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April 28, 2024  
Fifth Sunday  
of Easter

**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.



**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 community a life-changing  
encounter with Jesus Christ.**

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter ✝ April 28, 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, May 1  
6:00PM + May Young

Thursday, May 2  
12:10PM Memorial Mass - Easter Décor

Friday, May 3  
11:00AM Adoration and Confessions  
12:10PM + Fr. Allan Hood

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 4  
4:00PM + Peter Agnello Jr.

Sunday, May 5  
9:00AM + Intentions of Jessica Fleetham  
11:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

## TODAYS READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8



### Offer the Gift of the Mass

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition.

To arrange for a Mass to be offered, stop by the Welcome Desk on the weekend, contact the Parish Office or fill out one of the Envelopes located in the Church.

It is a prayerful gift to be given and even more meaningful to receive.

### NEW TO THE PARISH?

We've seen some new faces at Mass the past few weekends. St. Peter the Apostle Parish welcomes those who have moved into the parish and those who may be returning to the practice of their faith. You are important to us. Please register with the parish by stopping by the Welcome Desk before or after any weekend Mass.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

This year, we welcomed Ryan into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Solemn Easter Vigil. If you are thinking about becoming Catholic (or know someone who is) we have a great team who would love to walk with you on this journey. Contact the Parish Office at 705-746-5181 to get things started.

### 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 are now available, allowing us all to play a part in paving our way to heavenly heights. Thank you for your consideration!

### REPAIR OF RECTORY BATHROOM

The finish-line is in sight! Renovations continue this week. Many thanks to: Joe, Mark, Maurizio and Kristen. Father has also rolled up his sleeves and worked on this project. This "labour of love" has saved the parish thousands of dollars!

### WELCOME ANDREW ROELANDS

Bishop Daniel Miehm has appointed Andrew Roelands, a seminarian for our Diocese, to live and work with Fr. Jerry over the summer. Andrew moves in this week.

### THINKING OF GETTING MARRIED?

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

### BRING A FRIEND TO MASS

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has challenged us to be evangelizers. We are called to **lead others into a living relationship with Christ**. Have you ever thought of inviting someone to Mass with you? Perhaps a lapsed Catholic, a neighbour or someone you work with. Invite them, pray with them and then be ready to answer any questions they might have.

### STATIONS OF THE LIGHT

On Friday, May 17th at 6PM join us for the Stations of the Light, where we are invited to follow in the footsteps of the Risen Christ and his friends from the Resurrection to Pentecost.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Peter the Apostle Knights of Columbus is seeking new members to join us in service to the parish and the greater community. We are a brotherhood of Catholic Men ages 18+ who focus on faith, family, charity and friendship. Please join us for dinner at an upcoming council meeting. For more info, contact Joe Ryman at 705-342-1558.

### MARRIAGE TIP

Spring cleaning is about revitalizing our hibernating homes. It's also a great time to refresh your marriage. Make the decision as a couple to spend some time together on a mini-date taking a walk or sharing a coffee; give your spouse some "guilt-free" time off from household duties; learn something new about your spouse (no matter how long you've been married!); tell your spouse why they are still special to you. Remember what it was like to be newly in love? This spring, feel that way all over again.

### TEACHER REFERENCE LETTERS

Many young people come looking for a Pastoral Reference Letter when they apply for teaching jobs with Catholic Boards. Fr. Jerry will only provide letters to those who are registered in the parish and active in parish life. Think ahead. Get involved.

### A LEGACY GIFT

Giving a legacy to your church is **an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God for all that you have been given and enjoyed during your life**. It is also a means of ensuring that your past can become part of the future of your church's life, through mission and ministry to all God's people. Thank you.

*Have a great week!*

## WORSHIP OFFERING

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|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Offertory Envelopes    | 1,665.00           |
| Automatic Giving       | 1,581.79           |
| Offertory Loose        | 442.95             |
| <b>Total Offertory</b> | <b>\$ 3,689.74</b> |

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.*



The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We honour her as the Mother of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and as the first of his Disciples. We also acknowledge Mary as the Mother of the Church and our mother too!

### PARISH ROSARY CHALLENGE: Pray one rosary a day, for the month of May!

This challenge is open to individuals and families too. Keep track, and when you visit the Church, you can indicate the number of rosaries prayed using our 'rosary tracker' near the Statue of Mary in the Sanctuary.

**Last year we prayed 1032 rosaries!**

### ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY:

① **During the month of May**, parishioners who wish are invited to remain after the weekend Masses to pray the Rosary.

② **All year round**, parishioners are welcome to join in the public recitation of the Rosary after Mass on Wednesday evenings.