



# SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE KEY TO THE FUTURE!



Lord, every nation on Earth will adore you.



## Readings: Lec 21

Reading Isaiah 60:1-6  
Resp Ps 72:1-2, 7-13  
Reading Eph 3:2-3, 5-6  
Gospel Mt 2:1-12



## Offertory 01/01/2023

Offertory: \$15,611

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## 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](http://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**



# INTENTIONS

- Mon, Jan 9th 8:30am Bill Elrick +
- Tues, Jan 10th 8:30am Joseph C. Vetrano +
- Wed, Jan 11th 8:30am Robert Shaw +
- Thur, Jan 12th 8:30am In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
- Fri, Jan 13th 8:30am Carmen Juana-Rivera +
- Sat, Jan 14th 8:30pm William Bracken +  
4pm Stephen J. Zeitler +
- Sun, Jan 15th 7:30am Suzanne Siok +  
9am Albert Breymeier +  
10:45am Nick & Nancy Comella +  
1pm People of the Parish

## 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

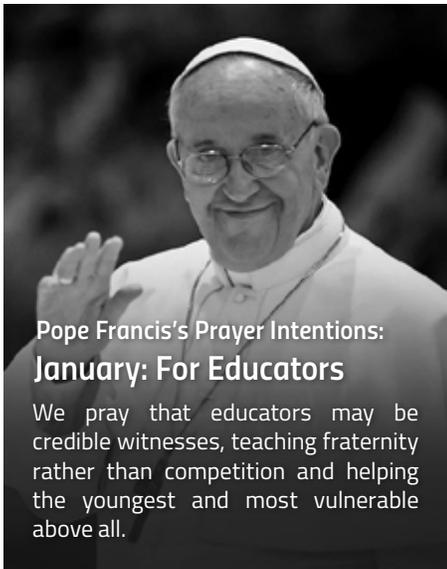
### RECONCILIATION

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

**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/>



### Pope Francis's Prayer Intentions: January: For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

- Fr. Thomas Carzon OMV **Pastor**
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# The Feast of the Epiphany: A Mini-Pentecost

Today's feast of Epiphany is like a mini-Pentecost. At Pentecost, the disciples went out from the Upper Room filled with the Holy Spirit, proclaiming Jesus Christ in every language.



## THE ROSARY

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

On Epiphany, we recall the Magi's journey from the ends of the earth to discover what God had done in Jesus, the newborn King.

The desire in the hearts of the Magi was answered by God sending out the Church to all the corners of the world. Christianity remains today the most ethnically diverse religion in the world. Our faith in Jesus Christ is not just a personal feeling or conviction that comforts us. It is a message for all the world, a light to the nations. And our faith in Jesus Christ has power to shed light on the questions and challenges of our world today.

Epiphany is also like a mini-Pentecost, because it manifests the healing of those divisions in our human family whose roots reach as far back as the Tower of Babel. There, human pride set over against God led to the confusion of languages. No one could understand another, and it was impossible to work together. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit empowered the Church to speak in every language, to gather our scattered human family into the redeemed and sanctified family of God.

Today we are again incapable of speaking to one another. It is not only our words that are confused - the meaning of our very bodies is thrown into question. We can hardly understand what God says to us in

creating us, male and female, in his image and likeness.

Yet still, every person is searching for meaning and purpose. Everyone is looking for light that can help make sense of our life and experience in the world. Every person is like the Magi, seeking truth in love. This search is fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

But the Magi don't stay in the stable in Bethlehem. From their encounter with Jesus, they return "by a different route." They are changed by their encounter with Jesus, and bring that changed life back to the corners of the world.

Next week we begin a Spanish Mass at 1 pm every Sunday. And in February we will have a Vietnamese Mass and celebration of the Lunar New Year. Even our little corner of southwest Florida is a place where people of "every tribe and tongue and people and nation" (Revelation 5:9, 7:9) are gathered in faith around Jesus Christ.

In this New Year, may every one of take one step closer to Jesus in our journey of faith. (The Catechism in a Year podcast might be a great help - see page 4.) Like the Magi, may we learn to go forward "by a different route," walking together in the light of Christ.

-Fr. Tom

# Christ, bless this house!

...the blood of the lamb protected  
the inhabitants within.

The Feast of Epiphany is celebrated on the 12th Day of Christmas, January 6th, but in the United States it is moved to the Sunday between January 2nd-8th. On Epiphany, it is traditional for families to bless their homes, remembering the hospitality of the Holy Family to the Wise Men and asking for protection and blessing on the home and all who enter. The home blessing is done by writing on the door or door frame with chalk the symbols 20+C+M+B+23. The 20 and 23 represent the current year. The + reminds us of the cross on which our Savior died. The C, M, and B stand for the traditional names of the Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, as well as an abbreviation for the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house." Writing on the door also brings to mind the Passover of the Jews during the final plague in Exodus, when the blood of the lamb protected the inhabitants within.

Pray Together: Make the Sign of the Cross.

Read an Epiphany Scripture passage from today's readings.

Pray: "Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen." (from usccb.org)

- Chalk the door, door frame, or plaque with 20+C+M+B+23
- Pray the Our Father.
- Make the Sign of the Cross.

# Special Events IN 2023



## Misa en Español

A partir del 15 de enero celebraremos misa en español todos los domingos a la 1:00 de la tarde.

## Spanish Mass

Beginning Sunday, January 15, there will be a Mass in Spanish each Sunday at 1:00 pm.



## 2nd Collections

Second Collection for **January 8, 2023** is for **Vocations/Seminary Support**

Second Collection for **January 15, 2023** is for **Capital Expense**

## COMING IN 2023

# The Catechism in a Year Companion

Do you want to grow in knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith? Ascension Press is releasing *The Catechism in a Year (C/Y)* with Fr. Mike Schmitz. It is a daily audio series that features a reading from *The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)* with brief commentary. You can access it directly from MyParish app or numerous podcast platforms and YouTube. The reading plan for the entire year is available at [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com).



## 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!

## Vietnamese Celebrations

AT SAN PEDRO

- 5:00 pm Mass and Reception
- February 5 - Lunar New Year
- April 23 - Easter Season
- October 8 - Month of Mary



## Catholic Faith Appeal

Goal: \$216,000  
 Received: \$170,480.02  
 Pledged: \$171,265.03  
 Percent of Goal: 79.29%  
 As of 12/27/2022



## 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 January: In Loving Memory of Peter and Catherine Dwornik by the Kukulski Family





## CALLING All Men!

Exodus 90 is a ninety-day spiritual exercise for men based on three pillars: **Prayer, Self-Denial, and Fraternity**. It was built to help men discover the freedom of becoming who they are truly meant to be. On January 9th, tens of thousands of men will put away needless noise, break from bad habits, and challenge themselves to live a more virtuous life for Christ and their families. Exodus 90 will help you remove unhealthy attachments from your life that are keeping you from being your best self. And it works! Over 60,000 men have completed Exodus 90. They report **1) Better relationships with Christ, 2) More satisfying marriages and family life, 3) Dramatically less time wasted!** Want a New Year's resolution that can truly make a positive difference in your life? Visit [www.Exodus90.com](http://www.Exodus90.com).

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](mailto: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/donatotoday>. 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](mailto: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."



## 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, by calling 941-426-2500.

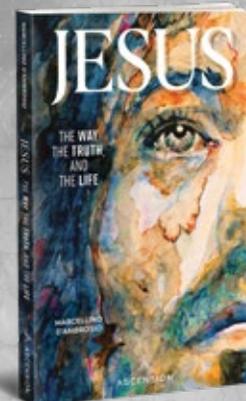
# Bible Study begins Jan. 23rd!

Please join us for our next Bible Study Group:  
**"Jesus, The Way The Truth, and The Life."**

- Beginning **January 23, 2023 - March 27, 2023** - 10 weeks
- Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Place: Parish Life Center

Workbooks can be purchased through Ascension Press:  
[ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com) or (800) 376-0520

Contact Jackie McCoy for information and registration.  
[jmccoyarnp@gmail.com](mailto:jmccoyarnp@gmail.com) (206) 963-6234



## 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.



## Ready to socialize? Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap takes place on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Mandeville Beer Garden in Sarasota, 428 N. Lemon Ave, Sarasota. Join us outside in the garden for food and refreshments, presentations, and discussions about the Catholic Faith. The next scheduled date is January 19. For any questions, please email [evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org).

## YOUR SUPPORT IS REQUESTED FROM BISHOP FRANK J. DEWANE Annual Seminary Collection



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is a magnificent blessing for the Diocese of Venice to have many dedicated Priests who have responded to Christ's call to follow Him in the Priesthood. Further, the Diocese continues to be blessed with a number of vocations; twelve men are presently in formation, studying for the Priesthood. As we begin this new year, I am asking for your support for these men, and those recruited for entry this coming year, through the Annual Seminary Collection.

This Collection helps to ensure the continued availability of Priests to serve you and your family, and future generations of Catholics throughout Southwest Florida. Every year, the Diocese works to recruit and evaluate committed young men who may have potential vocations. Further, Diocesan Seminarians, the potential future Priests of the Diocese, receive assistance with tuition, room and board, health care, transportation, and other expenses. Your gift to the Collection helps to offset these costs.

Parishes in the Diocese of Venice will conduct this annual Collection for the Seminary and Seminarian Support the weekend of January 7 and 8, 2023, and I pray you will be generous. Thank you and may God bless you and your family for the support of our Seminarian Collection.

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you my blessings and assurances of my prayers in this New Year.

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

## St. Vincent de Paul in the Community

St. Vincent de Paul Conference is available to help We have Walmart and Publix gift cards to help those who need food, gas or household items. If you, a friend, or a neighbor could use help, please call our help line at 941-426-3894 and leave a message.



# Diocesan News

**Florida Pilgrims Mass and National March for Life** – Bishop Frank J. Dewane will be the Celebrant of the Florida Pilgrims Mass at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 20 at St. Peter's Catholic Church on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., prior to the national March for Life. If you are planning to participate in either the Mass or the March for Life, please contact Jeanne Berdeaux at [Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org) or call 941-374-1068.

**Surviving Divorce Program** – A 12-week divorce support program Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., starting January 24, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Education Building, 1301 Center Road, Venice. The program provides assurance that one is not alone; a place to tell one's story and be heard; a structured program for healing; mutual support; the benefits of trained leadership and guidance; and a safe confidential place to ask the tough questions. The cost of the program is \$25 and includes a Participant's Workbook and access to all videos. Contact **Bob and Chris Smialek** at 815-275-5305, or [bobandchris-smialek@icloud.com](mailto:bobandchris-smialek@icloud.com) for more information and to register.

**Be Blessed and Encouraged at our next Magnificat breakfast for women**, Saturday, January 21, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM at the Holiday Inn Airport, Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers. Our speaker is Karen Dwyer. Reservations can be made online until Noon, Monday, January 16 at <https://magnificatfortmyers.com/order-tickets/>. For more information, contact Margaret Mengle, 239-826-7475

# 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

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# Eucharistic Congress

*The Word Made Flesh - John 1:14*

**Youth Rally**  
Friday, March 24, 2023  
5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.  
**Keynote Speaker**  
Father Timothy Anastos  
**Music**  
The Vigil Project



Bishop  
Frank J. Dewane



**Eucharistic Congress**  
Saturday, March 25, 2023  
9:00 a.m.- 6:00p.m.  
Renowned National Speakers  
English and Spanish Tracks  
Mass & Eucharistic Procession  
Men's and Women's  
Breakouts



Caloosa Sound Convention Center  
and Luminary Hotel  
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[www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org)  
941-484-9543



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BINGO EVERY FRIDAY!

**DOOR OPEN AT 4 PM**

