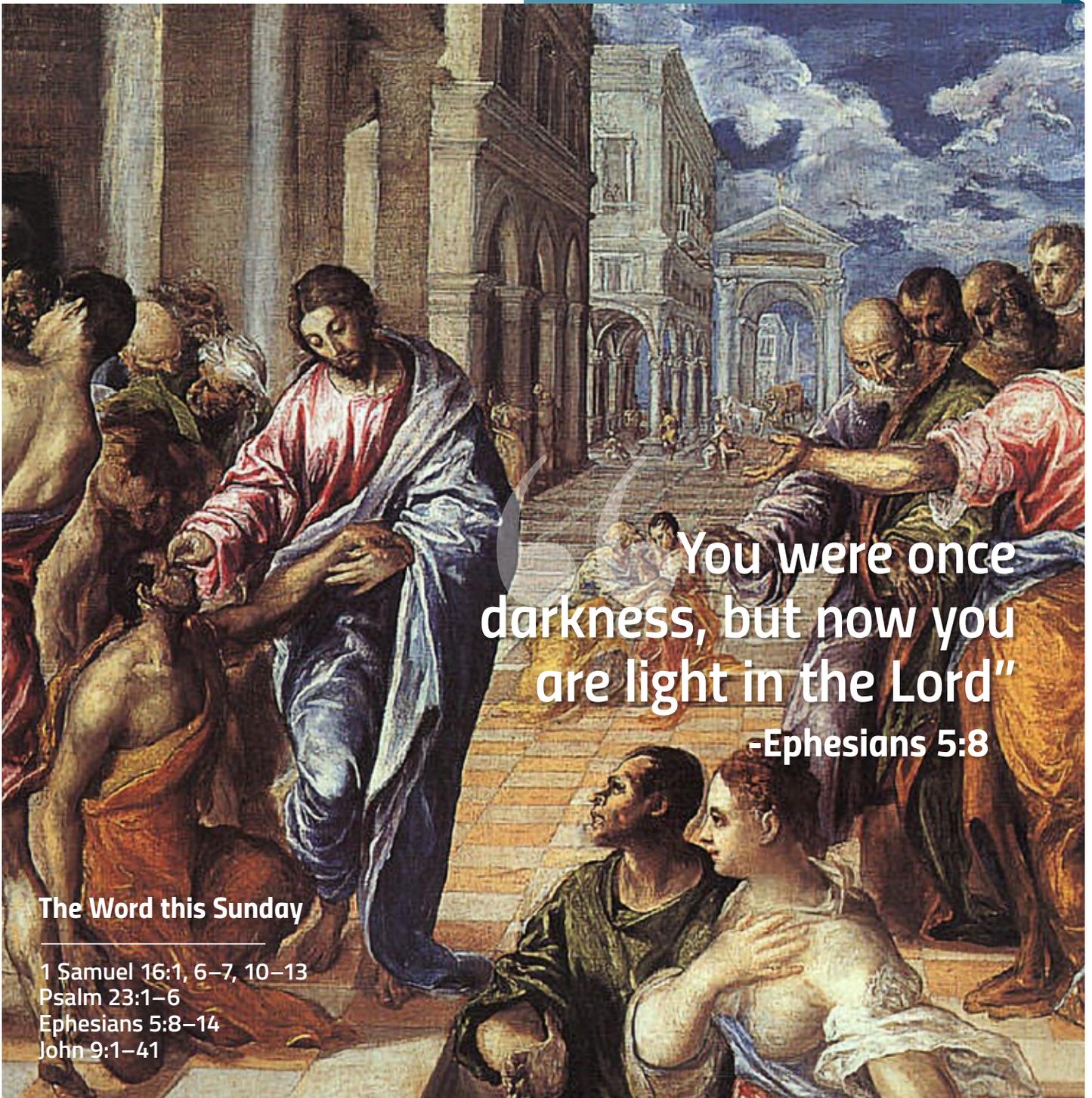




# SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE KEY TO THE FUTURE!



You were once  
darkness, but now you  
are light in the Lord"

-Ephesians 5:8

## The Word this Sunday

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13  
Psalm 23:1-6  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

# INTENTIONS

- Mon, Mar 20th 8:30am Sophie Elrick BD Celebration
- Tues, Mar 21st 8:30am Bob Krebs +
- Wed, Mar 22nd 8:30am David Kujawa +
- Thur, Mar 23rd 8:30am Paul Dusney +
- Fri, Mar 24th 8:30am Toni Denise Barcomb +
- Sat, Mar 25th 8:30pm Novena Mass for Life  
4pm Lis Family +
- Sun, Mar 26th 7:30am Florence Maloney +  
Kathleen Maggi +  
Scott & Gaylene Donkin +  
9am Paul Dusney +  
10:45am Mr. & Mrs. Armand Laliberte +  
1pm People of the Parish

## 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 & 7:00 pm each Friday

### LENTEN FRIDAYS

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

### EPIPHANY CATHEDRAL PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday March 23, 5:00pm

### ST. MAX PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday, March 30, 5:00pm

# 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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WHAT IS NOT ASSUMED IS NOT HEALED.

# I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of God.

The second article of the Apostles' Creed introduces the next five: that Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered, died, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and will judge the living and the dead.

Half of the twelve articles recount the Incarnation and the Paschal Mystery, the historical events that reveal the divine and human natures of Jesus. The meaning of these events was vehemently argued at the early Church councils. Is Jesus merely a human man with a special relationship to God? Is he a superhuman creature with special powers? Is he God's appearance in history like an angelic apparition? Does he have full humanity, or simply a human body animated by divine will?

If these questions seem abstract and remote, they have a very immediate impact on the way we live. Christian life and worship are not possible apart from God's revelation in Jesus. In recent years, it has been popular to present Jesus as merely an enlightened moral teacher, but if that is the case then he has no power to save us from sin and eternal separation from God. At the early Church councils, there was less doubt about the divinity of Jesus; there were far more heresies that denied his humanity! Thus, most of the credal articles about Jesus are affirmations of his humanity. The dictum of St. Gregory Nazianzen was a concise summary: "What is not assumed is not healed." If Jesus did not assume a complete human nature, then human nature was not completely restored in him; and, equally true, if there was not a divine Person who took human nature in Jesus, then he does not have the power to save us.

Debate about the identity of Jesus is not new. The readings this Sunday relate to the question of Jesus as Messiah: what is a messiah, and is Jesus one among many or somehow different?

"Messiah" and "Christ" are renderings of the Hebrew and Greek word "anointed," derived from the ancient Jewish practice of anointing kings, priests, and prophets with oil, a sign of divine appointment to the office that they exercised. The first reading (1 Samuel 16:1-13) recounts the anointing of David by Samuel. David was the greatest



messianic figure of ancient Judaism as king and prophet, and even exercised a priestly office of sacrifice on some occasions. David was chosen and favored by God and, after his anointing and the coming of God's spirit upon him, he became a hero who rescued Israel from enemies and inaugurated the period of Israel's greatness as a kingdom.

In the Gospel, when Jesus heals a man born blind, the Pharisees cannot agree about him. Some argue that he "is not from God" because he healed on the Sabbath, while others ask, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" (John 9:16). Some doubt whether the man was truly born blind and healed. This disagreement is reflected in the way people have responded to Jesus throughout history. Each of us is faced with the choice of how to respond to Jesus. By God's grace, may we always share our patron's profession of faith in Jesus: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16)

-Fr. Nate



## Guidelines for FASTING & ABSTINENCE

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](http://www.usccb.org))

## GIVING

### Offertory 03/12/2023

Offertory: \$16,707  
2nd Collection: \$5,556  
Maintenance & Repair

### 2nd Collections

March 19: Catholic Relief Services

March 25: CFA Follow-Up Weekend (replaces Capital Expense collection)

### Bread & Wine

Altar Bread and Wine for the month of March: In celebration of Richard & Debra Burke's 30th Wedding Anniversary.

### NOW OPEN FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

## 2024 Mass Intention Book

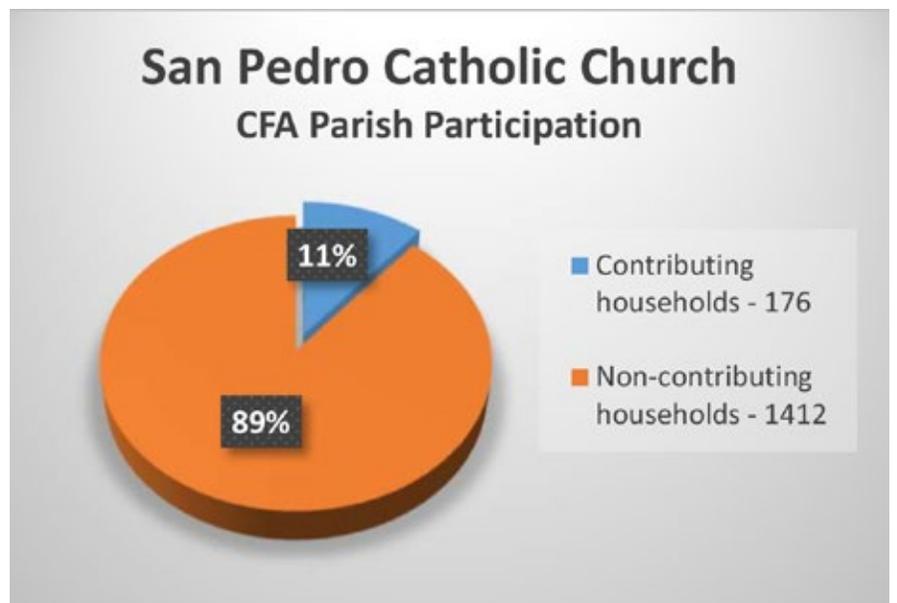
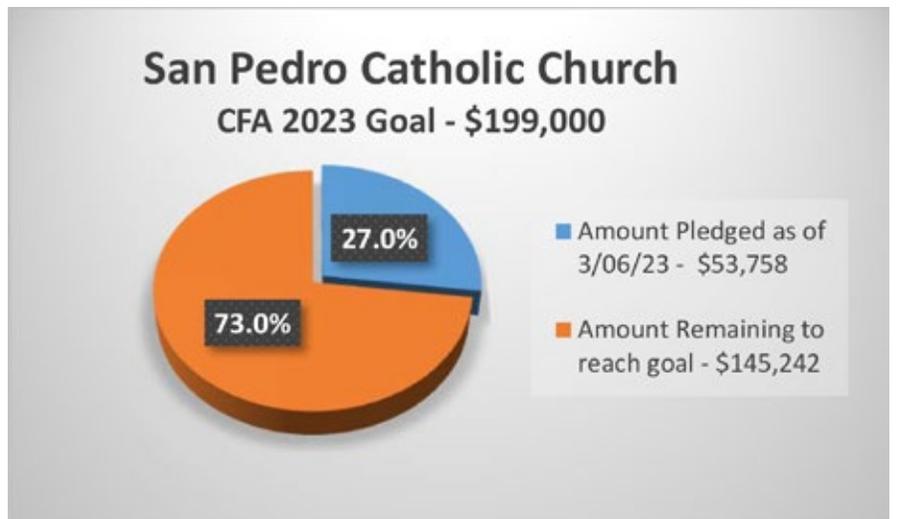
Phone requests will now be accepted for the 2024 Mass Intention Book. To allow everyone the opportunity to select a Mass Intention, the following guidelines have been established:

- Initially, and through April 30th, you may only request up to 4 Masses.
- These requests will be provided on a first come, first served basis.
- After April 30th, you may request additional Masses.
- The stipend for each Mass Intention is \$10, and checks should be payable to San Pedro Parish.

### SNAPSHOT OF CFA 2023

## Goal & Contributions Thus Far

**Catholic Faith Appeal FOLLOW-UP WEEKEND MARCH 25-26** Next week, our recently hired business manager will present an update on our CFA progress and a basic picture of the financial position of our parish. We will also have a CFA Follow-up Commitment opportunity for those who have not yet participated, in place of the previously scheduled Capital Expense collection March 25-26. Thank you to all who have already contributed to this year's campaign, and please keep an eye on the bulletin for further details in the coming weeks.



## GET INVOLVED IN MINISTRY

# Respect Life

Join Pregnancy Solutions **Walk for Life on Saturday March 25 at 9 am at Bayshore Live Oaks Beach in Port Charlotte.** Registration begins at 8:30 am.

## Spiritual Adoption

Our San Pedro Parish family will have the opportunity next weekend—**March 25 and 26—to possibly save a human life by spiritually adopting a newly conceived baby who could be in danger of losing its life through abortion.** This is a very simple, yet powerful program based on the power of love and prayer. It involves praying for your adopted child daily and connecting with him/her spiritually. There will be prayer cards to help you with your daily prayers. There will also be prayer pledge cards for you to write the name of your child which will be placed in the basket provided. Giving your child a name and identity creates a special bond and helps you to picture him/her and image what they may become through their lives. **God created this child for a special purpose known only to Him.** Your prayers can help give your child's mother the help, strength, and guidance she needs to bring your special child into this world, to life the life God has destined for them. Prayer is powerful!

Hopefully, in about nine months, around **December 25th, your baby will be born partly due to your love and prayers.** Thank you for your prayers and compassion.

## FAITH FORMATION AT SAN PEDRO

# Registration for 2023-2024

General registration for 2023-2024 Faith Formation has begun, please come by the Faith Formation office for the forms.

Communion Year 2 registrations by appointment ONLY. Please call office to schedule.

There will be a parent meeting for 8th grade students, who have completed Pre-Confirmation on **May 9, 2023 at 6:00pm.**

To register your child in Confirmation Year 1 contact [FAITHFORMATION@SANPEDROCC.ORG](mailto:FAITHFORMATION@SANPEDROCC.ORG)

The **Perfect Attendance Award and Pizza Party** will be on May 2, 2023. You can call the Faith-Formation office to see if your child is eligible.

## PROMOTING THE HOLISTIC HEALTH OF THE PARISH

# Senior Life Ministries

## 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.

# Legion of Mary

Join 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. **We meet 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.

## SENIOR LIFE LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

# Feeding our Mind, Body, and Spirit

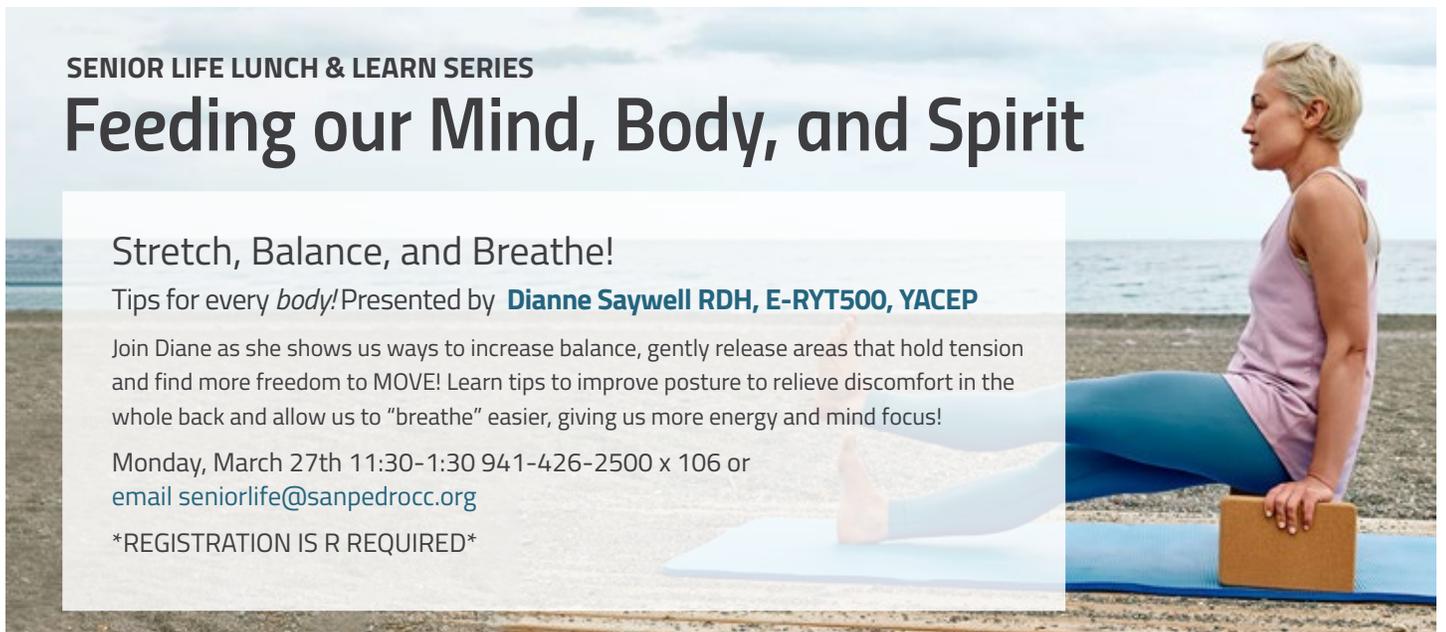
## Stretch, Balance, and Breathe!

Tips for every *body!* Presented by **Dianne Saywell RDH, E-RYT500, YACEP**

Join Diane as she shows us ways to increase balance, gently release areas that hold tension and find more freedom to MOVE! Learn tips to improve posture to relieve discomfort in the whole back and allow us to "breathe" easier, giving us more energy and mind focus!

Monday, March 27th 11:30-1:30 941-426-2500 x 106 or  
email [seniorlife@sanpedrocc.org](mailto:seniorlife@sanpedrocc.org)

\*REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED\*





## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

# San Pedro Fish Fry

March 24th in the Activity Center from 4:30 pm—6:30pm.

Tickets are available after Sunday Mass and in the Parish Office

- Adults: \$12 – 2 Cod filets (or sandwich), French fries and coleslaw
- Children 10 and under: \$8 Fish Sticks meal
- Children under 6 eat Free!



## 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

**Lenten Resources for Your Family:** Find great resources for Lent for children and your family at <https://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/lenten-season-resources.html>. The website includes prayers, videos, reflections along with adult, children and family activities all meant to draw the family closer to our Lord in this holy season.

**Confession at San Pedro during Lent:** Fridays in Lent, 7:30-8:30am & Saturdays, 2:00pm. Confessions will also be available at every Parish in the Diocese on Friday, March 31, 4:00-8:00pm & Saturday, April 1, 9:00-12:00noon

**SVDP:** The next St. Vincent de Paul Meeting will be on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 9:15 in the Parish Life Center, Classroom 6.

**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.**

**Movie Night: "The Camino Within" March 28 at Regal, Port Charlotte at 7pm.** Coming to theaters is "Santiago: The Camino Within." This film portrays the spiritual journey of pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago, the ancient route to the burial place of the apostle St. James at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Spain. The physically demanding and spiritually challenging trek has fascinated people all over the world since the Middle Ages. The film follows a few travelers, sharing their stories, the transformation of their souls, and the radiance that will be revealed at the conclusion of their journeys. In theaters nationwide on Tuesday, March 28. For tickets: <https://www.fathomevents.com/events/Santiago-The->

## 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. You may select either an Easter Lily for \$55 or a Chrysanthemums for \$25.





## 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.\*\*\***



## *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.*



### 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!

# 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

7:30-8:30 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

## 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.

## BINGO DURING LENT! DOOR OPEN AT 4 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAR 15, 22 & 29

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

