



Christ is Risen! May the joy and hope of the **Resurrection fill your heart today and always.** We're so glad you're here to celebrate with us!

# MASS TIMES

Welcome

**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

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# ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## LOVE GOD | LOVE OTHERS | MAKE DISCIPLES

# Ascension of the Lord \* June 1st, 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.

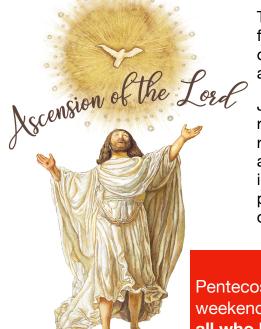
Monday, June 2 - Friday, June 6 NO MASS (Priest Retreat at Queen of the Apostles)

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Amen.

#### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saturday, June 7 4:00PM + Rueben Mendoza 7:00PM Stations of the Light

Sunday, June 8 9:00AM + Ernestine Wong 11:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)



**TODAYS READINGS** 

**1st Reading:** Acts 1:1-11 **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23 **Gospel:** Luke 24:46-53



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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The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven.

Jesus' last earthly gesture toward the disciples was to bless them. In response, the disciples "did him homage" and experienced "great joy." This response was not to Jesus' departure from them, but was an expression of a new relationship to him, the risen One. Now instead of accompanying him in his ministry, they were "clothed with power from on high" to be his presence and do his ministry. In essence, Jesus' last gesture toward the disciples was to empower them to be "witnesses of these things."

#### PREPARE FOR PENTECOST!

Pentecost, the celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is next weekend. Pray this every day leading up to next weekend: "Lord I pray that all who have been away from the celebration of Mass for any reason may return home, and that our church will be a welcoming community of faith.

#### WELCOME NEW/RETURNING PARISHIONERS

Over the past few weeks we've seen many new and returning parishioners! We're so happy to welcome you to St. Peter the Apostle.

- **If you're new**, please register at the Welcome Desk after Mass or the Parish Office, we'd like to officially welcome you.
- **If you're returning**, feel free to check in at the Welcome Desk after Mass or the Parish Office to ensure we have all your current information.
- If you're a 'summer only' parishioner, we're happy to involve you in the life of the parish. We have ministry opportunities both here at the Parish and at Killbear Provincial Park (Lectors, Communion Ministers, Altar Servers...). Just check in at the Welcome Desk after Mass or contact the Parish Office and we will plug you in.

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Do you like working with kids? Have a desire to help form the next generation of Catholics? We're looking for help with Sacramental Prep for this upcoming year (First Communion - grade 2 & up, and Confirmation - grades 7&8). Contact the Office.

#### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

The CWG invites all Ladies of the Parish to a Potluck on Tuesday, June 17th in the Knights of Columbus Hall at 5PM. So that we know how many are attending, please add your name to the sign up sheet at the Welcome Desk after Mass. Looking forward to seeing all of you.

#### STATIONS OF THE LIGHT

On Saturday, June 7th 7PM, join us for the Stations of the Light, where we are invited to follow in the footsteps of the Risen Christ and his friends from the Resurrection to Pentecost.

#### COUNTDOWN TO KILLBEAR

We're really excited to return to the celebration of Mass at Killbear Provincial Park. **Beginning Saturday, June 28th**, Fr. Jerry will be celebrating an additional Mass on Saturday's at 6:30PM in the Amphitheatre. Spread the word!

#### THINKING OF GETTING MARRIED?

Those wishing to be married must contact their parish priest at least twelve months in advance. Please meet with Father before setting the date and sending out invitations.

#### **GUEST CELEBRANT THIS WEEKEND**

Fr. Jerry is away this weekend and we are happy to welcome Fr. Joseph Lourdusamy to St. Peter the Apostle Parish.

#### **BECOMING CATHOLIC**

The Catholic Church is a missionary Church. We have been mandated by Jesus himself to carry the Gospel message to the ends of the earth. If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming Catholic, we are here for you! Stop by the Welcome Desk after any weekend Mass or call the Parish Office. Our formation program begins in the fall.

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

A friendly reminder that the Parish Office hours are **Wednesday 12Noon-5PM, Thursday and Friday 10AM-2PM** - you can also stop by the Welcome Desk while you're already at Mass to deal with 'office things'. <u>The office is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.</u>

#### **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRED HEART**

Join Bishop Miehm and northern parishioners at Sacred Heart, Trout Creek on Friday, June 27, 2025 (Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus).

Adoration & Confessions: 11AM–3PM

Mass: 3:30PM, followed by a reception.

Celebrate the 350th anniversary of the Sacred Heart apparitions. Please RSVP to our Parish Office.

#### **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

Please remember to return your baby bottles back to the church by Father's Day weekend. Fill a bottle.....change a life!

#### A LEGACY GIFT

Giving a legacy to your church is an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God for all that you have been given and enjoyed during your life. It is also a means of ensuring that your past can become part of the future of your church's life, through mission and ministry to all God's people. Thank you.

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