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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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**1st**

**SUNDAY  
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# 1st Sunday of Lent ✝ March 9th, 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:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10

**2nd Reading:** Romans 10:8-13

**Gospel:** Luke 4:1-13

# READY SET LENT



This past Wednesday we began the Lenten Season with our celebration of Ash Wednesday. The three pillars of Lent are **Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving**. It is through the observance of these three Lenten practices that we hope to enter into Lent as one person and to step out into Easter as a better, more Christ-like version of ourselves.

We have a number of Lenten activities happening:

**JUST FOR LENT: THE MASS**  
Thursdays at 6:00PM

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Fridays from 12:30PM until 1:30PM

**SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Fridays Soup 5:15PM; Stations 6PM

### FRIDAY WITHOUT MEAT

Meatless Fridays are a timeless tradition in the Catholic Church. The simple act of abstaining from meat joins us to the sacrificial heart of Jesus. We encourage every parishioner to adopt this penitential practice on the Fridays during Lent.

### FASTING ISN'T JUST ABOUT FOOD

Catholics traditionally fast from food during Lent, but perhaps we should look beyond what we eat. Have you ever thought of fasting from the media devices which dominate much of our lives? The silence that follows is an invitation to prayer and meditation. Try it!

### CONFESSIONS

Experience the healing power of unconditional forgiveness. Father is available to hear confessions on Saturdays between 3:00PM-3:45PM in the Confessional and during Adoration on Fridays. If it's been a while or you don't know how to start - don't worry....Father will help you through it. Don't let the sins of the past weigh you down.

For Lenten schedule and resources visit:  
[spta.church/lent](http://spta.church/lent)

### LENTEN PASTORAL VISITS

If you know of anyone, or are yourself, unable to leave your home to attend Mass, please call the parish office and leave your name. During Lent, Fr. Jerry would like to visit our shut-ins to offer anointing of the sick, Holy Communion or just a short visit with a cup of tea in the comfort of their home.

### WEEKDAY MASS

Have you thought about coming to Mass throughout the week? If you're not used to coming to weekday Mass, start by coming just one day a week throughout Lent. Mass is celebrated Wednesday at 6PM, Thursday and Friday at 12:10PM (usually).

### ECUMENICAL LENTEN LUNCHES

Mar. 12, St. Peter the Apostle - Lt. Emily Newbury  
Mar. 19, St. Andrew's Presbyterian - Fr. Jerry Tavares  
Mar. 26, Trinity Anglican - Ms. Melissa Horkins  
Apr. 2, St. James United - Mr. Cory Brunatti  
Apr. 9, Salvation Army - Fr. Robert Mansfield  
Program starts at 12:10PM. See poster for details.

### WILD GAME DINNER

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their 12th Annual Wild Game Dinner in the Hall on March 29th. Tickets are \$45. For tickets call Joe 705-342-1558; Kristen 705-746-5181; Theo 705-773-8081. Table arrangements - round tables of 8 and gluten free menu available. Tickets are on sale after all weekend Masses starting this weekend.

### CHARITABLE TAX RECEIPTS

We thank everyone for their support of the parish in 2024. Tax receipts were available in the Church for pickup and have now been mailed out.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Because of your sacrificial giving, you're helping to build the Kingdom of God right here in our local church. Need envelopes? Want to try Automatic Giving? Contact the office.

## WORSHIP OFFERING

Your financial stewardship for March 2nd:

Offertory Envelopes	2,304.60
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## MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 12

6:00PM + Denis & + Muriel Sullivan

Thursday, March 13

At Lakeland 10AM Intentions Maryann Clancy  
At Belvedere 11AM + Sandra Stephens

Friday, March 14

12:10PM + Lillian Reck  
+ Marg Dunnigan

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 15

4:00PM + Marg Dunnigan

Sunday, March 16

9:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)  
11:00AM + Jean Roberston



## 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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## Ways to observe Lent



### Let Go

Give up something that distracts you from your relationship with Jesus and others, like constant phone usage, gaming or watching TV.



### Give More

Evaluate what you give to St. Peter the Apostle and other charities. Sacrifice a pleasure, like a coffee, and put the amount you would have spent towards our parish or a charity.



### Plug In

Add something that helps you connect with God. Read the bible, pray the Rosary or attend Adoration.



### Serve

Serve in our parish. Join a ministry and volunteer. Make a visible difference in our community.



### Do it Together

Share your Lenten practices with others to help you stay accountable. Consider doing one of the above with a friend or as a family and grow together.

### LITURGICAL CHANGES

In Lent, we experience a few liturgical changes during our worship:

- The **Gloria** is not sung and the word 'Alleluia' is also not said or sung.
- For the **Profession of Faith**, we will use the **Apostle Creed** (instead of the Nicene Creed).
- The ending of the **Universal Prayers** shifts to: "Lord, in your mercy" and we respond: "Hear our prayer."
- The sung **Parts of the Mass** (Holy, Mystery of Faith, Great Amen, Lamb of God) will be chanted without musical accompaniment.