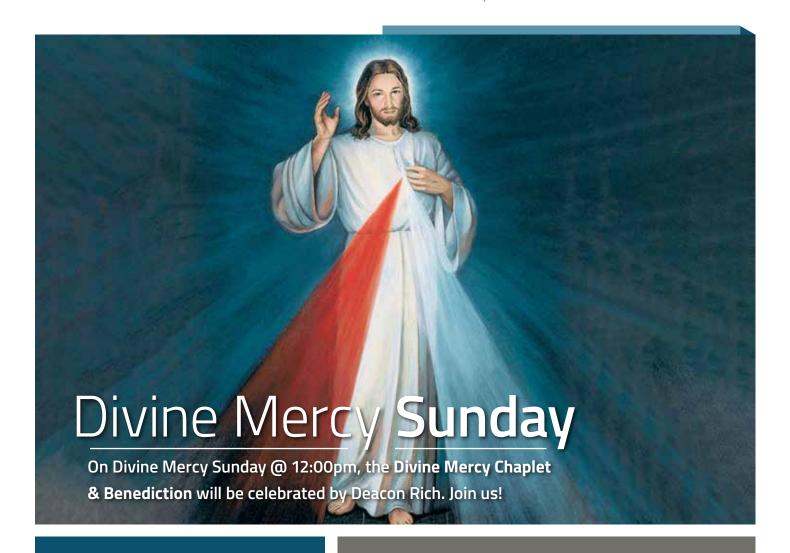


SAN PEDRO CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA





Readings: Lec 44
Reading Acts 4:32-35
Resp 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Reading 1 Jn 5:1-6
Gospel Jn 20:19-31





Weekly Offertory 4/04/21 Offertory: \$24,622.37 Holy Land-Good Friday: \$1,655.00 2nd Collection – CFA: \$1,321.00

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions

April 2021 - Fundamental Rights



We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

You can find more information about the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network on their website www.popespraverusa.net

INTENTIONS

Mon, Apr 12th 8:30am Chad Ryan Ledford (D)

Tues, Apr 13th 8:30am Georgina Ferrier (D)

Wed, Apr 14th 8:30am Earl Leuch (D)

Kathleen Sweeney (D)
Don Walsh - 100th Birthday

Thur, Apr 15th 8:30am Burton M. Hood & Jake Phelps Families (D)

Fri, Apr 16th 8:30am Luis Daponte, Jr. & Tony Daponte (D)

Sat, Apr 17th 8:30pm Evangelina & Alfonso Montealegre (D)

4pm Earl Leuch (D)

Sun, Apr 18th 7:30am Bob Dirmeitis 10th Mem. Anniv (D)

9am People of the Parish

10:45am Carpenter & DeCiantis Families (D)

SCHEDULE

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 2:00 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

Prayer Line Ministry: For your immediate prayer needs and petitions call Dolly at 941-240-5419. Anyone interested in praying for fellow parishioners & their families, please call.

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.**



SPP Magnet Fundraiser

\$5 in the Church Store. Proceeds will support church improvements, specifically the wash and sealing of the Church roof.

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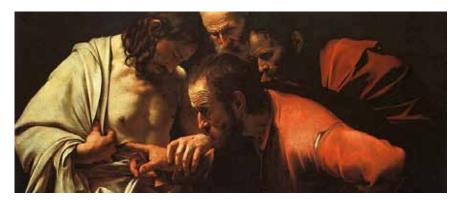
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Divine Mercy Sunday Jn 20:19-31

We call St. Thomas the Apostle "doubting Thomas"; we may be off the mark in doing so. Jesus did not ask the other apostles to believe in his resurrection without showing them the wounds in his hands and sides.



Ask Yourself...

What has it taken for you to accept the reality of Christ in your life? Have you doubted? Are you doubting still? Is your heart open?

Thomas was merely demanding his rights as an apostle when he demanded the same privilege. And none of the others responded to the risen Christ with a faith as complete and firm as Thomas': "My Lord and my God!" Thomas knew what this meant. He knew that if Christ has come back from the dead, then everything he said about himself, everything he claimed to be, was true. Jesus blessed him for his faith.

Our faith, and the faith of all Christians throughout the centuries, is built upon the solid foundation of the apostles' testimony to the risen Christ, a testimony validated by twenty uninterrupted centuries of Church life, of saints and martyrs, of sacraments, Liturgy, and a college of bishops that links us directly, even physically, to that little group of frightened apostles who encountered the Risen One. Blessed indeed are we who have believed: although we have not seen Christ in the flesh, we have seen, experienced, and benefited from the undeniable work of his Spirit. In times of darkness and doubt, we know where to look to recover the light.

At the beginning of creation, "the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered

the abyss, while a mighty wind swept over the waters." (Genesis 1:2) When God created man and woman, he "formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being." The word for "wind" in Hebrew (and in Greek, the language of the New Testament) is the same as the word for "breath" and "Spirit." Thus, when St. John points out the detail of Jesus breathing on the disciples as he gives them the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the commission to carry on his work of evangelization, he is calling to mind the "wind" and the "breathing" of the first creation. The Fathers of the Church understood this first post-Resurrection appearance to the apostles as the start of a new creation. Jesus has won the forgiveness of sin, which marred the first creation, and dubs his apostles messengers and distributors of this forgiveness. As they spread it throughout the world and build up the Church, all mankind is to be renewed, elevated to a more sublime intimacy with God. As St. Paul put it, "So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

For Victims of Abuse

April is Child Abuse Awareness
Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Awareness Prevention Month, and in conjunction with the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the Diocese of Venice will hold a Mass for Victims of Child Abuse for the 14th consecutive year. Bishop Frank J. Dewane is the Celebrant of the Mass at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 16 at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Ave. W., Venice. The Mass will be live-streamed, and all are welcome to attend as we come together to pray for the victims of abuse.



A Prayer for Healing

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness.

Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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



- 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 Furbarist

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

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Thousands of Catholics live in poor dioceses in areas such as Appalachia, the Deep South, the Rocky Mountain states, etc. The struggle to receive basic pastoral care and catechesis is real for thousands of faithful living in Home Mission Dioceses.



2nd Collection

There will be a 2nd Collection next weekend (April 24th & 25th), so please be generous and help us support our less fortunate.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal
Collection supports these dioceses in our
own country as they struggle to make
ends meet. "Home Missions" is the name
for dioceses in the United States which
cannot provide basic pastoral services to
Catholics without additional help. Pastoral
services include Mass and Sacraments,
religious education, training for priests,
deacons, religious sisters, and lay people.
The Catholic Home Missions Appeal aides
these Mission Dioceses in forming vibrant
faith communities and strengthening the

Church in Mission areas. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection will take place in the Diocese of Venice the weekend of April 24 and 25, 2021. Please be generous in the Collection. Your support makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Thank you! I take this opportunity to assure you and your families of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane

Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida



IMPORTANT NOTICE PER FR PAT:

To properly receive communion, remove your mask and place one hand above the other making a throne for Christ. When the Eucharist is placed in your hand, you must consume it in front of the Priest, Deacon or Eucharist Minister. Do not walk away with the Eucharist in your hand.

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 April have been donated In Memory of Earl Leuch by Liz Leuch

During Lent, the Altar Flower exceptions are Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lont). Solomoities, and Footis







Thank you!

Gratitude to the North Port Fire Department for draping our cross and statues. We (literally) couldn't have done it without you!

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, recieve 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 repsect 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.

 d ioceseofvenice.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/



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

 dov.org/offices/offices-departments/ respect-life/post-abortion-help/

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.

On Divine Mercy Sunday @ 12:00pm the Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction will be celebrated by Deacon Rich. As recorded in Diary entry 965, Jesus said to Faustina: Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them ... the Feast of My mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. Secretary of My mercy, write, tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice is near.



Go to confession and repent on this day.

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.



Who is called to the Feast of Divine Mercy?

"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls" - that is, for all penitent souls without exception - but "especially" for "poor sinners." So the special guests at the Feast of Mercy are poor sinners, those who are most in need of His mercy.



Mary: a Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Through Ascension Press we will be studying: "Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother". This will start Mondays at 6:30-8:00 PM for eight (8) weeks beginning April 5 - May 24, 2021

This is a ZOOM class. Participants will need to purchase their 'study set' through ascensionpress.com or 800-376-0520. Please contact Jackie McCoy, 206-963-6234, to register or inquire with Anne McKeon in Faith Formation, 941-426-2893.

The study is filmed on location in the Holy Land. It takes you through Mary's joys and sorrow. Learn how she works in our live, drawing us closer to Jesus. The study includes a workbook, group discussion and video lecture by Edward Sri.

Note: Purchase of Online Access grants immediate access to the study videos and workbook for one year! This Study Set is essential for each participant and leader in a study group and for individuals who wish to do the study on their own.



THE ROSARY IN **OUR DAILY LIVES**

Daily Moring Rosary

Rosary is said every morning starting at 8AM before the 8:30AM Mass. Intention for this Rosary is any private intention. Also, we recite 15 decades of the Rosary after the Wednesday morning Mass.

12Noon Sunday Rosary for America Rosary will be held every Sunday after the 10:45AM Mass at the Grotto of San Pedro. (In case of bad weather, the Rosary will be held outside Chapel Doors under the roof). Intention for his Rosary is the Salvation, Conversion and God's Protection of the United States of America.

First Saturday Devotion

Rosary starts at 1PM outside at the Grotto of Our Lady. (In case of bad weather the Rosary will be held outside Chapel Doors under the roof).

Confessions start at 2PM in the Chapel which is followed by Mass at 4PM. The Saturday Devotion needs to be done on the five consecutive first Saturdays. For any questions, please call Ania at (941) 876-3826.

Intention of this devotion is to come under the protection of Our Holy Mother Mary.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Divine Mercy Chaplet is sung or recited every Tuesday after the 8:30AM Mass. AND at 3 PM on the 1st Friday of the month.

Prayer Line

For any prayer intention please call Dolly at 941 240-5419. Prayer Warriors always needed. As a Prayer Warrior you pray at your own time anywhere you are. We do not meet in a group. If you feel the call to pray for others, and in that way share your love with the world, please contact Dolly to join our wonderful team.



