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April 14, 2024 **Third Sunday** of Easter

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**Pastor: Fr. Jerry Tavares** 

Administrative Assistant: Kristen Penfold

### **OFFICE HOURS**

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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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## Are you new here? Welcome!

We welcome new parishioners and visitors. We'd love to see you again! 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

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

## Third Sunday of Easter \* April 14, 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 vou'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: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5 **Gospel:** Luke 24:35-48

#### Wednesday, April 17 + Antje Cormier 6:00PM

Thursday, April 18

**10AM** 

+ Margaret O'Neill

Friday, April 19

**School Mass** 

12:10PM + Ned Nash

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Saturday, April 20

4:00PM + Peter Agnello Jr.

Sunday, April 21

Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People) 9:00AM

11:00AM **Intentions of Julie Galea** 

### **Prayer Partner** Weekend

This weekend we pray for our young people preparing for the Sacraments (1st Communion and Confirmation).

May they be strengthen as they prepare for these Sacraments.



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## The Easter Season

The Easter season is a time for rejoicing. Jesus has shattered the bonds of death through his Resurrection. We celebrate His victory because it is our victory as well. He didn't just destroy the bonds of death for himself but for all of us. And to show us the way to everlasting life. Alleluia!

## Thank you · Miigwech · Merci · Obrigado · Danke · Tak · Mahalo · Toda · Salamat

The Holy Week and Easter Liturgies were truly beautiful! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed to their success - including our servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and all those who participated in the foot-washing ceremony. Our music ministry team, decorators, cleaners, and behind-the-scenes helpers also deserve our sincere thanks. We are especially grateful to our greeters and hosts, who helped create a warm and welcoming atmosphere. To everyone who played a role in making these celebrations meaningful, we offer our heartfelt thanks. We are deeply thankful to God for each and every one of you and your generosity to St. Peter the Apostle. May the Joy of the Risen Lord be with you always!

### **50 DAYS OF JOY**

The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. St. Athanasius called them "the great Sunday". During these 50 days of rejoicing Christians sing the "Alleluia" with gusto and enthusiasm. White or gold vestments are worn by priests and deacons and the sanctuary is sumptuously decorated.

### **FLAME OF FAITH**

The Paschal or Easter Candle is the most important symbol of the Resurrection. It's lighted at the Solemn Easter Vigil and then stands next to the ambo throughout the entire fifty days of the Easter Season. The newly baptized are welcomed into the Church by its light and it speaks of eternal life at every Funeral Mass.

### **HOLY WATER AT THE DOOR**

At the doors of every Catholic Church you will find a Holy Water Font. We dip our fingers into the water and make the Sign of the Cross whenever we enter or leave the church. This simple gesture reminds us that Baptism is the gateway to life in Christ and membership in the Church.

### **HOSPITAL VISITATION**

The Sacrament of Anointing the Sick is the healing touch of Jesus. We encourage parishioners to ask for this blessing before entering the hospital for surgery or other medical procedures. In case of emergency, a Catholic priest is always on call. Place a request at the Nursing Station and they will contact a priest for you.

#### **INFANT BAPTISM**

It is always a joyful experience for us to welcome a new Christian into the Church and into our parish community. Through baptism, your child will be adopted into God's family, receive the grace of salvation won for us by Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, and have life in the Holy Spirit. If you're interested in having your child baptized, please contact the Parish Office, and we'll help you get started.

#### UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

As you are nearing the end of the school year and final exams are upon you. Remember to believe in yourself and know that all your hard work will pay off. Know that we as a parish are praying for you as you write your finals. Good luck and looking forward to your return for the summer!

### STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN... OUR SANCTUARY

We plan to begin construction work on our front stairs later this Spring/Early Summer. The total cost to remove and replace the steps is about \$40,000. Envelopes for donations will be available starting next week, allowing us all to play a part in paving our way to heavenly heights.

### REPAIR OF RECTORY BATHROOM

Father's bathroom in the rectory is in dire need of Thanks to some parishioners who generously came forward with donations toward this project.

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING**

The St. Peter's CWG will meet on Thursday, April 18th at 11AM in the KofC Hall. Elizabeth Entz from Hope Pregnancy will be our special Guest. Elizabeth will make a presentation about the organization. All women of the parish are welcome.

### THINKING OF GETTING MARRIED?

Those wishing to be married must contact their parish priest at least twelve months in advanced. Please meet with Father before setting the date and sending out invitations.

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