



SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA



Love one another

"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



Readings: Lec 54
Reading Acts 14:21-27
Resp Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
Reading Rev 21:1-5a
Gospel Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



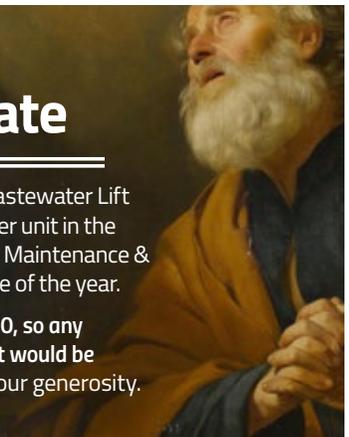
Weekly Offertory 5/8/2022
Offertory: \$13,701
2nd Collection: \$1,744
Maintenance & Repair

Please Give Generously this Year

2nd Collection Update

Because of emergency repairs needed to our Wastewater Lift Station, and the replacement of an Air Conditioner unit in the Church, we have added extra 2nd Collections for Maintenance & Repairs to our weekend collection for the balance of the year.

The cost of these repairs is approximately \$50,000, so any assistance you can provide to help defray this cost would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



INTENTIONS

- Mon, May 16th 8:30am Agatha Bulanda, Health & Healing
- Tues, May 17th 8:30am Pascual Benjamin Espina & Annabelle Delgado +
- Wed, May 18th 8:30am Semmelhack Family + Janet Guenette + Agatha Bulanda, Health & Healing
- Thur, May 19th 8:30am Maria Ofsanko +
- Fri, May 20th 8:30am Diana Surgeon +
- Sat, May 21st 8:30pm Barbara Trumbley for Healing
4pm Albert D'Andrea +
- Sun, May 22nd 7:30am Joseph Lorenz 1st Mem Anniv + Czeslaw Nedzynski & Stanislaw Kuwalek + Alfonso Cremata +
9am People of the Parish
10:45am Martha Ess +

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

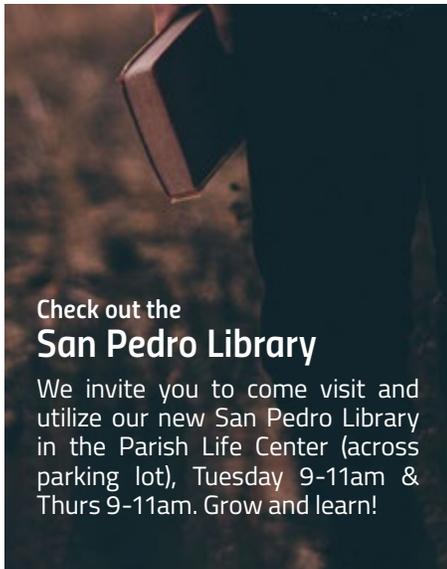
Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 7:30 | 9:00 | 10:45am
Rosary after 10:45 Mass

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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5th Sunday of Easter: John 3:31-35

Jesus has a heavenly origin and is above all (3:31). John 3:31: "He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all."



Good question...

How often I have fished all night and caught nothing! What happening then? Talk with Jesus about this.

John seems to be commenting on Jesus' words to Nicodemus (3:11-13): "Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony. If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man."

John is repeating the point that Jesus' existence did not begin when He was born to the virgin Mary. The eternal Word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). Jesus came to this earth from heaven, where He dwelt eternally with the Father. Through the virgin birth Jesus took on human flesh so that He could bear the penalty for our sins. But now He is again exalted on high, "above all," a point that John repeats twice for emphasis (some manuscripts omit the second repetition, but it is probably original).

John is not the only apostle to affirm that Jesus is now above all. In Ephesians 1:20-22a, Paul says that after God raised Jesus from the dead, He seated Him "at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power

and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet" The apostle Peter affirms (1 Pet. 3:22) that Jesus "is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him." And, the author of Hebrews spends the entire first chapter of that letter asserting that Jesus, the Creator of all things, is over all the angels.

In our text (3:31) John contrasts Jesus with John the Baptist, "who is of the earth, is from the earth and speaks of the earth." He is not nullifying the testimony of John, but rather pointing out its limitations by contrasting it with the superior testimony of Jesus. While John the Baptist was a faithful witness of all that God entrusted to him, he was nonetheless human. He only had a limited understanding of the things of God, as all humans do to one extent or another. But Jesus dwelt eternally with the Father (17:5). Because Jesus came to earth from heaven and is now back in heaven, exalted above all others, we must believe everything that He has told us about God and heavenly things.

Something to Think About

One who let's slip by the opportunity to serve another, misses one of the richest experiences life has to offer. –Pali Text

It is not enough to have power. Power must be used to protect freedom and give all people hope for the opportunity to see the fruit of their own labor. –Jesse Helms

The most extraordinary thing about the oyster is this. Irritation gets into his shell. He does not like them. But when he cannot get rid of them, he uses the irritation to do the loveliest thing an oyster ever has a chance to do. If there are irritations in our lives today, there is one prescription: make a pearl. It may have to be a pearl of patience, but...make a pearl. –Harry Emerson Fosdick

My philosophy on life is that it's up to you to make it happen. If you sit back and wait for it, it will never come to you. –Tim Driver

The future is something which everyone reaches at the rate of 60 minutes an hour, whatever he does, whatever he is. –C.S. Lewis



There is a fine difference of perspective between getting involved and being committed. In a ham and egg breakfast, the chicken is involved, but the pig is committed. –John-Allen Price

A Joke

An elderly couple sat in church Sunday after Sunday with the woman holding her husband's hand. When asked about it, the woman said, "It's not so much love. I'm just trying to keep him from cracking his knuckles."



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.

The Heart of the Church Ministry to Others

We visit the homebound, the hospitalized, the sick and the dying. We minister to those that mourn the loss of their loved ones, and we prayerfully support those in our Parish whose situation cannot be labeled.



GO ONLINE!

We have many ministries to both serve in and get the help you need from. Find out more at <https://sanpedrocc.org/ministry/>

Respect Life Ministry

We "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 **June 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.

Nursing Home Communion Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to visit the Nursing Homes and take them Holy Communion. This helps to make them feel a part of our parish community. Anyone who has received training as a Eucharistic Minister will need to receive additional training for this ministry. If interested in serving, please contact Patty at 734-752-3358.

Bereavement Ministry

Our Bereavement Group will be starting on **Thursday, May 26th at 10:30am in the Parish Life Building, Room 6**. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, please join us. Light refreshments will be served. **Call Patty at 734-752-3358 to sign up before May 24th.**



Scholarship Update

San Pedro is please to announce that our very own Alexis Mendieta, who has been a member of our parish since Baptism, is one of the recipients for both the Mary Fran Carroll Scholarship and the Father Connie Dougherty Scholarship. These scholarships are presented by the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida. Please join me in congratulating Alexis on receiving these well-deserved scholarships.

ALTAR FLOWERS, BREAD & WINE.

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.



The gratitude goes to...

Altar Bread and Wine for May is **In Celebration of Richard Sanvictores by His Parents**

Altar Flowers were donated: **In Loving Memory of Aubrey Jeffers by Ellen Jeffers**

There are many weekends available for Altar Flower Intentions. Stop by the office!



P: 941-426-2500

Call us to reserve your intention or stop by the Parish Office. The deadline for Father's Day is June 13th.

Fathers Intentions

Intentions for Father's Day can still be submitted by June 13th

The 9:00am Mass will be offered for an unlimited number of Living & Deceased fathers. Their names and the names of the donors will be listed in the appropriate bulletins. Arrange a Father's Day intention by calling or coming to the Parish Office.

The donation is \$10/intention. Proceeds go towards San Pedro's Catholic Faith Appeal Goal.

The deadline for Father's Day intentions is June 13th. Thank you and God bless!

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our fathers and for all the men who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides. Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children. And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.



Holy Name SOCIETY

The next Holy Name Society meeting will be on **Monday, June 6th, 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.

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 joining, contact: Rae Contursi at 908-577-1464. Answer the call!



JOIN US FOR A 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 12Noon after the 10:45AM Mass inside the church. Contact: Anthony (617) 320-1759.



PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO SUPPORT THE War Relief in Ukraine

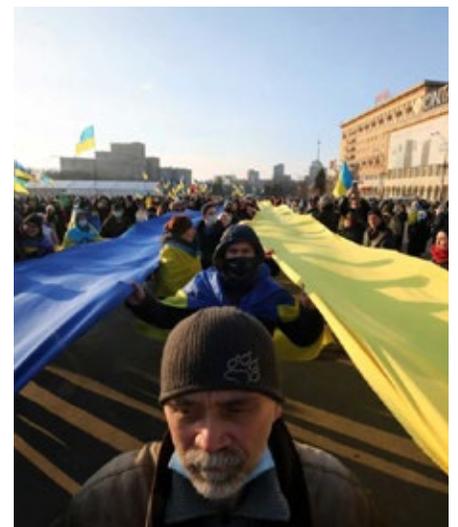
Pray & Support

Visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/> and click the donate button. Also, please keep the people of the Ukraine in your prayers.

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.





Getting Married? Contact the Office of Faith Formation at 941-426-2893

Become Catholic

San Pedro parish offers the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program for those wishing to become Catholic

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.

Walking with Moms in Need "I'm Pregnant!"

You've come to the right place! Start with a pregnancy help center that is most convenient for you.

These pregnancy help centers are the best place to start. At a pregnancy help center, you will find individuals who care about you and are dedicated to doing everything possible to help you explore your options by providing accurate information. They can help you verify your pregnancy with an accurate pregnancy test and ultrasound if needed. They have information on the resources available to you that can help to meet your financial, material and emotional needs.



Pregnancy Solutions VISIT FOR MORE INFORMATION
WWW.PREGNANCYSOLUTIONS.ORG

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.*

Flame of Love Rosary

Monday after the 8:30 Mass in the Grotto

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 Rosary

15 Decades of the Rosary recited every Wednesday after 8:30AM Mass

First Saturday Devotion

Rosary starts at 1PM outside at the Grotto of Our Lady. (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.