



SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH
219 ADAMS AVENUE
MONTGOMERY, AL 36104

MARCH 23, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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OFFICE STAFF

Deacon: Jerry Conrad—928-388-8942

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Catechetical Leader: Mrs. Marinella
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Music Director: Mr. Thomas
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

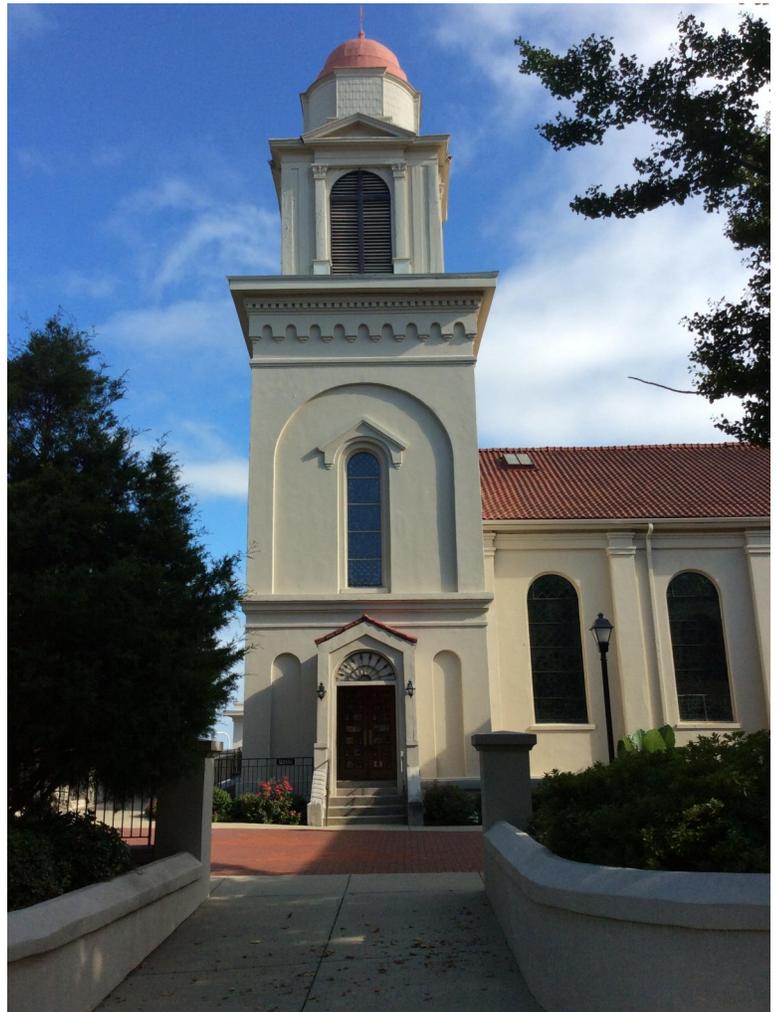
Confession 3:30-4:15 PM

Sunday: 7:00 & 10:30 AM

Tuesday-Friday: 12:10 PM

Confessions 11:45-Noon

**Holy Days: 12:10 PM &
5:30 PM**



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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday—8:30 AM—4:00 PM

Order of Worship

March 23, 2025

Prelude:	Fantasia in C Major	Bach
Entrance:	Forty Days and Forth Nights	SMH #526
Scripture Readings:		TM page 75
Responsorial Psalm:		TM page 76
	The Lord is kind and merciful	
Gospel Acclamation:		TM page 77
Presentation:	Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless	SMH #746
Holy:		SMH #193
Mystery of Faith:		SMH #194
	We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again	
Amen:		SMH #197
Agnus Dei:		SMH #198
Communion Music:	Pastorale (4:30 p.m. & 7:00 a.m.)	Bach
	My Song Is Love Unknown (10:30 a.m.)	Childs
Closing:	God's Blessing Send Us Forth	SMH #543
Postlude:	Fugue in g minor	Bach

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT-3/22-23

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
Psalm 103:1-4, 6-8, 11
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT-3/29-30

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Psalm 34:2-7
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

MARCH 23

Lector: Maria Thurman
Comm. Steve McCary
Ministers: Leon Barwick
Rockie Johnston

MARCH 30

Lector: Catherine Hammonds
Comm. Lucy Morgan
Ministers: John Johnston
Rockie Johnston



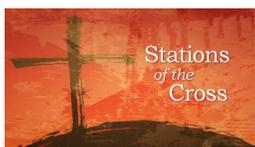
DURING LENT THIS YEAR, please join us in the parish hall to learn and reflect on the art of Pysanky Egg decorating. Pysanky eggs are traditional Ukrainian Easter eggs decorated using a wax-resist (batik) method. Pysanky eggs are rich in symbolism, with traditional motifs representing nature, prosperity, protection, and renewal. Historically, they were believed to have protective powers and were often given as gifts. The tradition has been passed down through generations and remains an important cultural and artistic practice in Eastern Europe. The dates we will be in the parish hall are March 29 and April 12 from 9 AM to 12 Noon. All materials will be supplied (including eggs). Participants are just asked to bring paper towels and patience.

WE HAVE PLACED RICE BOWLS AT EACH ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH We invite you to take one home with you. Our regular giving small change during Lent will be a wonderful reminder to us of the needy and hungry throughout the world and we will be helping them. We will collect your Lenten "savings" at the end of Lent.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday, Mar 23	7:00	Clark Walker (D)
	10:30	PRO POPULO
Monday, Mar 24	12:10	NO MASS
Tuesday, Mar 25	12:10	Derryn Moten (L)
Wednesday, Mar 26	12:10	Jane W. McRae (D)
Thursday, Mar 27	12:10	Clark Walker (D)
Friday, Mar 28	12:10	Charles Fagan (D)
Saturday, Mar 29	4:30	Mary & Glen Horton (D)



EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT, WE WILL HAVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 6:00 PM, FOLLOWED BY A SOUP SUPPER. THE SOUP SUPPER ON MARCH 28TH WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE.



BIOS OF THE INDIVIDUALS RUNNING FOR PARISH COUNCIL ARE LOCATED AT EACH ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH There are ballots available, as well, so once you have read the bios, please take a ballot, vote and place it in the collection basket. The voting will take place this weekend and next weekend.

SAVE THE DATE! The 2nd Annual St. Peter Clay Shoot & BBQ is Friday, October 3, 2025, at the Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Sports Club. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Jean Bradley at jtsbradley@gmail.com.

THE LITURGY OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT begins by acknowledging God's holiness and his claim on us that we belong to him. It recognizes that we are his own people, and must live in a way that reflects his holiness. God offers us the gift of faith as our path towards holiness. At the same time, we all want and desire to live a peaceful life. We all want to make sense of our existence. We all desire to live a life where we can make a positive contribution to ourselves, to our families and to those around us. Challenges are always with us, difficulties surround us. However, the more we long, desire and develop a personal and ultimate relationship with Jesus Christ as our best friend, there is absolutely nothing that we cannot face and overcome. Indeed we become the "power and the wisdom of God". In this season of Lent, we prepare for the feast of Easter by trying to purify our body and spirit, in order to abundantly receive the fruits of the Redemption of the Lord. Today the church invites us to reflect on the urgency of repentance in an attempt to enhance our Christian lives. During this time of Lent, there is an invitation to examine our lives and change for the better through a process of repentance and the need for the transformation of the heart. One of the recurrent themes throughout the Lenten season is the compassion and mercy of our God. It is something that we constantly need to be reminded about. Repentance entails the recognition of areas of unfaithfulness in our lives and is ready to make reparations. Repentance demands that we become honest with ourselves and recognize our unfruitfulness. Once we have accepted this change in our lives God has a ready mission for us. He wants us to fulfil his task on earth namely to proclaim the kingdom of God. In the parable in the Gospel of today, Jesus speaks of the tree which is alive but it does not fulfil its duty of bearing fruit. During this season of lent, we ask the grace to live in a continual spirit of renewal and repentance. Repentance demands that we become honest to ourselves and recognize our unfruitfulness and change ourselves to bear the right fruit for God. We have to recognize our nothingness before God and be ready to receive him during this season of Lent. It is only after such a serious reflection that we shall have that remorse for our failures.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Peter Parish. We encourage you to join our parish family by completing a Registration form located in the vestibule of the Church. You can bring your registration form to the Church office or drop it in the collection basket.

Active Membership is determined by:

- Registration in the parish
- Faithful attendance at Sunday Masses & Holy Days
- Support of the parish through time, talent & treasures

ST. PETER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

April 12—Service & Shrimp Boil
St. Peter

May 3—Fiesta-Jalapeno in the Alley
Montgomery

ST. PETER ADULT EDUCATION—2025

Apr 13 The Foreign Missions Fr. Maria
May 11 The Catholic response to Child Trafficking
Deacon Jerry Conrad

The talk on May 11th is strictly an Adults Only Class

Classes begin at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Refreshments to follow the talk.

PLEASE SEE FR. MARIA BEFORE ANY DATES ARE SET FOR ANY OF THE SACRAMENTS. i.e., BAPTISM, 1ST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION OR MARRIAGE

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

MARCH 29/30—CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

APRIL 12/13—AID TO THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE/AFRICA

APRIL 18—HOLY LAND

JUBILEE 2025—PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Jubilee Prayer



Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the power of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace in our Redeemer through the earth. To you, our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever.

Amen

MARCH 16, 2025 - STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY REPORT

Budget	\$325,000.00
Collection—2/23/25	\$ 4,622.80 Regular Envelope Tithes)
	\$ <u>331.00</u> PayPal)
	4,953.80

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