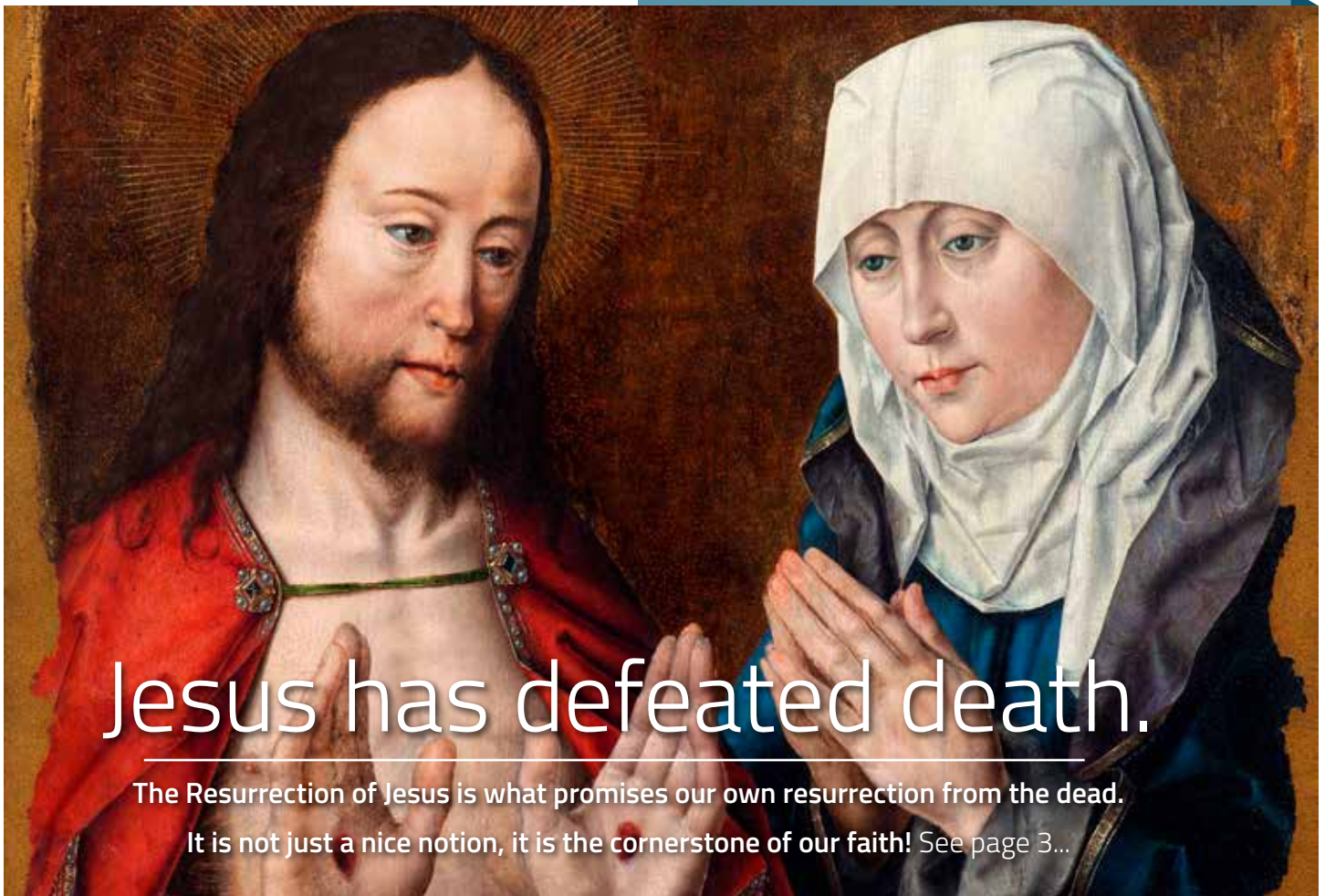




SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA



Jesus has defeated death.

The Resurrection of Jesus is what promises our own resurrection from the dead.

It is not just a nice notion, it is the cornerstone of our faith! See page 3...



Readings: Lec 47
Reading Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Resp Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9
Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5a
Gospel Lk 24:35-48

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Weekly Offertory 4/11/21
Offertory: \$13,352
2nd Collection
Maintenance & Repair: \$2,393

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.popesprayerusa.net



INTENTIONS

Mon, Apr 19th	8:30am	Souls in Purgatory
Tues, Apr 20th	8:30am	Margaret Troland (D)
Wed, Apr 21st	8:30am	Bruno Chellino (D) Ronald Malmgren (D)
Thur, Apr 22nd	8:30am	Melany Guerreiro for Healing
Fri, Apr 23rd	8:30am	Ann Weber (D)
Sat, Apr 24th	8:30pm 4pm	Bertha Gens (D) George Zeitler (D)
Sun, Apr 25th	7:30am 9am 10:45am	Evangelina & Alfonso Montealegre (D) Novena Mass for Life Andrea Lee Stasi (D) People of the Parish Frank Paterno (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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3rd Sunday of Easter

Luke 24:35-48

Today's Gospel records another of the appearances of the Risen Lord on that first Easter Sunday. Again, we have disciples struggling to come to terms with the events of recent days.



Ask Yourself...

How has Christ revealed Himself to you? In what ways has your faith been renewed in Christ during Lent, and now this Easter season?

They have seen Jesus crucified and all hope seems to be gone. They have heard rumours that Jesus is alive - but have not hung around to find out whether they are true or not. Why should they? Crucified men do not come back to life. Along the way, they are joined by a stranger and can scarcely believe that he doesn't know what has been going on. So they tell him. The stranger - who we know to be Jesus, of course, proceeds to look at the story from a different angle and sets it into the sweep of history.

Something in his manner captures their imaginations and they invite Him to join them for the evening. The history probably continued - and from deep within them, a spark of hope is rekindled. But it is not His eloquence that finally shows them who He is - it is a simple gesture. Like the host of any Jewish meal, He takes bread, blesses and breaks it - and passes it to them. Their minds are taken back to the Thursday night when they had seen Jesus do exactly the same thing - and their eyes were opened. The One breaking bread and giving it to them on Thursday was the same Person who was

breaking it and giving it to them now!

Having revealed His Risen Presence, Jesus disappears from their sight. The disciples are left wondering what to do. They suddenly realised the enormity of the news they had to tell - and realised too that it was not news to keep to themselves, going quietly back to Emmaus. This was news for the other disciples - news that would change the world. They retraced their steps - to find the Eleven buzzing with the same news: the Lord had risen and appeared to Simon. But it was the report of the Breaking of Bread that fixed itself in the consciousness of the disciples - what Jesus had done on the last day of His earthly life, He had done on the first day of His Risen Life. The disciples began to understand the power of that gesture. Somehow, every time they did it they would be proclaiming His death - and His resurrection.

In every time and in every place since, each time the Eucharist has been celebrated, the same proclamation is made - Christ died - Christ is Risen - and Christ will one day come again!

A State of Wisdom

Wisdom consists of the anticipation of consequences.

Do noble things, not dream them all day long. And so, make life, death and the vast forever, one grand sweet song. -Charles Kingsley

The world is blessed most by people who do things and not by people who merely talk about them.

On the notification of his condition as cancerous, Pope John XXIII reflected: "Well, let God's will be done. Don't worry about me. My bags are packed. I'm ready to go."

When asked at the end of his life if he was prepared to die, Socrates replied: "Know ye that I have been preparing for it all my life." -Bartlett's Familiar Quotations

It is well to think well; it is divine to act well. -Horace Mann

I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, but in what direction we are moving. -Goethe



A Joke

Our pastor says Mass in our convent every morning and then remains for breakfast. One morning we had an appointment immediately after Mass, and so just before the final blessing he announced, "I won't be staying for breakfast this morning." Sister Carmen who is somewhat deaf, answered loud and clear "Thanks be to God."



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.

Dispensation Ends May 1st

"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the Apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers" (**Acts 2:42**).

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

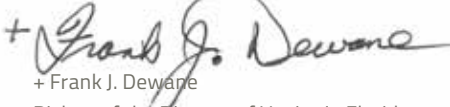
This Scripture passage reminds us that the Easter Season is an apt time to renew our fidelity to those essential actions that define us as the Body of Christ. Preeminent among these activities is gathering with the Church to celebrate the Most Holy Eucharist on Sundays and Holy Days.

In March of last year, because of the many unknowns that came with the Covid-19 Pandemic, and to protect the most vulnerable among us, after consultation I decided to take the unprecedented step of suspending public Masses and granting a general dispensation to the Catholic Faithful of the Diocese of Venice from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Together with our fellow citizens, I urged Catholics to exercise caution to protect the health of all. I thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this difficult time.

As the Faithful returned to in-person worship when restrictions were loosened, the Diocese's Clergy and Faithful performed exceptional service in maintaining safety protocols. In recent weeks as vaccines have become available, the news in Florida is encouraging, even more members of the Faithful have returned to our Parishes for Sunday Mass. Our Holy Week and Easter

Liturgies were particularly edifying examples of commitment to Christ and the Eucharist. Furthermore, life in Southwest Florida has returned to some level of normalcy; restaurants, stores, and entertainment venues are open, and people of all ages seem willing to return to ordinary activities. It is apparent that circumstances now allow almost all Catholics to attend Mass safely. Therefore, beginning May 1, 2021, the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will be lifted in the Diocese of Venice. At the same time, the Faithful should note this obligation does not apply to those who are ill, or others as outlined in the revised guidelines accompanying this letter. The revised guidelines adjust safety protocols to acknowledge that most Catholics can return to in-person worship at their Parish churches. During this year dedicated to St. Joseph, the Faithful are encouraged to turn to his intercession for protection and courage. Let us be mindful in prayer of those who are no longer with us and those who continue in their recovery. May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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+ 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

The Altar Flowers this weekend have been donated **In Loving Memory of Mary & Frank Paonessa** by Anthony Paonessa



P: 941-426-2500

Call us to reserve your intention or stop by the Parish Office. The deadline for Mother's Day is Monday, May 3rd.

Mothers & Fathers

Intentions for Mother's Day May 9th & Father's Day June 20th.

The 9:00am Mass will be offered for an unlimited number of Living & Deceased mothers and fathers. Their names and the names of the donors will be listed in the appropriate bulletins. Arrange a Mother's

Day and/or Father's Day intention by calling or coming to the Parish Office. The donation is \$10.00/intention. Proceeds go towards San Pedro's Catholic Faith Appeal Goal.

The deadline for Mother's Day is Monday, May 3rd. Thank you and God bless!

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers, fathers and for all the women and men who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of parenthood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen.

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/



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/

Thank you Pro Audio Services!

Our Easter Sunday Masses were a beautiful celebration for our community. We could not have done it without the help of our friends at ProAudio services. Chris, Dan and Dawn - you are the best! Pro Audio Services, Inc. is headquartered in North Port and generally operates between Naples and the Tampa metropolitan area. Find them at <https://www.proaudioservices.com/>



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Giving is at the root of a heart of Stewardship.

"Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little. I will set you over much." -Matthew 25:23



Visit <https://ascensionpress.com> to purchase materials today!

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 lives, 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.



Search: "Mary: A Biblical Walk" on ascensionpress.com

THE ROSARY IN OUR DAILY LIVES

Daily Morning 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 this 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.

