



# SAN PEDRO

**CATHOLIC CHURCH** - THE KEY TO THE FUTURE!



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(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 540)

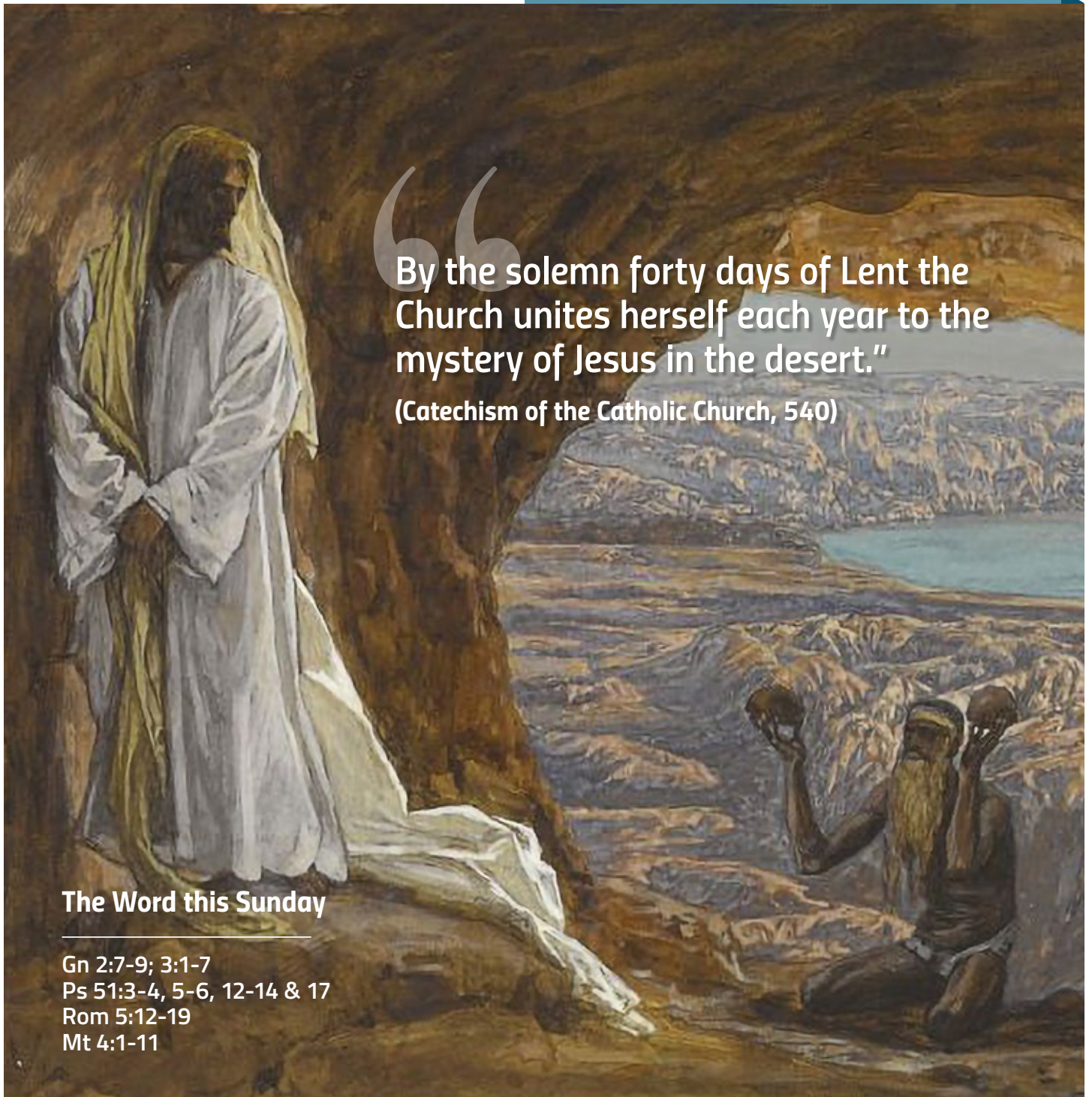
## The Word this Sunday

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-14 & 17

Rom 5:12-19

Mt 4:1-11



# INTENTIONS

- Mon, Feb 27th 8:30am Edward Carpenter, Sr. 17th Mem. Anniv. +
- Tues, Feb 28th 8:30am Anna P. Jones +
- Wed, Mar 1st 8:30am Joann Papanek +
- Thur, Mar 2nd 8:30am Alfred San Antonio 14th Mem. Anniv.+
- Fri, Mar 3rd 7am Toni Denise Barcomb +  
8:30am Barbara McKane BD Cel.
- Sat, Mar 4th 8:30pm William Bracken +  
4pm Philip Williams +
- Sun, Mar 5th 7:30am Andrea Knope +  
Enrique Ramon Vargas +  
9am People of the Parish  
10:45am Bertha McKane +  
1pm John Hastings +

**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  
Spanish 1:00 pm  
1:00 pm misa en español

**Weekday** Mon-Sat 8:30 am

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

### CONFESSIONS

Every Friday in Lent 7:30-8:30 am,  
Saturdays 2:00 pm

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

9:00 am and 7:00 pm each Friday

### LENTEN FRIDAYS

Soup Supper in Activities Center 5:30 pm,  
Stations of the Cross in Church 7:00 pm

# 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: February: For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

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# How do I see Jesus?

It is a basic question for Ignatian-style prayer with Sacred Scripture, and a question that can lead to many answers.



Many people start with a physical description: how tall, what build, what face shape and eye color? This is certainly part of my image of Jesus. But going further, the image deepens to temperament and bearing. How does he act? Is he solemn or joyful, attentive or absorbed? What is the tone of his voice and the inflection in his words? In imaginative prayer, it makes a huge difference whether I hear the words of Jesus uttered with calm confidence or a hard edge.

When I see Jesus tempted by the Devil in the Gospel of Matthew (4:1-11), I see him as he is described weakened from hunger, but also peaceful and resolute. I hear his answers to the Devil as confident statements, spoken from his immediate knowledge of God as the highest good to which no comfort, display of grandeur or power can compare. Jesus is met by the Tempter when he is at the human limits of weakness and fatigue, but I see no apprehension or wavering. He knows that he is beyond Satan's power and, while the temptations are real, Jesus will not be separated from the truth that they try to twist.

This prayer comforts me, because my response to temptation is so different. I so often entertain an embellished image of myself being glorified or recoil at the

threat of discomfort, and consenting to such lies leaves me feeling alone. But being alone is just another lie; I can always return to see myself at Jesus' side in his temptation and ask him to help me. The Season of Lent is a special time for that exactly.

"Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to him and the way men wish to attribute to him. This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter for us: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning." By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 540)

Being united to Jesus in the desert means committing to reject the lies presented to me in temptation. I am weak on my own, but strong in him (cf. 2 Corinthians 12:10). The world is always peddling falsehoods, but now I consciously arm myself with fasting, prayer, and mercy in order to engage spiritual warfare. Jesus conquered temptation once for all in the desert, and he will conquer it in me if I am willing.

Fr. Nate

## IGNATIAN PRAYER

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius are central to the spirituality of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

From them comes a method of prayer that St. Ignatius encouraged to help people grow in a vibrant and intimate relationship with God. It is an approach to prayer that is reflective, imaginative, and personal.

Ignatian prayer encourages reflective awareness of my experience and how it shows God is at work. Am I weighed down by sin, struggling with temptation, rejoicing in consolation, desiring deeper truth? From where I am, there is a next step toward receiving healing and peace, entrusting my cares to the Lord more, or experiencing God's loving care. Ignatian prayer engages the imagination in order to encounter God in his word, especially Jesus in the Gospels. How do I see Jesus, and how is that challenged to grow and change through meeting him in prayer? The goal of prayer is to foster intimacy with God – sharing of my life with him and deeper experience of his life in me. Personal intimacy is transformative, and spending time with the Lord in daily prayer is an important way that this happens.





# Lenten Regulations

## FASTING & ABSTINENCE GUIDELINES

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection. (www.usccb.org)



# St. Patrick's Day

Bishop Dewane has granted a one-day dispensation from the requirement to abstain from eating meat on Friday, March 17, 2023. It is encouraged that the Faithful select another day in the week to abstain from meat and select another form of penance or charity to perform on March 17th.

## CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

# Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Your gift to the Catholic Faith Appeal supports the **Office of Youth and Young Adult Outreach** which strives to motivate young people to grow closer to Jesus Christ and His Church by providing guidance to Parish-based youth programs and organizing Diocesan-wide events and pilgrimages, such as the Youth Rally and Eucharistic Congress March 24-25. This outreach also offers annual training opportunities for adults working with teens as well as initiatives for evangelizing our youth.



SCAN TO GIVE

### CONFESSIONS

Fridays in Lent 7:30 am-8:30 am  
Saturdays 2:00 pm

### LENTE PENNANCE SERVICE

Saturday, March 4, 10 am

### CONFESSIONS AROUND THE DIOCESE

Every Catholic church throughout the Diocese of Venice will offer Confessions on Friday, March 31 from 4:00-8:00 pm, and on Saturday, April 1 from 9:00 am-12:00 noon

# Lenten Fridays

5:30 pm Soup Supper – **Activities Center**  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross – **Church**

*\*Bingo will be held on Wednesdays during Lent, from March 1-29. See page 7 for dates.*



Offertory 2/19/23:

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### Upcoming 2nd Collections

- Second Collection for February 26, 2023: Capital Expense Sunday
- Second Collection for March 5, 2023: None



## Check out the "MyParish" App!

Find the parish bulletin, calendar of events at San Pedro, quick links to the Catechism in a Year and Bible in a Year, and much more on the San Pedro MyParish app!

## The gratitude goes to...

Altar Bread and Wine for the month of February: In Loving Memory of Catherine Shearer White 3rd Mem. Anniversary by Doug & Judy Shearer

Flowers on the Altar: None During Lent





FAITH. FRIENDSHIP. PRAYER.

## 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. The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday after the 8:30 am Mass in the Parish Life Center. If you're interested in joining, contact: Rae Contursi at 908-577-1464.



## Faith Formation

There are several opportunities to volunteer in the Faith Formation Program, and we need help to build up our community. If you are interested in helping or finding out where your gifts can be used, please call Miss Anne at 941-426-2893.

PROMOTING THE HOLISTIC HEALTH OF THE PARISH

## Senior Life Ministries

### San Pedro Bereavement Support

Grief is hard work. You don't have to do it alone. San Pedro Bereavement Support offers a safe, sacred place where those who are grieving can find comfort and hope while sharing their struggles with others who are traveling a similar journey. The spring session will be held on 7 consecutive Tuesdays beginning February 28th from 1:30-3:00 pm. Please register by calling Trish at 941-426-2500, ext.106 or email [seniorlife@sanpedrocc.org](mailto:seniorlife@sanpedrocc.org)

### Ministry to the Homebound

Our Homebound Ministry is bringing Church to those in need. We need your help to bring Holy Communion to those who cannot attend Mass. Prior experience is not required – we will train you for this ministry. Through your attention and kindness, you too can be the hands and heart of Christ to those in need. If you feel you are being called to this wonderful ministry, please respond to those 'heart tugs' and give Trish a call in the Senior Life Office.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on the second Monday of each month at 11:00am in the activity center. If you love Jesus and yarn, come see the good work that we are accomplishing. If you'd like more information, please call the Senior Life office.

*"We are created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared."*

-Ephesians 2:10

### 40 Days for Life

Join other Christians during Lent (through April 2), for the Spring 40 Days for Life campaign. This Campaign encompasses 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Stand and peacefully pray during vigils in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood in Fort Myers or Sarasota. Contact your Parish Coordinator for specific information about your Parish's commitment days. For additional information, go to [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) or [www.40daysforlife.com/fortmyers](http://www.40daysforlife.com/fortmyers).



THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY PRESENTS

# St. Patrick's Day

MARCH 11

SAN PEDRO'S HOLYNAME SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO A GREAT NIGHT OF FUN, WITH DINNER, DJ AND IRISH DANCERS AND VOCALISTS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 11 FROM 6-10 PM. TICKETS \$20. CONTACT PAUL PATTERSON AT [7997@GMAIL.COM](mailto:7997@GMAIL.COM), OR 848-448-0797.



## HOLY NAME SOCIETY Casino Bus Trip!

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a trip to the Immokalee Casino on Monday, March 27th at a cost of \$30 round trip per person, payable in advance. The bus will depart from San Pedro Parking Lot at 8:00 am. If interested in going, please contact Ron Sadowski at 941-416-5559 for reservations.



## Safe Environment TRAINING IN THE DIOCESE

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and complete online training in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering.

For further information, please visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/programs/safeenvironment/>. Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. Further, if Diocesan personnel or volunteers are involved, also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton, at 941-416-6114.

### ASSISTANCE AND GROWTH FOR OUR FLOCK

# San Pedro Announcements

**AARP Tax Aide Program February 1—April 12, 2023** - The AARP Tax-Aide Program will provide free income tax assistance in the San Pedro Activity Center, **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** every Wednesday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm from February 1-April 12. Appointments must be made in person. Appointments will be taken in the Activities Center on **Wednesday, January 25 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**, and each **Wednesday** during the regular program hours. **If you have questions, please contact 352-593-3187.**

**Easter Flowers!** HONOR YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES ON EASTER SUNDAY. Monetary donations are now being accepted until April 3 for Easter Plants for the Altar. For additional information, please call Judith at 941-426-7976



**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](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**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** would like to extend a special thanks to everyone who donated during our Giving Weekend. Your generosity has allowed us to continue assisting North Port residents who need some extra help.

**Holy Name Rummage Sale (save the date)** - The San Pedro Holy Name Society will have a Rummage Sale in the Activity Center on Saturday, March 4 (8:00 am – 2:00 pm) and Sunday, March 5 (8:30 am – 1:00 pm). All proceeds go to San Pedro Catholic Church. Drop-off dates for merchandise are Monday, February 27 to Friday, March 2 between 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. **\*\*\*Please note: We will not be accepting large furniture items or any electronics\*\*\***



## The Spirit of Love Charismatic Prayer Group invites you!

**Join us Thursday, March 2, 2023**  
6:00 pm Praise and Worship | 6:30 pm Healing Mass

Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Ave, Venice, FL  
More Info: [SpiritofLovePrayerGroup@gmail.com](mailto:SpiritofLovePrayerGroup@gmail.com)





## San Pedro's Holy Name Society *Youth Scholarship Program*

San Pedro's Holy Name Society will be awarding a \$2,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from San Pedro Parish. Any senior following on to college or a vocational school is eligible to apply. Applications are available in the Narthex of the Church or at the Parish Office. \*\*\*ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023.\*\*\*

DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

# *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  
1365 Monroe Street, Fort Myers  
[www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org)  
941-484-9543




# 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

1:20 PM Rosary in the Church

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-Ephesians 2:10

## BINGO DURING LENT!

**DOOR OPEN AT 4 PM**

WEDNESDAY, MAR 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

DURING LENT, BINGO WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY'S EFFECTIVE MARCH 1.

THERE WILL BE NO BINGO ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 OR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

