

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



ST PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASSES

*All masses will continue to be live streamed.
Masks are optional when attending mass.*

Monday - 9:00 am (English)
Tuesday - 9:00 am (English) & 6:30 pm (Spanish)
Wednesday - 9:00 am (English)
First Friday of the Month - 9:00 am (English)
Saturday - 4:00 pm (Bilingual)
Sunday - 9:00 am (English) & 12:00 pm (Spanish)

WELCOME!

What a beautiful place God has provided us here on the shore! Whether you're just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home or are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, we are happy to have you. We invite you to browse our website and come visit in person as you find your home within our growing community!

MISSION

We, the members of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, experience our faith as a worldwide community. Through our Baptism in Jesus, we are called to be ministers of the gospel, to become Eucharistic people, and to be people of service through the stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

BAPTISM

We recommend parents to notify the parish 3 months in advance. Parents must be registered members of the parish and participate in preparation sessions prior to the celebration of the sacrament. To ensure proper record keeping, our office requires a pre-baptismal form and a copy of the child's birth certificate. Please call the Parish Office to attend the preparation session.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you or someone you know interested in learning about joining the Catholic Church? Please contact Jane & Peter Regan by email at twinoakst@verizon.net or through the office.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Preparation sessions for children and parents begin in the fall. We encourage children to be at least in the 2nd grade. Parents must be registered members of the parish. To ensure the required sacramental record keeping, parents must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and baptismal certificate.

CONFIRMATION

Preparation sessions for children and sponsors begin in the fall. We encourage children to be at least in the 10th grade. Parents must be registered members of the parish. To ensure the required sacramental record keeping, parents must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and baptismal certificate.

MATRIMONY

We recommend couples notify the parish 6 months in advance. Couples must attend preparation sessions. The groom and bride must be registered members of the parish. To ensure the required sacramental record keeping, groom and bride must provide a copy of their birth certificate, baptismal, first communion, and confirmation certificates.

SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you know someone who cannot attend mass or desires the Sacrament of Anointing, please call the parish office.

FUNERAL

We highly encourage the family to follow up with the funeral home, so the parish office and funeral home can coincide with the most suitable date. We also ask the family to complete and deliver the funeral intake form to the parish office.

Save the Date

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Monday, February 19th

No Mass
12:00 pm - AA Mtg (Hall)

Tuesday, February 20th

9:00 am - Mass
5:30 pm - ESRH Mtg (Hall)
6:30 pm - Mass & Holy Hour
8:30 pm - Familia Mg (Hall)

Wednesday, February 21st

9:00 am - Mass

Thursday, February 22nd

6:30 pm - Youth Group (Hall)
7:00 pm - Luz y Vida Mtg (Narthex)

Friday, February 23rd

6:00 pm - Meatless Soup Supper (Hall)
7:00 pm - Stations of the cross (Church)

Saturday, February 24th

9:00 am - Confirmation Practice (Hall)
4:00 pm - Mass
5:00 pm - Reconciliation

Sunday, February 25th

Food SALE
9:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Religious Ed (McNulty)
10:00 am - Children's Ministry (Hall)
12:00 pm - Mass
3:00 pm - Hisp. RCIA (McNulty)

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Eucharist Minister

Saturday, February 24
4:00 pm - Colleen Daley

Sunday, February 25

9:00 am - Mary Wardius

12:00 pm - Giselle Reyes, Edelma Zunun, Hugo Velasquez

Lector

Saturday, February 24
4:00 pm - Esther Corpus

Sunday, February 25

9:00 am - Ed Vargas & John Morrison

Altar Servers

Saturday, February 24
4:00 pm - Holly, Mariola, Roslin, Dianita, Arturo, Mr. Lou MC

Sunday, February 25

9:00 am - Larry C, Danny C, Iris C, Nick S, Keylandy, Mr. Lou MC

12:00 pm - Jessica, Vanessa L, Arianny P, Kelly B, Leslie V, Mr. Ben MC

Tuesday, February 27

6:30 pm - Edvi, Jose B, Keylandy, Kenna P, Cindy, Mr. Ben MC

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun, Feb 18 - Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Mon, Feb 19 - Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tues, Feb 20- Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

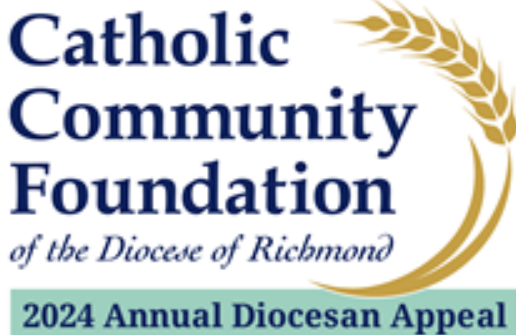
Wed, Feb 21 - Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thurs, Feb 22 -1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

Fri, Feb 23 -Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-2

Sat, Feb 24 - Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Sun, Feb 25 - Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



This weekend we are conducting the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal –*Sharing His Love with Others*. The Appeal not only provides an opportunity for you to support important ministries that impact many programs outside of our parish boundaries, but it also supports the services the Diocese provides directly to our parish. Our portion of the overall goal here at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church is \$17,590. Every gift, no matter the amount, makes a difference. The collective spirit we bring to this effort today will be a major step to our success with this year's Appeal. Keep in mind: the more we collect, the more we receive back through the parish sharing formula of the Appeal.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor - Fr. Michael Imperial
 Business Manager - Consuelo Gonzalez
 Office Secretary - Karen Ventura
 Bookkeeper - Lucille Parker

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Wednesday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Friday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Sunday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

ADORATION

First Friday of the Month: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Every Tuesday: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday: 5:00 pm
 By appointment for other day/time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 17th	4:00 PM	(Available)
Sunday	February 18th	9:00 AM 12:00 PM	† Raymond Scott
Monday	February 19th	9:00 AM	No Mass
Tuesday	February 20th	9:00 AM	(Available)
Wednesday	February 21st	9:00 AM	(Available)
Saturday	February 24th	4:00 PM	(Available)
Sunday	February 25th	9:00 AM 12:00 PM	† Anna Swedak

Please get in touch with the ushers before mass if you have asked for a Mass Intention to offer the offertory gift during the mass.

Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan.

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event. Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here. The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

REFLECTING THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

• First Reading

- *In what ways is water dangerous?*
- *To whom does God make this promise?*
- *Why do you think God makes this promise?*
- *Why do you think God chooses a rainbow as a sign of his promise? What might God expect people to do now that he's made this promise?*
- *What might people back then have thought when they saw a rainbow?*

Gospel

- *What do you think it's like for Jesus to sense the Spirit driving him into the desert?*
- *How do you imagine the desert?*
- *Why does Satan tempt Jesus?*
- *What temptations might Jesus face?*
- *What all might Jesus pray while he's in the desert?*
- *How do you think Jesus and the wild beasts interact?*
- *How might the angels minister to Jesus?*
- *How do you think Jesus knows it's time to leave the desert?*
- *What happened to John the Baptist? 10. How might Jesus feel about what happened to John the Baptist?*
- *What is the kingdom of God?*
- *When will the kingdom of God come?*
- *What must people do to be part of God's kingdom?*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Charles Flynn	Bill Taylor	Perkins Family	Patricia O'Donnell	† Matías Félix Juan
Maricela Carmona	† Blanche West	Hernan Enrique	Tom & Jan Perkins	† Richard LaMontagne
Maria Ross	+ STEPHEN J. HUGHES	Caceres	Dot Reynolds	† Ma Concepcion Soto
Melissa Melody	Carolina S Brizuela Pérez	Veronica Natalia	Stacey Reynolds	Quintero
Karen Paglia	Carolyn Love	Chavez	Gerald Bono	Mary Fabricatore
Andrew Pic	Barbara Hargis	Luz Alejandra Bringas	Peter Manfredonia	Victoria Riggin-Bundick
Troy Reynolds	Charles Kyles	† Anthony Palio	Robert Manfredonia	Steve Bendick
Ruth Kiks	Donagh McDonough	† C. Shirley Hirsch	Michael Belmoria	Ann Marie Parmenter
+ WESLEY E. HUGHES JR.	†Martha Martinez Palacios	Judy Maher	Shirley Cristian	

If you would like to add or remove someone from our prayer list, please feel free to send us an email at StPeterOnley@gmail.com

Thank you

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF FEBRUARY 15, 2024 Parking Lot

Collections	FEB 10-11	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Budget
Envelopes	\$2,544.50	\$94,381.50	\$99,000.00	
Plate	\$2,748.00	\$98,164.30	\$86,951.00	
Total	\$5,292.50	\$195,837.80	\$185,561.00	\$8,470.48

CCD ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following classes will continue on February 18th and 25th. These classes take place after the 9:00 mass in the religious ed building.

These classes end around 11:00-11:10. Parents, please pick up your child in the ed building.

- Confirmation with Jennifer
- First Communion Sunday Class with Juliana
- Non-Sacrament Class with Mary
- Non-Sacrament Class 4th grade with Yenifer
- Nancy will contact those with special needs about your classes.

The following class will take place on Tuesday February 20th.

I will not have my class on February 13th and February 27th.

Those days are cancelled. I will then resume on Tuesday

March 5th

- First Communion with me (Amber)

The following class will take place Saturday February 17th and

February 24th after the 4:00 mass in the ed building.

- Baptism and First Communion Combo Class with Kathy and Esther

Special Announcements:

1. The confirmation mass is now at St. Peters on Saturday March 16th at 11:00.
2. We will have a confirmation mass rehearsal immediately following the 4:00 mass on February 24th. Please have your sponsor attend. We understand if they are unable to come.
3. CCD will be sponsoring the Stations of the Cross on March 1st.
4. CCD will be sponsoring the soup supper on March 15th. We are asking families to please make meatless soup for this to help out.



Also if anyone is having problems with Whatsapp messages, please let me know so we can fix the problem.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Amber Fisher

Religious Education Director

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Meatless soup suppers will continue every Friday at 6:00 pm in the hall and the stations of the cross will be at 7:00 pm in the church.



We will have a Lenten penance on Friday, March 1 from 3pm to 6 pm.



Charismatics; Community of Christ Ministry announcement
A raffle was held on February 11, 2024. 3 blankets were raffled

The expense was \$270.00

The total amount left in the cash box was \$826.00.

This money is for the expenses of the Christ Missionary Community Anniversary for March 17, 2024. Any money left over after the March 17, 2024 Anniversary will be used for our church parking lot project.

Thank you for your cooperation Blessings to all



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