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In this Jubilee Year of Hope, Advent invites us deeper into the promise of Christmas. With each candle we light, God stirs our hearts with renewed expectation and quiet joy. May these weeks open us to the grace He longs to share.



## 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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# 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 11:1-10 ② Romans 15:4-9 ③ Matthew 3:1-12

## MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, December 10  
6:00PM + Lucille Higgins

Thursday, December 11  
Lakeland 10AM Intentions of Mary Lou Lorion  
Belvedere 11AM + Fr. John Albao

Friday, December 12  
12:10PM + Phyllis Ertle

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 13  
4:00PM + Vern McLoud

Sunday, December 14  
9:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)  
11:00AM Intentions of Anthony Galea



## 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 gather for our Advent Candlelight Vigil at 6PM, followed immediately by the Memorial Mass. The Vigil begins with quiet, meditative instrumental music and concludes in prayer as we remember loved ones whose lives continue to shape ours, even as they make their way heavenward. Taking time to honour them is a meaningful way to stay connected in faith and hope.

A \$25 donation reserves a large candle for the Vigil, which you may take home after Mass. To register, please visit the Welcome Desk after any weekend Mass or contact the Parish Office during the week. Registration deadline: December 17. We hope you will join us for this meaningful and hope-filled tradition as Christmas draws near.

### 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 to start next weekend!

### LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST

We invite you to join us next Saturday, December 14th following the 4PM Mass as we turn on the lights of our outdoor Nativity Scene, have some hot chocolate and sing a few carols!

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Sunday, December 14, after the 11AM Mass at the KofC Hall. Tickets are free and must be obtained at the Welcome Desk in advance. We ask that each family attending will either bring a salad or dessert, and the rest of the refreshments will be provided. Make sure if any children are attending that we get their age as Santa will be making an appearance.

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

This year's offertory envelopes are available in the Narthex for those who used them last year. If you would like to start using envelopes, Kristen can provide a blank box at the Welcome Desk. Just add your name and address on the first few. You can also give online or through Automatic Giving. Thank you for your continued generosity. Tax receipts are issued for all methods of giving.

### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

"Last Chance" confessions will be held Thursday December 18th at 6PM with visiting priests assisting us. If it has been a while since you've been to confession, please consider this a gentle invitation. Come and experience the healing power of forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Do you enjoy singing Christmas carols? If so, our Choir needs you for the 10PM Christmas Eve Mass. This choir is open to all ages and skill levels. Rehearsals will be Wednesdays at 7PM. No sign-up, just show up. Thank you! 🎵

### CHRISTMAS DÉCOR

Help beautify our sanctuary for Christmas with beautiful flowers. Envelopes are now available as you enter the Church. Write names of loved ones to remember during the Christmas season.

### 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](http://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!

### 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 face this Christmas! Your donation will bring joy this Christmas by helping a Honduran child who dreams of completing their education. Your generosity will make a lasting difference, spreading warmth and celebration to those who need it most. Education is a pathway out of poverty and your gift helps make it possible. Your commitment to invest in a child's future, will change their life forever! Choose a card, take it home, and make a donation. This Advent, take a moment to reflect on the true meaning of the season. For tax receipts, also include your name and mailing address.

*Have a great week!*

## 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**

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