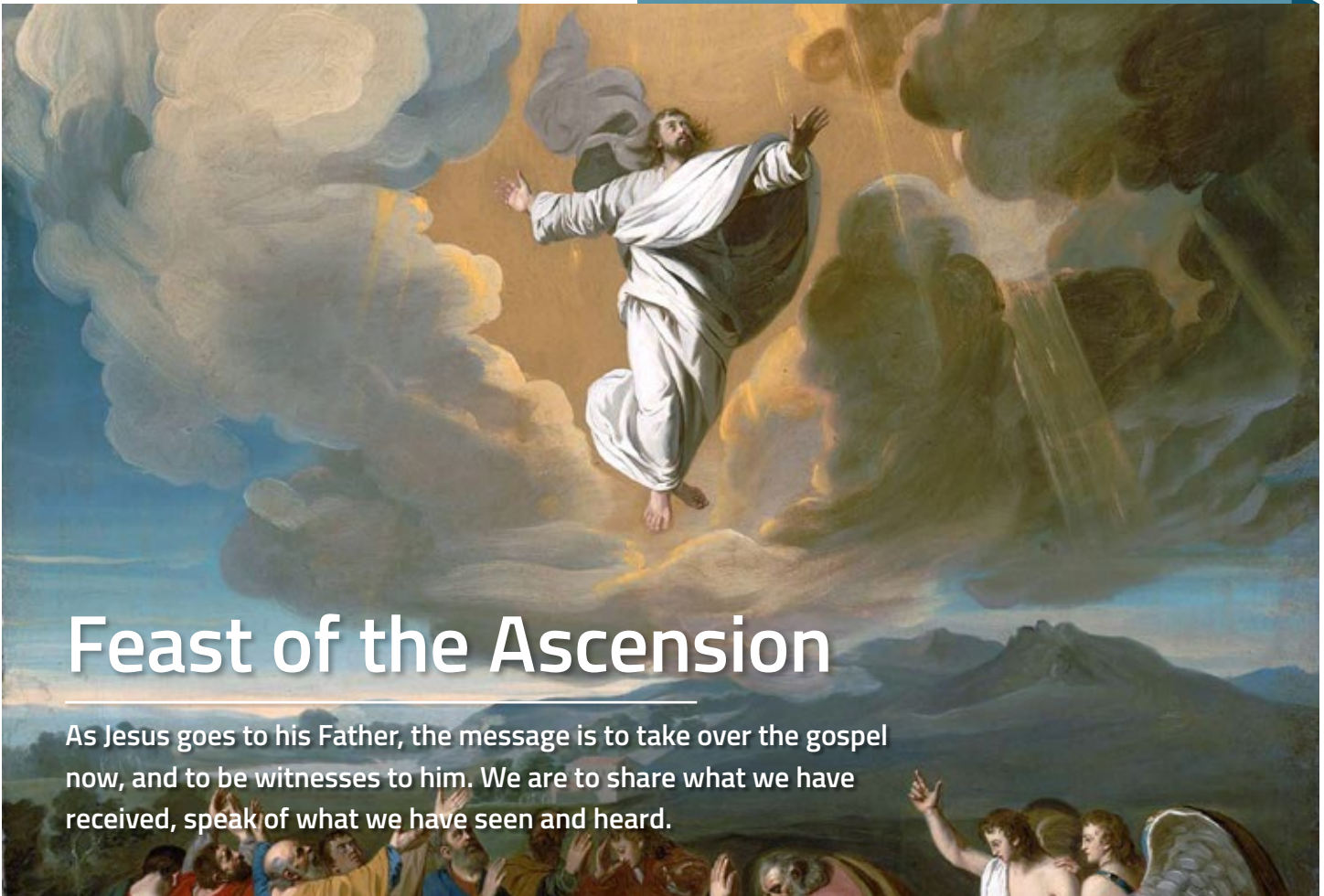




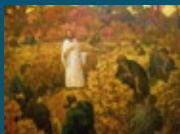
SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA



Feast of the Ascension

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Readings: Lec 60
Reading Acts 1:15-17, 20a
Resp Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
Reading 1 Jn 4:11-16
Gospel Jn 17:11b-19

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Weekly Offertory 5/09/21
Offertory: \$12,277
You can setup online giving on our website or call the Parish Office to set an appointment.

Support the Catholic Faith Appeal

We need your help! Support San Pedro's requirement today!



The mission of the Church requires the Diocese to oversee and support **more than 1,000 employees in our schools, parishes and agencies**. Giving back to God, either through contributions to our parish or the CFA, should involve a sacrifice, one that reflects God's generosity to us individually!

INTENTIONS

- Mon, May 17th **8:30am Annabelle Delgado & Pascual Espina (D)**
- Tues, May 18th **8:30am George Heins III (D)**
- Wed, May 19th **8:30am Diana Surgeon (D)**
- Thur, May 20th **8:30am Martha Ess (D)**
- Fri, May 21st **8:30am Ken & Ann Weber (D)**
- Sat, May 22nd **8:30pm Robert Ryan (D)**
4pm Bronislaw Jebnek (D)
- Sun, May 23rd **7:30am Scott Geiser (D)**
9am People of the Parish
10:45am Carole Anne Maxwell BD Mem. (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.**



Happy Birthday, Patty!

We'd like to wish Patty Larker a happy (belated) birthday - May 6th. Patty is a pillar of our San Pedro Community and her tireless efforts do not go unnoticed!

Fr. Patrick Organ **Pastor**
Fr. Leszek Trojanowski **Parochial Vicar**
Rev. Tom Caliguire **Deacon**
Rev. Richard Frohmiller **Deacon**

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Feast of the Solemnity of the Ascension

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, **“Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.** He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned...”



Ask Yourself...

The 1st reading proclaims “God shows no partiality.” The 2nd declares that “God is love.” Do I exclude anyone from my love or my prayers?

The feast of the Ascension seems to be more about the apostles going out than Jesus going up! As Jesus goes to his Father, the message is to take over the gospel now, and to be witnesses to him. We are to share what we have received, speak of what we have seen and heard.

WITNESSING FOR LIFE. Witnesses to a road accident can often contradict each other. They get mixed up in what they saw or heard. Or they may have only glanced at the event and moved on. We can be witnesses of Feast of Christ the King Jesus who really stayed with the event, not just with a glance. Witnessing to Jesus is for life, and involves all of life. It is to have seen and heard the best story ever told, and the most influential life ever lived.

We witness to Jesus in prayer, in reading the gospel and in service of others in love. Prayer means a time to be in touch with God who is reaching out to us all the time. The gospel is what feeds our souls and minds, a daily opening to the words and deeds of Jesus. Loving service brings us to witness in a real way the care of God as we give and receive care.

NEW PRESENCE. This is what we give to the ascended Lord and receive from him. The word of God is divine words in human words. All of our time with God is linking heaven and earth, and we are sharers in his divinity as he is in our humanity. Far from being the absence of Jesus, it is his presence in a new way among us. *Lord, may your kingdom come!*

Donal Neary SJ



Interested in the Music Ministry?

Contact Dawn Vitalis at (941)-441-7604. Rehearsals Wednesday at 6pm in the Church using the side entrance to the choir section. All are welcome!

A State of Wisdom

“Wisdom is not a thing at all. It is a state of being.”

“Forty is the old age of youth. Fifty is the youth of old age.” -Victor Hugo

“To be 70 years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be 40 years old.” -Oliver Wendell Homes

“To win you must begin.”

“Nobody really cares if you’re miserable. So, you might as well be happy.”

“You are unique, and if that is not fulfilled then something has been lost.”

“Happiness is a butterfly, which when pursued is always beyond our grasp, but which, if you sit down quietly may alight upon you.” -Hawthorne

“Our deeds are seeds of fate sown here on Earth, but bring forth their harvest in eternity.” -Boardman

“Death is the golden key that opens the palace of eternity.” -John Milton



A Joke

A boy ran into the drugstore very excitedly and shouted, “A bull is chasing my dad!” “What do you want me to do about it?” asked the clerk. “Put film in my camera quick!” the boy replied.

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. This weekend we'd like to remember the souls of Parishioners:

Let us pray for the repose of the soul for the recently deceased: Laurel McCabe

Bereavement Group begins.

We are starting a Bereavement Group on May 20th @ 10:30am until 12:00noon. The group will meet every Thursday for seven weeks.



REACH OUT

If you are interested in joining us or would like to learn more, please contact Pattie at 941-423-7139 or nurse@sanpedrocc.org

It is a very informal group for anyone who has lost a loved one. We will meet in the activity center on the San Pedro campus.

If you would like to attend call the parish nurse Pattie at 941-423-7139. If you cannot come to every meeting, no problem. Light refreshments will be served.

We reach out to each other with love and understanding. As we work to cope with this life-changing event in the light of our faith,

we begin the process of finding new meaning and purpose in our lives. Bring a friend... bring a loved one... You will be warmly welcomed.

Compassion is sometimes the fatal capacity for feeling what it is like to live inside somebody else's skin. It is the knowledge that there can never really be any peace and joy for me until there is peace and joy finally for you too. Our Bereavement Group is the most delicate of all our ministries at San Pedro.



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.

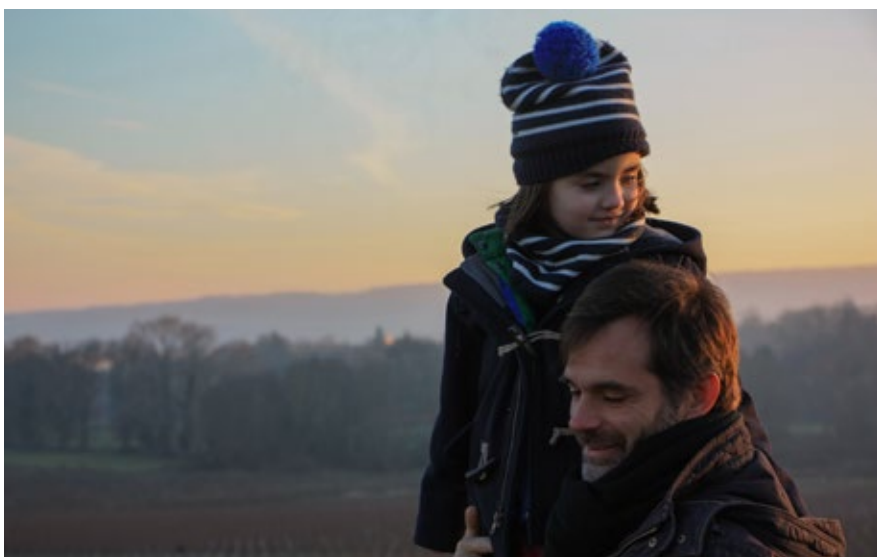
Arrangements for the dedication of Altar Bread, Wine and Flowers are made by calling or stopping by the office Monday thru Friday, 9am-2pm.



The gratitude goes to...

Altar Bread and Wine for the month of May have been donated *In Loving Memory* of Sam Cipriano by Rosa Cipriano

The Altar Flowers this weekend have been donated *In Loving Memory* of Aubrey Jeffers by Ellen Jeffers



P: 941-426-2500

Call us to reserve your intention or stop by the Parish Office. The deadline for Father's Day is Monday, June 14th.

Fatherly Intentions

Intentions for Father's Day June 20th - Get them in now!

The 9:00am Mass will be offered for an unlimited number of Living & Deceased fathers. Their names and the names of the donors will be listed in the bulletin. Arrange a 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 Father's Day is Mon. 6/14/21

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.



Register for Faith Formation

Registrations have started and if you are interested in helping or finding out where your gifts can be used **please call Miss Anne at 941-426-2893**. Tentative Class times for grade levels are listed in the Parish Life Center. Email faithformation@sanpedrocc.org



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/

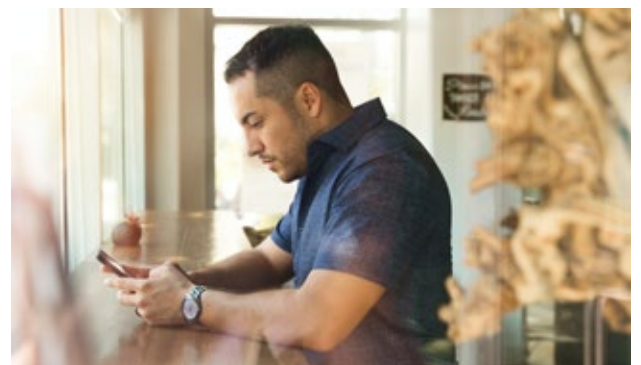
Project Rachel (Healing)

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/

Support Catholic Communications

The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) is an opportunity to bring truth and hope to people across the United States and around the world. The essential mission of the CCC is to contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, internet, other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press.



The CCC Collection which will be May 15 and 16, 2021

Please support this important work in the upcoming Collection which will be May 15 and 16, 2021 in the Diocese of Venice. Thank you for your generosity! I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration and my prayers. -Bishop Frank Dewane | Diocese of Venice in Florida



Investing in Our Greater Community AND at Home
50% of the funds raised by the CCC support projects across the US and in developing countries and the other 50% stays here in the Diocese

Venice Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 34th Annual Convention



"What have you done for the least of my people?"
Matthew 25:40

This years VDCCW Convention is being hosted at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church @ 1301 Center Road, Venice, FL 34293

You're Invited to Attend ...

VDCCW Convention Day 1

Friday, June 4, 2021, starting @ 9:30am

VDCCW Convention Day 2

Saturday, June 5, 2021, starting @ 9:30am – Mass @ 3:00pm

**Cost of 2-day convention is \$75 and includes lunch each day
(cost of one day cost = \$65)
Unfortunately, no registrations will be accepted after 5/25/2021**

Each day will include personal development time, dynamic speakers and workshops, as well as providing the opportunity to meet women from around the Diocese along with the President of the Florida Council of Women.

Hear a motivating message from Bishop Dewane who will be present each day with a message for the group. Your Spirituality, Leadership and Service (mission statement) activities will be fed and challenged!

Please contact Bernadette Rafferty (raffs2@mindspring.com or (704) 968-9580) for registration applications or Ellen Bachman (pennyln99@aol.com or (941) 721-7393) for additional information.

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 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.



Special San Pedro Announcements

Employment Opportunity: San Pedro Catholic Church is seeking a part-time Maintenance worker. This position requires the following skills: Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, Equipment, Landscape and other types of maintenance. Apply at the Diocese of Venice website.

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. 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.



BINGO coming in September! Hold onto your hats!