# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 27th, 2022



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son."

Luke 15:21-22

970-352-1060 x1 for sacramental emergency www.StPeterGreeley.org

#### MASS TIMES

SATURDAY (ANTICIPATORY)
4:00 PM

**SUNDAY** 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm

> WEEKDAY MON-FRI 12:10 PM SATURDAY 9:00 AM

#### Confession

Saturday 2:00 pm Wednesday 11:30 am

# EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 1pm Through Thursday 5pm

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm Friday 8:00 am-12 noon

# ANGELIC ACCENTS GIFT SHOP

Monday-Thursday 10:00 am-1:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am-12:15 pm

	OBSERVANCES	READINGS	MASS INTENTIONS	CHURCH EVENTS
Sunday March 27	4th Sunday of Lent	Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 Psalm 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32	7:00 AM +Marybeth Gerkin 9:00 AM +Jane Cummings 11:00 AM +Nick Koch 6:00 PM People of St. Peter	7:00 AM-12:15 PM Gift Shop Open
Monday March 28		Isaiah 65: 17-21 Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b John 4:43-54	12:10 PM Maria Jones	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Begins 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open
Tuesday March 29		Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 John 5:1-16	12:10 рм +Merle Gaspers	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open
Wednesday March 30		Isaiah 49:8-15 Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 John 5:17-30	12:10 PM Bill and Donna Litt	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Adult Faith Formation
Thursday March 31		Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 John 5:31-37	12:10 рм +Herb Friedl	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 11:30 AM Confession 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open
Friday April 1		Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	12:10 рм +Rita Brady Kiefer	1:00 PM Quilter's Group 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM Soup Supper
Saturday April 2		Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 John 7:40-53	9:00 AM +Anthony Ciarlone 4:00 PM People of St. Peter	2:00 PM Confession
Sunday April 3	5th Sunday of Lent	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11		

# **Bear Catholic Campus Ministry**



Across from the Presidents' Row info@BearCatholic.com

#### **Upcoming Events**

Sunday, March 27th 6:00 PM Mass at St. Peter Dinner After Mass

Tuesday, March 29th 7:00 PM Financial Talk

Wednesday, March 30th 7:00 PM Fully Alive-Campus Chapel

Thursday, March 31st

4:45-5:15 PM Adoration and Confession-Campus Chapel 5:15 PM Mass-Campus Chapel

Friday, April 1st

4:45-5:15 PM Adoration and Confession-Campus Chapel 5:15 PM Mass-Campus Chapel

April 1st-April 3rd

ESTEEM Capstone Conference-Washington D.C. Colorado Father's House-Annunciation Heights

Sunday, April 3rd

6:00 PM Mass at St. Peter NO Dinner After Mass

www.bearcatholic.com



## First Saturday Rosary and Chaplet

On Saturday April 2nd, the rosary will be said at 8:20 AM with the Divine Mercy Chaplet immediately following. Mass begins at 9:00 AM.



# **Women Growing in Christ**

Our next gathering is Saturday April 9th At 9:45 AM in the church basement

We will discuss the final chapters of *Hope to Die* (ch 11-13). Please join us!

Questions? Contact Susan Labonde 970-353-3342



#### PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST

Baby Barrs, Ann Bruch, Brandon Bruner, Kim Cecil, Carol Dahlgren, Richard Felice, Mason Ferrari, John Morgan Gerkin, Betty Gonzales, +Jose Gonzales, Ruben Gutierrez Jr, Dick Hamilton, Paul and Stephanie Hittle, NJ King, Robert Kirk, Gini Koenig, Garrett Mardesen, +Shirley Martin, Mary McDaniel, James Ortega, Stan Parker, Spencer Renfroe, Penelope Robinson, Aaron Romero, Andrea Romero, Gil Romero, Janet Schmidt, Lisa Scott, Amy Smith, Ray Sobieski, Sonny Unrein, Bill White

## St. Peter Food Pantry

#### We are in need of the following items:

Small bags of sugar
Crackers
Fruit juices
Fresh produce (bring to office)
Individual cereal
Fruit

We are grateful for your continued generosity!

# YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday March 30th 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

# Angelic Accents Gift Shop March Sale 25% off Jewelry and Medals

Check out these items!
Scripture cards 5/\$1
Little Rose Shop Items



Our next meeting is April 3rd at 10:00 AM We will be learning about Needle Arts

Our full schedule is available at stpetergreeley.org/ministries/ahg

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

#### **God's Mercy and Forgiveness**

Today we hear one of the most beloved stories in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son. Reconciliation is a prominent theme. Seeing the younger son returning to him, the son who left the family and squandered his inheritance, the compassionate father runs to embrace him. Jesus offers us a vision of a loving God who is merciful and forgiving when we, through our own sinfulness, leave his presence, and then through repentance, return to him. The remainder of the Lenten season offers us an opportunity to reflect on God's compassion and our need for reconciliation. If you have not done so already, consider celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation and experience God's loving embrace and forgiveness.

#### Help Our Parish Receive Multiple \$1,000 Grants!

The Catholic Foundation launched a limited time challenge that provides \$1,000 unrestricted grants to parishes throughout the Archdiocese. You can participate by leaving any charitable planned gift in your will through The Catholic Foundation. When you do this, our parish receives a \$1,000 grant to use now. The Catholic Foundation is here to help you achieve your charitable goals while helping our parish with long-term success.

Call Deacon Steve, Lisa or Joshua at 303-468-9885 or visit www.TheCatholicFoundation.com for more information.

#### Tri-Parish Pinochle Club (St Mary, St Peter, Our Lady of Peace)

Meets at 1:00 PM on April 9th and May 21st at the Knights of Columbus Hall. 4

No experience necessary; we'll teach you how to play! All are welcome!

> For more information call Jill Sauter at 970-673-2635 or Susan LaBonde at 970-353-3342

## **Bears Give Back**

The Bear Catholic students are offering to help parishioners with any yardwork or other tasks you may need assistance with.

> April 9th 11:00 AM-2:00 PM Sign up by April 7th Call the office to sign up



# Spiritual Adoption

Every day over 3,000 babies are killed by abortion. To help stop the anti-life push around the world, the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying for 9 months that one particular but unknown child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live.

As we just celebrated the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord on March 25th, consider spiritually adopting an unborn baby today. Each month we'll give updates on your baby's development.

If you wish, you can give your baby a name, and say this prayer every day until December 25th.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

#### Conception

At the moment of conception, a unique human person was created--me! Remarkably, even though just a single cell, I already have the entire blueprint that will define my eye and hair color, adult height, and aptitude for math, art, and sports. All that is required now is nourishment, a safe home in which to live and grow, and a loving family.

## March 2 - April 10 ODAYS FOR LIF

Please consider standing on the sidewalk on 35th Ave by Planned Parenthood (at any time) and praying for an end to abortion.

Signs will be available if you would like one.

#### **Greeley Planned Parenthood Hours**

Monday and Friday 9ам-5рм

Tuesday and Thursday 11ам-7рм

Wednesday 10 AM-5PM

Saturday and Sunday Closed

Contact Shirley Johnson 970-518-2156



#### Accompanying Videos **Available**

Find videos to accompany our Lent book, *The Art of Living*, on our website under Lenten Schedule

# Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

The parable in today's Gospel ends in the middle of the conversation between the father and his rebellious son. Why? Because it has no end in this world, but it keeps repeating itself over and over again. We can see the reflection of ourselves in both sons or in either one of them.

They were both away. One of them physically left the father, but then it gave him an opportunity to come back. The way the other distanced himself was far less obvious, to the point he is not aware of it. One of them regretted having sinned. The other, although he did not express it directly, regretted not having sinned. The second son was so close to the Father, but – at the same time – did not enter his house. The parable does not approve of the actions of either son. In case of the first one, it recognizes his recklessness and selfishness. The life of the second son is a warning against the attitude of apparent moral correctness. While the younger son left, the older served his father for years, but only served, that is; for stuck between the duties, rules and orders, he did not look for love and relationship with his father. In the younger son we see the headless pursuit of sin; while the other did not have the courage to plunge into temptation, he did regret it, as evidenced by his pretentious reproaches: you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. He longs for the joys of life, but has restricted himself, and then incomprehensibly blames the father for his misery. After all, the father tells him: My son, you are here with me always; Everything I have is yours. What of what belongs to the father he so desired? The father's feast. The father, as gently as he could, made his son understand that he could have a feast at any moment, but it will for ever remain a mystery why the older son did not seek his joy, neither in sin, nor in his father's house.

There are people who dared not to seek happiness in their lives: in sin, nor in God, in what is offered by world, nor in the Eucharist. People who make themselves like dead, just watch the lives of others, live vicariously through others, rather than being a part of the events themselves. Their whole life is stuck in a regret that they have failed to find happiness. And they blame others for it, but never themselves.

So the sad older son stood, watching the house echoing with music and singing. The translation of the text misses a certain nuance. The joy that the older son so desperately wanted to experience, while consuming this goat with his friends, was called by the same word that was the joy of the return of the prodigal, the father is talking about. The same joy. When we don't allow ourselves to be happy with someone else's happiness, nothing can make us happy anymore.

#### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Fridays During Lent at 6:00 PM CONFESSION AVAILABLE DURING STATIONS

Soup Supper on April 1, Fish Fry on April 8th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

The Stations on April 8th will be especially geared toward children. At the Fish Fry we will have kid-friendly meatless dishes. All children and families are invited to attend.

#### **PENANCE SERVICE**

Thursday, April 7th at 6:30 PM

#### PARISH MISSION

April 4th, 5th, & 6th at 6:30 PM Presented by Fr. Tomasz On the Traditions of the Church



Sunday April 10th Palm Sunday

## Tuesday April 12th

Chrism Mass in Denver Office will be closed

Thursday April 14th Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM Office will close at 12:00 noon No daily Mass

Friday April 15th Good Friday

3:00 PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion Begin Divine Mercy Novena Office will be closed No daily Mass

Saturday, April 16th Holy Saturday 9:00 AM Blessing of the Easter foods 8:15 PM Easter Vigil Mass No daily mass or confession

Sunday April 17th Easter Sunday Mass at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM No 6:00 PM Mass

Monday April 18th Office Closed