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## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✝ February 16th, 2025

### Welcome to St. Peter the Apostle!

May you encounter Jesus Christ in His church and in His sacraments through your participation in our Parish community. Visit our Welcome Desk before or after our weekend Masses for any information on our parish, it's ministries and it's community. *We sincerely welcome you and are so glad you're here!*

### TODAYS READINGS

**1st Reading:** Jeremiah 17:5-8  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Cor. 15:22, 16-20  
**Gospel:** Luke 6:17, 20-26



### OFFER THE GIFT OF THE MASS

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.

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### Prayer for Married Couples

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### JUBILEE OF HOPE

The Diocese of Peterborough joins the celebration of the Universal Church in this Jubilee Year, 2025 as "Pilgrims of Hope!" We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Four churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Learn more at [www.peterboroughdiocese.org](http://www.peterboroughdiocese.org).

### FATHER IS AVAILABLE

It's important to remind parishioners periodically of how we can help in times of serious illness or in the event of a loved one's passing. If a loved one is at the West Parry Sound Health Centre, Father can be summoned for you by hospital staff. Long-term care and retirement homes in the parish all know how to contact our parish office to request a visit, but families are encouraged to reach out to us directly by phone. If someone requires the Sacrament of the Holy Anointing of the Sick and is in danger of death please call the parish office.

### CHARITABLE TAX RECEIPTS

To accommodate the recent postal strike, the federal government has extended the deadline for donations in 2024. Those who wish may request a separate receipt for offerings made in January and February of 2025 which can be submitted with a tax return for either the 2024 or 2025 tax year (not both); the 2025 receipt for those choosing this option would only include offerings made in March through December. Otherwise, all donations made in 2025 will be applied to the 2025 tax season.

If you would like to receive tax receipts for January and February 2025 to claim in 2024, please contact the parish office **via email at [office@spta.church](mailto:office@spta.church)**.

Unless specifically requested, your charitable tax receipt will only reflect donations made during 2024.

### THE POWER OF AN INVITATION

If you think about it, life can be viewed as a series of invitations. Invitations are powerful because a single invitation can change someone's life. We have all been given the opportunity to invite others to know God and be part of God's family. Inviting others is not just a nice thing to do; it's a critical part of following Jesus. We have no idea how our invitation might change someone's life! Who can you invite to Church this Lent? Be on the lookout!

### PALMS PLEASE

It's that time of year - Ash Wednesday will be upon us soon (March 5th). We are collecting palms to be burned for use on Ash Wednesday. Please place your palms in the box marked "Returned Palms" in the Narthex.

### ABOUT THE ASHES

The Ashes that are used to mark the beginning of Lent come from the branches blessed and distributed on Palm Sunday. We will be burning the Palms on March 4 at 5PM in the parking lot. Everyone is welcome to join in!

### OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, February, 21st and reopen on Wednesday, March 5th.

### PASS THE BASKET

At offertory time our Host Ministers come along with baskets for our offerings to help with the running of the parish, our programs, maintenance and staff. We understand that many parishioners donate in other ways (Automatic Giving or Online via credit card) for which we thank you. When the ministers come to you, **please pass the basket** along to others in your pew who may wish to give. Thank you.

### A LEGACY GIFT

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, February 19  
 6:00PM Intentions of Fr. Ken Rae

Thursday, February 20  
 At the School 9:15AM Intentions of Skylar Penfold

Friday, February 21  
 9:00AM Intentions of Cindy Montforton

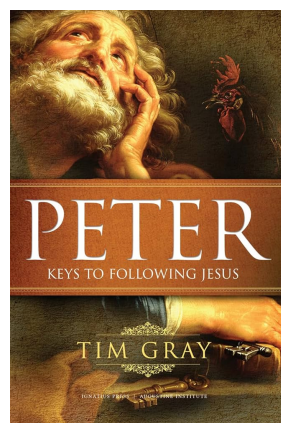
### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, February 22  
 4:00PM + Peter Agnello Jr.

Sunday, February 23  
 9:00AM + Margaret & + Bill Dunnigan  
 11:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)



**COUNTDOWN TO LENT** The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. **Masses with the imposition of ashes will take place at 9AM** (at the school), **12:10PM & 6PM.** (Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence). *Everyone is welcome!*



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