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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 9:1-4 ② 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17-18 ③ Matthew 4:12-23

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, January 28
6:00PM Intentions of Helena Babiarz

Thursday, January 29
At the School 9:30 + Jamie Baby

Friday, January 30
12:10PM + Peter Agnello Jr

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 31
4:00PM + Christopher Ewaskiw

Sunday, February 1
9:00AM Intentions of Seminarian Andrew Roelands
11:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)


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COUNTDOWN TO LENT: Ash Wednesday is February 18th

Sunday of the Word of God

In 2019, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God as an annual celebration on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today is a great time to remember that we encounter Jesus Christ when we read the Scriptures. Reading the Bible is not merely an intellectual encounter, but it is spiritually nourishing as well.

He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

-Luke 24:45.

Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.

-Hebrews 4:12

Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.

-St. Jerome

Whenever we spend time with the Scriptures, may we allow the Word of God to bear rich spiritual fruit in our lives. May the reading of God's word translate into our daily actions.

INVITE ONE

Sometimes the most meaningful invitation is the simplest one. Consider inviting a friend, neighbour, or co-worker to join you at Mass. You might even offer to pick them up or go for coffee afterward. Your invitation might be the start of something incredible.

LENT IS ON THE HORIZON

With the Christmas season (just barely) in the rearview, it's already time to start turning our attention to Lent. This year, our preparation for Easter will begin with Ash Wednesday, February 18th. The best Lenten observances - penances and devotional additions - are rooted in prayer. Start reflecting now on how you'd like to make the season special.

PALMS PLEASE

It's that time of year - Ash Wednesday will be upon us soon. We are collecting palms to be burned for use on Ash Wednesday. Starting next weekend there will be a box in the Narthex marked "Returned Palms" for you to place your palms in.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

As we begin a new year, we invite parishioners to consider serving in one of our liturgical ministries. Lectors proclaim the Word of God at Mass, while Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist Father in the distribution of Holy Communion. Both ministries help shape our prayer each weekend and are an important part of our worshiping community. Training and support are provided. If you feel drawn to serve in this way, please contact the Parish Office or stop by the Welcome Desk to learn more.

If you've ever thought, "Maybe I could do that," this might be your moment. We'd love to help you take that next step.

CELEBRATE BAPTISM

Thinking about Baptism for your child? Please contact the Parish Office to get started. Baptism is the first step toward First Communion and Confirmation. Adults exploring Baptism or the Christian faith are welcome to speak with Fr. Jerry or contact the Parish Office.

JANUARY SCHOOL MASS

Father will be celebrating Mass at St. Peter the Apostle Elementary School this Thursday at 9:30AM. Parishioners are welcome to join us. **If the school busses are cancelled this day, so is Mass.**

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Get ready for an evening of football, food, and fellowship! You're invited to our Super Bowl Watch Party & Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, February 8 at 6:00 PM. Bring your best chili for a chance to earn bragging rights and the title of Parish Chili Champion, or simply come to watch the game and enjoy great company. For more details, check out the poster in the church or stop by the Welcome Desk.

COFFEE WITH FATHER RETURNS IN FEBRUARY

Attention parishioners! Join us for Coffee with Father immediately following Friday's Mass. This is a great opportunity to build community and fellowship over a cup of coffee and good conversations. Hope to see you there.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON THANKS

Our Christmas Turkey Luncheon was a wonderful afternoon of food and fellowship. Thank you to all who volunteered, cooked, served, and supported the event in so many ways. Your generosity and teamwork made it possible.

OLD OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

As we begin a new year, parishioners are kindly asked to recycle any offertory envelopes from previous years. Envelopes are renumbered annually to reduce waste, and using outdated envelopes can make it difficult to properly record your offering and issue an accurate tax receipt. If you haven't picked up your 2026 envelope box yet, please stop by the Welcome Desk and we'll be happy to help. Tax receipts will be available for pickup once they are ready.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2025

Tax receipts will be issued for all donations received by December 31. Parishioners are asked to update their address with the Parish Office within the next week, as tax receipts are currently being prepared. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the parish.

WORSHIP OFFERING

Your financial stewardship for January 18th.

Offertory Envelopes	1,487.00
Automatic Giving	1,822.55
Offertory Loose	360.00
Total Offertory	\$3,679.55