



## Father Peter Gerard McGrath

January 26, 1963 - June 3, 2019

Visitation for Father Peter Gerard McGrath, 56, of Flint, TX, late Pastor of St. Francis of The Tejas Parish, Crockett, TX, and Priest-in-Charge of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Mission, Hallsville, TX, will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Peaches Hall at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, 18821 FM 2493, Flint, TX. Evening Prayer from the Office of the Dead will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Church followed by the Rosary.

A second visitation will take place on Thursday, June 6, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at St. Francis of The Tejas Catholic Church, 609 N 4th Street, Crockett, TX. Mass for Father Peter will follow at noon with Most Rev. Joseph E. Strickland, Bishop of Tyler, presiding and Father Timothy Kelly preaching. Priests of the Diocese of Tyler will concelebrate the Mass.

Father Peter will be buried in the family grave at Cloneen, Co. Tipperary, Ireland, at a later date. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Father McGrath passed away Monday, June 3, 2019 in Baylor Scott & White Medical Center in Dallas surrounded by his family members, priests and the Bishop of the Diocese of Tyler. He was born January 26, 1963 in Cloneen, Co. Tipperary, Ireland, to Michael and Betty McGrath.

Father Peter was preceded in death by his father, Michael. He is survived by his loving family including his mother, Betty; his brothers, Jim and Michael (Patricia); his sister, Anna (Bill); nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers will be priests of the Diocese of Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Loaves and Fishes Ministry at St. Francis of The Tejas Parish or to the St. Mary Magdalene Food Pantry (see addresses above).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church  
18221 FM 2493  
Flint, TX 75762  
(903) 894-7647

## Rosary

JUN 5. 7:00 PM (CT)

St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church  
18221 FM 2493  
Flint, TX 75762  
(903) 894-7647

## Visitation

JUN 6. 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

St. Francis of The Tejas Catholic Church  
609 N. 4th St.  
Crockett, TX 75835

## Memorial Mass

JUN 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Francis of The Tejas Catholic Church  
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Crockett, TX 75835



# Tribute Wall

PC

“ *Fr. Peter was made of Saint Material. Mystical and holy, but funny and quick witted. Of both heaven and earth, a perfect balance. Always in pain, stubborn as an unbridled mule, And A heart that truly beat for others. In his presence I felt at my best. I felt that maybe he liked me as much as I liked him. He treated me as an equal, and because of that, I strained to be . To bring out the best in others is a wonderful gift. Fr. Peter was a wonderful man. I now have access to him 24/7. Rest in God's arms, Beloved Friend.*  
*Patty Canterbury*

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**Patty Canterbury** - June 10, 2019 at 07:59 PM

SM

“ *We will miss Fr. Peter. My best memory is of a happy youthful priest running around snapping pictures of all the events at Mary Magdalene! Our prayers go out to his family.*  
*Suzanne Meyer*



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**Suzanne Meyer** - June 10, 2019 at 03:40 PM

JC

“ Last month we learned that Fr. Peter was planning to go to Ireland on June 16th. We had flights to Dublin that same day so we wrote him advising that if he got on the same flight we would give him a ride to D/FW, and when we got to Dublin we would drive him home, as we were going to South Tipperary County.

We did not know then that he was truly going to his eternal HOME , where we bet he now resides. God Bless this kind man who served God without regard to his illness.

*Patty & Joe Canterbury*

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**Joseph Canterbury** - June 10, 2019 at 02:37 PM

 Jason  
McKinney

“ He was very kind, decent and wonderful man. A good listener and a great sense of humor. He will be missed very much.

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**Jason McKinney** - June 10, 2019 at 02:17 PM

DK

*I met Fr. Peter when he was a seminarian at our church in Lindale Tx (Holy Family Church). He never changed in all the time I knew him. He would help you no matter what you needed, he was a genuine person who made you felt comfortable, and considered you first even above the pain and suffering he was experiencing. I will miss the time he gave me and most of all the person I wanted to be most like.*

*Deacon Dennis King*

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**Deacon Dennis King** - June 10, 2019 at 05:30 PM