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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 Zep 2:3, 3:12-13 ② 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 ③ Matthew 5:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 2 - Presentation of the Lord
12:10PM Intentions of Friends & Benefactors

Tuesday, February 3 - St. Blaise (Blessing of throats)
12:10PM + Stephen Offierski

Friday, February 6
11AM Adoration & Confession
12:10PM + Martin Lynn

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 7
4:00PM +Donna LaBrash

Sunday, February 8
9:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)
11:00AM Intentions of Fr. Jerry Tavares

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COUNTDOWN TO LENT: Ash Wednesday is February 18th



CANDLEMAS - PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - FEBRUARY 2ND

This year, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) falls on Monday, February 2nd. We will celebrate Mass that day at 12:10PM. Candlemas marks the day Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem, where He was recognized as the Light of the world. At this Mass, candles will be blessed, and parishioners are welcome to take one home as a reminder of Christ's light in our lives.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE FEBRUARY 3RD

Christians experience illness and physical suffering, as all people do. Our faith, however, reminds us that suffering does not have the final word. In Jesus' own suffering, those who are sick or struggling are invited to turn to Him as our true healer and source of hope.

On the Feast of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, we ask for the intercession of the saints and entrust ourselves to Christ, our Divine Physician. The Blessing of Throats will be offered during the 12:10PM Mass on Tuesday.

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. There is a box in the Narthex marked "Returned Palms" for you to place your palms in.

FATHER IS AVAILABLE

It's important to remind parishioners periodically of how we can help in times of serious illness or in the event of a loved one's passing. If a loved one is at the West Parry Sound Health Centre, Father can be summoned for you by hospital staff. Long-term care and retirement homes in the parish all know how to contact our parish office to request a visit, but families are encouraged to reach out to us directly by phone. If someone requires the Sacrament of the Holy Anointing of the Sick and is in danger of death please call the parish office.

COFFEE WITH FATHER NEXT WEEK

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.

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.

A LEGACY GIFT

Giving a legacy to your church is **an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God for all that you have been given and enjoyed during your life**. It is also a means of ensuring that your past can become part of the future of your church's life, through mission and ministry to all God's people. Thank you.

SAY AMEN!

When we come forward for Holy Communion, the minister says, "**The Body of Christ**." The Church invites us to respond with a clear and prayerful **"Amen."** This is the proper response at Communion. That one word simply means, "Yes, I believe." It expresses our faith that what we receive is truly the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. Other responses, or no response at all, do not express this profession of faith in the same way. St. Augustine once reminded his parishioners, "You hear the words 'The Body of Christ' and respond 'Amen.' Be then a member of the Body of Christ, that your 'Amen' may be true" (Sermo 272). As you receive Communion, take a moment to say "Amen" with intention and faith. It is a small word, but a powerful act of belief and commitment.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - MASS WITH THE HOLY ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When Pope John Paul II established the World Day of the Sick on the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes on **February 11th** each year, he was "reminding us to see in our sick brother or sister the face of Christ", and of our own need for healing and the Church's care for those who are ill and those who care for them.

On **Wednesday, February 11th at 6PM** we will celebrate a special Mass for the Anointing of the Sick. Please extend an invitation to those Catholics in your families or your neighbours whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age, as we would be happy to anoint them during Mass.

Finally, a reminder that if you have a loved one who is homebound, or seriously ill, please call the parish office to arrange for Fr. Jerry to come for a visit and offer the Holy Anointing of the Sick.

Jesus, Our Lord, we ask you to have mercy on all who are sick. Give them your strength and love and help them carry this cross with faith. May their sufferings be one with yours, overcome the power of evil and lead others to our Father in Heaven. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer, for you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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