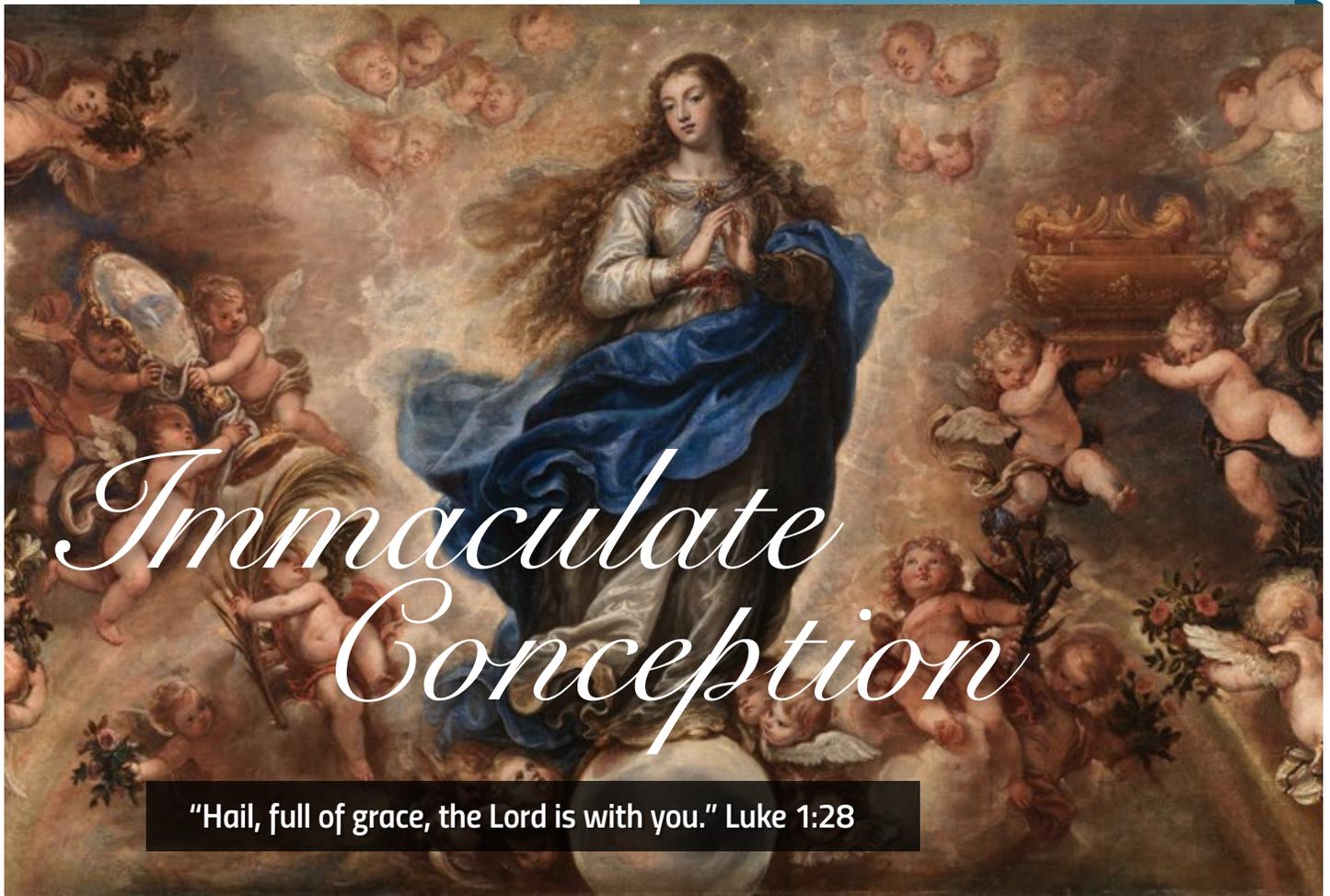




SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE KEY TO THE FUTURE!



Readings: Lec 4

Reading Isaiah 11:1-10
Resp Ps 72:1-2, 7-13, 17
Reading Romans 15:4-9
Gospel Mt 3:1-12



Offertory 11/27/2022

Offertory: \$12,297
2nd Collection: \$2,749
Capital Expense

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, Dec 5th	8:30am	Agnes Stroker +
Tues, Dec 6th	8:30am	Caroline Robb +
Wed, Dec 7th	8:30am	Roger McAvoy +
	7pm	Kyle Shinkey +
Thur, Dec 8th	7am	Edward Presner +
	8:30am	Deceased Mem. of DeAnna Family
	7pm	Kukulski Family
Fri, Dec 9th	7am	Irena Misiorska +
	8:30am	Armand Gaboriault 12th Anniv.
Sat, Dec 10th	8:30pm	George & Anna Stevens +
	4pm	Deacon Vern Bechard +
Sun, Dec 11th	7:30am	Fr. Pat Organ +
	9am	People of the Parish
	10:45am	Linda Alkahabbaz +

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASSES

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

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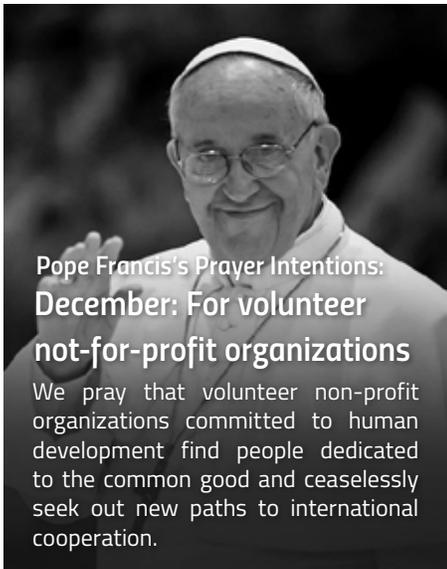
Holy Day of Obligation

DECEMBER 10

Penance Service

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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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3 Birthdays, 2 Conceptions, 1 Divine Plan

This week we celebrate the solemn feast of the Immaculate Conception.

While most saints are honored on the day of their death (we also honor Mary's Assumption on August 15), only two saints are celebrated on their birthday: John the Baptist (June 24) and the Virgin Mary (September 8).

And only one is honored from the moment of conception itself. While the conception of every person is sacred, a unique expression of our capacity as man and woman to share God's life giving power - the Immaculate Conception of Mary is also joined by a special grace from God. From the first moment of her existence in her mother's womb, God preserved Mary from all stain of sin. The saving grace of Jesus that touched you and me at our Baptism surrounded Mary from the moment of her conception.

We celebrate the birth of Jesus himself on December 25, and we recall his conception by the power of the Holy Spirit in Mary's womb on the feast of the Annunciation on March 25.

And so the annual celebration of these three births and two conceptions all point us to God's one loving plan for our salvation.

The Immaculate Conception reminds us that God does not react to what happens. God knows beforehand what he will do, and even foreseeing the tragedy of human sin, God does not change his will for our salvation. In fact, it is precisely because God foresaw the outpouring of love that Jesus would offer once and for all on the Cross that he could apply that grace to Mary even before the Word became flesh. As a teacher of mine, Dr. Peter Kreeft, once said, "In God's hands, time is like a pretzel."

In a similar way, at every Mass, we are present at the Last Supper, at Calvary, and already in a way at the heavenly banquet, even as we gather at daily Mass on a time of our choosing here and now. The one saving



sacrifice of Jesus is simultaneously present in all its aspects every time we receive the precious Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion. Whether we are thinking of it or not, that is what God is thinking and doing at every Mass.

Some friends of mine are eagerly awaiting to adopt a child. They don't know who the child is, or if the child has even been conceived or born. But their love is already present, preparing their hearts and home and motivating them to undertake the long and difficult process of adoption. That is prevenient love.

The Immaculate Conception is a celebration of God's prevenient love and grace. Out of love for you and me, God prepared Mary to give her free yes to his plan for our salvation. Her freedom was not restrained by fear or by sin and its wounds. She freely gave her yes with her whole being - out of love for God and for us.

Let us prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, announced by John the forerunner, born of the sinless Virgin Mary - the Immaculate Conception, by giving our yes to God's plan to make us his adopted daughters and sons in Jesus Christ, the Only-Begotten Son.

-Fr. Tom

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary, And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord
Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

And the Word was made Flesh
And dwelt among us.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.





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.

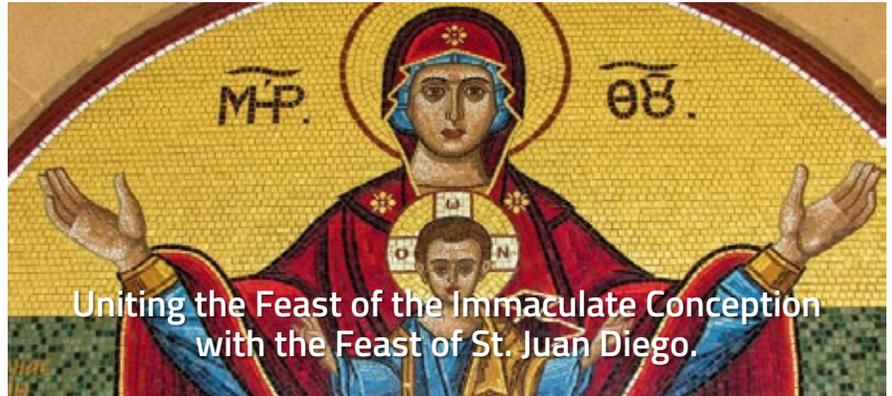
Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.

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



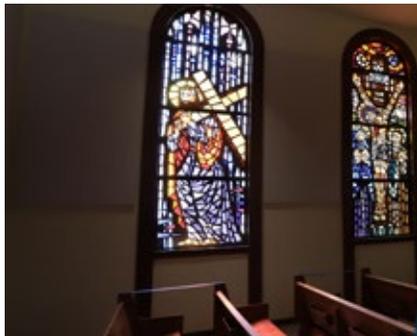
Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego.

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 December 4, 2022 is for Maintenance & Repairs
- Second Collection for December 11, 2022 Retirement Fund for Religious

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 December – Hemond & Gaboriault Families by Blanche Gaboriault



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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WISH YOU COULD DO MORE TO HELP A Pregnant Mother in Need?



WE NEED YOU

Contact Respect Life Director for the Diocese of Venice Jeanne Berdeaux at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-374-1068.

You can help by sending a donation to the Catholic Charities Pennies for Babies Fund, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285, or donate online at <https://catholiccharitiesdov.org/donatetoday>. Your donation will be used to help pregnant women with rent, utilities or other necessities with no administrative fees taken. Questions? Contact Respect Life Director Jeanne Berdeaux at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-374-1068.

Psalm 139:14-16 - "I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know. My bones are not hidden from you. When I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be."

The Respect Life Ministry

The Respect Life Ministry will also have its monthly 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

For almost 9 months, many of us here at San Pedro have been participating in a "Spiritual Adoption Program." We have been praying for innocent babies developing in their mothers' wombs who are in danger of abortion. The names of 372 babies (186 boys and 186 girls) who were "spiritually adopted" have been in a basket at the foot of the ambo for people to pray for at every Mass.

We may never get to meet our adopted little ones but thank all those who have been so diligent in their prayers for these babies and God's incredible gift of life. To conclude this year's Spiritual Adoption Program, our Respect Life ministry is having a birthday party in the Activity Center on December 11 after the 10:45 Mass. Everyone is invited to help our Respect Life ministry celebrate the lives we may have saved through our prayers and the grace of God!





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/



SIMBANG GABI OR MISA DE GALLO
Mass at Dawn

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish celebrates this Filipino tradition with a novena of morning Masses to prepare for Christmas.



St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish celebrates this Filipino tradition with a novena of morning Masses to prepare for Christmas. Masses will be celebrated at 6:00 am from Thursday, December 15 to Friday December 23 (except Sunday, December 18, when the Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m). Come for any or all of these Masses, 1441 Spear St., Port Charlotte. For more information, please call 941-743-6877.

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



Christmas
Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
 5:30 pm Vigil Mass & 12:00 am Midnight Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am

Diocesan Events

The Diocese of Venice extends its gratitude to everyone for their continued prayers and outpouring of support as the recovery from Hurricane Ian continues. For those interested in volunteering or donating, visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org.



Diocese of Venice Eucharistic Congress Youth Rally - As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, The Diocese of Venice is hosting a Eucharistic Congress Youth Rally from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday, March 24, 2023, at the Conference Center and Luminary Hotel on the riverfront of downtown Fort Myers. The theme for the Eucharistic Congress is "The Word Made Flesh – John 1:14." The doors open at 4:00 p.m., and there will be opening music by the band "The Vigil Project," beginning at 5:00 p.m. with Mass at 5:30 p.m. The keynote speaker is Father Timothy Anastos. There will be both a boys and girls track, as well as English and Spanish tracks. After the breakout sessions, there will be an outdoor concert in the nearby amphitheater, as well as Eucharistic Adoration and closing Benediction. The rally includes the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, dinner, and vendors. Registration for this exciting day will be available soon. Stay tuned by visiting <https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/evangelization/eucharistic-congress-2023/> for further information.

Diocese of Venice Eucharistic Congress - As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, The Diocese of Venice is hosting a Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at the Conference Center and Luminary Hotel in downtown Fort Myers. The theme for the Eucharistic Congress is "The Word Made Flesh – John 1:14." Doors open at 8:00 a.m. with the opening prayer at 9:00 a.m. A portion of this event is being presented in both English and Spanish. In addition, the afternoon will include breakout sessions geared toward men and women. Featured speakers include Father Don Calloway, Hector Molina, Teresa Tomeo, Mary Ann Weisinger-Puig, and others. There will be a Eucharistic Procession and the day will conclude with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 5:00 p.m. The day will also include the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, lunch, breakout sessions and vendors. Registration for this exciting day will be available soon. <https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/evangelization/eucharistic-congress-2023/> for further information.

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



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.