



SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE KEY TO THE FUTURE!



"Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord." -Isaiah 2:5



Readings: Lec 1

Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Resp Ps 122: 1-2, 3-9

Reading Rom 13:11-14

Gospel Mt 24:37-44



Offertory 11/20/2022

Offertory: \$13,619

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Immaculate Conception Masses

Wednesday, December 7, 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 8, 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 7:00 pm

Advent Penance Service

Saturday, December 10, 10 am-12 pm.



INTENTIONS

- Mon, Nov 28th 8:30am Irena Misiorska +
- Tues, Nov 29th 8:30am Patricia Brandstetter +
- Wed, Nov 30th 8:30am Joan Sansone +
Walter Gens+
- Thur, Dec 1st 9am Adelino Teixeira 1st Anniv. +
- Fri, Dec 2nd 7am Elie Kaplo & Marcella Bouabginia+
8:30am Armand Gaboriault 12th Anniv.
- Sat, Dec 3rd 8:30pm Living Members of the Carmelites
4pm John Hastings +
- Sun, Dec 4th 7:30am Helen & John Willson +
Enrique Ramon Vargas +
Harvey Reichelt's Family (all)
9am People of the Parish
10:45am Evancho & Garofalo Grandchildren

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.

SCHEDULE

MASSES

Sunday Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 am

Weekday Mon-Sat 8:30 am

Holydays 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 2:00 pm
First Fridays 7:30-8:30 am

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Thurs, December 8th - 7am, 8:30am & 7pm

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ROSARY (SEE PAGE 7)

San Pedro Catholic Church... The Key to the Future.

San Pedro is a warm and friendly parish, providing an intimate worship environment. Learn more about us at: <https://sanpedrocc.org/>



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Walk in the Light of the Lord

The month of December often passes with a lot of decorating, gift shopping, cooking, and parties...



THE ROSARY

See page 7 every week for a schedule of the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Novena to Our Lady and First Friday devotions.

None of these are bad – it is wonderful to spend time with family and express love for them like this – but many people experience it as a frantic rush that makes the arrival of Christmas feel more like a relief than a celebration of God’s boundless love for me.

In the first reading, we hear “Come, let us climb the Lord’s mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths” (Isaiah 2:3). Climbing the mountain of the Lord’s house (i.e. the temple in Jerusalem) was an annual event for many of the solemn feasts in ancient Judaism. For those who didn’t live in Jerusalem, it meant preparing for a journey, setting out on foot for however many days it took to reach the city, and climbing the steep roads that led to the mountaintop on which Jerusalem is built. As they neared the city, they would sing the Psalms of Ascents (Pss 120-134) that speak of God’s goodness to David, his household, the royal city of Jerusalem, and all the people of Israel, especially focused on praising God in the temple. The people of Israel loved the temple! It was a beautiful and magnificent sign of God’s presence with his people, but also the place that Israel’s redemption by God was celebrated and proclaimed in the reading of the Law. By this proclamation and reliving of their sacred history, they saw God himself

“instruct us in his ways” so as to “walk in his paths” and learn to live a life pleasing to God.

That is a wonderful approach to the season of Advent: setting out on a journey toward the celebration of God’s saving love. As you prepare for celebrations with food and gifts, consider how spiritual practices can take you on a spiritual journey. How can you prepare your heart to be more open to God this Advent?

Some ideas: read and meditate on one of the Psalms of Ascents (Psalms 120-134) daily; make a good confession at the Advent parish penance service (December 10, 10 AM) or regular confessions (Saturdays, 2 PM); extend an olive branch to estranged family members; check on neighbors who may be lonely; attend daily Mass during the eight days before Christmas (December 17-24); pray a daily Rosary as a family; read a daily meditation during Advent.

Spiritual preparation for a significant celebration of our faith can help reshape the experience. If December has been hectic or stressful in the past, consider doing something new that will help you prepare for Christmas, when we celebrate the dawning of our salvation that moves us to walk in the light of the Lord.

Fr. Nate

Something to Think About

Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets’;

1. Holy Communion will be distributed first to those who cannot come forward in procession.
2. The priest and deacon will distribute Holy Communion at the corners of the sanctuary instead of in the center aisle. This should make the Communion procession flow more smoothly and reverently.
3. Second Collections will be taken up immediately after the first collection at the Offertory. That will avoid unnecessary distractions after receiving Holy Communion.

For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. (John 6:54-57).





Blessing of an Advent Wreath at Home

Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Who made heaven and earth.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone. For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. **Isaiah 9:1, 5**

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind; bid ev'ry sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.



JOIN US FOR THE NATIONAL Night of Prayer for Life



Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego.

QUESTIONS?

For more information, please contact Deacon Rich of our Respect Life Ministry at 941-412-4718.

Please join Deacon Rich and our Respect Life Ministry for the Night of Prayer for Life on Thursday, December 8th at 9:00p.m.-1:00a.m. Friday, December 9 in the Church.

This vigil is held in each time zone across the country, and all will be praying together from 12am-1am local time. We ask Mary's intercession to establish of a Culture of Life, to guard the Church from persecution and to seek a revival in our land. Come for one hour, or for the whole vigil of prayer. For more information, please contact Deacon Rich at 941-412-4718.



Catholic Faith Appeal

Goal: \$216,000
 Received: \$124,323.02
 Pledged: \$ 130,425.03
 Percent of Goal: 60.38%

*As of 11/12/2022

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

- Second Collection for November 27, 2022 is for Capital Expense Sunday
- Second Collection for December 4, 2022 is for Maintenance & Repairs

The gratitude goes to...

Flowers are used during weekend Masses outside of Lent and Advent. Many dates are still available for 2023.

Altar Bread and Wine for the month of November – Twaits Family Remembrance by Bud & AnnaMarie Twaits.



Diocese of Venice Respect Life

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life, provides a framework for the ministry, following the Catholic tradition of prayer, study/education and action, including pastoral care and legislative advocacy. Respect Life Ministry focuses on life and death issues involving the beginning of life, end of life, capital punishment and legislative action on the parish, diocesan, state and national levels.

Learn more at: www.dioceseofvenice.com

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. Visit Facebook and search the term:

"San Pedro Catholic Church of North Port, FL"

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OLPH MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER "Grandparents, the Elderly, and Aging"



TESTIMONIAL

"I felt my spiritual growth in a single week was more than I could have made on my own over the entire rest of my life." -Jerry, OLPH Attendee

Fr. Mark Yavarone, OMV, will introduce us to the wisdom of Pope Francis on this topic in a way that will serve as a springboard for prayer. Join Fr. Mark either Sunday, December 11 or Wednesday, December 14 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish from 9:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. The cost is \$40 and includes continental breakfast. Lunch is on your own. [To register, visit www.olph-retreat.org](http://www.olph-retreat.org).

OLPH Monthly Day of Prayer

These monthly events occur from September through May. All are invited to the monthly day of prayer on the second Sunday and second Wednesday of each month. The same conferences are given on both days; please choose the day that is compatible with your schedule. The day begins at 9:30 am with continental breakfast and includes two conferences, lunch, Eucharistic Adoration, opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, private meditation and prayer. The day concludes with Mass at 2:30 pm. To register for an upcoming session, visit <https://www.olph-retreat.org/group-retreats>

The Respect Life Ministry

Join us for our next meeting on Monday, December 5 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Life Center, Classroom 6. For more information, please contact Deacon Richard Frohmiller at 941-412-4718.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM MONTH #8

"I like to listen to my Mommy's voice!"

Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight; she might be making her mother uncomfortable with her size. She will need a layer of fat to help her stay warm after she leaves the perfect temperature inside her mother's womb. For some weeks now she has recognized her mother's voice. In a short time, her baby will be born. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.

1 Samuel 1:27-28 - I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD.





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!

Sign Up to Volunteer for
Catholic Charities
catholiccharitiesdov.org/volunteer/



WORLD DAY OF CITIES FOR LIFE

Cities for Life Day

On Wednesday, November 30, communities around the world dedicated to the abolition of the death penalty will participate in the World Day of Cities for Life, Cities Against the Death Penalty.



The date coincides with the anniversary of the first death penalty abolition in history in Tuscany, Italy in 1786. Light a candle in your own home to show your support for the cause of the abolition of the death penalty. Listen to Pope Francis speak on the issue at <https://dioceseofvenice.org/death-penalty-is-not-the-answer/> and Dale Recinella at <https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/respect-life/death-penalty/>.

Visit www.fadp.org or www.catholicmobilizing.org to learn more, or contact Jeanne Berdeaux at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org with any questions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Attention Men of the Parish

The North Port Knights of Columbus Council 7997 invites men of our Parish to become members. E - membership is available at kofc.org/join us. For more information contact our Membership Chairman Tony Salvucci at 617-320-1759. Put your FAITH INTO ACTION by joining. **Vivat Jesus!** -David Samuel, Grand Knight

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH IN THE ACTIVITIES CENTER

Breakfast with Santa

and Bake Sale!

Breakfast with Santa and Bake Sale Sunday December 4 in the Activities Center from 8:30 am to 2 pm. Those wishing to drop off baked goods at the Activity Center, may do so on Dec. 3rd from 2 pm to 3:30 pm



Upcoming Events



GIVING TREE

This year for Christmas, St. Vincent de Paul is partnering with The Kiwanis Club to help needy children in North Port. If you take a tag from the tree, please drop off your gifts at the tree UNWRAPPED and WITH THE TAG by December 10. If you prefer to give Walmart gift cards, simply put them in an envelope marked SVDP and drop them in the collection basket. We will use the cards to purchase gifts. Thank you in advance for bringing smiles on Christmas morning.

FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Friday, December 2, 7:00 am Mass, Confessions 7:30-8:30 am, 8:30 am Mass Saturday, December 3, 1:20 pm Rosary in the Church, Confessions 2:00 pm.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Saturday, December 10 from 10 am-12 pm in the Church.

BINGO EVERY FRIDAY IN THE ACTIVITIES CENTER.
DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 PM.



 Since 2001, Pregnancy Solutions engages at-risk families in mentorship, education and material support, equipping moms and dads to **say YES to life!** We walk with clients from the pregnancy test and ultrasound through as many as 58 one on one sessions to ensure that every new mom and dad has access to the support that will lay the foundation for a successful parenting or adoption journey. Visit pregnancysolutions.org for more information.

Please Join Us For Our

20th Annual Gala

DECEMBER 12, 2022
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Doors open at 5:30 PM

CHARLOTTE HARBOR EVENT CENTER
75 TAYLOR ST, PUNTA GORDA

Attire is business casual to semi-formal.

Please register by visiting psbanquet.org



This event is free to attend, we will extend an invitation to support at the end of the program. Please consider becoming a table host and filling a table of 10! Just register yourself and click "Yes, I want to be a table host". Signing up as a table host is the best way to help us fill the room with like-minded people!

Please email events@pregnancysolutions.org for more information about the gala.

Devotions

Rosary

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM in the Chapel

Wednesdays 15 decades after the 8:30 AM Mass in the Chapel

Sunday after the 10:45 AM Mass in the Church

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesdays after the 8:30 AM Mass in the Chapel

Novena to Our Lady

Saturdays before the 8:30 AM Mass

First Friday

7:00 AM Mass

7:30-8:30 AM Confessions

8:30 AM Mass

9:00-12:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12:00 PM Benediction

First Saturday

1:45 PM Rosary in the Church



HURRICANE SEASON

Pray for Safety

The 2022 Hurricane Season began on June 1 and continues until November 30. All are encouraged to pray for protection from the storms that can and have threatened Southwest Florida. The potential devastation as witnessed by previous hurricanes reinforces the fact that we need to pray for God's protection and care during these next months.