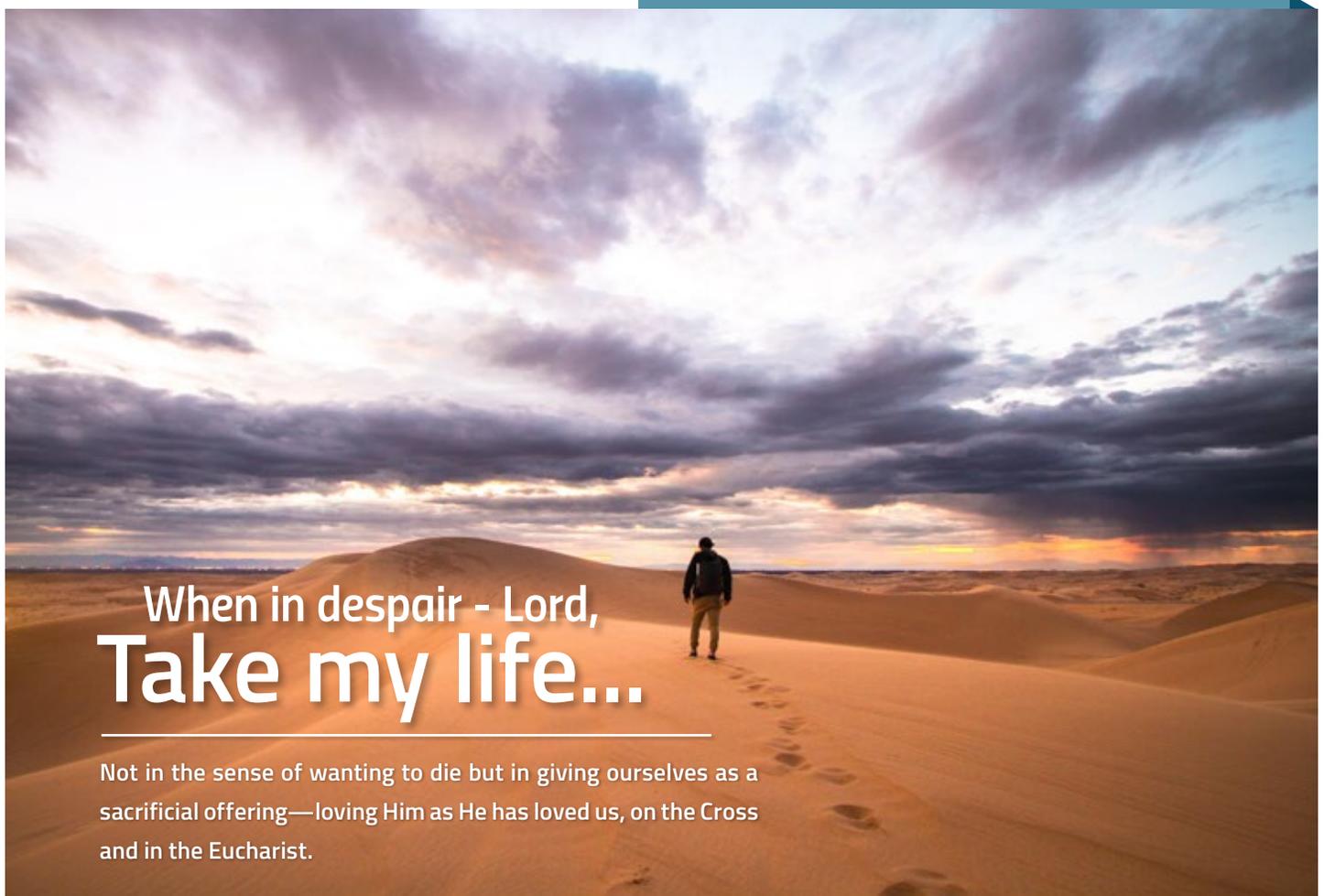




# SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA



When in despair - Lord,  
**Take my life...**

Not in the sense of wanting to die but in giving ourselves as a sacrificial offering—loving Him as He has loved us, on the Cross and in the Eucharist.



Readings: Lec 116  
Reading 1 Kgs 19:4-8  
Resp Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
Reading Eph 4:30—5:2  
Gospel Jn 6:41-51

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Weekly Offertory 8/01/21  
Offertory: \$9,504  
2nd Collection: \$2,129  
Maintenance & Repair

## Lunch n'Learn: "Journeying with Deacon"

August 10th 2021 @11:30am in the Activity Center



Lunch N'Learn on August 10th, 2021 at 11:30am in the Activity Center. Topic: "Journeying with Deacon" Speaker: Deacon Tom. Please call Pattie, Parish Nurse @ 941-423-7139 for a lunch reservation. Thank you!

*"Man becomes an image of God not so much in the moment of solitude as in the moment of communion."*

# INTENTIONS

- Mon, Aug 9th **8:30am Ana Chan Ngo +**
- Tues, Aug 10th **8:30am Frank Stroker, Sr. +**
- Wed, Aug 11th **8:30am People of the Parish**
- Thur, Aug 12th **8:30am Audrey Mueller-Vestring +**
- Fri, Aug 13th **8:30am Charles "Tony" Snethkamp+**
- Sat, Aug 14th **8:30am People of the Parish**  
**4pm Angelo Caruso +**
- Sun, Aug 15th **7:30am Robert Paul Benson +**  
**Philip and Freida Ouellette +**  
**The Bergeron Family**  
**9am People of the Parish**  
**10:45am Betty & Teddy Quitoni +**

## 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.**



### Blood Drive August 29th

There will be a Blood Drive on Aug. 29th 2021 in our church parking lot from 9:00am until 12:30pm. Save a life!

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# Scott Hahn - 19th Sunday: John 6:41-51

Sometimes we feel like Elijah in today's First Reading. We want to lie down and die, keenly aware of our failures—that we seem to be getting no better at doing what God wants of us.



## Think On This

How many times have you wanted to lie down and give up on the spiritual journey? What did you change to renew your faith?

**We can be tempted to despair, as the prophet was on his forty-day journey in the desert.** We can be tempted to “murmur” against God, as the Israelites did during their forty years in the desert (see Exodus 16:2, 7, 8; 1 Corinthians 10:10). The Gospel today uses the same word, “murmur,” to describe the crowds, who reenact Israel’s hardheartedness in the desert.

Jesus tells them that prophecies are being fulfilled in Him, that they are being taught by God. But they can’t believe it. They can only see His flesh, that He is the “son” of Joseph and Mary.

Yet if we believe, if we seek Him in our distress, He will deliver us from our fears, as we sing in today’s Psalm. At the altar in every Eucharist, the angel of the Lord, the Lord himself (see Exodus 3:1–2), touches

us. He commands us to take and eat His Flesh given for the life of the world (see Matthew 26:26). This taste of the heavenly gift (see Hebrews 6:4–5) comes to us with a renewed command—to get up and continue on the journey we began in Baptism to the mountain of God, the kingdom of heaven. He will give us the bread of life, the strength and grace we need—as He fed our spiritual ancestors in the wilderness and Elijah in the desert. So let us stop grieving the Spirit of God, as Paul says in today’s Epistle, in another reference to Israel in the desert (see Isaiah 63:10).

Let us say to God as Elijah did, “Take my life.” Not in the sense of wanting to die but in giving ourselves as a sacrificial offering—loving Him as He has loved us, on the Cross and in the Eucharist.

## Every child a Wanted Child

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Prior to the legalization of abortion, advocates for abortion held out the panacea of the elimination of “unwanted children” if only abortion was legal. In fact, it was Planned Parenthood, which led this charge, coining the familiar slogan, “Every child a wanted child”. Even though some 60 million “unwanted” babies have died in the intervening period, the pro-choice lobby still uses this argument to justify abortion.

In the 1960’s and 70’s the pro-choice position was that legalizing abortion would drastically reduce child abuse. America legalized abortion, and child abuse has skyrocketed. Yet, despite this staggering increase in child abuse, the pro-choice lobby continues to tie itself in knots by now arguing that making abortion illegal would cause an increase in child abuse! How many more millions of children do we have to kill before their scheme starts to work?

Moreover, since when does anyone’s right to live depend upon someone else wanting them? Women rightfully resent that the value of a woman is sometimes determined by whether a man wants her. How can anyone possibly insist that the value of an unborn baby is to be determined by whether a mother wants him or her at any given time? To use being wanted by someone as a measure of whether a human life can live is a truly frightening concept. Its converse logically awaits us: that the unwanted can be eliminated. Don’t forget that Hitler’s Germany was ideal for wanted Aryans.

To make sense, the slogan: “Every child a wanted child” has to be completed “and if not wanted, aborted.” To complete the sentence removes the mask from this misleading slogan and reveals it for the evil that it is!



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join us for a Prayer Shawl Meeting on **August 9th, 2021** in the Activity Center at 11:00am until Noon. We look forward to seeing you!



# 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. Please contact the Parish Office to request a Mass Intention.

Let us pray for the eternal life of recently deceased: **Susan Morrill & Dawn Downer**

# Faith Formation & RCIA for Adults

**Registration for 2021-2022 Faith Formation has begun**, please come by the Faith Formation office for the forms, or email [faithformation@sanpedrocc.org](mailto:faithformation@sanpedrocc.org)



## 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 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.

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

#### Have you or someone you know...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but

has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information, please contact Anne Mckee 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 and remain present for daily Mass. They're a way to bring joy to others while remember a loved one. 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 August is donated In Loving Memory of W. & K, Lis from their Daughter

Flowers on the Altar for this weekend 8/8/21: In Loving Memory of William McMillin by Ellen Jeffers



P: 941-625-5533

Visit [www.stcharlespc.org/st-charles-borromeo-catholic-school](http://www.stcharlespc.org/st-charles-borromeo-catholic-school) for more information. We look forward to meeting you!

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# Scholarships

## Catholic Schools

Visit the Diocese of Venice Catholic School application webpage at <https://www.stepupforstudents.org/swflcatholic>.

**Step Up for Students is a state-approved non-profit scholarship funding organization that helps administer four scholarships for Florida schoolchildren:** the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program (FTC) for lower to middle income families, the Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES) for lower to middle income families and students with unique abilities (formerly

Gardiner), as well as the Hope Scholarship. These scholarships could provide up to \$7,000 for a Catholic School education with 2021 adjusted income guidelines. Step Up for Students will continue accepting applications throughout the school year. Visit the Diocese of Venice Catholic School application webpage at <https://www.stepupforstudents.org/swflcatholic>



Women... Find Your Purpose... Feed Your Soul at last, a powerful Catholic study just for you!

# Full of Grace

WOMEN & THE ABUNDANT LIFE FOUNDATIONAL STUDY



Vatican II asked women to accept God's urgent call to **"Aid humanity in not falling."** **Full of Grace**, by Johnnette Benkovic Williams, will teach you how by revealing God's purpose and mission for you. **Over 9 weeks**, by looking to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is our exemplar, you will delve into prayer, Sacred Scripture, church documents and teachings, the Catechism, and the lives of women saints. In addition, you will experience the healing power of the Holy Spirit as you are nurtured and fed spiritually, mentally and emotionally.

Be equipped to fulfill your call and mission as a woman of grace in the world today! **"For in this century we must no longer count on men to preserve the faith. The grain of faith that will be saved will hide itself among women. A woman cannot remain neutral in the world. She too is set for the fall and resurrection of many"** ~St. Madeline Sophie Barat (from Full of Grace, Study Guide)

**Information:** The Informational meeting has passed but for more info or to RSVP, contact Anne McKeon at [faithformation@sanpedrocc.org](mailto:faithformation@sanpedrocc.org), or 941-426-2893.

Study begins Tuesday, August 17th from 6 to 8pm. Full of Grace Book and Study Guide is purchased at [www.womenofgrace.com](http://www.womenofgrace.com). Questions: contact Linda deGonzague, [lindadegonzague@gmail.com](mailto:lindadegonzague@gmail.com), 301-752-6248

## Give to Support The Church in Africa

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The church in Africa is growing rapidly! While rejoicing in this growth, it presents several truly difficult challenges. Many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care to support their faith. For example, in Eritrea, government travel restrictions prevent Eritreans under the age of 50 from

going abroad and this prevents pastors in Eritrean parishes from receiving the training they need to effectively administer their parishes. Your contribution will assist in providing pastoral care and support to large numbers of people throughout Africa as they face many obstacles that come from poverty and unemployment, poor health care, and migration. Won't you please be generous to this collection and pray for our sisters and brothers in Africa?



I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration in my prayers! Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Frank J. Dewane  
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida



### When will this Collection Take Place?

The collection for Solidarity with the Church in Africa will be taken up in the Diocese of Venice this weekend August 7 & 8, 2021.



## NOW ENROLLING FOR 2021-2022

PreK 3, PreK 4/VPK  
Kindergarten-8th grade



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## 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

**Year of the Family** - On March 19, 2021, the fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia, on the joy and beauty of familial love, Pope Francis inaugurated the year "Amoris Laetitia Family" which will conclude on June 26, 2022 on the occasion of the next World Meeting of Families in Rome. When announced, the Dicastery said in a statement "The Pandemic experience has highlighted the central role of the family as the domestic Church and has shown the importance of community ties between families."

**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.



**BINGO coming in September! Hold onto your hats!**