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In this Jubilee Year of Hope we're reminded that God is not distant. He draws near. As you join us today, may you be renewed in faith, comforted by mercy, and strengthened in 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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Scan the QR-Code to connect with us or make an appointment



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# Welcome

St. Peter the Apostle Parish is a **Catholic** Christian Community of **Disciples of the Lord Jesus**. We believe that everyone is called to be on a spiritual journey and what matters is not where a person is on that journey, but actually being on the journey. Therefore we seek to **welcome** all people, regardless of the stage of their spiritual life, their struggles and failures. We simply ask that you walk with us and **be open** to what **God** is calling you to. We believe that God calls each member of our parish to **worship**, to **grow**, to **serve**, to **connect** and to **give**.

**TODAYS READINGS:** ① Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 ② 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 ③ Luke 17:5-10

## MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, October 8

6:00PM + Tony Goullée

Thursday, October 9

Lakeland 10AM In thanksgiving  
Belvedere 11AM + Phyllis Ertel

Friday, October 10

12:10PM + Phyllis Ertel

28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 11

4:00PM + Doug Ducklow

Sunday, October 12

9:00AM Intentions of Nancy Loch  
11:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)



### OFFER THE GIFT OF THE MASS

To request a Mass, visit the Welcome Desk, contact the Parish Office, or use the envelopes in the Church.

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### TAKE THE NEXT STEP - SERVE IN MINISTRY

Our parish family is strongest when everyone plays a part. Each of us has been blessed with unique gifts and talents, and one of the most powerful ways to grow in faith is to put those gifts at the service of God and one another.

Whether you've just joined our parish or have been here for many years, now might be the perfect moment to take the next step and get involved. Serving in ministry not only builds up the parish community, it also deepens your own relationship with Christ and helps you feel more connected to your parish family.

#### We are especially in need of:

- Greeters
- Host Ministers/Ushers
- Lectors
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Altar Servers
- Offertory Counters
- Sacristy Support/Lord's Laundry

**Pray about it. Where is God calling you to serve?**

### ETERNAL REST: THE ART OF DYING WELL

A 4-week journey this November for all who seek hope, clarity, and peace in the face of death. We all have questions: What really happens when we die? How do we live in light of eternity? Through the Augustine Institute's new series on Eternal Rest, we'll explore Scripture, Church teaching, and the sacraments with wisdom, compassion, and truth so that we can live well and face death with confidence.

Join us starting **Thursday, November 6 at 5:30PM** for four evenings of reflection and discussion. Everyone is welcome, whether you come with questions, with grief, or simply with an open heart. Let us remember: death is an end, but not **the** end. May this series bring you deeper peace, stronger hope, and renewed trust in Christ, the Author of Life.

### COUNT YOURSELF IN

Throughout the month of October, the Diocese of Peterborough asks all parishes to do a "headcount" of those attending Mass. This might be a good time for every parishioner to reach out to neighbours and friends who are no longer attending Sunday Mass. Invite them to join you on the weekend here, and take them for a coffee afterwards.



Next weekend we are collecting donations of nonperishable food items. Please bring them with you when you attend Mass. Your donations will be forwarded to our community partners Harvest Share and Salvation Army. Thanks for your support!

### WANT TO HAVE A CHILD BAPTIZED?

Baptism begins our sacramental life in Christ. If you're looking to have a child baptized, or would like to seek baptism for yourself, speak with Father after Mass or contact Kristen in the Parish Office, or stop by the Welcome Desk for more details.

### GLUTEN INTOLERANCE AND COMMUNION

If you are unable to receive the regular host due to gluten intolerance, please know that our parish offers approved low-gluten hosts (containing only 0.01% gluten). These hosts are fully valid for the celebration of the Eucharist and may allow you to participate more fully in Holy Communion. For more information stop by the Welcome Desk.

### HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Need hours for graduation? The parish has many opportunities for students to serve in ways that are comfortable and meaningful. Stop by the Welcome Desk or contact the Parish Office to get started!

### AUTOMATIC GIVING - AN EASY OPTION

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September 21 - Total Offertory: \$3,969.11

September 28 - Total Offertory: \$5,054.54

\*Total includes Offertory Envelopes, Online and Automatic Giving and Loose.



### REGISTER NOW FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Preparation for **First Communion (Grade 2+)** and **Confirmation (Grade 7+)** begins in early October. If you haven't registered your child yet, please do so as soon as possible so they don't miss this important step in their faith journey. Visit [spta.church/sacraments](http://spta.church/sacraments) or scan the QR code today - **registration closes this week!**



### OCTOBER IS ROSARY MONTH

We read in sacred scripture that the Blessed Virgin Mary continually pondered the mysteries of Jesus in her heart. Through the Rosary we unite our hearts to hers, and prayerfully ponder those same mysteries. The Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries are a summary of the Gospel. They invite us to contemplate with Mary, our Mother the life, death and glorious resurrection of her Son, Jesus. You can join in the communal recitation of the Rosary on Wednesdays following our 6PM Mass.

### INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND

Applications open for Round 4 from September 22-October 31, 2025. The IRF supports Indigenous-led and managed projects in Healing for communities and families; Culture / language revitalization; Knowledge-sharing, heritage, traditions, and community building; and Dialogues promoting Indigenous spirituality and culture. Eligibility: First Nations and Métis residing within the Diocese. Visit: [peterboroughdiocese.org/irf](http://peterboroughdiocese.org/irf).