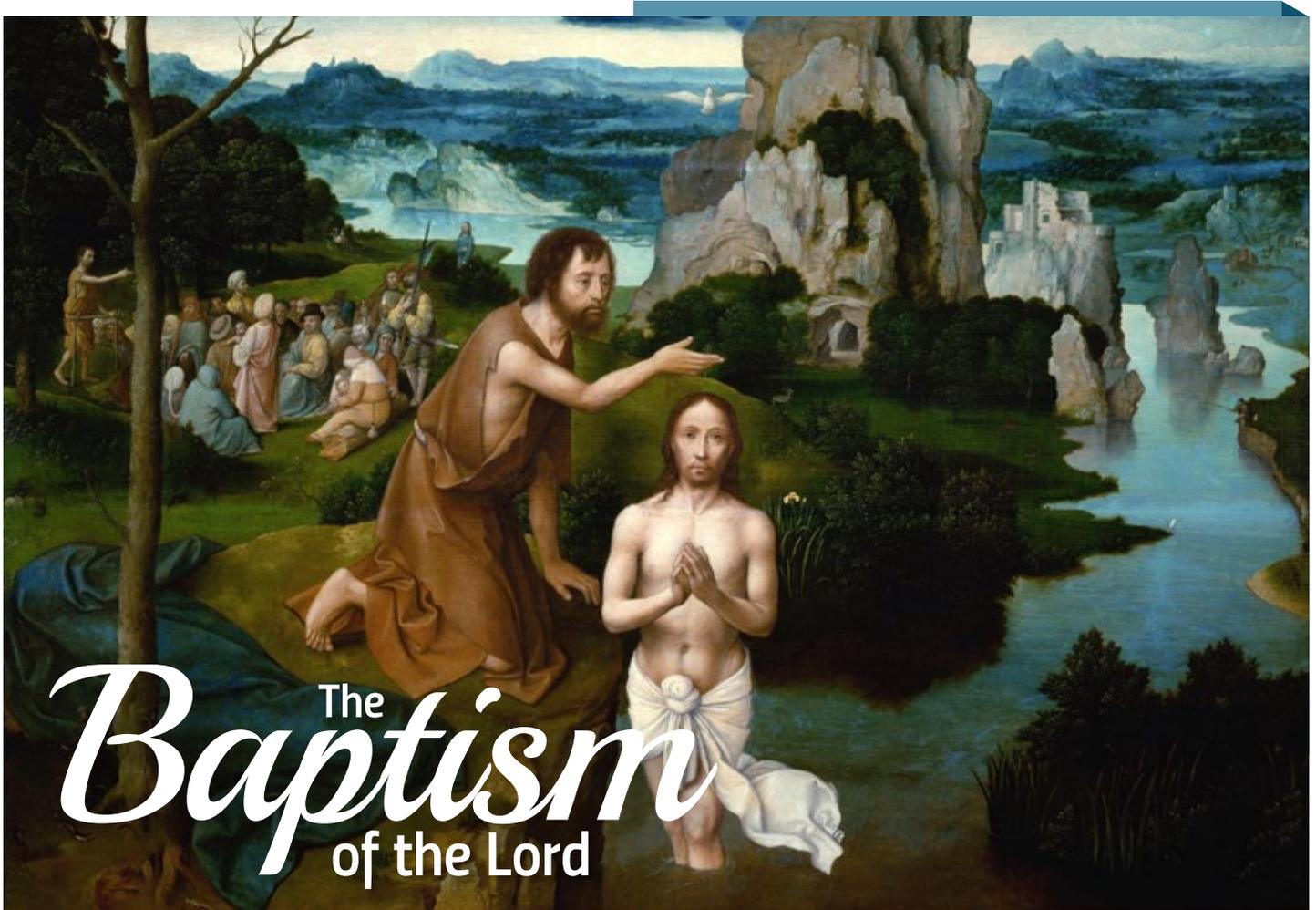




SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA



The Baptism of the Lord



Readings: Lec 21
Reading Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Resp Ps 29:1-2, 3-10
Reading Acts 10:34-38
Gospel Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



Weekly Offertory 1/2/2022
Offertory: \$15,718
2nd Collection: \$2,001
Vocations/Seminary Support

CFA Final Push. We need you!

Parish Goal
Over(Under) Based on Pledges
% of Goal Based on Pledges
Over(under) Based on received
% of Goal Based on Received
December 31, 2021

\$210,000.00
\$(38,839.95)
81.50%
\$(39,212.59)
81.33%



171,160.05 collected as of 12/31/21
of donors 2020: 654
of donors 2021: 491

Your gift to the 2021 Catholic Faith Appeal will continue to support the charitable and pastoral initiatives of the Diocese!

INTENTIONS

- Mon, Jan 10th 8:30am John Worcester +
- Tues, Jan 11th 8:30am Elizabeth Nazarian
- Wed, Jan 12th 8:30am Darcy Annunziato +
Eileen Murphy +
Chad Ryan Ledford +
- Thur, Jan 13th 8:30am Mike Quigley +
- Fri, Jan 14th 8:30am Elizabeth Nazarian
- Sat, Jan 15th 8:30am Elizabeth Nazarian
4pm Aunt Shirley(93) & Aunt Alice(92)
- Sun, Jan 16th 7:30am James McCarthy 7th Mem Anniv +
Gennaro Abate BD Mem +
Joseph DeMarco +
9am People of the Parish
10:45am Stefania & Jan Makowski +

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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The Baptism of the Lord: Luke 3:15-22

The seriousness of baptism is made clear by the metaphor of the threshing floor. It is a discriminating rite. It is not an act that one may undergo lightly, but is linked to salvation in opposition to judgment.



Think on This

Why do you believe that justice in judgment is necessary, and how does this change the way you live your life?

The Holy Spirit is not inclusive but excludes all unrighteousness and sin. Baptism is not a mere welcoming rite but a rite that signifies one's separation from evil. Any theology of judgment has fallen on hard times recently in favor of a softer and gentler message of peace and justice. But with justice comes judgment. It cannot be otherwise.

To ignore judgment leaves the preacher with no reason for preaching the gospel. It is not a matter of scaring people into heaven. It is a matter of revealing the need for salvation and why Jesus is so important. If he is only a common messiah who does what the people expect, then he is no use to us. But if, on the other hand, he is the Messiah who lays bare the pretenses and false expectations of the people and reveals their deep seated need for personal and inner transformation, then he is someone surprising and filled with ultimate and eternal meaning. For preachers to leave out the fire is to let go of the reason for the gospel and thereby cheapen the good news.

Luke is careful to sequence his verbs in verse 21. While Jesus was being baptized and praying, the heavens were opened. Praying is very important in

Luke's Gospel. It signifies Jesus' deep devotion to God, the Father, and also signals important events.

The baptism itself signifies Jesus' solidarity with sinners. The descent of the Spirit in bodily form may be a concession to Luke's ancient Gentile readers who would appreciate such a detail after hearing about so many animal omens in their lives. It is clearly not the dove that is important however, but the Spirit's descent upon the "un"-expected one. Jesus' identity is confirmed by this event when the voice from heaven marks him out as not only a man of great worth and note, but as the very offspring of God.

At this point, all the expectations of the people have been left in doubt, but not for the reader. The baptism is Jesus' inauguration in Luke, but it is not an apocalyptic event such as the people would have preferred. One dove hardly signifies the end. Nor is this Messiah someone who merely exacts vengeance upon the enemies of Israel. He is another kind of figure, approved of quietly by heaven, having the power to divide between good and evil, devoted to sinners and to his Father's will.

Something to Think About

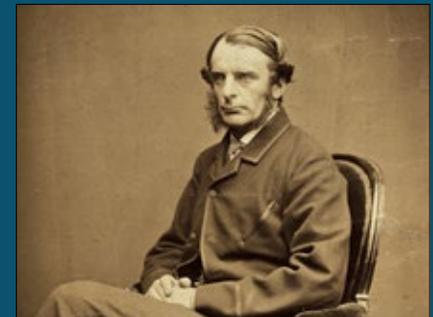
Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation. –Elton Trueblood

We have alarm systems in our homes to keep unwelcomed intruders out. We should have spiritual alarm systems around our hearts to keep Satan out.

I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no God. –Abraham Lincoln

God's road is all uphill, but do not tire, rejoice that we may still keep climbing higher. –Arthur Guiterman

There are two freedoms; the false, where one is free to do what he likes, and the true, where he is free to do what he ought. –Charles Kingsley



A Joke

A farmer was surprised and upset to find his new hire trying to get a cow to drink a bucket of milk that he had just got from her. "What are you doing?" the farmer asked his new employee.

"Well," said the guy, "The cow got its leg in the bucket and got the milk dirty, so I thought I'd run it through her again."



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: **Gladys Champagne, Vincent Tuscano, & Robert Teza**

Parish Events & Announcements



Get Involved

If you are interested in getting involved in our Parish Events, contact our nurse, Patricia at 941-423-7139

Prayer Shawl Meeting. Join us on Jan 10th 2021, @ 11:00am in the Activity Center.

Lunch and Learn. There will be a Lunch n'Learn on Jan. 11th 2022 in the Activity Center @ 11:30am. The Cenacle Legal Services will present, "Prevention of Fraud Against Seniors."

Parish Calendars for 2022 wil not be available until mid-January.

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 Mary Huff by Betram & Anna Marie Twaits



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.



Anniversary

MASS FROM THE DIOCESE

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Masses will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on February 19th at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue, Venice. Please contact the parish office at (941) 426-2500 for reservations no later than a week prior to the event you choose to attend.

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.

PLEASE HELP. A COLLECTION FOR

Pregnancy Support Centers

Contact Us

For any questions, please contact Deacon Rich at rlfroh@hotmail.com. We are grateful for all donations - monetary and material.

The Respect Life Ministry will be having a collection of items the weekend of January 22nd and 23rd to support our local pregnancy support centers. Suggested items: baby clothes, onesies, diapers, baby wipes, and gift cards to Walmart or Target for the pregnancy support center or client to purchase needed items.

Please place items (unwrapped) in the porto crib that will be in the narthex of the church January 22nd and 23rd. Your donations will make a difference. Please be generous!

For any questions, please contact Deacon Rich at rlfroh@hotmail.com. We are grateful for your generosity.



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!



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.

316 Sarasota St. Venice, FL 34285 | Main Office: 941.488.2215
Admissions: mihm@ecstigers.com
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.