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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: 📖 Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 📖 Acts 10:34-38 📖 Matthew 3:13-17

MASS INTENTIONS

**** NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK ****

God of love, renew in us the grace of our baptism, that we may live as your sons and daughters in the world. Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 17
4:00PM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

Sunday, January 18
9:00AM + Jose Gouveia & Family
11:00AM + Theresa Campbell

 **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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ORDINARY TIME
At the conclusion of the Baptism of the Lord this weekend, the Church begins her annual observance of Ordinary Time. During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions.

Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from Apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's Resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

You don't have to figure things out alone. Scan the QR code to connect with us.



CELEBRATE BAPTISM

If you are hoping to have a child baptized, please contact the Parish Office to begin the process. Please note that Baptism is required before a child may receive First Communion or Confirmation. Adults seeking Baptism or exploring the Christian faith are warmly invited to speak with Fr. Jerry or contact the Parish Office for more information.

ADULTS LOOKING TO BE BAPTIZED: It's not too late to join our OCIA Process. Speak to Fr. Jerry after Mass or stop by the Welcome Desk.

ENGAGED OVER CHRISTMAS?

Did anyone receive a ring under the tree? If so, congratulations on your engagement! We extend our warmest good wishes as you begin this exciting new chapter together. A friendly reminder that the Diocese of Peterborough requires one full year's notice for wedding dates. Please stop by the Welcome Desk for more information or contact the Parish Office.

REACHING OUT IN JESUS' NAME

Sharing the faith is part of the mission of every Catholic. The Christmas season is a beautiful time to invite others to encounter Jesus in a personal and meaningful way. This may be the moment to reach out to those who feel lost, uncertain, or distant. Invite them to Mass and continue to walk with them in the days and weeks that follow.

2026 OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Parishioners should now be using 2026 Offertory envelopes. If you haven't picked up your new box yet they are still available in the Narthex. Not using envelopes but want to start? Just pick up a blank box from Kristen and write your name and address on the first few envelopes.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus invite you to a delicious pancake breakfast next Sunday, January 18, between the 9AM and 11AM Masses (9:45-11AM). Join us for great food and fellowship!

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 this year, chances are our information isn't correct - so please update it!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed Wednesday, January 14 to Friday, January 16 as Kristen completes year-end reporting and tax receipts. If you need assistance, many routine parish matters can be handled at the Welcome Desk on the weekend. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING

All women of the parish are warmly invited to a meeting on Thursday, January 22, at 2PM in the Knights of Columbus Hall. We'll be sharing and discussing upcoming events and opportunities. We hope you can join us!

MASS FOR FRIENDS AND BENEFACTORS

Our parish is deeply grateful for the generosity of our parishioners and friends, whose support allows us to care for our church, offer spiritual programs, and build up the Kingdom of God here in Parry Sound. Each first Thursday of the month, we celebrate a Mass for our Friends and Benefactors, lifting all of you up in prayer. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation's Office at (705) 745-5123.

AUTOMATIC GIVING

Have you considered Automatic Giving? It's a simple and convenient way to consistently support our parish and our mission of forming faithful disciples who proclaim the Good News. You can enrol through our website or stop by the Welcome Desk for more information.

WORSHIP OFFERING

A summary of your financial stewardship

January 1st - Mary, Mother of God	Total Offertory: \$3,468.39
January 4th - Epiphany of the Lord	Total Offertory: \$4,570.55

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