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This Lent, may our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving deepen our faith and draw us closer to Christ. Let us journey together in renewal and hope.

MASS TIMES

**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
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4th Sunday of Lent ✝ March 30th, 2025

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: Joshua 5:9-12
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, April 2
 6:00PM + Paul Beggs

Thursday, April 3
 12:10PM Intentions of Friends and Benefactors

Friday, April 4
 12:10PM + Ann, + Gregg, and + Doug Hickey

Saturday, April 5 - First Saturday
 9:00AM + Wayne McKerrow

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00PM + Cathy Pearsell

Sunday, April 6
 9:00AM + Henri Aubin
 11:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

Grow this Lent

JUST FOR LENT: FEARLESS
 Thursday at 6PM

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 Friday after Mass until 1:30PM

SOUP & STATIONS
 Friday Soup 5:15PM;
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TODAY IS LAETARE SUNDAY!

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Church shifts to rose vestments as a sign of joyful anticipation—Easter is drawing near! The name "Laetare" comes from the entrance antiphon (Isaiah 66:10-11): "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her..."

This Sunday offers a moment of encouragement as we journey toward the solemn days of Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It reminds us to hold onto the joy of Easter, when Christ rises from the dead and our hearts are filled with hope!

EASTER INVITE

Holy Week is a journey of faith that leads us to the joy of Easter — the celebration of Christ's Resurrection! This is the perfect time to invite friends and family to encounter the hope and renewal of this sacred season.

A simple invitation can open the door to something life-changing. Many are just waiting to be asked! To make it easy, we've put together a helpful resource at spta.church/easterinvite. Let's share the joy of Easter!

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service followed by Confessions (last chance before Easter) will take place on **Wednesday, April 16th at 6PM**. This Jubilee Year we welcome Fr. Charles Orchard who will give a brief reflection. We also have Fr. Roy Villas and Fr. Joe Moran joining Fr. Jerry in hearing confessions. Whether it has been 10 years, or 10 months or 10 days, God is waiting for you. Come experience the mercy of a Father who loves and forgives you.

DIOCESAN DAY OF MERCY

Every Parish in the Diocese of Peterborough will have extended times for Confession on **Saturday, April 5th**. In addition to the usual 3-3:45PM, Father will also be available from 10AM until 12Noon.

LENTEN FISH & CHIPS DINNER

Join the Knights of Columbus for a Fish & Chips Dinner on Friday, April 11th, at 6PM, following **Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM**. Tickets (\$15) are now available after Masses or at the Parish Office. A limited gluten-free option is available.

DISCOVER OUR HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Visit spta.church/easter to learn about our Liturgies and what to expect during Holy Week.

SERVE DURING HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is a powerful time of grace, and you can make a difference! We especially need greeters to welcome all who come. Your warm presence can help others encounter Christ. Sign up today at spta.church/serve.

EASTER DECOR

Envelopes can be found at the church doors for donation to help make the sanctuary beautiful for Easter. They can be made in memory of loved ones whose names will be published during the Easter season. Please write your name as well as names of loved ones you would like to remember.

CHRISM MASS - MONDAY, APRIL 14TH

Join Bishop Daniel Miehm, Fr. Jerry, and all our clergy at the annual Chrism Mass at St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral in Peterborough. Priests will renew their commitment, and Bishop Miehm will bless and consecrate the sacred oils for the year. This Jubilee Year, attendees who are truly penitent and receive Holy Communion will receive a Papal Blessing with a plenary indulgence. All are warmly invited!

LAST SUPPER/HOLY THURSDAY DINNER

Join us 6PM on Holy Thursday for a delicious meal prepared by Chef Theo. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship before entering into the sacred liturgy of the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8PM. 2 can dine for \$35. Come for the meal, stay for the mystery. Let's walk together into the Triduum with hearts nourished in both body and spirit!

🎵 **JOIN THE CHOIR FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

Love to sing? Come lift your voice in praise as we prepare for the most sacred liturgies of the year! Choir practice begins April 3rd at 6:45PM, and all are welcome—whether you're a seasoned singer or just love to make a joyful noise. Let's make this Holy Week and Easter truly glorious! Join us!



About the Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle represents Christ, the Light of the World. The pure beeswax of which the candle is made represents the sinless Christ who was formed in the womb of His Mother. The wick signifies His humanity, the flame, His Divine Nature, both soul and body. Five grains of incense inserted into the candle in the form of a cross recall the aromatic spices with which His Sacred Body was prepared for the tomb, and of the five wounds in His hands, feet, and side.

During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night the priest carries the candle in procession into the dark church. A new fire, symbolizing our eternal life in Christ, is kindled which lights the candle. The candle, representing Christ himself, is blessed by the priest who then inscribes in it a cross, the first letters and last of the Greek alphabet, (Alpha and Omega 'the beginning and the end') and the current year. The Easter candle is lit each day during Mass throughout the Easter season until the Solemnity of the Ascension. It is also lit at every Baptism and Funeral.

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