



*And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."*
Luke 1:46-47, NRSV

October 29, 2025

Dear Friends,

As Christians we are story tellers. We have an ancient narrative, one that describes the beginning of time and the relationship between God and God's creation. We see this story grow through the prophetic tradition until the story recounts the life and gift of Jesus Christ.

In St. Luke's Gospel, Jesus' story is bookended by the animated story telling of two women named Mary. Early in the Gospel, Mary the mother of Jesus, tells us of her encounter with the Divine. She will bear a child who will change the world. She proclaims her joy: "Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!" At the end of the Gospel, another Mary, Mary Magdalene, visits the tomb to discover it empty and receives instructions from the Risen Christ to go tell the others. She carries this Good News with jubilation to the disciples.

As today's disciples, we continue to tell that story. We do so as individuals and as a parish. I am so moved as I hear parishioners speak of the ways that God is moving in their lives. You are telling the story! I am grateful, seeing how our ministries continue to grow in our worship, in our service to our neighbors, and in our care for the creation God has given us. We are telling the story!

What is your Good News - the idea, dream, or challenge placed in your heart by God that needs to be shared? What is the ministry to which you are called which will change the world, sharing your talents, gifts, and love with your neighbors? Together, how will the people of St. Peter's tell the story in the coming year?

A pledge of your time, talent, and treasure in 2026 will ensure that St. Peter's can continue to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Please prayerfully consider a pledge and gather with all of us on Sunday, November 23rd, when we will give thanks to God at our Sunday mass and offer our pledges. If you cannot be with us on the 23rd, you can mail your pledge form to the church. No matter the amount, your pledge is essential.

Together, may we proclaim the greatness of the Lord.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas H. H.', is written over the name 'Fr. Tom'.

Fr. Tom