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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD // FEBRUARY 2nd, 2025 ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THE LORD'S DAY

SATURDAY 4PM

SUNDAY 9AM & 11AM

For Weekday Mass Times see inside.

SACRAMENTS

Confessions Saturday 3PM - 3:45PM

For more information about booking baptisms, weddings, marriage preparation, or other inquiries, please contact us.

OFFICE HOURS

Wed: 12 Noon - 5PM Thurs. & Fri.: 10AM - 2PM

Scan the QR-Code to connect with us or make an appointment



The Presentation of the Lord 🕆 February 2nd, 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!

Wednesday, February 5 6:00PM + Peter LaBrash

Thursday, February 6 Intentions of Friends & Benefactors 12:10PM

Friday, February 7 11:00AM **First Friday Adoration & Confessions** 12:10PM **For Prayers Answered**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, February 8 4:00PM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

Sunday, February 9 9:00AM + Toby Lenihan 11:00AM + Ray Wagner

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

TODAYS READINGS

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:10-11, 13-18

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1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

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Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Mary and Joseph were faithful to the law when they came to present their forty-day-old Son in the temple and offer the prescribed sacrifice. Simeon and Anna show us, however, that more is necessary than obedience to the law in order to recognize the presence of the Son-Messiah. Filled with expectation, they were actively waiting and looking for "the Christ of the Lord" and the "redemption of Jerusalem." Their very expectation and waiting was the work of the Holy Spirit within them. As with Simeon and Anna, our own lives must be filled with the expectation and waiting that is truly the work of the Holy Spirit within us. Only then will we see and recognize the Messiah in our midst.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Christians endure illness and physical suffering in this life as all people do. However, our faith reminds us that suffering will not have the last say. Not only that, but Jesus' own suffering becomes an invitation for those who are sick or suffering to turn to Him as the true remedy of all torments. So, we ask for the intercession of the saints to help us turn to Our Divine Physician and entrust all those suffering and sick into his care. One way Catholics have traditionally done this is through the blessing of throats on the feast of St. Balise, Bishop and Martyr which will be available after all Masses on next weekend.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - MASS WITH THE HOLY ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When Pope John Paul II established the World Day of the Sick on the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes on **February 11th** each year, he was "reminding us to see in our sick brother or sister the face of Christ", and of our own need for healing and the Church's care for those who are ill and those who care for them.

On Wednesday, February 12th at 6PM we will celebrate a special Mass for the Anointing of the Sick. Please extend an invitation to those Catholics in your families or your neighbours whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age, as we would be happy to anoint them during Mass.

Finally, a reminder that if you have a loved one who is homebound, or seriously ill, please call the parish office to arrange for Fr. Jerry to come for a visit and offer the Holy Anointing of the Sick.

Jesus, Our Lord, we ask you to have mercy on all who are sick. Give them your strength and love and help them carry this cross with faith. May their sufferings be one with yours, overcome the power of evil and lead others to our Father in Heaven. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer, for you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

With the beginning of a new year, many commit themselves in a special way to new acts of volunteerism. Considering joining one of our teams of liturgical ministers. Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are an integral part of our communal worship, making now a perfect time to come on board. Contact the parish office, or stop by the Welcome Desk to begin serving in ministry.

OLD OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Parishioners are kindly asked to dispose of any offertory envelopes issued in previous years. Due to regular renumbering (to limit waste), outdated envelopes may not bear the appropriate information needed by counters to record your offering and issue an accurate tax receipt. If you don't have a 2025 box yet, stop by the welcome desk and we can have one assigned to you. Tax receipts will be made available for pickup as soon as they're ready.

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND

Round 3 Funding: If you are eligible to apply for funding for an Indigenous-led and managed project in one or more of these areas: healing for communities and families, culture and language revitalization; knowledge-sharing, heritage & traditions and community building; and dialogues for promoting indigenous spirituality and culture, visit this site on more information and how to apply Indigenous Reconciliation Fund - Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough Funding will open February 3 to March 20, 2025. We encourage parishioners to visit the IRF webpage on the Diocesan website www.peterboroughdiocese.org/ IRF to learn more about the projects that have been funded in Rounds 1 and 2.

MASS FOR FRIENDS AND BENEFACTORS

As a church, we rely on the financial support of parishioners and friends to offer spiritual programming, maintain our beautiful church and property, and build up the Kingdom of God right in Parry Sound. We continue offering Mass for Friends and Benefactors on the first Thursday of the month, and lift you all up in prayer-thank you!



JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE CHURCHES IN THE DIOCESE **OF PETERBOROUGH:**

The Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains (Peterborough), St. Patrick's (Kearney), St. Mary's (Lindsay), and St. Michael the Archangel (Cobourg).

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