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ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome

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

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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> **Pastor: Fr. Jerry Tavares Administrative Assistant: Kristen Penfold**

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5th Sunday of Easter & May 18th, 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: Acts 14.21-27 2nd Reading: Revelation 21.1-5 **Gospel:** John 13.1, 31-35

Wednesday, May 21 6:00PM + Michal Rafalowicz

Thursday, May 22 At the Gardens

10AM

+ Msgr. John Pearson

Friday, May 23

+ Phyllis Ertel 12:10PM

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 24

4:00PM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

Sunday, May 25

9:00AM

+ Jack Smith

11:00AM Intentions of Lou McLeod



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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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Ave Maria, Gratia Plena, Dominus Tecum



The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We honour her as the Mother of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and as the first of his Disciples. We also acknowledge Mary as the Mother of the Church and our mother too!

PARISH ROSARY CHALLENGE: Pray one rosary a day, for the month of May! This challenge is open to individuals and families too. Keep track, and when you visit the Church, you can indicate the number of rosaries prayed using our 'rosary tracker' near the Statue of Mary in the Sanctuary.

Last year we prayed 1,513 rosaries!

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY:

1 During the month of May, parishioners who wish are invited to remain after the weekend Masses to pray the Rosary.

2 All year round, parishioners are welcome to join in the public recitation of the Rosary after Mass on Wednesday evenings.

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.

STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN UPDATE

We're excited to share that construction on the new front stairs of the church is set to begin in a few weeks. Once work begins, the front entrance will be temporarily closed for safety reasons. During this time, please use the side entrances. We'll do our best to minimize the disruption, and we thank you for your patience and support as we take this important step forward—literally!

HEALING MASS

You are warmly invited to a Healing Mass with the Sacrament of the Holy Anointing of the Sick on Wednesday, May 21st at 6PM. This is for anyone seeking healing-whether physical, emotional, or spiritual-and for those carrying the burdens of illness, aging, or suffering in any form. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered to all who wish to receive it. Come and experience the gentle presence of Christ, who brings comfort to the weary and strength to the brokenhearted.

PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARIES

During the month of May throughout the Diocese of Peterborough, many priests celebrate their Ordination Anniversaries. On May 28th, Fr. Jerry will celebrate 15 years of Priestly Service. Happy Anniversary Father!

UPCOMING ORDINATION

With great joy, the Diocese of Peterborough announces the upcoming ordination of **Deacon** Peter Bissonnette to the Sacred Priesthood on Friday, May 30, at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter-in-Chains, in Peterborough.

GARDENING ANGELS

The gardens of our church are a great outward sign of how we grow in faith as a community. But, they always need attention. Have a green thumb? Want to learn more about gardening? Looking for more opportunities to get outside? Sign up at the Welcome Desk or Contact the Parish Office 705-746-5181 to learn more.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRED HEART

The Diocese of Peterborough is celebrating the closing celebration of the Year of the Sacred Heart ~ On the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday June 27, 2025, at 3:30PM, please join Bishop Miehm and the parishioners of our northern parishes at Sacred Heart Parish, Trout Creek, for the closing Mass celebrations of the 350th Anniversary Year of the messages of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Program begins with Adoration and confessions 11AM-3PM, Holy Mass 3:30PM and reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

A friendly reminder that the Parish Office is open 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'. The office is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays!

PROPERTY REPAIRS

Several needed repairs will soon be underway around the church grounds. In particular, the fences near the AC units and by the Hall will be replaced to ensure safety and enhance the appearance of our property. Thank you for your patience and support as we care for our parish home.



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