

# SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA



# He is Risen!

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**Readings: Lec 42**  
Reading Ps 118:1-2, 16-23  
Resp Ps 22:8-9, 17-24  
Reading Col 3:1-4  
Gospel Jn 20:1-9



**Weekly Offertory 4/10/2022**  
Offertory: \$14,823  
2nd Collection: \$3,268  
Maintenance & Repair

# INTENTIONS

Mon, Apr 18th	8:30am	Luis Daponte, Jr. +
Tues, Apr 19th	8:30am	Maria Ofsanko +
Wed, Apr 20th	8:30am	Foolty & Andre Fontal + Marie Johnson + Dorothy Givens +
Thur, Apr 21st	7pm	Chester Pelszynski 1st Mem Anniv +
Fri, Apr 22nd	7pm	Charles A. Macedonia +
Sat, Apr 23rd	8:30pm 4pm	Danny Talmadge + Omer & Adrienne Laterreur +
Sun, Apr 24th	7:30am 9am 10:45am	Novena Mass for Life Marc McEnany 2nd Mem Anniv + Barbara Feldmann + People of the Parish Deceased Mem of Carpenter & DeCiantis Fam +

## 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.**



### Check out the San Pedro Library

We invite you to come visit and utilize our new San Pedro Library in the Parish Life Center (across parking lot), Tuesday 9-11am & Thurs 9-11am. Grow and learn!

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# Easter Sunday: John 20:1-9

I keep in my prayer today all who are waiting, thinking of people who await decisions, refugees, prisoners, patients. I review my own capacity to wait, recognising what it costs me, humbly asking God for what I need.



## Good question...

Reflect on any 'resurrection' experiences you might have had in your own life... what does Mary say to you?

**The followers of Jesus did everything they could to show him honor and respect. They recognized the limits of what they could do and rested, quietly waiting, hopefully trusting. I take this "Tomb Day" as time for me to know how to rest and trust when I have done all that is right for me to do.**

The tomb was empty and, for the faithful ones, this was a sign of new life. Some would remember Jesus saying he would rise from death. Others would feel down, cheated or just lost. It is the same with ourselves: the tough times of life can bring us close to God, or distance us; suffering can make us better people, or make us bitter and isolated. We may feel a bit of both at times. The empty tomb is the message that nothing is final in this life, not even death. God's love is stronger than any human power, violence or cruelty. Love conquers all.

It is the 'first day of the week'. Mary Magdalene is the first witness of an event which marks not just the beginning of a new week but the transformation of human history. But 'it is still dark' and she does not yet understand what has happened. I ponder the mystery.

Peter and the other disciple, who had stood faithfully beneath the cross, run to the tomb. The other disciple saw and believed. Peter, whose last recorded action was to deny Jesus, still does not believe. What blocks me from fuller faith?

When Jesus raised Lazarus, Lazarus had to be freed from his grave-clothes. Jesus' grave-clothes are rolled up and lying on the side, a reflection of his mastery over death. I stand in the doorway beside the entrance and stare into that empty tomb. Do I grasp the difference between this resurrection and that of Lazarus?

Mary was first to announce the resurrection, the first to receive the encouragement and hope that the risen Jesus offers. Others are remembered for promoting the message, for proclaiming the new truth. I take some time with Mary asking her to guide me as I wait; I pray that I may notice and take heart as I see signs of resurrection in my life.

Even at this marvellous moment, those who had been closest to Jesus did not understand the scriptures. I ask God to help me this Easter; that I may recognise where the scriptures are coming to life as I am guided by the spirit of God.

## Something to Think About

Dig the well before you are thirsty. –Chinese Proverb

You tend to learn a lot more about someone who is different from you. It's those differences that make us aware of who we are--of our strengths and weaknesses. –Carlos Ghosn

Develop your own style. No one has had the life experiences that you have had. No one has the contributions to make that you can make. It's not a question of being better than someone else. Excellence demands that you be better than yourself. –Ted Engstrom

Don't put it off a day--start it. Don't imagine it is too difficult--start it. Don't look for someone else to do it--start it. Don't think it over--start it. And don't start halfheartedly; put everything you can muster into your start. –Unknown

When character is lost, all is lost. – Unknown



## A Joke

A mother sent her six-year-old to the store for some diapers for baby brother. The cashier said, "that will be \$2.50 plus tax." The boy replied, "you can keep the tax, we use pins."



# 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.**

# An Easter Message from Bishop Dewane

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Jesus Christ is Risen; Easter is our Triumphant Day. We share in Christ's victory over sin and death.



## SUPPORT US

Remember to give to the CFA. Going over our goal is GOOD for our Parish. Please call the parish office if you need help setting up a giving plan.

With Holy Mother Church, rejoice and be glad. As Christians worldwide celebrate Easter Day, I encourage the Catholic Faithful of the Diocese of Venice to manifest the joy of your Easter Faith.

With Alleluias ringing out in our Churches, may all lift their voices in praise of the Risen Lord and rejoice in the great things God has done for us through Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Let us not be afraid to embrace the Risen Lord; allow His words and deeds to reflect the light that erupted from the empty tomb early in the morning of the first Easter. Let that be the light that burns brightly in the hearts of all believers.

No matter the challenges you and I face, Easter reminds us that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we have life in his name. He is Risen! May this Easter Season be a time of joy and hope for you and your family. I extend to you my Apostolic Blessing this Easter. May the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ-Risen from the dead- come down upon you and remain with you forever! Amen. Alleluia!

+Frank J. Dewane  
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

## Check out Our Facebook page!

In an effort to promote our events and happenings, we'd like to kindly request that you like our new Facebook page. Scan this QR code here, and check in with us! Or visit Facebook and search the term:

"San Pedro Catholic Church of North Port, FL"



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## 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



P: 941-426-2893

Do you wish to become a Catholic but don't know how to begin? Getting married? Contact the Office of Faith Formation.

## Become Catholic.

San Pedro parish offers the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program.

Our adult faith formation ministry must engage the particular needs and interests of our adult parishioners. To be faithful and effective we will offer, over time, a

comprehensive and systematic presentation and exploration of the core elements of Catholic faith and practice—a complete initiation into a Catholic way of life. It will do so in a way that is accessible to adults and relates to their life experiences, helping them to form a Christian conscience and to live their lives in the world as faithful disciples of Jesus.

This integration of actual life experience, diverse adult learning needs, the study of Scripture, and the teaching of the Church's tradition will create a vibrant learning environment. It will also challenge the creativity of those who establish the direction, plan the content, and provide programs of adult faith formation.



## Spiritual Adoption PROGRAM

As of last weekend, San Pedro is praying for over 250 babies who are in danger of abortion. It is still not too late to spiritually adopt a baby. This is a nine-month program. Please take a prayer card, put your baby's name on the pink or blue card, and drop it in the bucket on the table at the main entrance.....and pray:

**"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."**

**-Venerable Fulton J. Sheen**

# Legion of Mary

Is the Holy Spirit drawing you to do more in the Catholic Church Community? Are you interested in friendship, faith, charity, kindness, prayer and practicing the Catholic faith? Here is an opportunity to be part of a dedicated group of women and men doing the Blessed Mother Mary's work through the hands of the

Legion of Mary. By sharing your faith, the Legion of Mary promotes spiritual works of mercy by bringing Holy Communion and saying prayers with those who are unable to attend regular church services. If you're interested in learning more, contact: Rae Contursi at 908-577-1464. Answer the call!



THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY  
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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 for Life archive: <https://www.respectlife.org/word-of-life-archive>

# 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.



## Rummage Sale

The Holy Name Society will be holding a Rummage Sale on April 30th & May 1st in the Activity Center. More details to follow.  
No drop offs are being accepted

## 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.