



SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE KEY TO THE FUTURE!

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near."

(Philippians 4:4-5)



+ Christmas Masses

Saturday December 24 – 5:30 pm, 12:00 midnight

Sunday December 25 – 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am



Readings: Lec 7

Reading Isaiah 35:1–6, 10

Resp Ps 146:6–10

Reading James 5:7–10

Gospel Matthew 11:2–11



Offertory 12/4/2022

Offertory: \$14,637

2nd Collection: \$2,877

Maintenance & Repair



Advent Penance Services

Monday, December 12 5:00 pm - St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, December 15, 5:00 pm - Epiphany Cathedral, San Antonio

Thursday, December 22, 6:00 pm – Our Lady of Lourdes

INTENTIONS

- Mon, Dec 12th 8:30am Sansone & Girdalli Families
- Tues, Dec 13th 8:30am Chad Ryan Ledford +
- Wed, Dec 14th 8:30am John Loftus +
- Thur, Dec 15th 8:30am Irena Misiorska +
- Fri, Dec 16th 8:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory +
- Sat, Dec 17th 8:30pm Edward Carpenter, Jr. 11th Mem. Anniv. +
4pm Dan Engel +
- Sun, Dec 18th 7:30am Meoni Klein & Schrauben Families +
Genevieve Chippendale +
Pedro Pimentel +
9am People of the Parish
10:45am Quink & Chenette Families +

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES

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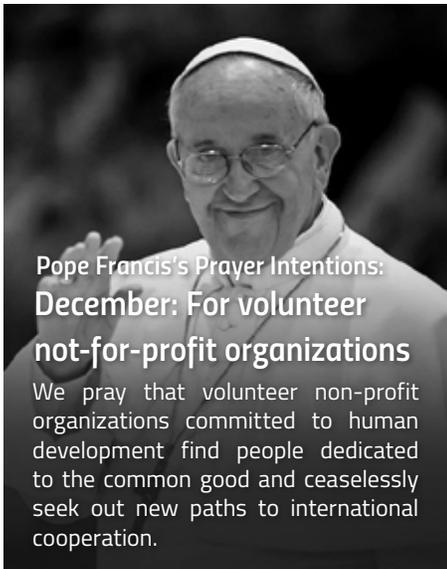
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Prayer Line Ministry: For your immediate prayer needs and petitions call **Dolly at 941-240-5419**. Anyone interested in praying for fellow parishioners & their families, please call.

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

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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THE ROSARY

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

The third Sunday in Advent is traditionally called Gaudete (“Be joyful!”) Sunday, which comes from the entrance chant in the Roman Missal from Philippians 4. It is echoed in the opening prayer, when we ask God for all awaiting the feast of the Lord’s Nativity “to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.” Joy comes from love; we love something because we are drawn to its good, and this attraction gives joy. Even though the celebration of Christmas isn’t here yet, we can already rejoice in our desire for Jesus, the cause of our joy.

The second reading this Sunday (James 5:7-10) is about waiting patiently for the coming of the Lord, and admonishes us, “Do not complain about one another” (or “grumble against one another,” Jas. 5:9). Many people find this time of year stressful, and if you feel tempted to grumble against someone who isn’t helping around the house, or doesn’t carry the burden of caring for children or the elderly, or has enviable possessions, or gets a gift you wanted ...

consider how you might be able to share the joy of waiting for the Lord whom you love with that person.

If you are busy with preparations for school events, parties, or guests, think about how even this can help you to share the joy of the Lord’s coming. If you are burdened with work, think about how your work can be offered as a gift to glorify God; if you are feeling lonely, remember that the Lord is with you and loves you; if you are impatient, remember how the good God gives us time to prepare to meet him; if you are tired, remember the trials that Mary endured to bring Jesus into the world; if you are unable to celebrate lavishly, remember the simple stable in which our God revealed himself to us; if you are burdened with the cares of the world, remember that the Lord desires you to have rest in him; if you are seeking the perfect gift for someone, remember that God gives himself to us to share with one another. And if you are not yet experiencing joy, think about Jesus who desires to share his joy with you.

-Fr. Nate

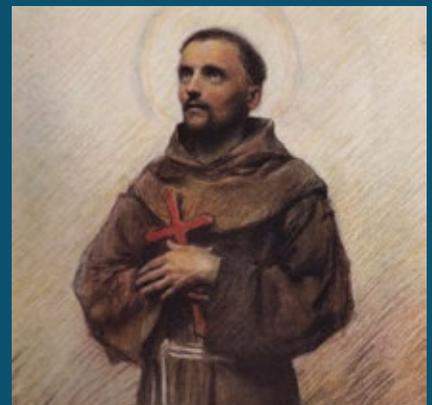
The Advantages of Spiritual Joy

Through joyfulness one avoids sins and easily triumphs over temptation.

It is characteristic of temptations to begin to instill despondency and sadness. And in these troubled waters the devil begins to fish. The joyful man has great regard for and always enjoys the spiritual goods he hopes for and possesses. When these are compared to the apparent goods temptations offer, he quickly decides the question with the exclamation of St. Philip, “Paradise, Paradise.” Therefore, he sins less and gains much more merit, since he now has profited by the temptation as a reminder to practice the opposite virtue.

With joyfulness, one drives out that indolence which impedes the practice of virtue.

With joyfulness one easily acquires holiness and perfects oneself through virtuous actions. “God loves a Joyful giver” (2 Cor 9: 7). Joyful giving is done not as a burden, but by good grace, with love. Moreover, sloth is driven out. If one thinks too much about a good action that is to be performed - and thus hesitates - the merit of that action will be diminished, if not completely, then at least in part. So act promptly, for here I cite, “The one who gives promptly, gives double.” (continued on page 4)





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For this reason, St. Francis of Assisi strongly recommended spiritual joyfulness to his religious, since he himself found out and concluded that it is the best way to overcome spiritual sloth.

If one prays, if one meditates with joy, if one approaches the sacraments joyfully, if one converses with his neighbor with joy, how many sins towards God or towards one's neighbor will be avoided. On the other hand, as charity towards one's neighbor reaches perfection, how much more does one merit and how much greater will be the degrees of grace and of glory. Therefore, let us do everything with joy. "In your commands, O Lord, is all my delight," says David. With joyfulness, one's perseverance in good is more easily assured, because doing things with sadness and against one's will constitutes a violent state that cannot last. In such a case, if great difficulties are encountered, how much more easily is everything abandoned. The joyful person, on the other hand, is resolute, generous, energetic, and so easily overcomes the difficulty of perseverance.

- Venerable Bruno Lanteri



Teen Faith Formation

For post-Confirmation teens, age 15-18

- Second & Fourth Wednesdays each month
- 5:30-7 pm in the Youth Center, starting January 11, 2023

January-April series: **Virtues and Vices in the World Today**
For more information, contact Fr. Nate through the parish office.

Catholic Faith Appeal

Goal: \$216,000
Received: \$152,441.52
Pledged: \$156,685.03
Percent of Goal: 72.54%
As of 12/03/2022

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

- Second Collection for December 11, 2022 Retirement Fund for Religious
- Second Collection for December 18, 2022 Capital Expense Sunday

The gratitude goes to...

Flowers are used during weekend Masses outside of Lent and Advent. Contact the Parish Office for availabilities.

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."



Check out the "MyParish" App!

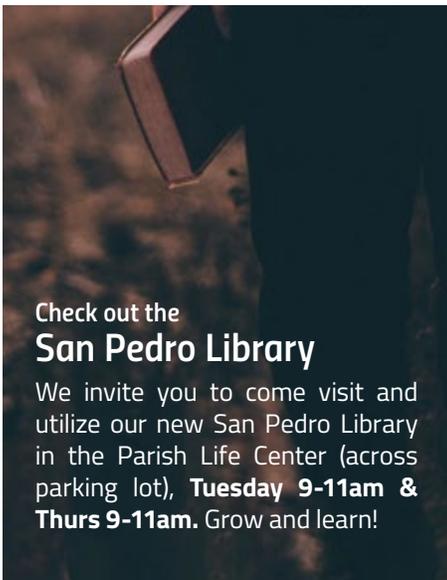
Search for San Pedro Catholic Church and find Mass times and more information that can be easily accessed from your phone. Stay connected!

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!

Couples Wedding Anniversary Mass

FEBRUARY 4 AND FEBRUARY 18, 2023

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in two locations: February 4th at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at 11am, and February 18th at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, also at 11am. Please contact your local parish office for reservations no later than one week before the event you choose to attend.

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.



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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

Giving & Planning

The Diocese of Venice has many resources with which to help our faithful to plan giving in the most resourceful way and to multiply the loaves we've been given.



Catholic Community Foundation

Either You Make a Will, or the Government Makes One for You - If you die without a will, and your spouse is not alive, the State of Florida must determine the distribution of all your worldly goods. Decisions on who receives your assets will be made according to State law, not your personal wishes. Express your choices in a will. It's far easier than you think. For more information contact your local attorney, or please call Michael Morse at the Catholic Community Foundation, your resource for planned giving, at 941-441-1124.

Can the Church help me? - Yes, we can! I am 75 years old and have always tried to help the Church, but now I need more income. Yes, we can! A seventy-five-year-old who establishes a Charitable Gift Annuity through a donation to the Church receives a fixed payment rate of 6.0% for the rest of her/his life, substantial tax savings and the opportunity to designate the gift to a parish or diocesan ministry of her/his choice. To learn more, please call Michael Morse at the Catholic Community Foundation, your resource for planned giving at 941-441-1124.

Catholic Charities

Hurricane Ian Aid - For assistance in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, or should you wish to help, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org. To make a financial donation to the Diocesan response to the hurricane www.dioceseofvenice.org/hurricaneian, or send a check to Diocese of Venice in Florida, ATTN: Hurricane Ian Relief, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285.

Annual Christmas Appeal - The 21st Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal is underway and needs your support! The Christmas Appeal takes place now through January 2023. The Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal is the largest annual fundraiser and critical to operating this social service organization. Gifts provide funding for the many Catholic Charities programs and services available throughout Southwest Florida. Your generosity enables us to serve those seeking help all year long. To donate please mail a contribution to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285, or visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org

Advent and Christmas - Parish Resources for the Advent Season can be found on the Diocese of Venice website at <https://dioceseofvenice.org/advent/>.

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

UPCOMING RETREAT

"Grandparents, the Elderly, & Aging"

Presented by Rev. Mark Yavarone, OMV at the December 11 and 14 Monthly Day of Prayer (MDOP) Retreats (both days are the same Retreat - choose the most convenient for you). Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021, and since then, Our Holy Father has spoken about aging in no less than 20 of his addresses. Join Rev. Mark Yavarone, OMV, as he shares the wisdom of Pope Francis on this topic in a way that will serve as a springboard for prayer. Due to the fact that the Retreat Center is under construction after Hurricane Ian, both MDOP retreats will be held at the Education Center of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1301 Center Road, Venice. This event is from 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. and includes breakfast, lunch, and Mass. Link to register: <https://olph-retreat.org/monthly-day-of-prayer>. \$40.00 Visit: www.olph-retreat.org.