



SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA



We begin another season of Faith Formation

Between RCIA for Adults, Confirmation for ALL ages, Bible Study and an array of ministries, we are walking with Christ at San Pedro - and we ask you to join us on this journey. See inside for more details.



Readings: Lec 122
Reading Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17
Resp Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19
Reading Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a
Gospel Jn 6:60-69

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Weekly Offertory 8/15/21

Offertory: \$7,320
2nd Collection: \$1,813
Assumption

A Prayer for Hurricane Season

"O God, Creator and Lord of the Universe..."



You have set the earth upon its foundation, and all the elements of nature obey your commands. We humbly beseech you to keep us safe from all dangers and calm the storms which may threaten us. May we be secure in your loving protection and serve you always with grateful hearts. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ. You Son, who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

INTENTIONS

- Mon, Aug 23rd **8:30am** Elizabeth Beaulieu +
- Tues, Aug 24th **8:30am** Elis & Nancy Kotary +
- Wed, Aug 25th **8:30am** Novena Mass for Life
Frank Rieser & Jeanette Flaherty 14th Anniv
Reynold Gerson +
- Thur, Aug 26th **8:30am** Carole Anne Maxwell 6th Mem. Anniv. +
- Fri, Aug 27th **8:30am** Helen & Ed Gebhart +
- Sat, Aug 28th **8:30am** Augustine Montealegre
4pm Teresa Wasilewski 6th Mem. Anniv +
- Sun, Aug 29th **7:30am** Holy Souls in Purgatory
Colleen Givens +
9am People of the Parish
10:45am Gene Pacifico +

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 on the 21st Sunday: John 6:60–69

The Twelve Apostles in today's Gospel are asked to make a choice—either to believe and accept the New Covenant He offers in His Body and Blood or return to their former ways of life.



On Sacrifice

In the way that Christ sacrificed His life for the salvation of his people, what parts of your life will you sacrifice for Him?

Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the Twelve Tribes to make in today's First Reading. Joshua gathers them at Shechem—where God first appeared to their father Abraham promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land (see Genesis 12:1–9). And he issues a blunt challenge: either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist—a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt. He has promised us a new homeland and eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His Flesh and

drink His Blood we will have no life in us.

It is a hard saying, as many murmur in today's Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life. We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed Himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world.

As we hear in today's Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants.

Something to Think About

You have not fulfilled every duty unless you have fulfilled that of being pleasant. – Charles Buxton

I find that doing the will of God leaves me no time for disputing about his plans. –George MacDonald

Every house where love abides and friendship is a guest, is surely home, and home sweet home for there the heart can rest. –Henry Van Dyke

Die when I may, I want it said of me by those who knew me best that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower might grow. –Abraham Lincoln



A memory without blot or contamination must be an exquisite treasure, an inexhaustible source of pure refreshment. –Charlotte Bronte

It is not sufficient to have great qualities; we must be able to make proper use of them. –La Rochefoucauld

Bad temper is its own scourge. Few things are bitterer than to feel bitter. A man's venom poisons himself more than his victim. –Charles Buxton

A Joke

Farmer Jones was trying to impress a woman tourist by letting her know that he could tell a lot about the weather just by looking at his cows. "If the cows are lying down, it's going to be clear," he said. "If they're standing up, watch out for rain. They can tell when rain is in the air. They're up on their feet and feeling restless." "But look at your cows now," the woman remarked. "Some are standing up and some are lying down." "Well," explained Farmer Jones, "That means that it may rain, and it may not."



Choir Practice Begins Again!

Choir Practice is starting up again on Sunday, September 5th for the 10:45 am Mass. Rehearsals will be every Thursday evening in San Pedro Church at 6 pm. Anyone interested in joining, please contact Dawn Vitalis at 941-441-7604.



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: **William McRae**

Faith Formation & RCIA for Adults

Here are the important dates for the beginning of this Faith Formation Year. We're looking forward to seeing you again!



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

General Parent Orientations and the First Class

- **SUNDAY:** September 12, 2021 @ 9:00am (ACTIVITY CENTER)
- **WEDNESDAY:** September 15, 2021 @ 6:00pm (MEETING ROOM)

Parents may attend either orientation it does not matter what day your child attends class.

We are still registering for 2021-2022 year. Sunday Pre-Confirmation class is full, spots are available on Wednesday. Please call our office if you still need to register 426-2893. Registration will end when the first class is held.

2021(11th Grade) Confirmation Parents: The Welcome Back Meeting will be September 29, 2021 in the Parish Life Center at 6:00pm. Students do not need to attend. You will receive the information you need for picture and robe orders and the final calendar leading to the October 23rd Confirmation Mass.

2022 (10th Grade) Confirmation Parents: The Welcome Back Meeting will be Thursday, September 26, 2021 in the Parish Life Center at 9:00am. Students need to attend, this will be their first class. You will receive the schedule for the year and the special events the students will be expected to attend. Place on your calendar the October 23rd, Saturday Confirmation Mass for the 11th graders, the 10th graders need to attend if they did not attend one last year. Mass will begin at 10:00am.

2023 (9th Grade) Confirmation Parents: Parent and Student Orientation will be held on September 22, 2021 at 6:00pm. You will receive your Confirmation Folder with all the information you need for the next 2 years as these students prepare for the Sacrament. All are expected to attend. The students need to attend this will be their first class. Place on your calendar the October 23rd, Saturday Confirmation Mass for the 11th graders, the 9th graders need to attend if they have not attended a Confirmation Mass before. Mass will begin at 10:00am.

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 8/22/21: In Loving Memory of Reynold Gerson from Linda Gerson



P: 941-625-5533

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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, 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. Questions: contact Linda deGonzague, lindadegonzague@gmail.com, 301-752-6248

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you someone of do you know someone who... Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized? Was baptized Catholic as 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.



How to get in touch and sign up.

If you're interested in RCIA or have questions, contact Anne McKeon at faithformation@sanpedrocc.org, or 941-426-2893



Maria Legionis 100th Anniversary Celebration
 Epiphany Cathedral Parish Hall - A
 350 Tampa Avenue West, Venice, FL 34285 | (941) 484-3505

Saturday, September 11, 2021 | 4pm

4PM Mass	Every family please bring a dish to share!
5:30PM Pot Luck Dinner	Sponsored by The Legion of Mary.
6:30PM Living Rosary	RSVP: Julie Courville (941) 720-5690
7:00PM Dessert & Coffee	All are welcome!

Special & Catholic Announcements

Casino Bus Trip \$25 - The Holy Name Society is proud to announce a Casino Bus Trip to the Seminole Casino Hotel in Immokalee. The trip will take place **September 20th and we will leave the parking lot at 8:00am.** For questions or to make a reservation, contact Ron Sadowski (Director of Ushers) at 941-416-5599. Space is limited. Reserve your spot today!



We need Ushers! - We're in need of Ushers for both the 9:00 & 10:45 am Masses. Please contact Ron Sadowski (Director of Ushers) at 941-416-5599

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.

"Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane" - Join Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, for his monthly radio program. "Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane" can be heard at 8:30 a.m., Friday, August 27th on 1660 AM in Naples as well as 1410 AM and 106.7 FM in Fort Myers. Listen anywhere online at RelevantRadio.com.

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

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.

