



SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA



Promise fulfilled.
Advent

Christmas Mass Schedule

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



Readings: Lec 12
Reading Mt 5:1-4a
Resp Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Reading Heb 10:5-10
Gospel Lk 1:39-45



Weekly Offertory 12/12/21
Immaculate Conception: \$2,225
Offertory: \$12,526
2nd Collection: \$2,182
Retirement for Religious

Thank You...

San Pedro would like to take this opportunity and thank our Parishioners for their time, talent, and treasures over the past year. We are truly blessed to have such a supportive and caring community.

-The Priests and Staff of San Pedro



INTENTIONS

- Mon, Dec 20th 8:30am Donald E. Madsen +
- Tues, Dec 21st 8:30am Robert Loffredo +
- Wed, Dec 22nd 8:30am John Hastings +
Eileen Murphy +
Craig Flora +
- Thur, Dec 23rd 8:30am Frank Paterno +
- Fri, Dec 24th 8:30am Children's Mass
12:00am Midnight Mass
- Sat, Dec 25th Christmas Day
- Sun, Dec 26th 7:30am Novena Mass for Life +
Phill Petrik BD Celebration
John Render +
9am People of the Parish
10:45am Quink & Chenette Families +

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, one and all!

Thank you to the Holy Name Society for a successful Breakfast with Santa event. We appreciate the efforts our volunteers to make Christmas as merry as possible for our kids! Thank you and God bless.

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The 4th Sunday of Advent: Luke 1:39-45

Today we hear the account of the Visitation of Mary to her relative, Elizabeth. This event anticipates the birth of Jesus.



Challenge Yourself

Strive to focus your attention on Jesus, rather than the consumerism and commercialism of this time of year.

Mary's journey to Elizabeth immediately followed the Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary, when she learned that she would give birth to the Messiah. Scripture tells us that she went "in haste" to see Elizabeth, who was in her sixth month of pregnancy with John the Baptist. It is incredible to think of what this encounter must have been like. Here are two women who have been called by God to bring forth children into the world who would transform history. John would lead the way for the Messiah, Jesus, who would save us from our sins.

Upon Mary's arrival, John the Baptist leaped in Elizabeth's womb as an expression of acknowledgement of the presence of the Lord, Jesus, in Mary's womb. Elizabeth articulates this with the familiar words we say in the "Hail, Mary": "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb." She also referred to Mary as "the mother of my Lord." Thus, Elizabeth expressed faith that Jesus was the Messiah. And she honored Mary for her role in bringing the Messiah into this world. This leads us to an important reflection on Mary's role in God's bringing of salvation to the world.

God chose to become man in order to save us from our sins. But He did not force Himself into humanity. He did not disrespect our human freedom in order to do so. Rather, He invited Mary to be the mother of the Messiah. And because she said 'yes,' God became incarnate.

Therefore, we can echo the words of Elizabeth in saying, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Mary trusted God, even though what she was entrusted with was beyond comprehension. Because of her great faith in welcoming Jesus into this world, we proclaim with Elizabeth that Mary is "blessed among women," and most of all, give thanks for the amazing gift of our Lord, Jesus, coming into this world.

As we approach the celebration of Christmas, offer thanks to God this week for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ. And, in celebrating Christmas, strive to focus your attention on Jesus, rather than the consumerism and commercialism of this time of year. Take time in prayer to give thanks for the blessings you have been given, especially the gift of salvation.

Something to Think About

Words are little things, but what tremendous power for good or evil they may exert.

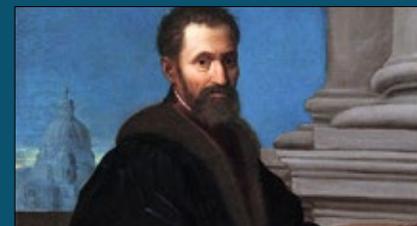
Perhaps at the last day all that will remain worth recording of a life full of activity and zeal, will be those little deeds that were done solely beneath the eye of God. –Gold Dust

A rudder is a small thing compared to the ship which it steers, but who wants to be a rudderless ship?

A man may be a very small creature, but would you rather be an elephant or the man who controls him?

Johnson well said, "He who waits to do a great deal of good things at once will never do anything. Life is made up of little things. It is very rarely that an occasion is offered for doing a great deal at once. True greatness consists in being great in little things. –Charles Simmons

Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle. –Michael Angelo



A Joke

A Diner in a roadside restaurant complained to the manager when the hotdog he ordered contained meat at one end and bread at the other. "Well," said the manager, "In high-priced, inflation rates like we're experiencing now, it's very hard to make ends meet."



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.

Catholic Faith Appeal EOY Statement

We'd like to express our sincere gratitude for your generosity over the past year. Here is a quick snapshot of our contributions by month. We still have a ways to go! Blessings!

Financial Contribution by Month

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| 1/31/2021 Contributions Received | 758.33 |
| 2/28/2021 Contributions Received | 29,423.78 |
| 3/31/2021 Contributions Received | 27,426.28 |
| 4/30/2021 Contributions Received | 12,417.28 |
| 5/31/2021 Contributions Received | 12,310.45 |
| 6/30/2021 Contributions Received | 17,398.95 |
| 7/31/2021 Contributions Received | 16,243.95 |
| 8/31/2021 Contributions Received | 16,608.45 |
| 9/30/2021 Contributions Received | 4,804.95 |
| 10/31/2021 Contributions Received | 5,253.45 |
| 11/30/2021 Contributions Received | 8,113.95 |

Assessment Accounting Allocation

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| 7/31/2021 | 63,000 |
| 8/31/2021 | 21,000 |
| 9/30/2021 | 21,000 |
| 10/31/2021 | 21,000 |
| 11/30/2021 | 21,000 |
| 12/31/2021 | 63,000 |
| Annual Total | \$210,000 |

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| Total Contributions Received | 150,759.82 |
| <i>Needed to Meet Goal</i> | <i>\$59,240.18</i> |

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Confirmation Retreat

We need volunteers to help with our Confirmation Retreat. January 15th and 16th, Saturday & Sunday. Specifically, to plan, shop and prepare the meals for 3 retreats. If able and interested call Miss Anne at 941-426-2893.

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



Bible Study Resumes January 10th

"Follow Me - Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John".
January 10, 2022 - February 28, 2022 | 8 weeks

THIS STUDY IS THROUGH ASCENSION PRESS.
Persons wishing to participate please contact: Jackie McCoy, 206-963-6234 for information and registration. Workbooks can be purchased through Ascension Press (ascensionpress.com) or contact Jackie McCoy.



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.

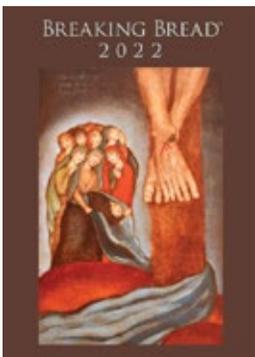
We have had the this statue of Our Lady of Fatima in our Church since 2010 and she has been with many Parish families. The Pilgrim Virgin's mission is to spread the devotion to the Holy Rosary. When a person invites Her for a week or 2 week stay at the home, the rosary has to be said each day until Our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



Moments from Breakfast with Santa

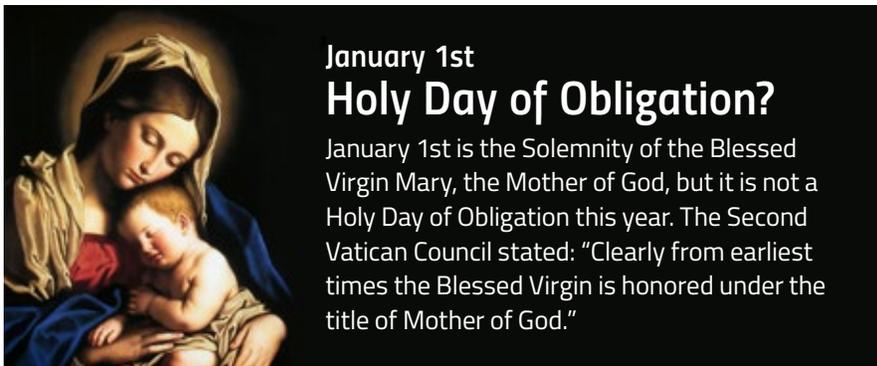
We'd like to express our sincere gratitude for the generosity of our Volunteers and Holy Name Society. Thank you so much!



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.



January 1st Holy Day of Obligation?

January 1st is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, but it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. The Second Vatican Council stated: "Clearly from earliest times the Blessed Virgin is honored under the title of Mother of God."

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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 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.