



# SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA

*The Spirit drove Jesus out  
into the desert (Mk 1:12).*



Readings: Lectionary 77  
Reading Gn 9:8-15  
Resp Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
Reading 1 Pt 3:18-22  
Gospel Mk 1:12-15

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Weekly Offertory 2/14/21  
Offertory \$11,967  
2nd Collection/CFA \$645  
Poor Box & Votive \$469  
Candles

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## Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions

February 2021 - Violence Against Women



We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

You can find more information about the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network on their website [www.popesprayerusa.net](http://www.popesprayerusa.net)

# INTENTIONS

Mon, Feb 22nd	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Ricardo Archbold, Jr.</b>
Tues, Feb 23rd	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Lou Rinaldo</b>
Wed, Feb 24th	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Vince Marinera Annette Hayes James &amp; Mary Hayes</b>
Thur, Feb 25th	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>David Kujawa BD Memorial</b>
Fri, Feb 26th	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Carl E. Cranford</b>
Sat, Feb 27th	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Edward Carpenter Sr. 15th Memorial</b>
	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Armand Laliberte</b>
Sun, Feb 28th	<b>7:30am</b>	<b>Richard Monti Ralph Maysonet Brendan Trainer</b>
	<b>9am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>10:45am</b>	<b>Kathleen Sweeney</b>

## SCHEDULE

**Daily Rosary** (Mon-Sat) 8:00am  
**Daily Liturgy** (Mon-Sat) 8:30 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturdays 2:00-3:00 pm

**Weekend Mass Schedule**  
Saturday Vigil 4:00pm  
Sunday 7:30 | 9:00 | 10:45am  
Rosary in the Grotto after 10:45 Mass

**Holy Day Masses** 7:30 & 9am, 7pm

**Mass Intentions:** The Mass book for 2022 opens on Tuesday, March 9th COVID has temporarily changed our guidelines for initial Mass requests. Please see page 6 or visit: [www.sanpedrocc.org/mass-intentions/](http://www.sanpedrocc.org/mass-intentions/)

# San Pedro Catholic Church... The Key to the Future.

In contrast to some larger area churches, San Pedro stands out as an uncrowded, warm, and friendly parish providing a more intimate worship environment. **Our pastor is Reverend Patrick Organ.**



### A Heart of Giving

Please call the parish office if you wish to move to online giving or if you need help in adjusting your reoccurring online gift.

Fr. Patrick Organ **Pastor**  
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# The 1st Sunday of Lent

## Mark 1:12-15

**Saint John Chrysostom** "The Spirit drags Jesus into the desert, since he wanted to draw the devil there; and Jesus gave occasion to him not only on account of his hunger but also on account of the place: for then most especially does the devil attack when he sees people isolated and by themselves."



Mary Healy

"As Adam and Eve were driven out of the garden, Jesus is driven out into the desert."

And he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him (1-13).

Saint John Chrysostom: "Since Jesus both acted and experienced all things with a view to our instruction, he is content also to be led up to that place and to wrestle with the devil in order that each of those who are baptized should not be troubled as if the matter happened contrary to expectation, but should continue to endure all things nobly. Indeed, for this reason God does not prevent temptations as they come by: first, in order that

you may learn that you have become much stronger, then in order that you may remain temperate and not over-excited by the greatness of your gifts, for temptations have the power to humble you; then in order that the evil one, by inquiring through the torture of temptations, might be satisfied that you have completely forsaken him; fourthly, in order that you might become stronger and hard as steel; fifthly, in order that you might through this receive a clear proof of the treasures entrusted to you. For the devil would not come upon you if he did not see you brought to greater honor."



See more reflections for the Gospel readings at:  
<https://www.catholiceducation.org/>

## 2021 Parish Financials

We strive every day to be perfect stewards of your gifts... and we are grateful for all of them.

### Revenues

Offertory Collection	751,914
Gifts and Donations	6,390
Mass Intention & Funeral Fees	14,350
Faith Formation Program	7,710
Youth Ministry Program	7,743
Interest Income	2,866
Miscellaneous Income	770
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$791,743</b>

### Expenses (Personnel)

Compensation	485,966
Benefits	145,957
Extra Clergy	11,048
Priests Education & Rectory	6,420
<b>Total Personnel Exp</b>	<b>\$649,391</b>

### Buildings, Grounds & Vehicles

Buildings & Grounds	27,659
Depreciation Expense	112,351
Insurance Expense	67,796
Utilities	30,198
Telephone & Internet	20,997
Non-Advalem	3,411
Vehicle Expense	2,445
<b>Total PPE</b>	<b>\$264,857</b>

### Office, Ministry & Liturgy

Faith Formation Program	9,922
Youth Ministry Program	11,908
Liturgy, Music and Mission	17,625
Tuition Assistance	3,750
Parish Office	23,536
<b>Total OML</b>	<b>\$66,741</b>

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>980,989</b>
<b>Net Operating Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>(189,246)</b>

### Other Net Income

Events	46,460
Holy Name Society	1,897
Memorial Garden	2,851
Grant (nurse restricted use)	64,392
Bequest (restricted use)	2,000

# Offering a Mass

Offering Mass for a particular Intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. A Mass offered to someone is for them to receive special graces. Masses are said for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance of someone deceased, or to honor the birthday or special anniversary for someone. If you would like to have a Mass said by a priest at San Pedro for someone, please stop by or call the Parish Office at 941-426-2500 for available dates and times.



- Our office can also make arrangements with the Oblate Fathers for a perpetual Mass. In both instances, we will provide keepsake cards for you to send to whomever you choose.
- The stipend or offering signifies the sacrificial nature of giving something of yourself to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist.

A stipend for a Mass Intention can range from \$10-\$20 per request.

# Spend Lent growing in prayer.

Encountering God in Prayer: A Lenten Journey - "is a theological and practical online course offered by the Institute for Catholic Studies and Formation in the Diocese of Venice.



## Pray the Rosary

Please join us daily at 8:00am to pray the Rosary before Mass. On Sundays join us at the Grotto of Mary after the 10:45am Mass.

The course will guide you through the rich and beautiful teaching on personal prayer found in part four of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Short video lectures, online discussions, prayer exercises and other learning activities will constitute the class content. Students log in each week at times most convenient to them. The instructor, Dr. John Gresham,

is the Executive Director of The Institute for Catholic Studies and Formation in Arcadia and is part of the Diocese of Venice. John has extensive experience teaching instructor led courses, work-shops, and retreats. This course runs from Ash Wednesday, February 17 to April 5. For more information, visit [www.institute-dov.org](http://www.institute-dov.org), call 941-766-7334 or [john.gresham@institute-dov.org](mailto:john.gresham@institute-dov.org).



## RESPECT LIFE: STAND WITH OUR MINISTRY

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## ALTAR FLOWERS, BREAD & WINE.

Flowers are used during weekend Masses outside of Lent and Advent and remain present for daily Mass. Many dates are still available during 2021. The suggested offering is \$50.

Arrangements for the dedication of Altar Bread, Wine and Flowers are made by calling or stopping by the office Monday thru Friday, 9am-2pm.



### The gratitude goes to...

Altar Bread and Wine for the month of February have been donated for the 15th Memorial Anniversary of Suzanne Yandola from Bert & Anna Marie Twaits.

In honor of World Day of Marriage, the Altar Flowers this weekend have been donated by Gendron Funeral Home.



P: 941-426-2893

Do you wish to become a Catholic but don't know how to begin? Getting married? Contact the Office of Faith Formation.

## Become Catholic.

### San Pedro parish offers the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program.

Our adult faith formation ministry must engage the particular needs and interests of our adult parishioners. To be faithful and effective we will offer, over time, a

comprehensive and systematic presentation and exploration of the core elements of Catholic faith and practice—a complete initiation into a Catholic way of life. It will do so in a way that is accessible to adults and relates to their life experiences, helping them to form a Christian conscience and to live their lives in the world as faithful disciples of Jesus.

This integration of actual life experience, diverse adult learning needs, the study of Scripture, and the teaching of the Church's tradition will create a vibrant learning environment. It will also challenge the creativity of those who establish the direction, plan the content, and provide programs of adult faith formation.

# Join San Pedro

P: 941-426-2500

Did you know... in order to be married, receive a sacrament or become a godparent, you must register with our Parish? Start today!

If you are not receiving offering envelopes or various parish mailings, chances are you are not registered here. To register, print out the registration form on our website and drop it in the collection basket on Sunday or stop by the office.

Registering with your parish is required to be a godparent or a sponsor for Confirmation. Parents who wish to have their child baptized at

San Pedro must be members of the parish.

We are extensions to our local communities of the one, holy, catholic, and Apostolic Church of Christ, members of the Body of Christ united to Christ our Head by a common profession of the doctrines of faith, lived holiness of life, and common worship of God the Father. Let us strive to help each other on the way.



# We respect life here.

Respect Life Ministry is dedicated to transforming today's culture of death into a culture of life. Pope John Paul II's encyclical The Gospel of Life provides hope and inspiration in the promotion of respect for all life, from fertilization to natural death.



1800 Abortions in the US each day

## Diocesan Respect Life Events

We focus on the beginning of life, end of life, capital punishment and legislative action on the parish, diocesan, state and national levels.

- [dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/respect-life/](http://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/respect-life/)



1.61B Billions of Abortion Worldwide

## Spiritual Adoption Program

Start a 9-month journey of spiritually adopting an unborn child who is at risk of being killed by abortion. Receive monthly updates.

- [dov.org/offices/offices-departments/respect-life/parish-spiritual-adoption-program/](http://dov.org/offices/offices-departments/respect-life/parish-spiritual-adoption-program/)



62.6M US abortions since Roe v. Wade

## Project Rachel (Healing)

Don't suffer in silence. There is healing after abortion through Project Rachel. Contact Sylvia Jimenez at 941-412-5860

- Verae externam autam ersperumque vit veliati sum rest dem.

# Lenten fasting and abstinence.

The forty days of fasting before Easter includes every day of Lent except Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday, inclusive.

Thus, there are forty-six days of Lent (including Good Friday and Holy Saturday), but only forty fast days since Sundays are excluded. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals daily.



### What are the rules for ages of participation?

Catholics age 14 and older and Catholics age 18-59 are bound to observe abstinence regulations except for serious reasons.

### Are other forms of self-denial acceptable?

For all other weekdays of Lent, the Church encourages fasting, either in the traditional sense or through some other form of self-denial determined by conscience. Other devotions are strongly recommended.



Visit <https://cleanheart.online/diocese-venice-0> today!

# A Free Resource: CleanHeart.online

Visit "A Clean Heart Online", a free resources provided by the Diocese of Venice to combat the evil of pornography, and offer pathways for formation, hope and healing.

**Pornography is one of the leading causes of addictions, abuse, adultery, divorce, and even human trafficking: it is, in short, a pervasive evil inflicting grave wounds on our families.**

Pornography creates unsafe environments for children and confuses proper formative attitudes towards sexuality and marriage. It is clearly a moral issue that needs to be addressed. Bishop Frank J. Dewane and the Diocese of Venice is pleased to offer this resource to aid all parents, educators, ministry leaders, and those who struggle with pornography.

Parents - be vigilant about the technology you allow into your home and be sensitive to the prevalence of sexual content in even mainstream television and film and the ease by which it comes through the Internet and mobile devices.



Safe Haven Sunday will be observed March 6-7, 2021

## GENUFLECTING & KNEELING ORIGIN EXPLAINED

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee."

For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection. The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. This became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages.

From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

