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night the priest carries the candle in procession into the dark church. A new fire, symbolizing our eternal life in Christ, is kindled which lights the candle. The candle, representing Christ himself, is blessed by the priest who then inscribes in it a cross, the first letters and last of the Greek alphabet, (Alpha and Omega 'the beginning and the end') and the current year. The Easter candle is lit each day during Mass throughout the Easter season until the Solemnity of the Ascension. It is also lit at every Baptism and Funeral.

Want to contribute to the purchase of the new Candle for 2024?

Stop by the Welcome Desk. Those who contribute \$50 or more will receive a portion of last year's candle to take home.

