



SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA

Anticipation. *Advent*

"...Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Children's Mass 5:30pm & Midnight Mass
Christmas Day – 7:30am, 9:00am & 10:45am



Readings: Lec 6

Reading Bar 5:1-9
Resp Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Reading Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Gospel Lk 3:1-6



Weekly Offertory 11/28/21

Offertory: \$10,015
2nd Collection: \$2,018
Capital Expense

Breakfast with Santa! AND HOLIDAY SALE

Join us on **Sunday Dec 12, 2021 from 8am-1pm**. This event will include raffles, giveaways, and fun stuff for the kids!
Pancake breakfasts are \$7.00



INTENTIONS

- Mon, Dec 6th 8:30am **Theresa Ann Fanara +**
- Tues, Dec 7th 8:30am **Roger McAvoy Mem Anniv +**
- Wed, Dec 8th 7:30am **Eileen Murphy +**
9:00am **Deceased Mem. of DeAnna Family+**
7:00pm **Bill Elrick & the Souls in Purgatory +**
- Thur, Dec 9th 8:30am **Lee & Ruth Elrick+**
- Fri, Dec 10th 8:30am **Helen & Edward Gebhart +**
- Sat, Dec 11th 8:30am **Marian Renna +**
4pm **Deacon Vern Bechard Mem Anniv +**
- Sun, Dec 12th 7:30am **Sansone & Girdelli Families +**
Dan Engel BD Mem +
Tom Cascio +
9am **People of the Parish**
10:45am **Chad Ryan Ledford +**

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.**



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The 2nd Sunday of Advent: Luke 3:1–6

We are always invited to open ourselves to further conversion, to an ever deeper change of heart, to a deeper listening to what Jesus is asking of us, “Lord, what do you want me to do, to be?”



Ask Yourself

Where, in the bustle of life, do we find a holy place, a place where we can be apart and encounter God daily?

Our own role is not unlike that of John the Baptist. Like him, each one of us has a mission to communicate the Spirit of Christ and his message of hope, love, freedom and peace to others.

To help people fill their valleys and make their rough paths smoother. A word of affirmation, encouragement and indeed a simple smile can work wonders.

Passage through the wilderness was an integral part of John's mission, as it was for Abraham, Moses, Elijah and Jesus. Where, in all the hurly burly of modern life, do we find a holy place, a place where we can be apart and encounter God daily? John, the cousin of Jesus is a challenging figure. He, the messenger of God is the 'sharpened arrow' whose words pierce to the heart's core. Some people listened to his uncompromising message and changed the direction of their lives. But others resisted.

“Lord, this Advent, give me a welcoming heart. Let me be open to the messengers of your word, especially

to those whom at first glance I might resist, for they are your prophets today urging me to change my way of thinking and living!

The Gospel positions John the Baptist in the history of his time, sign-posting the date of God's intervention in human history. It was not a one-off intervention; it continues through every one who works to prepare the way of the Lord. John the Baptist was an independent Jewish prophet active somewhere around 28 AD. Groups of John's disciples continued to venerate him after his death, and even formed a rival movement to early Christianity. John quotes the prophet Isaiah, “Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.” The image John uses is that of a road engineer, shouting out orders for the construction of the ‘royal road’ of the Lord.

In Advent, I am called upon to open up the royal road to my own heart so that Jesus may be re-birthed in me.

Something to Think About

One man with courage makes a majority. –Andrew Jackson

Be not dismayed nor be surprised if what you do is criticized. Mistakes are made, I'll not deny, but only made by those who try. –Unknown

As men, we are all equal in the presence of death. –Publius Syrus

Death is but a path that must be trod if man would ever pass to God. –Thomas Parnell

Let us endeavor so to live, so that when we die, even the undertaker will be sorry. –Mark Twain

No one is so old that he cannot live yet another year, nor so young that we cannot die today. –Fernando de Rojas

Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely. –Lord Acton

The seven modern sins: Policies without principles; pleasure without conscience; wealth without work; knowledge without character; industry without morality; science without humanity; worship without sacrifice –Unknown

Don't advertise; tell it to a gossip. –Unknown

A Joke

Two men bearing identical names, one a clergyman and the other a businessman, lived in the same city. The clergyman died at about the time the businessman took a trip to California. Upon reaching the pacific coast, the businessman sent his wife a telegram informing her of his safe journey. Unfortunately, the message was delivered to the widow of the clergyman. Imagine her surprise when she read; “Arrived safely—the heat is unbearable.”



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'd like a Mass, 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. For both, 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. Contact the Parish Office to request.

Please pray for the recently deceased:
Barbara Kleer

Happenings and Announcements

We have new Missals we'd like to tell you about and events that you should check out. Get involved!

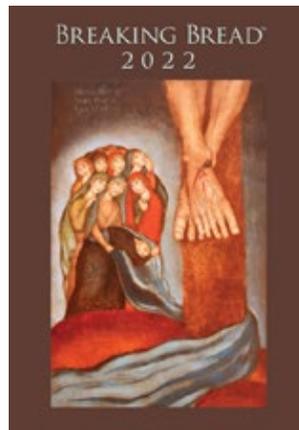


Get Involved

If you are interested in getting involved in our Parish Events, contact our nurse, Patricia at patricia.zaccaro@sanpedrocc.org

Prayer Shawl Meeting. Join us on December 13th, @ 11:00am in the Activity Center.

Lunch and Learn. Join us on December 14th, @ 11:30am in the Activity Center. Our featured speaker is Brian McNeal of the Florida Crime Prevention Task Force.



Breaking Bread 2022 Missals

An annual missal, Breaking Bread features a diverse repertoire of time-honored and contemporary music along with approved content from the ritual books—all updated every year.

We had not planned on Parishioners taking them home like they had last year.

If you do choose to take them home, please **CONSIDER DONATING \$10 TO COVER THE COST OF THE MISSALS.** We are grateful for your generosity.

Giving Sunday Continues

Christmas is once again upon us. We are hoping to provide a nice Christmas for those in need. We discovered last year that providing people with gift cards enabled them to purchase food and gifts that best suited their families. Therefore, rather than a giving tree, we are asking people to donate Walmart gift cards. You can drop them in a collection basket or put them in the poor box. Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you.



ALTAR FLOWERS, BREAD & WINE.

Flowers are used during weekend Masses **outside of Lent and Advent** and remain present for daily Mass. Many dates are available for 2022. They're a way to bring joy to others while remembering 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. We are grateful for your generosity!



The gratitude goes to...

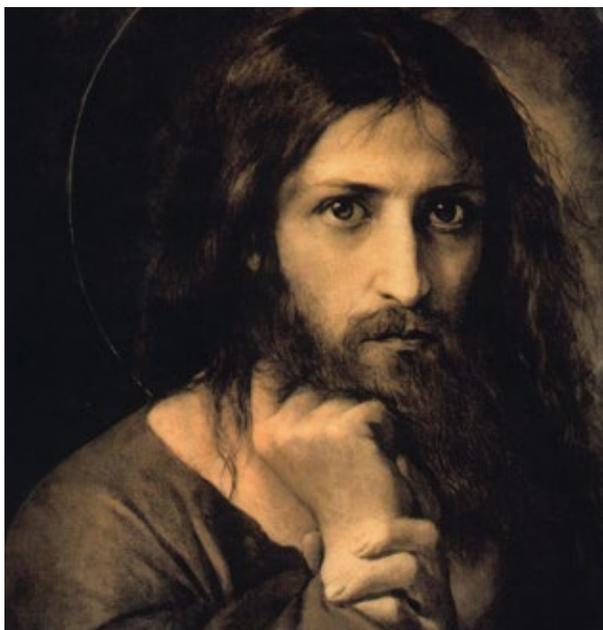
Altar Bread and Wine for December is In Loving Memory of Earl Leuch by Liz Leuch



Join our National Night of Prayer for Life

Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego

Please join Deacon Rich in our chapel, 9 PM Dec. 8th (Wednesday) to 1 AM Dec. 9th (Thursday). The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the unborn, first appearing to St. Juan Diego. These two feasts honor Our Blessed Mother and pray through Her intercession for the establishment of a Culture of Life, protection for the Church from persecution and asks Our Lord to REVIVE OUR LAND. All are invited to participate! Come for any part of it or come for all of it! If we ever needed these prayers, we need them now!

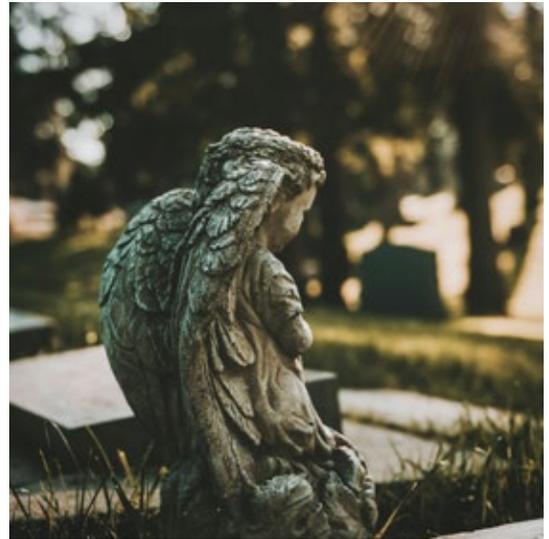


Holy Name SOCIETY

The next Holy Name Society meeting will be on Monday, December 6th, at 1:00 PM in the Activity Center. All are welcome and we ask that you bring a friend or two. We are looking for new members who want to participate in our church and make a difference. Light refreshments are served. For more information please contact our President, Ron Sadowski at 941-416-5559.

Arimathean Ministry

Our Arimatheans kindle the Parish spirit of community by their presence at funerals, and respect toward the family of the deceased in this final tribute. **To learn more, contact Judith Ribarick at 941-426-7976. We'd love for you to join us.**



POPE FRANCIS'
MONTHLY PRAYER

Intentions

December: For Catechists... Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



AN INVITATION

Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima

Contact Ania

Please call (941) 876-3826 for visits. We are more than happy to deliver and instruct you on how to fulfill this wonderful honor.

We have had the this statue of Our Lady of Fatima in our Church since 2010 and she has been with many Parish families. The Pilgrim Virgin's mission is to spread the devotion to the Holy Rosary. When a person invites Her for a week or 2 week stay at the home, the rosary has to be said each day until Our Lady is taken to another home.

Invite Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim to visit you and your family for 1 week. Pray the rosary with your friends and family daily as long as Our Lady stays with you. Hopefully daily family prayer will continue and bless you and your loved ones after this special visit. You will be blessed during this process. **Please call (941) 876-3826 for visits.**





P: 941-423-7139

If you have questions or would like to get involved, contact our Parish Nurse - Pattie at 941-423-7139. We look forward to meeting you!

Announcements

Safe Environment Training - As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and complete online training in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. Please visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/programs/safeenvironment/>. Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. Further, if Diocesan personnel or volunteers are involved, also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton, at 941-416-6114.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

“Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane”- Join Bishop Frank J. Dewane, for his monthly radio program on Relevant Radio on 106.7 FM and 1410 AM in Naples. “Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane” can be heard at 8:30 a.m., on Friday, November 26. Outside of the listening area access to the program is available at <https://dioceseofvenice.org/our-bishop/relevant-radio-podcasts>.

Holiday Wish List - Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. is in need of key items leading up to Thanksgiving and Christmas. All Catholic Charities food pantries are in need of non-perishable food items (canned fruits and vegetables, soup, peanut butter, tuna, tomato sauce, rice, pasta and cereal) to help restock the shelves for the holiday season. In addition, Catholic Charities is also accepting donations for Christmas including unwrapped gifts for children (baby and toddler toys, board games, athletic equipment, bicycles and more) and for the elderly (card, dominoes, activity books, crossword puzzles). Gift cards to local grocery and retail stores are also accepted. To learn about how to make a donation, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org/how-you-can-help/ or call 941-488-5581.

Respect Life Ministry

The mission of San Pedro's Respect Life Ministry is to “preserve and protect the rights of all, from conception to the natural end of life, through prayer and Pro-Life activities which support and encourage respect for God's creations.”

We meet the 1st Monday if every month at 6:30pm in the Family Life Building. Our next meeting is December 6th. Anyone interested in life issues including protecting the unborn, the death penalty, euthanasia, and other life issues are welcome to attend For more information, please call Deacon Rich at 941-412-4718.

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 inside the church. In the winter we might be outside by the Grotto of Our Lady. If it is raining we will most likely be inside the church or under the roof by the San Pedro Chapel. Please join us in this weekly Rosary and pray for God's mercy for America. Mother of Our Savior is waiting for you!

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.