



SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA



Jesus: The Good Shepherd

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Readings: Lec 50
Reading Acts 4:8-12
Resp Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26
Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2
Gospel Jn 10:11-18

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Weekly Offertory 4/18/21
Offertory: \$11,796
2nd Collection for
Capital Expenses: \$1,988

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 26th	8:30am	Constance Bernard (D)
Tues, Apr 27th	8:30am	Aaron Sweeney (D)
Wed, Apr 28th	8:30am	Gloria Montalvo (D) Ronald Malmgren (D) Jos Van Look (D)
Thur, Apr 29th	8:30am	Hayward Archbold (D)
Fri, Apr 30th	8:30am	Leo M. Haskins (D)
Sat, May 1st	8:30pm 4pm	In Thanksgiving of Faith & Family (D) Fr. Charles McCarthy (D)
Sun, May 2nd	7:30am 9am 10:45am	"Jackie" Desmond & "Stevie" Weissman (D) Donald Gillis (D) Robert James Ryan (D) People of the Parish Gemma Fortier (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.**



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.

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4th Sunday of Easter

John 10:11-18

The good shepherd discourse, or at least the idea of Jesus as the good shepherd, is one of John's especially memorable moments that tend to be remembered out of context.



Ask Yourself...

In what ways have you allowed Christ to act as your shepherd - your guide - in facing true spiritual difficulty throughout your years?

As our passage for this Sunday begins, we learn (and we hear it again and again in these verses) that the goodness of the true shepherd comes at a cost. While the hired hand, who does not care for the sheep because they are not his own, runs away when the wolves come, the shepherd does not. The good shepherd lays down his life. The phrase is repeated five times in these nine verses and suggests a division of the passage into three parts.

The thematic phrase of the passage is repeated in John 10:14 and begins what we might see as a second subsection. This one focuses on the identity of the sheep, which is based on mutuality of knowledge with the shepherd. He knows his own (and loves them, 13:1). And they know him (as in 10:4), as the man born blind, the hero of John 9, comes to know him and to testify to who he is.

The "other sheep" of John 10:16 leave the door open to the readers/hearers of the Gospel and also warn against any kind of exclusive claim on the door-shepherd Jesus. Deciding who is in and who is out is really, this suggests, not the business of the sheep and is a mystery to them. We sheep-folk are told only to cleave to Jesus, to love, and to testify, as Jesus makes explicit in later

chapters of John and in upcoming lectionary texts.

The third subsection of the passage (John 10:17-18) draws the Father's love into the image. The mutuality of knowledge between the Father and the Son has been mirrored in the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep. Now that relationship is further defined as one of love, which will be linked to commandment-keeping here in v. 18 as it will be again in the passages of the next two weeks. The Son is again, v. 17, said to lay down his life, but now he will also take it up again. The thematic phrase is here repeated three times in quick succession. He lays it down in order to take it up. He lays it down of his own accord. He has the authority to lay it down and the authority to take it up. All of this is framed by references to the Father's love and the Father's command, so that the death and resurrection are drawn into the mystery of the unity of the Father and the Son (which will inspire homicidal rage in Jesus' opponents when he proclaims it in v. 30); the laying down and taking up of life on the part of the good shepherd are an expression not only of immense love and faithfulness toward the sheep but also of love and faithfulness toward the Father-God from whose loving presence he has come to the broken, dangerous, beloved world.

A State of Wisdom

Go beyond disapproving of others and improve yourself.

We shall meanly lose or nobly save the last hope of Earth. -Abraham Lincoln

True eloquence consists in saying all that is necessary and nothing but what is necessary. -La Rochefoucauld

After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good that he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

If swimming is so good for your figure, how do you explain whales?

It is not what he was, nor even what he does which directly expresses the worth of a man - but what he is. -Henri-Frédéric Amiel

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

Find the facts before finding the faults.

If an attitude were contagious, would yours be a good one to catch?



A Joke

An eccentric old maid made an appointment with her lawyer to draw up her will. After the usual preliminaries of "sound mind" and all that, he asked what she wanted in her will. "Well, I want to leave the bulk of my estate to my cats." "To your cats?" repeated the lawyer as he applied pen to paper. "Are you writing that down?" the eccentric old maid asked. "Not exactly," the lawyer replied. "I'm just scratching out the part about 'sound mind.'"

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.

Faith Formation Registration

Registration for 2021-2022. Faith Formation has begun, please come by the Faith Formation office for the forms.



Contact Us

If you are interested in helping or finding out where your gifts can be used please call Miss Anne at 941-426-2893

There will be a General Incoming Confirmation year 1 parent meeting on May 5, 2021 at 6:00pm in the Parish Life Center. This will be for those students entering Confirmation Prep Year 1. You will be able to register at this time.

Tentative Class times for grade levels are listed in the Parish Life Center.

FAITHFORMATION@SANPEDROCC.ORG

I wish to give a heart felt Thank You for those

teachers that are leaving, moving, or retiring from teaching. You have Blessed me and our families beyond measure with your support and love of our Christian faith and have been great witnesses to the children.

There are several opportunities to volunteer in the Faith Formation Program, and we need help to build up our community. If you are interested in helping or finding out where your gifts can be used please call Miss Anne at 941-426-2893



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 Carmen Borrero by Nelson & Sandra Borrero



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

1.61B Billions of Abortion Worldwide

62.6M US abortions since Roe v. Wade

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/

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/

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



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Join us for these Special Events!

Speaker: Dr. Kevin Schapley: May 11th 2021 @ 11:30am Lunch and Learn in Activity Center. Speaker: Dr. Kevin Schapley, Topic; "Healthy Mouth, Healthy Body." Please RSVP to reserve your spot (and so we can estimate lunch needs). Please call Patricia, the Parish Nurse at 941-423-7139 to sign up.

Blood Drive: On April 25th @ 8:00 am until 11:30am Blood Drive by Sun Coast Blood Bank in San Pedro parking lot.

Prayer Shawl Meeting: May 10th 2021 @11:00am until 12:00pm Prayer Shawl Meeting in the Activity Center

OLPH Monthly Days of Prayer and Private Retreats - Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Retreat and Spirituality Center, 3989 South Moon Drive, Venice, offers a Monthly Day of Prayer on the second Wednesday and the second Sunday of each month. The upcoming dates are May 9, and May 12. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. with continental breakfast and includes two conferences, lunch, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, private meditation and prayer. The day concludes at 3:15 pm. In addition, OLPH offers 1, 3, 5, and 8-Day private individual retreats in a safe and tranquil setting. These retreats include exploration of the matters of the heart, daily hours of contemplation and meditation, daily meetings with a Spiritual Director/Priest, moments of recreational activity, Mass and availability for Confession. For more information or to register, call Denise Riley at 941-486-0233, ext. 3004, or visit our website at www.olph-retreat.org.



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 a 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.



Find more information. Visit www.olph-retreat.org