

SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA



“Those without sin, you may
cast the first stone...”

Rembrandt's well-known painting... notice the hands on the son's shoulders: the left one strong and sturdy, and right one slender and more feminine. It is as if father and mother are embracing their son: the father and mother in God.



Readings: Lec 36

Reading Is 43:16-21
Resp Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Reading Phil 3:8-14
Gospel Jn 8:1-11



Weekly Offertory 3/27/2022

Offertory: \$13,625
2nd Collection: \$2,756
Catholic Relief

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Spiritual Adoption Program

The babies are counting on us. You can adopt a child by signing up at any time. Please take a prayer card, give your child a name, and pray. Hopefully, in 9 months your baby will be born partly due to your love and prayers. Last weekend our parish spiritually adopted over 150 babies who are at risk for abortion. Prayer cards and cards to name your baby can be found on the table in the narthex.



INTENTIONS

- Mon, Apr 4th 8:30am Bill Gebhart BD Celebration
- Tues, Apr 5th 8:30am Jolanta Sobolewski for Healing
- Wed, Apr 6th 8:30am Janina Gaszynska + Christine Radwan + John Hastings +
- Thur, Apr 7th 8:30am Maria Hao Vu +
- Fri, Apr 8th 8:30am Carlos Alarcon 2nd Mem Anniv +
- Sat, Apr 9th 8:30am Alois & Ludmilla Miller + Eleanor & John Krebs +
4pm
- Sun, Apr 10th 7:30am Phillip Ouellette + Mary Furtado+ Andrew Milewski +
9am People of the Parish
10:45am Maria Hoang Oanh Ofsanko +

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

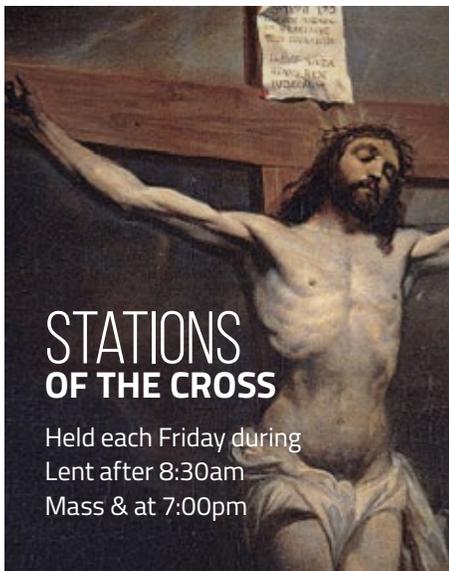
Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 7:30 | 9:00 | 10:45am
Rosary after 10:45 Mass

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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Fifth Sunday of Lent: John 8:1-11

Two streams converge: Jesus arrives from his place of prayer at the Mount of Olives and shares his insight and wisdom; the scribes and Pharisees come from judgement and are set on vengeance.



Good Question

It is easier to give than to receive. Are there times when I find it easier to forgive than to believe myself forgiven?

Notice how these two currents interact in this story. Pay attention to what happens in you when heart and head seem in conflict. Jesus allows the woman to see a new freedom. Not only is she saved from stoning but he asks her to move on. “Do not sin again” – don’t give into any false image that limits or diminishes you.

The Australian theologian and Bible scholar, John Painter, draws attention to something critical that easily be missed in this passage: ‘The pronouncement of forgiveness is stated first and is not made conditional on the turn from sin. Rather, the turning from sin seems to flow from the experience of forgiveness.’ Do I believe in the possibility of radical forgiveness? It is often said that it is easier to give than to receive. Are there times when I find it easier to forgive than to believe myself forgiven? The Irish Jesuit, Blessed John Sullivan, urged participants in a retreat to ‘Be always beginning. Let the past go. The saints were always beginning. That is how they became saints.’

This story tells us about people who came to Jesus with different mindsets.

The Pharisees and scribes were sure they were right and the woman knew that she had done wrong. The effecting of meeting Jesus and letting Him into their lives changes them powerfully. The Pharisees and scribes, through the words of Jesus were able to see that they too were sinners, like the woman they were accusing and they were not perfect. The woman, expecting to be punished for her error, received a lovely acceptance from Jesus which must have left a lasting impression on her. A meeting with Jesus is always a life-giving experience, as he himself has said “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life”. We have all sinned. We have all experienced overwhelming shame. Even if the sin is not discovered, our own self-accusatory voice can so loud in our head that it drowns out the gentle voice of Jesus, telling us to begin again.

If we cannot believe ourselves forgiven, how will we ever be able to move out of what the philosopher Ivan Illich describes as “our self-imposed cages”? *Lord, you who opened the ears of the deaf and the eyes of the blind, let me hear your words of forgiveness; let me see and believe in the possibility of a better life.*

Something to Think About

The mother’s heart is the child’s schoolroom. –Henry Ward Beecher

If I had known what trouble you were bearing; what griefs were in the silence of your face; I would have been more gentle and more caring and tried to give you gladness for a space. I would have brought more warmth into the place, if I had known. If I had known what thoughts despairing drew you, I would have lent a little friendship to you and slipped my hand within your hand and make your stay more pleasant in the land, if I had known.

–Mary Carolyn Davies

Let parents bequeath to their children, not riches, but the spirit of reverence. –Plato

A good family life is never an accident but always an achievement by those who share it. –James H.S. Bossard

Our humanity would be a poor thing were it not for the divinity that stirs within us. –Francis Bacon



A Joke

In introducing Thomas Edison at a dinner, the Toastmaster bored everyone with a long speech that detailed Edison’s numerous inventions. When Edison finally got a chance to speak, he said, “I have to make one correction. It was God who invented the first talking machine. I simply invented one that you could shut up.”



Prayer Shawl Ministry! Join us April 11, 2022 in the Activity Center @ 11am. We look forward to seeing you!



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.

Parish Picnic

SAVE THE DATE
April 10th, Palm Sunday

Starting at 11am in the Activity Center

Please join us for San Pedro's Family Picnic presented by the Holy Name Society. We will have music by Happy Feet, an Easter Egg hunt, and games for the children. Food will be served at no charge and drinks are available at a nominal cost.



The Parish Library! Check us out in the Parish Life Center (across from the Church). Tues 9-11am & Thurs 9-11am.

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 April is
In Loving Memory of Earl Leuch
by Elizabeth Leuch



Office Hours:

The Parish office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday, 4/18/22. Normal office hours are on page 2 of this bulletin.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 10

7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 10:45 am Masses

Monday—Wednesday, April 11, 12, & 13

8:30 am Masses

Holy Thursday, April 14

7:00 pm Mass

Good Friday, April 15

1:00 pm 7 Last Words of Jesus by Deacon Rich
2:00 pm Meditation
3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 16

Noon Blessing of Food Baskets
8:30 pm Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 17

7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 10:45 am Masses

Holy Week is a solemn week of extra prayer and fasting.

During the Triduum, we recall Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, his arrest, trial, and execution, the long day of silence (Holy Saturday) while his body rested in the grave, and his Resurrection on Easter. Join us!

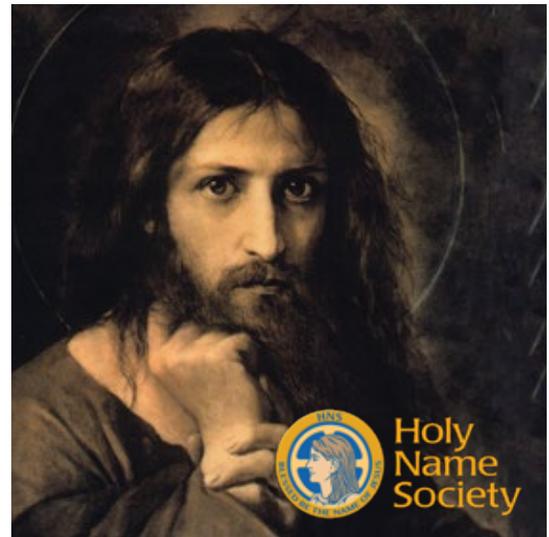


FRANCISCAN AT HOME

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

Holy Name Society 04/04

Next meeting is Monday, April 4th, at 1PM in the Activity Center. We're looking for new members to make a difference at our parish! All are welcome and we ask that you bring a friend or two. Light refreshments are served. Call President Ron Sadowski at 941-416-5559 for more info.



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 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

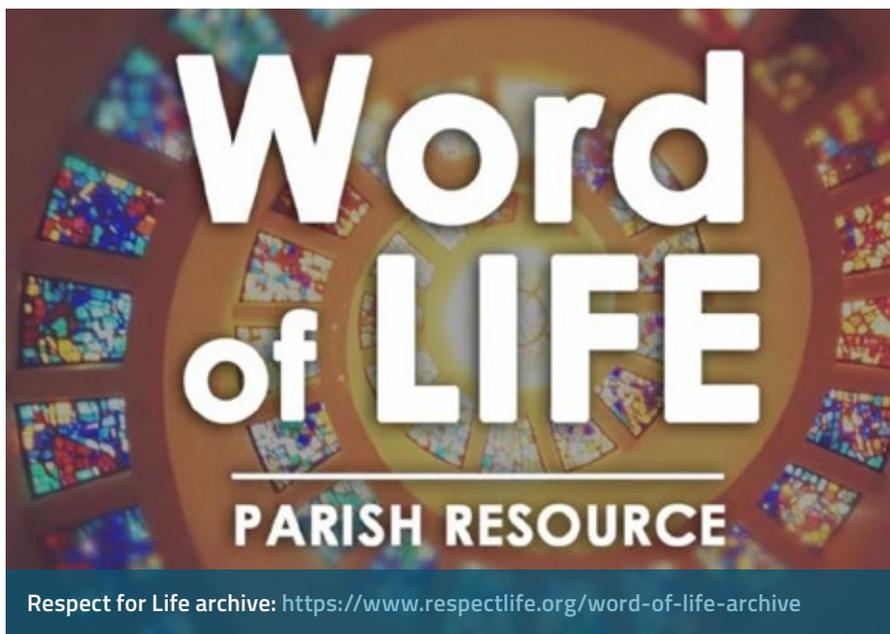
Contact Ania

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.**



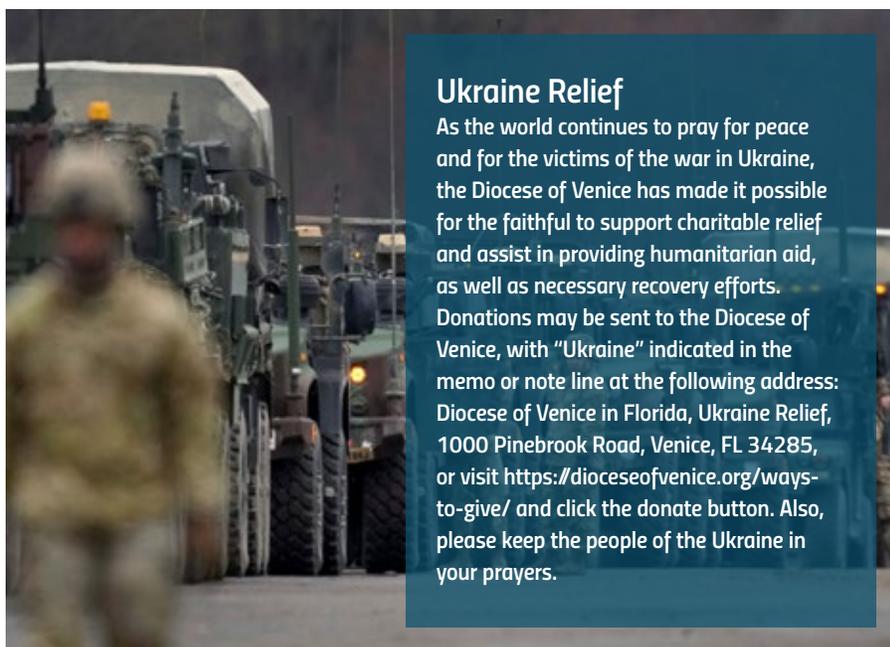


April 24, 2022: Divine Mercy Sunday

April 24, 2022: Sunday of Divine Mercy On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy.

It provides an important opportunity to share Christ's message of mercy, especially with those who suffer because of their participation in an abortion. By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved.

Many feel that abortion is "the unforgivable sin." They need to hear that, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives every sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion. In fact, Jesus' message to St. Faustina is that the greater the sinner, the greater the right to His mercy.



Ukraine Relief

As the world continues to pray for peace and for the victims of the war in Ukraine, the Diocese of Venice has made it possible for the faithful to support charitable relief and assist in providing humanitarian aid, as well as necessary recovery efforts. Donations may be sent to the Diocese of Venice, with "Ukraine" indicated in the memo or note line at the following address: Diocese of Venice in Florida, Ukraine Relief, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285, or visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/> and click the donate button. Also, please keep the people of the Ukraine in your prayers.

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.