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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time ✝ November 3rd, 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: Deuteronomy 6:2-6
2nd Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel: Mark 12:28-34



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.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

When the scribe asks Jesus which is the "first of all the commandments," Jesus answers by giving him not one, but two: **love God** and **love neighbour**. Further, Jesus connects these two commandments: loving God with all our being is one and the same as loving our neighbour, made possible only by self-giving. Such all-embracing love "is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices" of grain or animals, for, when we love as Jesus commands, we ourselves are the "burnt offerings and sacrifices."

CATHOLIC FUNERALS

For Catholic men and women, death is a reality faced in the company of Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and the Life. It's not so much a celebration of someone's life, as a celebration of God's saving love. Catholic Funerals have three distinctive steps: 1) A Vigil of Prayer at the Funeral Home; 2) A Funeral Mass at the parish church; 3) Burial Rites at the cemetery or mausoleum. In answer to a much asked question: yes, Catholics may be cremated, but cremated remains should be buried with dignity in a consecrated space.

HOSPITAL STAYS

Due to privacy laws, the hospital does **not** provide us with a list of Catholic patients as was the practice in the past, even if you give them information about your religious affiliation when admitted. This is just a reminder that if you find yourself or a loved one in the hospital and wish to have a visit from Father, please contact the office so we don't miss you!

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HELP KEEP OUR RECORDS UP TO DATE

If you've moved or changed your phone or email address, speak with Kristen at the Welcome Desk after all weekend Masses.

DIOCESAN PRIEST STUDY DAYS

Fr. Jerry will be away participating in the annual Priest Study Days from November 5th to 7th at the Nottawasaga Inn.

PROJECT REACH-OUT

Many of our parishioners are starting to return to Sunday Mass since the pandemic but we are still missing more. We encourage you to seek out missing friends, neighbours and family members. Be a missionary. Tell them we miss their presence in church. Sometimes all it takes is a smile and a personal invitation.

THANKS FROM THE WOMEN'S GROUP

A huge thank you to all who participated in the St. Peter's Catholic Women's Group Fall Vendor's Market! From the Gift Basket contributors and makers, the Bakers, the PSHS students who did Face & Pumpkin Painting, the Knights of Columbus who helped set up and everyone in between especially the Vendors new and returning. And of course our Parish Family and the Community who came and purchased items. You all made our Fall Market a great success!

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Monday, November 11th, is Remembrance Day. We hold in our hearts those who have died in the ugly violence or war and pray for peace in the world. As Catholic Christians we rededicate ourselves to the work of God's Kingdom. Together, we renew our commitment to love our enemies in the name of Jesus Christ. During our Masses next weekend, we will remember those who paid the price for our freedom.

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October 20th	
Total offertory	\$4,028.41
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MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, November 6
NO MASS - PRIEST STUDY DAYS

Thursday, November 7
NO MASS - PRIEST STUDY DAYS

Friday, November 8
12:10PM + Phyllis Ertel

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, November 9
4:00PM + Connie Loucks

Sunday, November 10
9:00AM + Fr. Damian Smullen
11:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

Finalizing the details

Planning for the final moments and beyond...

There's no escaping it, our days are numbered. But we can get ready and be prepared. Across five weeks, guest speakers will lead discussions about how each person can finalize the details needed to ensure they are cared for, their wishes are respected and our faith in the resurrection revealed.

Join us Thursday evenings in the KofC Parish Hall. **Presentation begins at 7PM;** light refreshments being served at 6:45PM.

November 7th - Downsizing
with Real Estate Business Coach Sandra Porretta

November 14th - Estate Planning
with Financial Planner Barb Kerr

Month of the Holy Souls

The month of November is all about remembering. As Catholics we call to mind our deceased family and friends, asking God's mercy upon them. We also pray for the many forgotten souls who depend on us for prayerful support. Envelopes are available at your exits or the Welcome Desk if you would like to make a donation in memory of your loved ones. We will remember these beloved dead at every Mass celebrated in the month of November.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

May they rest in peace. Amen.