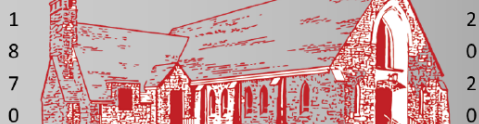


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WELCOME

On behalf of the entire St. Peter Catholic Parish Community, we welcome you! Whether you are a parishioner, vacationer, or seeking a parish to call home, we hope that we can provide you with any desired information and spiritual support while you are here.

MASS SCHEDULE

The Lord's Day

Saturday 5:00 p.m. * Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Mon. -Wed. 8:00 a.m. * Friday Noon (See inside for occasional changes.)

Masses are live-streamed on our website and at <https://www.facebook.com/stpeterloudonville>

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Councils, Ministries & Groups

Parish Council * Finance Council * Choir * Servers * Lectors * Ushers * Greeters * Eucharistic Ministers * Mission Society * Knights of Columbus * Grief Ministry * Gabriel Project * Art & Environment * St. Peter KEYS Youth Group * St. Peter Prayer Group * After Alpha * Divine Mercy Group

Social Concerns

Community Help Mission, Helping Hands & Support of Community Projects

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the parish office to attend classes and schedule a Baptism.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the parish at least 6 months before the wedding for required pre-marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are in the hospital, contact the hospital Chaplain.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Call the parish office for programs and details.

RCIA/ Inquiry Class

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic? Contact Father Hawk at the parish office for further information.



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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Peter Church are a community built on Jesus Christ, our foundation, rooted in the Gospel, and distinguished by a spirit of welcome and belonging. Therefore, we strive to worship joyfully, serve gladly, and be stewards of God's gifts. We nurture spiritual growth through faith formation and education. We support one another, reach out to all, spread the Gospel, and practice our faith in our daily lives.

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday noon. Please read inside bulletin for any changes from above.



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Jesus said to
the chief priests
and elders
of the people,
“Amen,
I say to you,
tax collectors
and prostitutes
are entering into
the kingdom
of God
before you.”

MATTHEW 21:31

TWENTY-
SIXTH
SUNDAY
IN
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TIME
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HUMILITY

Blessed Giles of Assisi, in the thirteenth century, wrote, “No one can attain the knowledge of God but by humility. The way to mount high is to descend.” This helps express the profound truth of today’s readings. In Ezekiel’s view, only the humble can acknowledge fault and turn to God with repentance. In the Gospel from Matthew, those who view themselves humbly are able to recognize God’s presence in Jesus. And in his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul’s stirring hymn tells the story of Jesus, who through his humility showed us the depths of God’s love. Jesus Christ is exalted as Lord precisely because of his humility and service to God. In our own parishes and faith communities, just like the Christian community of Philippi, we are called to follow Jesus’ way, and live with humility and in service to one another.

BY WHAT AUTHORITY?

Today’s Gospel describes the second half of a sharp exchange between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. They asked, “By what authority do you do these things?” Much of this dispute is about authority. How could Jesus claim to represent God’s purposes? This question continues to resonate today. Who speaks for God? Who doesn’t? How do we tell the difference?

Jesus’ response is, look at the evidence. Look at how, in response to John the Baptist and to Jesus, people were healed in body and in spirit. Look how people found new intimacy with God, and how they turned away from their sin. The authority of John and of Jesus rested not in some position within the religious institutions, but in the grace and healing power evident in John and in Jesus.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

The readings today make it clear that to be a follower of Jesus you have to be able to change your mind. More precisely, we must allow God to change us, to transform our minds. For most of us, this can be really hard. This is why the readings speak so much about humility. Humility opens up our capacity to be transformed. Humility allows us to challenge our own thinking and behavior, so as to avoid self-justification on one hand, and self-denigration on the other hand.

Humility can be cultivated in the practice of reflection. This might mean claiming some time to allow God into our busy days. This might mean time away, through a retreat or day of quiet, perhaps with the help of a spiritual guide or director.

Humility can also be cultivated in actions of service. We learn Jesus’ humility through washing each other’s feet. We can place other’s interests ahead of our own, and relinquish our need to be in control. When we cultivate humility, we create space within us to allow God to take residence and transform us.

TODAY’S READINGS

Ezekiel 18:25–28
Psalm 25:4–9
Philippians 2:1–11 [1–5]
Matthew 21:28–32

September 27, 2020



THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS IS BEING OFFERED FOR...



Day	Date	Feast/Holiday	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday	Sept 26	Vigil	5:00 pm † Deceased of the Gardner Family	Patrick & Jenny Snyder
Sunday	Sept 27	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am † Grace Kane	Denise Hawk
Monday	Sept 28	Weekday	8:00 am † John & Jean Gardner	Katie Evans
Tuesday	Sept 29	Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	8:00 am People of St. Peter	
Wednesday	Sept 30	St. Jerome	8:00 am † Deceased of the Gardner Family	Katie Evans
Thursday	Oct 1	St. Therese of the Child Jesus	No Mass	
Friday	Oct 2	The Holy Guardian Angels	Noon † Edward & Clara Himmelberg	Larry & Deb Henley
Saturday	Oct 3	Vigil	5:00 pm † Abe Kuttothara	Annie Kuttothara
Sunday	Oct 4	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am † Bob & Alice Frey	Chuck Henley Sr. Family

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalm — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5;
Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab;
Mt 18:1-5

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125,
130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9;
Mt 21:33-43

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Join Us for Mass Online

Liturgies will continue to be live-streamed on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/stpeterloudonville) and through a link on our website (loudonvillecatholic.org).

Stay updated on parish news by checking the parish webpage at www.loudonvillecatholic.org.

You can also find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stpeterloudonville.

If you do not currently receive our email updates, please contact the parish office to have your email added to our list.

Stewardship Report Sept 15-21, 2020

	This Week	Total YTD
Offertory	\$2,345.00	\$36,576.00
General Fund Envelope	0.00	3,443.00
Unrestricted Donations and Bequests	0.00	106.33

Thank You!

Saint Peter parishioners are remarkably generous. Sharing a portion of our income with the Church is a sign everything belongs to God and we dedicate our "first fruits" to the work of the kingdom of Christ. Thank you so much for your faith and generosity.

Twenty– Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Life is grounded in three fundamental and closely connected relationships: the Relationship with God, with our neighbour and with the earth.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

A new study featuring the Book of Psalms will begin on Tuesday, October 13 from 6:30 to 7:45pm. We are anticipating at this time that it will be held LIVE at church with an option for joining virtually via computer. This is subject to change based on number of attendees and/or any changes in current guidelines for meetings. Please contact Ken by phone (ext. 4) or email to express your interest so that we can plan accordingly.

St. Peter Mission Society Blankets and Flannel Sheets Need

Our mission society's working behind the scenes as we have members putting comforters together in their homes. We are in need of blankets or flannel sheets full size or larger to use inside of the comforters. If you have any, please put them above the mission basket inside the church. Special thanks to Martha Henley and Ruth Steffen for their commitment to our mission projects. Thank you so much.

Mission Society Virtual Auction

Our virtual Buy Me Now auction is completed and we are excited to announce we made approximately \$3,000 to be used to help our community and our other mission related projects. We want to thank all of our parishioners for being so generous this year and purchasing baskets or making monetary donations. Also thanks to mission members and parishioners who donated items to be sold.

Prayer Requests Online

We have recently added a new Prayer Request page to our website (www.loudonvillecatholic.org) under the Community tab. On this page, you are able to enter your information, your request, and you decide how much information is made public. You can also view prayer requests that others have posted and click on the praying hands to let them know that you are praying for their request.



FAMILIAR INSIGHTS

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and

over. Consider today's readings.

People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so. In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't.

"Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

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Helping Hands is ready to take food donations!!

Donations can be delivered on Tuesdays from 2 to 4 PM and set on the concrete. No one is permitted to enter the building. Grocery supplies are way down, but the needs of people are being met with food vouchers for Stake's, which is working out well. The need to get the shelves stocked up is urgent. Currently, the most needed items are:

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