



# SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA

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Trees grow slowly, fruit takes time to develop and mature. The same is true for ourselves. Lord, you are the gardener, who cultivate and nourish us. We pray for the patience to wait, the openness to be pruned, so that we are more fruitful to your glory. See page 3 for a Gospel reflection.



### Readings: Lec 30

Reading Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15  
Resp Ps 103: 1-2, 3-11  
Reading 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12  
Gospel Lk 13:1-9



### Weekly Offertory 3/13/2022

Offertory: \$24,050  
2nd Collection: \$2,821  
Maintenance & Repair

Come One! Come All! Check us out!

## The San Pedro Library!

Let's celebrate together the "Grand Opening" of San Pedro's Library!

Location: **Parish Life Center (across parking lot)**

Date: **March 19, 2022**

Time: **After the 4pm Mass**

Refreshments will be served. Books for everyone!

*Come see the over 1,800 books available for you to enjoy.*

# INTENTIONS

- Mon, Mar 21st 8:30am Bob Krebs +
- Tues, Mar 22nd 8:30am David Kujawa +
- Wed, Mar 23rd 8:30am Carol McCusker +  
Luz Obusan +  
Anna Maria Martini +
- Thur, Mar 24th 8:30am Fred Battaglia +
- Fri, Mar 25th 8:30am Novena Mass for Life
- Sat, Mar 26th 8:30am George & Anna Stevens+  
4pm Roderick Beaton +
- Sun, Mar 27th 7:30am Wilfred Jordan +  
Randi Lawler Bautch +  
Anna Maria Martini +  
9am People of the Parish  
10:45am Fr. Robert Mongiello 4th Mem Anniv +

## SCHEDULE

Daily Rosary (Mon-Sat) 8:00am  
See FULL Rosary schedule on page 7

Daily Liturgy (Mon-Sat) 8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturdays 2:00 pm

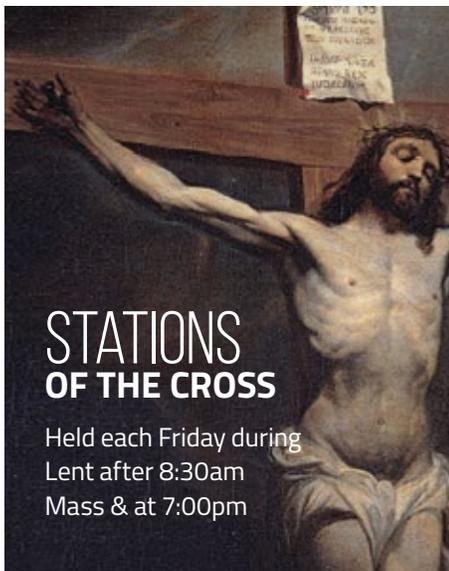
Weekend Mass Schedule  
Saturday Vigil 4:00pm  
Sunday 7:30 | 9:00 | 10:45am  
Rosary after 10:45 Mass

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.**



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Held each Friday during Lent after 8:30am Mass & at 7:00pm

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# Third Sunday of Lent: Luke 13:1-9

Einstein used to say: 'God is mysterious but not malicious'. We don't know enough to affirm that God never sends us suffering; but we know that if it comes our way it will always be for our healing, never for punishment.



## Ask Jesus...

Is there something I feel called to change, an area in my relationships I do not feel satisfied with?

**When I sin I create my own misery, and possibly that of others too. If I take drugs I can become an addict, and spoil all my relationships and my life prospects.**

In our world there are many atrocities with the senseless killing of innocent people. It does highlight human frailty and point to some distorted thinking. Jesus you drew attention to an event of which little is known to point out that all of us are called to conversion. Comparing and thinking we are better is not the way forward. We pray for honesty and humility to hear your call to repentance.

These days many want instant results, immediate gratification, as if knowledge or information can provide answers to all the questions of life. Trees grow slowly, fruit takes time to develop and mature. The same is true for ourselves. Lord, you are the gardener, who cultivate and nourish us. We pray for the patience to wait, the openness to be pruned, so that we are more fruitful to your glory.

Jesus does not leave us unaided. As with the fig tree, he provides us with

everything we need to bear fruit. There is an old story which describes Peter at the gates of heaven. The world has ended. The sheep have been separated from the goats; all the faithful have entered heaven and Peter is preparing to close the gates. Then he sees Jesus standing outside. 'Master' he says, 'what are you doing outside?' Jesus replies, 'I'm waiting for Judas.'

Jesus will wait for me, too, beyond the end of time. But I can only go to him within time. And he cannot force me to go to him. He stands at the door and knocks. Can I hear his call today?

'Unless you repent you will all perish as they did'. Some clear words of warning from Jesus, who alerts us to the risk of feeling too satisfied with ourselves and our ways. I ask Jesus to let me hear his words as addressed to me. Yet, Jesus cannot avoid speaking of God's patience and mercy with us. He is always ready to give us more time, to trust in our capacity to bear fruit, even after many barren years. Am I ready to believe in myself as he does? Am I patient with myself and with others as he is?

## Something to Think About

The great use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it. –William James

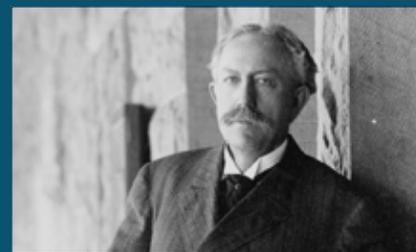
We only see a little of the ocean, a few miles distance from the rocky shore; but oh! Out there beyond--beyond the eyes' horizon--there's more--there's more. We only see a little of God's loving, a few rich treasures from the mighty store; but oh! Out beyond, beyond our life's horizon--there's more—there's more.

Each departed friend is a magnet that attracts us to the next world. –Jean Paul Richter

There is no power on earth that can neutralize the influence of a high, pure, simple, and useful life. –Booker T. Washington

Give me a sense of humor, Lord: give me the grace to see a joke, to get some happiness from life, and pass it on to other folk. –Chester Cathedral

Be a life long or short, its completeness depends on what it was lived for. –David Starr Jordan



## A Joke

A doting Father used to sing his little children to sleep until he overheard his four-year-old tell the three-year-old, "if you pretend you're asleep, he stops."



# 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.

# Diocesan-Wide Sacrament of Reconciliation

As the Lenten Season progresses, the precept of confessing grave sins and receiving Holy Communion at least once during the Lenten Season merits a reminder to all.



## WE'RE HERE!

There will be a confessor present from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., on Friday, April 8, and from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 9.

To facilitate this requirement, every Parish in the Diocese of Venice will be open with a confessor present from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., on Friday, April 8, and from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 9. These opportunities are made available so that the faithful may find ample opportunity to receive God's Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Lenten Season.

## Easter Flowers!

### HONOR YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES ON EASTER SUNDAY

Monetary donations are now being accepted until April 3 for Easter Plants for the Altar. For additional information, please call Judith at 941-426-7976



## 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 March is **In Loving Memory of Catherine Shearer-White 2nd Mem. Anniv. By the Shearer Family**

JOIN OUR NEXT BIBLE STUDY...

# NO GREATER LOVE

MARCH 14TH - APRIL 11TH | 5 WEEKS  
6:30-8 PM IN THE FAITH FORMATION CENTER

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH  
CHRIST'S PASSION

Contact: Jackie McCoy for information and registration 206-963-6234.  
Workbooks can be purchased through: [ascensionpress.com/collection/no-greater-love](http://ascensionpress.com/collection/no-greater-love) or contact Jackie McCoy 206-963-6234

*"This bible study is an excellent way to experience Lent and the Passion of Christ and see the Holy Land via Video lecture, bible study and group interaction. Come join us!"*



## FRANCISCAN AT HOME

The Department of Education with the Diocese of Venice in Florida has partnered with the Franciscan University to offer online classes in scripture, prayer, ethics, sacraments and youth ministry plus many more courses on Catholicism are available. Each parish in the Diocese of Venice sponsors an annual subscription for these great courses. Many chose to complete a certificate in catechesis or take courses to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Courses are offered online in English or Spanish. To set up an account, go to the Franciscan at Home website and find the Diocese of Venice as a partnering Diocese. Sign up and begin learning the Catholic Faith for no cost!! Please contact for more information, Anne Chrzan, Diocesan Director of Religious Education, at (941) 484-9543 or email: [chrzan@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:chrzan@dioceseofvenice.org)

# The Rosary for America

God hears the voices of his children. Let us storm heaven with prayer for our nation and for the world. The Rosary is a powerful prayer and this is the time to act. **Please come and pray with us every Sunday at 12 Noon after the 10:45 AM Mass inside the church.** Contact: Anthony (617) 320-1759.



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## 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 **April 25th** 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.**



# Respect Life presents Spiritual Adoption

Our San Pedro Parish family will have the opportunity next weekend -March 26th and 27th- to possibly save a human life by spiritually adopting a newly conceived baby, who could be in danger of losing its life through abortion.



## IN YOUR PEW!

There will also be prayer pledge cards for you to write the name of your child which will be placed in the basket provided.

This is a very simple yet powerful program, based on the power of love and prayer. It involves praying for your adopted child daily and connecting with him or her spiritually. Giving your child a name and identity creates a special bond and helps you to picture him or her and imagine what they may become through their lives. God created this child for a special purpose known only to Him. There never was, nor ever will be, another child exactly like yours. Your prayers can help give your child's mother the help, strength and guidance she needs to bring your special child into this world, to live the life God has destined for them. Prayer is powerful!

Hopefully, in about nine months, around December 25th, your baby will be born partly due to your love and prayers. Thank you for your prayers and compassion. There will be prayer cards with a prayer for you to pray. There will also be prayer pledge cards for you to write the name of your child which will be placed in the basket provided. -San Pedro Respect Life Ministry

## 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.

**"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 Fort Myers and 93.3 FM (NEW) and 1660 AM and in Naples. "Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane" can be heard at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 25. Outside of the listening area, access to the program is available at <https://dioceseofvenice.org/our-bishop/relevant-radio-podcasts>.

## 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.

### 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.

### Peace for the World (Wednesday)

15 Decades of the Rosary after every morning Wednesday Mass

### 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.

### 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. Please join us in this weekly Rosary and pray for God's mercy for America. Mother of Our Savior is waiting for you!

### 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.