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We welcome new parishioners and visitors.  
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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**  
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**BAPTISM**  
Parents seeking baptism for their children should approach the Parish Office.

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Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**  
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Interested in receiving the Sacraments?  
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**Pastor: Fr. Jerry Tavares**  
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**OFFICE HOURS**  
Wednesday: 12 Noon - 5PM  
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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.**

# Third Sunday of Lent ✝ March 3, 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:** Exodus 20:1-17  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:18, 22:2  
**Gospel:** John 2:13-25

## 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/lent](http://spta.church/lent)*

## 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

## REACH OUT IN JESUS' NAME

Evangelizing, sharing the faith, is the work of every Catholic. Easter 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.

## 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.**

## LENTEN PASTORAL VISITS

During Lent, Fr. Jerry is visiting 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. In need of such a visit? Call the office at 705-746-5181.

## 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.

## LENTEN FISH & CHIPS DINNER

On March 15th at 5:30PM (after Stations) the Knights of Columbus will be serving up Fish & Chips. There is a "gluten free" option, but tickets are limited (let the seller know that you require gluten free). Just \$15 per person - get your ticket after Mass on the weekend in the Narthex or through the parish office during the week.

## LAST SUPPER/HOLY THURSDAY DINNER

Tickets for our 'Last Supper' on Holy Thursday go on sale next weekend. **Two Can Dine for \$35!**

## 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.

## 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 pre-requisite. 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.

## FOOD FOR THOSE WITHOUT

Thank you for bringing non-perishable food items to Mass with you! These are forwarded to our community partners Harvest Share and Salvation Army to assist those in need in our community.

## ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

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## SPRING FORWARD NEXT SUNDAY (MARCH 10)

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 6  
6:00PM + Colleen Dow

Thursday, March 7  
12:10PM Friends and Benefactors of SPTA

Friday, March 8  
12:10PM + Phyllis Ertel  
*Adoration/Confession/Benediction*

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 9  
4:00PM + Stefanie & Eduard Leitmann

Sunday, March 10  
9:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)  
11:00AM + Lois Kenny Bradey

## 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.*