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In this Jubilee Year of Hope, Advent calls us to rejoice. This week, joy breaks through our longing as we are reminded that the Lord is near. May that joy deepen our trust and draw us closer to the promise of Christmas.



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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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 Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 ② James 5:7-10 ③ Matthew 11:2-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, December 17
6:00PM + Vern McLeod

Thursday, December 18
School Mass 10AM Intentions of Bridgit Haines
*** 6:00PM ADVENT CONFESSIONS ***

Friday, December 19
6:00PM Memorial Mass - Missa Pro Defunctis

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 20
4:00PM + Bill Dunnigan

Sunday, December 21
9:00AM + Aaron Higgins
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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Candlelight Vigil and Memorial Mass December 19th at 6 PM



On Friday, December 19, all are welcome to our Advent Candlelight Vigil at 6:00 PM, followed immediately by the Memorial Mass. This quiet, prayerful evening invites us to remember loved ones who have died and to remain connected to them in faith and hope. A \$25 donation reserves a large candle, which may be taken home after Mass. Register at the Welcome Desk after Mass or contact the Parish Office. **Registration deadline: December 17.**

SERVE AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bring many family members, friends and guests through our doors. Some will be returning after a long time, and others may be joining us for the first time. We want to welcome them with warmth, joy and hospitality.

If you can help us prepare and serve at our Christmas Masses, we would be grateful. Visit spta.church/christmas to sign up, or stop by the Welcome Desk after Mass. Together, let's help make this Christmas a beautiful experience for everyone!

HOW TO ADVENT

There will be no 12:10PM Mass this Friday due to the Advent Candlelight Vigil and Memorial Mass at 6PM. *How to Advent* will meet at 12:30PM.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Be reconciled to God and one another through the healing Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) before Christmas. Advent has been called a "smaller Lent," and is as important a season as the one leading up to the Resurrection. Our Advent Confession Service will take place this Thursday, December 18th at 6PM. Father will have visiting priests assisting.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We are looking for children to be actors for the 4PM Mass on Christmas Eve. If you're interested (or know someone who might be), stop by the Welcome Desk or call the Parish Office. Rehearsals have begun... **but its not too late to join!!!**

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Do you enjoy singing Christmas carols? Help us bring the joy of Christmas to life! Choir practice is being held on Thursdays at 7PM in the church. All voices are welcome. No sign-up, just show up.

CHRISTMAS DÉCOR

Help beautify our sanctuary for Christmas with flowers. Envelopes are available as you enter the Church. Write names of loved ones to be honoured (living or deceased) this Christmas season.

CHURCH CLEANUP AND DECORATING

On Sunday, December 21st at 1PM we will have our pre-Christmas Church Cleanup and Decorating. Sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Desk after all weekend Masses. Many hands make light work!

TREE OF DREAMS

Light up a child's Christmas by supporting a Honduran child's dream of completing their education. Education is a pathway out of poverty, and your generosity makes a lasting difference. Choose a card, take it home, and make a donation. For tax receipts, please include your name and mailing address.

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the **Parish Office will be closed December 19th to January 8th**. Our parish staff is gearing up for Christmas and will then have some much needed time off with their families.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes are available in the Narthex for those who used them last year. New users can pick up a blank box at the Welcome Desk; please add your name and address on the first few. Online giving and Automatic Giving are also available. Thank you for your generosity. Tax receipts are issued for all methods of giving.

END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS & TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made to the parish in 2025 will be available in the new year. Parishioners making end-of-year donations are reminded that only those envelopes and online donations received by the parish on/prior to December 31st can be included on 2025 tax receipts. Online donations sometimes lag by several days as transactions are posted by banks, please keep this in mind when making your offering.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

From time-to-time phone numbers, addresses and email addresses change. If yours has changed or you have moved, please update Kristen at the Welcome Desk or contact the Parish Office during the week. If you're a parishioner and didn't get a Christmas Card from Father in the past, chances are our information isn't correct - so please update it!

JUBILEE OF HOPE CLOSING MASS

The closing Mass for the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year, will take place on Sunday, December 28, 2025, 10:30AM at the Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains. Light Reception to follow in the Bishop Doyle Hall.

Celebrate Christmas with us!

Christmas Eve - December 24th

4PM - First Mass of Christmas

(Children's Nativity Play starts at 3:40PM)

10PM - Solemn Christmas Mass (incensed used)

Christmas Eve - December 25th

10AM - Mass of Christmas Day

WORSHIP OFFERING

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Offertory Envelopes	3,150.00
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