



SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA



Merry Christmas!

Today is born our Savior... For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. -Jn 3:17



Readings: Lec 16

Reading Is 52:7-10
Resp Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
Reading Heb 1:1-6
Gospel Jn 1:1-18



Weekly Offertory 12/12/21

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

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"San Pedro Catholic Church of North Port, FL"



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INTENTIONS

- Mon, Dec 27th 8:30am Jim Gebhart BD Celebration
- Tues, Dec 28th 8:30am James Lofland +
- Wed, Dec 29th 8:30am Anna Klimaszewski +
Anthony Snethkamp +
Alima & Waldemar Wasilewski 20th Anniv
- Thur, Dec 30th 8:30am Anthony Snethkamp +
- Fri, Dec 31st 8:30am Robert Agnes 35th Mem Anniv +
- Sat, Jan 1st 8:30am Elizabeth Nazarian for Healing
4pm Gerald L. Nicastro 1st Mem Anniv +
- Sun, Jan 2nd 7:30am Gary Peschke +
Jennie Boulter +
Marion Passarelli +
9am People of the Parish
10:45am John Hastings +

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.**



No 5:30pm Saturday Mass

This Season, we will not be continuing the 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass. Please make note and plan to join us at 4pm or on Sunday.

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A Christmas Reflection for today...

John 1:1-18

This magnificent passage provides a powerful opening to this gospel. It lays out the main themes of John's gospel – life, light, truth, the world, testimony and the pre-existence of Jesus Christ.



Think on This

What word does the Lord desire me to take with me as I enter the New Year? Look inside, deep, and answer?

He is the Incarnate Logos or Word, who reveals God the Father to us. Then comes the dramatic statement: “the Word became flesh”. The Word took on our human nature in all its fullness. He did not have, as some people believed, just the external appearance of a human but was “like us in all things”. And he lived right among us. The Greek term literally means he “pitched his tent or tabernacle” among us. Let us welcome him today.

Christmas. The birth of Jesus. The Word became flesh and lived among us. Heaven and earth met. The light shone in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it. This is like a new creation story of light and darkness (Gen 1). Jesus the light of the world is introduced to us.

John is a witness to the light. We are children of God who are promised new life by Jesus who revealed the Father's love to us. The invitation is to welcome him in a world that does not know him. Even his own people did not accept him.

Jesus is God's greatest gift to us. Prayer today can rest in the mystery of God

who is revealed to us in the coming of Jesus. From the beginning he was a sign to be rejected. Jesus desires to be at home with us and desires us to be at home with him. We pray to have room in our hearts and lives for him.

Today let's look at this wonderful passage from a new point of view, and say: 'In the beginning was the Word, and the word was LOVE! That love is creative; the beating heart of the universe. It is a love that brings light to everyone. If I allow it to shine on me, I begin to see everyone from the divine point of view. I see that the potential of each person is to become nothing less than a daughter or son of God!'

We come to the end of a year and listen to what God's word says to us. It helps us look back to learn and look forward in hope. God's word is a creative word who gives life to all, in love. Jesus is the Word uttered by the Father, the word of hope and promise. Jesus, is God's message to us - he is our Good News. We know that God loved the world and sent Jesus among us. He is the 'only Son who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known'.

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.

AARP Tax Aide Program Info

The AARP Tax Aide Program will be resuming starting **Wednesday February 2, 2021** in the Activity Center at San Pedro Parish. Tax preparation hours will be from 9AM until 1:30 PM each Wednesday until April 13th.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This year taxes will be prepared on an Appointment only basis. Counselors will be available at the activity center on the following dates to make appointments for the upcoming season.

- Tuesday and Wednesday January 11 & 12 from 8:30 AM to 11 AM
- Tuesday and Wednesday January 18 & 19 from 9AM to 12PM
- Tuesday and Wednesday January 25 & 26 from 9AM to 12PM

Appointments can also be made starting Wednesday February 2nd and each Wednesday thereafter from 9AM to 1:30 PM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Other Parish Announcements

- **Parish Calendars** for 2022 will not be available until mid-January.
- **January 1st is NOT a 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.
- Catholic Schools Week kicks off on January 30th, and **Epiphany Cathedral Catholic School will be holding an Open House** from 10:00 to 11:30am.



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.**



St. Charles Borromeo Christmas Program



Open House at Epiphany Cathedral CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Catholic Schools Week kicks off on January 30th, and Epiphany Cathedral Catholic School will be holding an Open House from 10:00 to 11:30am. Discover the difference a Catholic Education makes.

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No need to RSVP but please contact us with any questions!

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.