



SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA



Rejoice & Be Glad

Advent

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Children's Mass 5:30pm & Midnight Mass
Christmas Day – 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am & 4:00pm



Readings: Lec 92

Reading Zep 3:14-18a
Resp Ps Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Reading Phil 4:4-7
Gospel Lk 3:10-18



Weekly Offertory 12/05/21

Offertory: \$12,242
2nd Collection: \$2,535
Maintenance & Repair

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 13th 8:30am Souls in Purgatory +
- Tues, Dec 14th 8:30am Robert Loffredo +
- Wed, Dec 15th 7:30am Rita Houston +
9:00am Eileen Murphy +
7:00pm Dorothy Drake +
- Thur, Dec 16th 8:30am Franklin J. Forsythe +
- Fri, Dec 17th 8:30am Edward J. Carpenter, Jr. 10th Mem Anniv +
- Sat, Dec 18th 8:30am Manuel Jacinto Medeiros +
4pm Deceased of the Przybylak Family +
- Sun, Dec 19th 7:30am Klein, Meoni & Schrauben Families +
Marcelle Bouabjsan & Elle Kaplo +
Dorothy Hunter BD Celebration
9am People of the Parish
10:45am Linda Alkahabbas +

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.**



Thank you! Stay generous!

Thank you to the Holy Name Society for their \$5,000 donation to the CFA, and their volunteers at the Rummage Sale. We're still \$50k short, so please stay generous and give what you can. Thank you and God bless.

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The 3rd Sunday of Advent: Luke 3:10-18

As Christians, whether lay persons, religious or priests we are called to bring people face to face with Jesus and also to a conversion that brings a real joy and happiness into their lives.



Ask Yourself

What is my reaction to John's words? Does it lead me to want to live a life of justice and integrity?

Jesus needs our co-operation in this mission. Jesus works through parents, teachers, ministers etc., everyone who has a call to form others. Take time to consider the question "how can I co-operate in the mission of Jesus today?"

John the Baptist lived a life of passionate commitment. His passion for justice and honesty spoke to the hearts of the crowds, tax-collectors and soldiers. His own austerity had the ring of authenticity. It evoked a question from them: what should we do? He responded with directness and clarity: Don't cheat, share your surplus, don't exploit people.

At this mid-point of Advent I ask myself today, what must I do to follow you with wholehearted commitment? What is my reaction to John's words? Does it lead me to want to live a life of justice and integrity?

What must I do to prepare to meet the Messiah? For all the austerity of his life, John spoke to people in words

they could grasp. It was his austerity that drew people's respect and trust. Here was a man who cared nothing for comfort, money or fame, who could not be bought, and who could speak the truth without fear.

Preparing the way for the Messiah is not simply a matter of belonging to the Jewish nation, John insists, but comes about through repentance, through changing the way one thinks and changing one's lifestyle. John gives some practical examples. People should share clothing and food with those who have none as basic expressions of faith. To tax collectors he says, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also ask him, "And we, what should we do?" John replies, "Do not extort money from anyone with threats or false accusations, and be satisfied with your wages."

What does my lifestyle say about my faith in Christ? Do I hoard or share what I have with others, especially those who are poor and on the margins of society?

Something to Think About

The greatest prayer is patience. –Buddha

I like work; it fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours. –Jerome K. Jerome

An acre of performance is worth a whole world of promise. –Howell

Regret for time wasted can become a power for good in the time that remains. –Arthur Brisbane

The diminutive chains of habit are generally too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken. –Samuel Johnson

The Bible is a book in comparison with which all others are of minor importance and which in all my perplexities and distresses has never failed to give me light and strength. –Robert. E. Lee

The Bible is the book of all others to be read at all ages and in all conditions of human life; not to be read once or twice or thrice through and then laid aside, but to be read in small portions of one or two chapters every day and never to intermitted, unless by some overruling necessity. I speak as a man of the world to men of the world, and I say to you, "Search the scriptures." –John Quincy Adams

A Joke

Just before Christmas a college student turned in an exam paper across which he has scrawled, "Only God knows the answers to all these questions."

His professor's reply written across the top of the paper was, "God get's an A. You get a F. Happy New Year."



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.

Happenings and Announcements

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

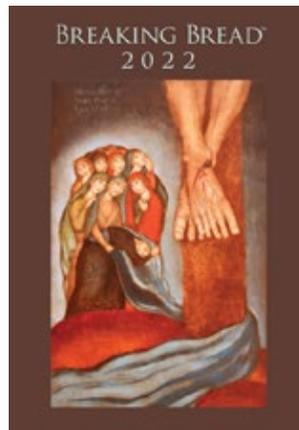


Get Involved

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 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. 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



Support the Catholic Faith Appeal

BE GENEROUS AND YOU WILL BE PROSPEROUS. HELP OTHERS AND YOU WILL BE HELPED. (PROVERBS 11:25)

We have \$50,000 left to go on our CFA Goal. The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) is an act of kindness that directly supports various ministries, programs and outreach in the Diocese of Venice. Your participation in the CFA is a direct way to proclaim Christ's Mission not only in word but also in concrete action. Please give generously!

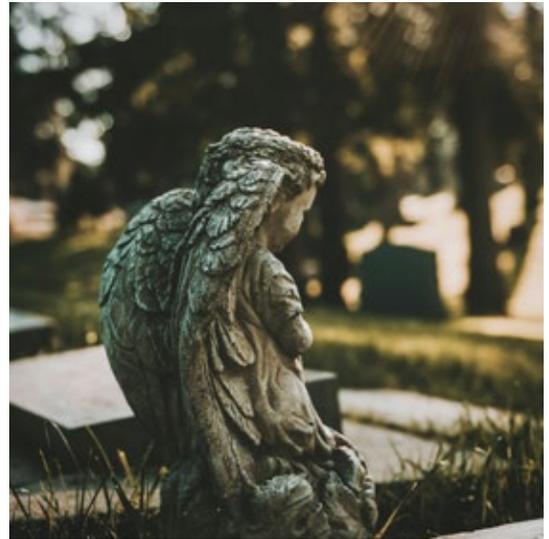


Holy Name SOCIETY

The next Holy Name Society meeting will be on **Monday, January 3rd, 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.



THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY
IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE A

Casino Bus Trip

The Holy Name Society is proud to announce a **Casino Bus Trip (\$25.00) to the Seminole Casino Hotel in Immokalee. The trip will take place January 10th** and we will leave the parking lot at 8:00am. For questions or to make a reservation, contact **Ron Sadowski President of the Holy Name Society at 941-416-5559**. Space is limited. Reserve your spot today.

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 of 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.