

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



ST PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 23, 2025



Parish Bulletin

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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 - 5:00 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 22th	5:00 PM	† Mary Volz
Sunday	March 23th	9:00 AM	† Reita Schmidt, † CataLina Rodriquez, † Felipe Samayoa
		12:00 PM	(Available)
Monday	March 24th	9:00 AM	† Geraldine Chick
Tuesday	March 125th	9:00 AM	† Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	March 26th	9:00 am	† Ercl F Herbert
Saturday	March 29th	5:00 pm	† Mary Volz
Sunday	March 30th	9:00 AM	† Miguel Samayoa, † Erminia Samayoa, † Erudeli Samayoa, † Arcar Samayoa
		12:00 PM	(Available)



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun, March 23 -Exo 3:13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6/Lk 13:1-9
Mon, March 24 -2 Kgs 5:1-15/Lk 4:24-30
Tues, March 25 -Isa 7:10-14/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Wed, March 26 -Deu 4:5-9/Mttw 5:17-19
Thurs, March 27 -Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Fri, March 28 -Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Sat, March 29 -Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Sun, March 30 -Jos 5:10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3

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.

Save the Date

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Eucharist Minister

Saturday, March 29th

5:00 pm - Judy Manning

Sunday, March 30th

9:00 am - Jane Regan & Donna Custis

12:00 pm - Benjamin Guitierrez, Elder, Daris Velasques

Lector

Saturday, March 29th

5:00 pm - Joanne Boyko

Sunday, March 30th

9:00 am - Ed Vargas and Mary Catherine Langley

Altar Servers

Saturday, March 29th

5:00 pm - Mason S, Holly S, Julio J, Natalia M, Deily A, Mr. Lou

Sunday, March 30th

9:00 am - Dylan R, Dominick R, Sofia R, Nahomy G, Brayan G, Mr. Lou

12:00 pm - Leslie V, Kenna P, Vanessa L, Larry H, Araiza T, Mr. Ben

Tuesday, April 1st

6:30 pm - Dianita B, Arturo B, Mariola A, Roslin A, Jenaro S, Mr. Ben

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Monday, March 24th

9:00 - Mass

12:00 pm - AA Mtg (Hall)

7:00 pm - Immigration Know your right (Hall)

Tuesday, March 25th

9:00 am - Mass

6:30 pm - Mass & Holy Hour (Spanish)

Wednesday, March 26th

9:00 am - Mass

7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Mtg (Hall)

Thursday, March 27th

6:30 pm - Youth Group Mtg (Hall)

Friday, March 28th

6:00 pm - Meatless Soup Supper (Hall)

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross (Church)

8:00 pm - Emmaus Men Mtg (Hall)

Saturday, March 29th

7:00 am - Spring Cleanup

2:00 pm - Private Reception For CCD (Hall)

4:00 pm - Reconciliation

5:00 pm - Mass

6:00 pm - CCD = Rehearsal (Church)

6:30 pm - Charismatics (Hall)

Sunday, March 30th

Food Sale By Hispanic EM

9:00 am - Mass (Eng)

10:00 am - Religious Education

10:30 am - Children's Ministry

12:00 pm - Mass (Spa)

Jesus preaches a lesson on repentance.

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable. Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin. Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit. Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us. This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

REFLECTING THIS SUNDAY'S

READINGS:

First Reading

Imagine that you're Moses.

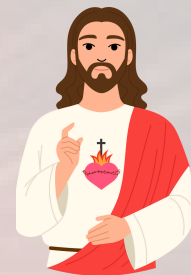
- What time of day is it?
- What do you hear, see, and smell?
- How do you notice the bush?
- What are you thinking as you approach the bush?
- How do you react when you hear your name?
- Why do you say, 'Here I am'?
- What do you know about God?
- Why are you afraid?
- How do you feel about being the one to lead the Israelites?
- Why do the Israelites need God's help?
- How do you feel about going back to Egypt?
- Are you satisfied with God's response to your request for a name?
- What do you do next?
- Think of a time when people suddenly experienced something terrible.
 - Did people deserve what happened?
 - Could you ever find yourself in a similar situation?
 - How do you interpret such events?

Gospel

- What did you discover about God from this story?
- What did you discover about yourself?
- What encounters with holiness have you had?
- What could be some reasons the fig tree hasn't produced figs?
- What all might the owner feel about the barren tree?
- What could be prompting the gardener to give the tree more time?
- What will the gardener do for the tree?
- Who could the owner of the orchard represent?
- What all could the fig tree represent?
- Who could the gardener represent?
- Where is there hope in the parable?
- Where is there warning in the parable?
- What all might the parable mean for you?

The Twelve Promises of Jesus to those devoted to His Sacred Heart

- 1) I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
- 2) I will establish peace in their homes.
- 3) I will comfort them in their trials.
- 4) I will be their secure refuge during life, and, above all, in death.
- 5) I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
- 6) Sinners will find in My Heart an infinite ocean of mercy.
- 7) Lukewarm souls will become fervent.
- 8) Fervent souls will rapidly grow in holiness and perfection.
- 9) I will bless every place in which an Image of My Heart is exposed and honored.
- 10) I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
- 11) Those who shall promote this devotion will have their names written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.
- 12) I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays of nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in My disgrace, nor without receiving their Sacraments. My Sacred Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.



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.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor - Fr. Michael Imperial
Business Manager - Consuelo Gonzalez
Office Secretary - Giselle Reyes Hernandez
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

ADORATION

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

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday: 4:00 pm
By appointment for other day/time

MEMBERS OF PPC 2025

Fr. Micheal Imperial, Pastor

- Joanne Boyko (Chair)
- John Morrison
- Henry Glowiak (Co-Chair)
- Mark Eliot Nuckols
- Esther Corpus
- Vinicio Diaz
- Donna Custis
- Seberiano Ventura
- John Lubniewski
- Jack Wagner
- Ronald L. McCabe
- Jeffrey Barton (Bart) Weakley

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF March 18, 2025

Collections	March 15-16	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	\$2,473.00	\$108,664.00	\$111,000.00
Plate	\$2,621.49	\$113,672.52	\$103,180.00
Total	\$5,094.49	\$222,336.52	\$214,180.00

*Thank
You*



ANNOUNCEMENTS



St. Peter's Migrant Ministry urgently needs winter weight sweatshirts/pants, especially medium and large size, clean socks, flannel shirts, sweaters, hoodies, jeans and khaki pants size up to 38 waist, and blankets/comforters for 20 men who have arrived on the Eastern Shore to prepare tomato fields for planting. More workers are expected in the next two weeks. Please bring donations to the office or the hall or call Kathy at 757 678-7102 or Donna at 757 442-5708 for pick-up. Thank you.



The Knight of Columbus Council 6963 will hold a discussion/decision making meeting Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the church. A quorum will be required for voting purposes so all available Knights should plan to attend.

Social Ministries has a client in need of furniture. If you have a bed, table, plus chairs, or any cabinets or dressers to donate, please call Christine Waldenmaier at (757) 710-7151 or leave a message in the parish office.

At the Narthex there are sticky notes to write your hopes and prayers.,which will be read during each mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

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

In Memory of Brother Knights

Trent Serini	George Faustino	Ron Kromer	Don Williams	Al Grez	Winfred Lee Lankford
Terry Mullins	Steve Beshak	Paul Braunstein	Joseph M. Kelly	James Kimidy	Laurence Hanratty
George O'Brien	Frank Conway	Bruce Paone	H Bruce Arnold	John Kauffman	Carl Volanoski
Harry Cockey	Peter Setaro	Charles Moscatello, Sr.	John Remis	Domenic Sollitto	Fred Chemi
Ted Warczynski	Dennis Caccioppo	Paul Kennedy	John Chrzanowski	Jack Pierson	John Tyson
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