

Saint Peter the Apostle CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Peter the Apostle, a Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Joliet, a faith-filled people, united in the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, strive to be the Body of Christ. We manifest our unity through the celebration of the Sacraments. We pledge to use our gifts and resources to live the Faith, preach the Word, and Service others as we welcome all into our faith community.

March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am | 10:00 am | 11:30 am

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays | 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Wednesdays | 8:30 am (following 8:00 am Mass)

First Saturdays | 8:30 am (following 8:00 am Mass)

PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Friday-Sunday: CLOSED (or by appointment)

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please stop by or call the Parish Center (ext. 200) to register or visit the parish website.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS

For details regarding planning a baptism, wedding, or funeral, please call the Parish Center (ext. 200) or visit the parish website.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available at each Mass to distribute Communion to those who have difficulty walking to the front. If you would like to have the Communion brought to you, please let an usher know before Mass begins. At Communion time, when you see the Extraordinary Minister come to the back, please raise your hand to identify yourself to be given Holy Communion.



So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners:

As we enter Holy Week, please remember the importance of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. I hope that you will make time to attend some, if not all, of the Triduum services this coming week. I look forward to celebrating Easter with you next weekend.

Please keep in your prayers the three OCIA candidates, Zachary Carroll, Angela Pinsky, and David Wiersum, whom we will welcome into our Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil on Saturday.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who supported last weekend's St. Joseph's Table for the benefit of Transitional Housing, Itasca Food Pantry, and Walk-in Ministry. I was overjoyed by the wonderful feast and fellowship of all who attended.



Love and Prayers,

Fr. Tuan

Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle Parish



EASTER Blessing BASKET

Blessing of Easter Baskets and Foods

In many places the blessing of special Easter food takes place on Holy Saturday. Decorated baskets may contain lamb meat (which of course signifies Jesus, the Lamb of God), boiled eggs, dyed and plain, *Pascha* (a special Easter bread), and other foods, is taken to the church in the afternoon where the priest blesses it. The food is then taken home and eaten for breakfast on Easter Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday.

In particular, among the Polish people, the same custom is practiced, but the main foods blessed are an egg which is broken and shared by all on Easter Sunday morning, and a lamb molded of butter or pastry. This butter-lamb and blessed Easter egg have a place of honor on the festive Easter table.

Easter Baskets and Foods blessing will be take place in the Church at 10:00 am on Holy Saturday.



Parish families are invited to come out for a morning of fun at a parish Easter Egg Hunt –

Saturday, March 30

10:15 - 10:45 am

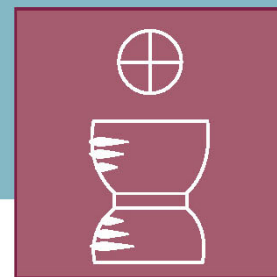
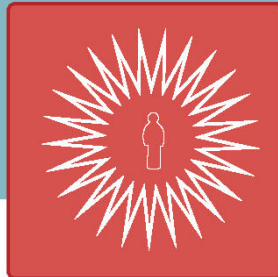
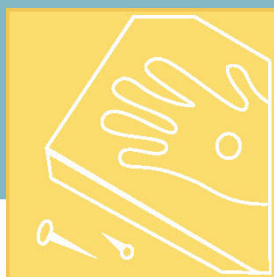
(following Blessing of Easter Baskets)

Scan the QR code or visit the parish sign up.



Please sign up by age group.

Contact Toni Pietrowski with any questions -
toni@stpeteritasca.com



St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Community

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday (March 28)

7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place until 10:00 pm

Good Friday (March 29)

3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm - Passion of our Lord

Holy Saturday (March 30)

10:00 am - Blessing of Easter Baskets (in church)

10:15 am - Easter Egg Hunt (outdoors)

Easter Vigil (March 30): 7:30 pm

There is no 5:00 pm Mass on Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday (March 31): 8:30 am | 10:00 am | 11:30 am

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

For more information Holy Week and other parish activities,
please visit our parish website at: www.stpeteritasca.com

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Tuesday Rosary Ministry

The Tuesday Rosary Ministry meets weekly at 7:15pm.

Attendees are welcome to lead one of the decades if comfortable and inspired to do so.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your Rosary, your personal intentions and your voice.

Confessions

Last Confessions before Easter will be heard immediately following the 8:00 am Mass on Wednesday, March 27

A Way of the Cross for the Victims of Abortion

On a bleak Friday afternoon, our savior Jesus Christ was crucified at Golgotha, "the place of the skull."

Today, we have our own Golgotha: the abortion clinic, where 2,000 years after the Crucifixion, His image is violently destroyed, again and again, by abortion.

Through His Holy Passion, Our Lord united Himself with all innocent victims of suffering and cruelty through the ages—and none is more innocent than the child killed in the womb.

This Good Friday join your fellow pro-lifers at Golgotha—the abortion clinic in your community—to offer an ecumenical "Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion."

A Way of the Cross for the Victims of Abortion

Date & Time

Good Friday, March 29, 2024 at 10 am

Location

Access Health Center
1700 75th Street
Downers Grove, Illinois

Details

Knights of Columbus Councils, including St. Peter the Apostle Council 10884, and Respect Life Ministry will be lead this solemn, ecumenical prayer service.

Local Contact

Ralph Fortino: duracrest@comcast.net
Nancy Magnus: 630-606-5197

Join us as we pray for healing for the victims of abortion and for a final end to this injustice in our land.

For more information on this event, visit ProLifeAction.org



"Come to me, all of you who are weary and loaded down with burdens, and I will give you rest."

MATTHEW 11:28

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION...

will take place at St. Peter's Church on April 5.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

will begin following 8:00 am Mass and will conclude at 8:00 pm.

Come spend quiet time with Jesus before this Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

This is a wonderful time to offer your prayers of thanksgiving or prayers of petitions for yourself or loved ones.

To ensure that two people are present at all times, anyone able to commit to a one-hour time slot is asked to sign up using the link available on the parish website at stpeteritasca.com

The Inter-parish Marriage Enrichment Team
Presents our 16th Annual Event

"Come say hello to Eastern Dupage Marriage Ministry members at this event!"



Date Night Comedy Love, Relationships & Other Confusing Things



An entertaining night of hilarious skits and improvisation featuring Acts of Renewal

Acts of Renewal

Friday, April 19, 2024

St. Scholastica School Gym in Woodridge, IL

Doors Open at 6:15pm. Show starts at 7:00pm

Registration \$30 per couple

Beer, Wine, Soda and Snacks Available (Cash Only)



Dr. Jim and Carol Shores have delighted couples across the country as they enhance their presentations with comedy and theatre communicating in a most entertaining, practical way about relationship issues. Funny, accessible and real, they speak to couples of all ages to help marriages thrive. If you like to laugh, learn and reconnect, you'll thoroughly enjoy Jim and Carol Shores.



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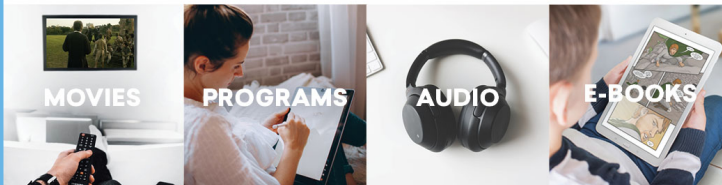
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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

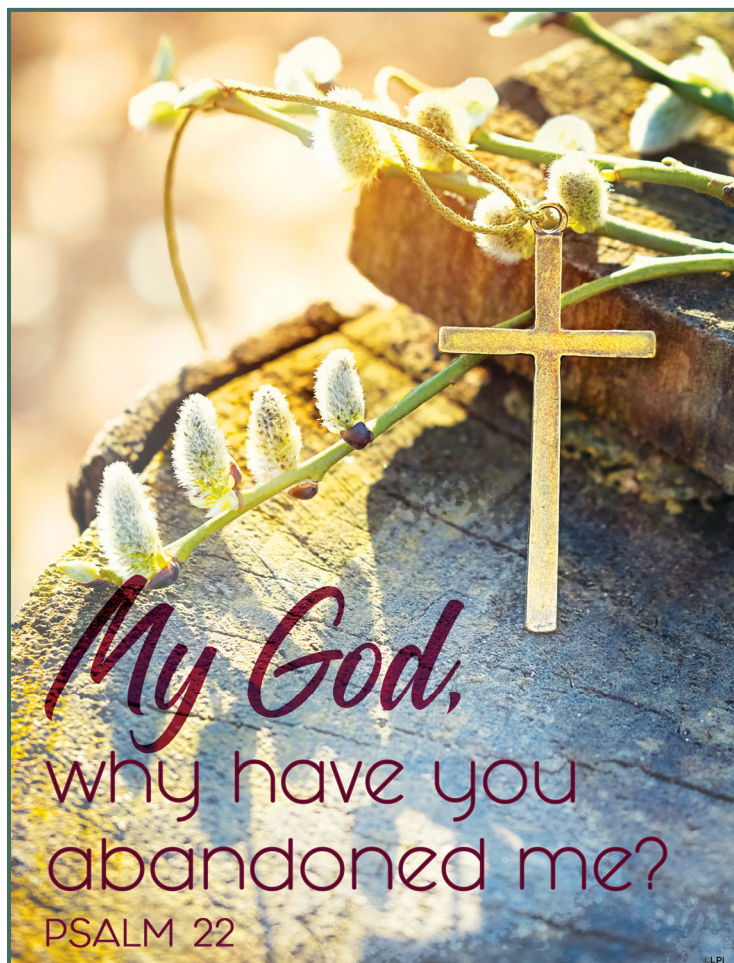
It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
Courtesy of LPI





Stewardship of Treasure

St. Peter the Apostle

Weekly Goal \$ 10,971.00 Annual Goal \$ 570,500.00

Fiscal Week 37 - 03/17/2024:

Sunday Collection.....	\$ 8,951.00	Year to Date.....	\$ 378,304.99
E-basket.....	\$ 575.00	Year to Date.....	\$ 38,435.00
GiveCentral.....	\$ 822.09	Year to Date.....	\$ 26,526.75
Easter Flowers	\$ 382.00	Year to Date.....	\$ 1,626.00
Parish Poor Fund	\$ 321.00		
St. Joseph Table	\$ 3,622.50		
Debt Reduction	\$ 115.00		
Capital Improvement....	\$ 55.00		

If you have any questions concerning the collections, please feel free to contact the Business Office at business@stpeteritasca.com or 630-773-1272 (ext. 204).

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“The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

Psalms 34:18

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

March 29, 2024

Serving those in need in the Holy Land

Commissariat of the Holy Land
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This Week at St. Peter's...

Tuesday	March 26
7:15 pm	Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
Wednesday	March 27
8:30 am	Confessions (Church)
6:15 pm	Adult Hand Bell Choir (Church/Choir)
7:15 pm	Adult Choir Practice (Church/Choir Loft)
Thursday	March 28
7:00 pm	Mass of the Last Supper (Church)
8pm-midnight	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
Friday	March 29
3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:00 pm	Passion of the Lord Service (Church)
Saturday	March 30
10:00 am	Blessing of Baskets (Church)
10:15 am	Easter Egg Hunt (Parish grounds)
Easter Sunday	March 31
	HAPPY EASTER!



In honor of Holy Week and Easter, the Parish Center will be closed from Thursday, March 28, through Monday, April 1.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE



Holy Thursday | March 30 | 7:00 pm



Celebrants

Fr. Tuan

Lectors

Chris Kunze

Nancy Magnus

Communion Ministers

Deacon Bob

Deacon Fred

Deacon Anthony

Good Friday | March 29 | 7:00 pm



Celebrants

Fr. Tuan

Lectors

Paul Gennuso

Nancy Magnus

Communion Ministers

Deacon Anthony

Deacon Fred

Ann Fleming

Easter Vigil Saturday, March 30 | Easter Sunday, March 31

Celebrants

7:30 pm Fr. Tuan

8:30 am Fr. Larry Brunette

10:00 am Fr. Tuan

11:30 am Fr. Tuan

Lectors

7:30 pm Kevin Grisamore

Chris Aument

8:30 am Lou Casolari

Jean Grote

10:00 am Franco Cascella

William Schwartz

11:30 am Paul Gennuso

Communion Ministers

7:30 pm Deacon Bob

Deacon Fred

Deacon Anthony

8:30 am Dorie Calip

Greg Papuga

Deacon Anthony

10:00 am Mary Booth

Edgar Garcia

Deacon Bob

11:30 am Carmela Graziano

Michael Graziano

Deacon Fred

Mass Intentions For The Week



Sunday	March 24 (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)
8:30 am	†Valeria D'Andrea
10:00 am	Rheetha George - <i>Special Intentions on her birthday</i>
11:30 am	†Bruce Gariti
	†Michaela Mannina
	†Andrzej Szymikowski
	Deceased Members of the Pagnucci Family
	Lisa Kovach - <i>Special Intention</i>
	For an End to Abortion
	People of the Parish
Monday	March 25 (Monday of Holy Week)
8:00 am	Jadviga Buglova – <i>Special Intention on her 101st birthday</i>
Tuesday	March 26 (Tuesday of Holy Week)
8:00 am	†Michael Laughlin
Wednesday	March 27 (Wednesday of Holy Week)
8:00 am	†Dorotea Gerena
Thursday	March 28 (Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper)
7:00 pm	†Andrew Brachmanski
Friday	March 29 (Good Friday: Passion of our Lord)
7:00 pm	No Intention
Saturday	March 30 (Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil)
5:00 pm	OCIA Catechumens and Candidates - Zachary Carroll, Angela Pinsky, David Wiersum
Sunday	March 31 (Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord)
8:30 am	†Carol Grabher
10:00 am	†Andrzej Szymikowski
11:30 am	†Ernesto D'Amico
	†John Elia
	†Bruce Gariti
	People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/ Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
Monday:	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	<i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:</i> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday:	<i>Easter Vigil:</i> Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/ Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/ Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Anthony Arboleda	Gary Grote	John O'Dea
Sue Bobka	Joe Halac	Abraham Ortega
Donna Brandonisio	Martha Hayes	June Pautsch
Ken Buffo	Cambria Helle	Cliff Peters
Ginger Busato	Ken Hemstreet	Brendan Reidy
Joe Busato	Michael Jasiak	Edward Schwass
Rocco Busato	Mary Kelly	Cindy Serrano
Elio Campanella	Sylvia Kleinedler	Wayne Slowiak
Bill Carpenter	Rickie Kruzell	Belinda Sobucki
Regina Conti	Brianna Nehf Lund	Dan Sobucki
Mike Cummins	Sue McNamara	Randy Szveda, USMC
Paul Cummins	Maria Mizera	Dennis Torii
Charlie DeFranco	Richard Mrugacz	Marlene Torii
Beth Dobose	James Nehf	Fr. Miroslaw Stepień
Geri Gerard	Loretta Nicolini	Holly Vana
Mel Gerard	John North	Carol Zell

Published prayer requests require permission from the named individual or their family.
Names will be listed for six weeks, after which time you may call the Parish Center to renew your request.

In Memoriam

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of

Mary Cummins

Anna DeCristofaro

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**Join our Holy Father, Pope Francis,
in his March prayers for the Church
and for the world:**



For the martyrs of our day.

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.

**Protect them as they protect us. We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

PFC Ryan Caspary, US Army 101st Airborne

Cpl James J. Cullotta, US Marines

SGT Michael D'Andrea, US Army

MAJ Joseph DeHaven, US Army

PFC Collin Ensing, US Marines

SGT Michael Helle, US Army

Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines

PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard

CMC Mike Kaszubowski, US Navy

ENS Sean

Kaszubowski, US Navy

SGT Jacob Los, US Army

MAJ Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army

1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines

Kevin Noesen, US Coastguard

MAJ Gary Owen, Army National Guard

GySgt Marcin Platek, US Marines

2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard

SGT MacLean Read, Army National Guard

SGT Michael Schatzman, US Army

LTJG Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot (Persian Gulf)

SSGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines

LT Robert P. Woods, US Navy

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