

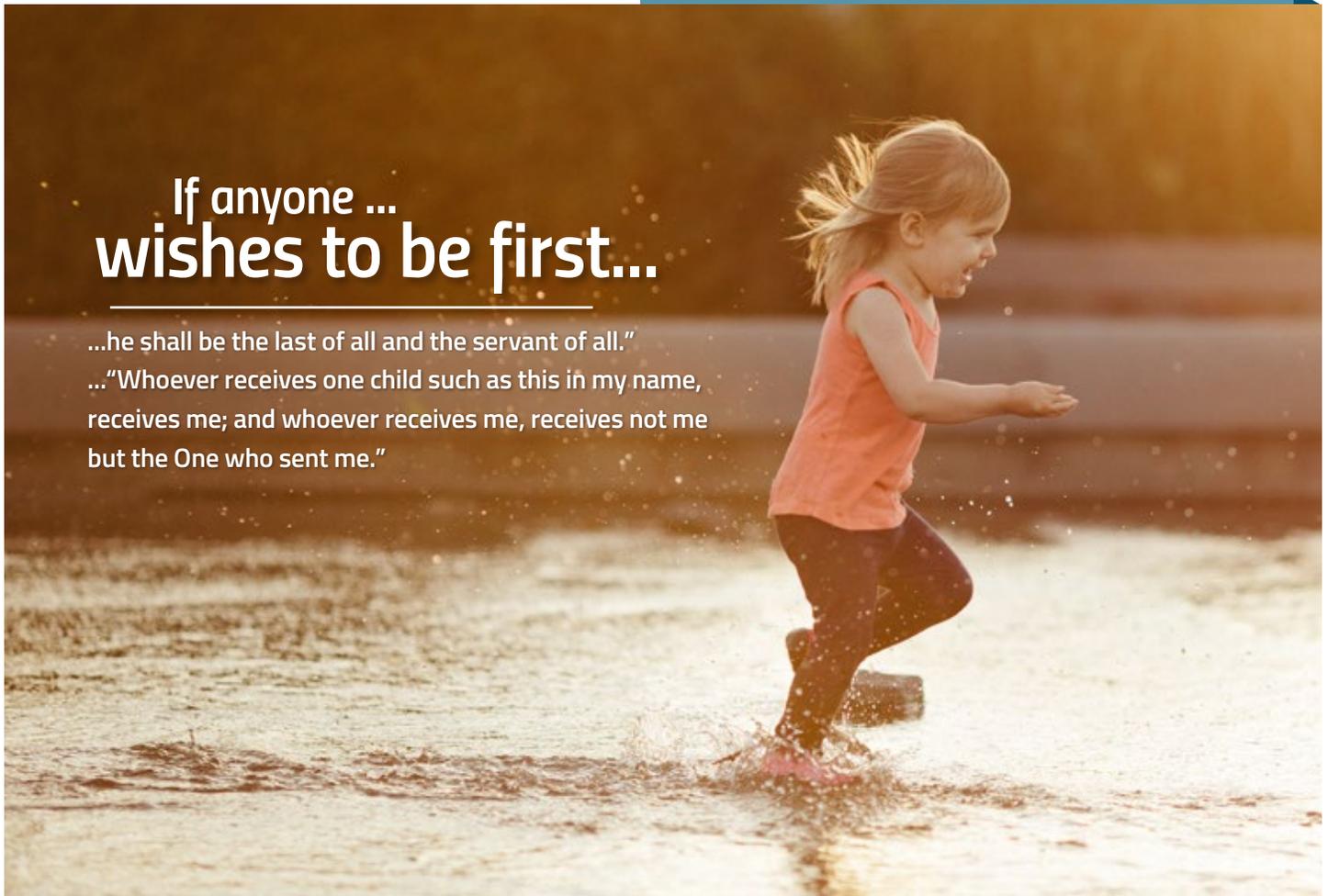


# SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA

If anyone ...  
wishes to be first...

...he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."  
..."Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,  
receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me  
but the One who sent me."



Readings: Lec 134  
Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20  
Resp Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 & 8  
Reading Jas 3:16—4:3  
Gospel Mk 9:30-37

134



Weekly Offertory 9/12/21  
Offertory: \$9,858  
2nd Collection: \$2,147  
Maintenance & Repair

## San Pedro Church Rosary 10/16

Saturday, October 16th at Noon



Join us in front of the Churh for the  
Intention: **Conversion in the world and  
commemoration of the Oct. 13th, 2017  
Fatima Apparition.**

Please bring rosary and chair if you want to  
sit. Water will be provided. We look forward to  
your prayerful presence.

# INTENTIONS

- Mon, Sep 20th **8:30am** Richard D. Parkinson +
- Tues, Sep 21st **8:30am** Jack Frisbie +
- Wed, Sep 22nd **8:30am** Coleen & Dorothy Givens +  
John Hastings +  
Carmen & Tommy Miller's 55th Anniv.
- Thur, Sep 23rd **8:30am** Phil Fouchey +
- Fri, Sep 24th **8:30am** Patricia Snow Jones +
- Sat, Sep 25th **8:30am** Novena Mass for Life  
**4pm** Raymond Calabrese +
- Sun, Sep 26th **7:30am** Mary Lou Grasser +  
Alice M Miller BD Celebration  
Judy & Frank Miller's 55th Anniv.  
**9am** People of the Parish  
**10:45am** Anita & James Lofland +

## 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.

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

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# The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Mark 9:30-37

Throughout Mark's Gospel, the disciples remain at about the same level of understanding, or lack thereof. **It was partly because they were afraid to ask.**



## Ask Yourself

Pick a friend and brainstorm out loud a list of questions you think disciples might have wanted to ask Jesus at that point.

**But I think it was partly because their burning question was not, "How can I better understand and live out Jesus' identity and mission?", but rather, "How can I be the greatest?"**

What if lack of prayer led to lack of understanding and fear of asking for help? We may not understand the mystery of prayer, what it does and how it does it, but we all know what happens when we don't pray. We all know that not praying leads to a cycle of scattered thoughts, bad decisions and actions we later regret. This seems to be what happened to the disciples in this text. In the text from 8:27-38, we saw how Peter's rebuke instigated Jesus' teaching about the way of the cross. Here again, the disciples' mistaken priorities call forth a clear teaching from Jesus. This time it is about who is greatest. In looking at the text, it seems to me that the disciples' argument has four roots:

**1. fear that they have fallen in Jesus' estimation (9:19) 2. insecurity at their failure to heal the boy (9:29), 3. resentment toward one another as**

**Jesus chastises them 4. eagerness to compete to regain his approval**

Their focus on their reputations, a priority each of them held inside, comes to the surface in an argument over who was the greatest that would make them all look small (9:33-37). It turns out that to be great is not to impress crowds with displays of healing, or to try to become the teacher's pet of a Teacher who refuses to play favorites.

I've heard sermons on this text that make the point we have to become children to be great. They conclude by encouraging us to focus on our inward lives, on becoming more pure, more innocent, more humble, more spontaneous, more trusting.

It turns out that to be great is to be focused on something quite other than oneself. It turns out that greatness lies in welcoming one who is not viewed as great by the culture, the child, the one who is beyond the circle, who needs a welcome. So here is the final "What if?" question. What if we actually did that?

## Something to Think About

You're overweight if you're living beyond you seams. –Unknown

Don't let yesterday take up too much of today.

None but God can satisfy the longing of the immortal soul; as the heart was made for him, he only can fill it. –Trench

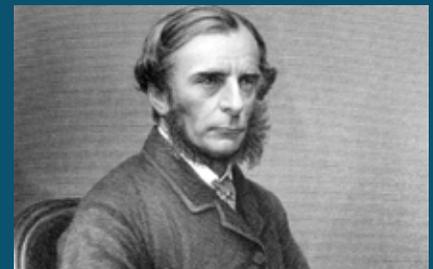
All sunshine makes a desert. –Arabian Proverb

There is no witness so terrible and no accuser so powerful as conscience which dwells within us. –Sophocles

The true calling of a Christian is not to do extraordinary things, but to do ordinary things in an extraordinary way. –Dean Stanley

Lost wealth may be replaced by industry, lost knowledge by study, lost health by temperance, but lost time is gone forever. –Samuel Smiles

Make a rule and pray to God to help you keep it; never, if possible, to lie down at night without being able to say, "I have made one human being at least a little wiser, a little happier, or a little better this day". –Charles Kingsley



## A Joke

A young priest was called to a hospital where an old man lay dying. The priest leaned over the old man's bed and said, "I am a priest, is there anything I can do for you?"

With an effort, the old man turned and groaned, "Stop sending me envelopes."

**ATTN: Our Casino Bus Trip has been Cancelled!**



# 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 deceased: **Keith Gabler, David Alexander Klass & Emilia Cornak**

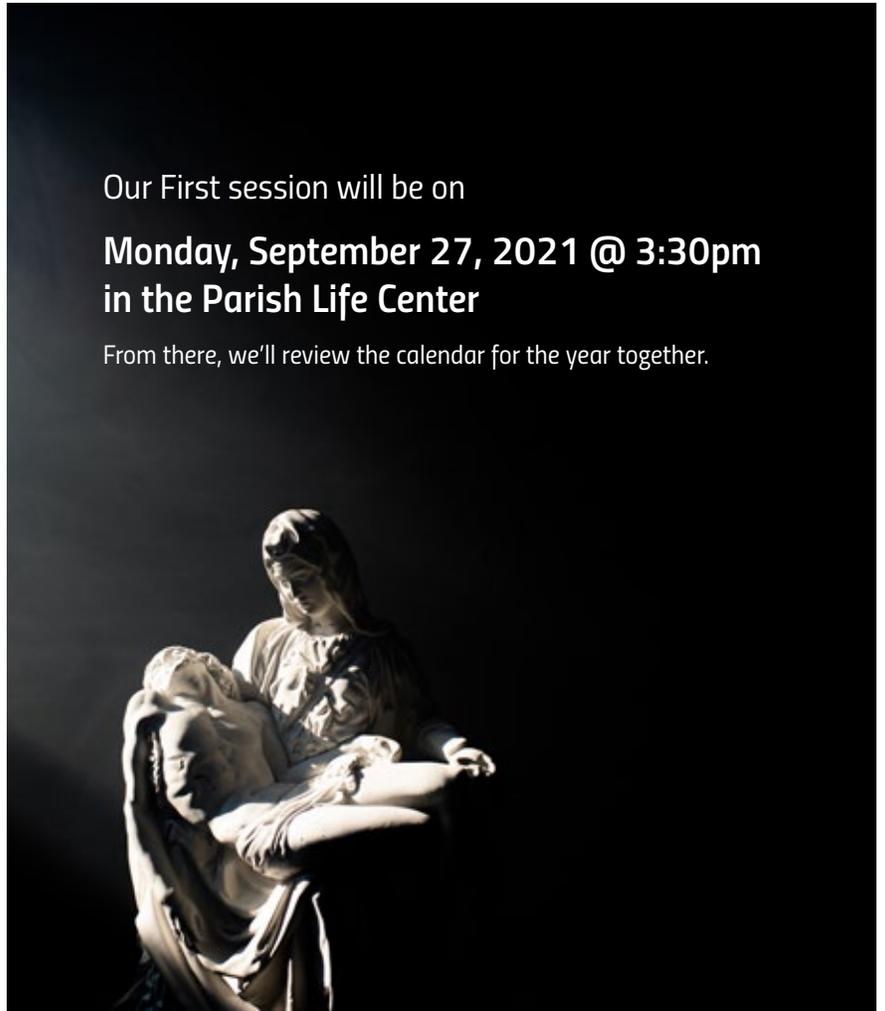
# Become Catholic or Recieve Sacraments

Anyone interested in starting the process to become Catholic or receive the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation please call the Faith Formation office at 426-2893 and talk to Anne.

Our First session will be on

**Monday, September 27, 2021 @ 3:30pm  
in the Parish Life Center**

From there, we'll review the calendar for the year together.



## 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 September is for the Intention of Conway Family from James & Cora Conway

The Altar Flowers for this weekend have been donated : In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Gallagher from Betram & Anna Marie Twaits

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# James

AN 11-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING  
JEFF CAVINS



### Dates - Times - Location

SEPTEMBER 27, 2021  
THRU  
NOVEMBER 22, 2021

6:30PM-8:30PM  
PARISH LIFE CENTER

Cost - Registration  
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—Margaret T.



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### PRIORITY CONTACT INFO:

Jackie McCoy at 206-963-6234, or contact the Faith Formation Office at 941-427-2893

# 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>



# Lost & Found items abound

We'd like to bring to your attention that our Lost and Found overfloweth with items that we assume will help a lot of people. Everything from **keys, to reading/eyeglasses, phones and more.** We'd really like to reunite the owners. Come to our Religious Store to check it out!



## THE Pilgrim Virgin STATUE

Please invite the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima to your home for a week visit. Contact **Betty Williams or Ania at 941-876-3826** to facilitate a visit.

## Mandatory Ushers Meeting on 9/27

We are holding a mandatory meeting for Ushers on September 27th at 7PM for all Ushers and people with a desire to serve in that role. Life Safety Solutions will be performing certification for CPR and AED (defibrillator). Life Safety Solutions has trained over 350,000 people, and their instructors regularly receive positive feedback from clients. Life Safety Solutions is an AHA Authorized Training Center and an ECSI Education Center.



*Michelle was such a great, informative and patient instructor. All who attended left with a better understanding of CPR/First Aid & AED. I, myself, feel more confident that if ever in that situation I now have the knowledge to help out.*

—Jennifer, Human Resources, J.J. Taylor, Fort Pierce, FL



### How to get in touch and sign up.

Please contact Ron Sadowski (Director of Ushers) at 941-416-5559 to reserve your spot today.



For info: <https://ccfdiooceseofvenice.org/first-friday-prayer-intentions/>

# 1st Friday Prayer with Bishop Dewane

On the first Friday of every month, you are invited to join Bishop Frank J. Dewane in prayer on the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida's Facebook page, where he will be praying for all intentions that were submitted during the previous month. We also encourage you to visit the Foundation's Facebook page throughout the month to submit your own personal prayer intentions in the comment section of the "First Friday Prayer Intentions with Bishop Dewane" video posts.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ccfdov>

Website: <https://ccfdiooceseofvenice.org/first-friday-prayer-intentions/>

## Announcements

**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 941-416-5559

**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, September 24th on 1660 AM in Naples as well as 1410 AM and 106.7 FM in Fort Myers. Listen anywhere online at RelevantRadio.com.

## BINGO IS BACK!

September 17th. Activity Center doors open at 4:30PM.

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society.



## 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.

