



# SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE KEY TO THE FUTURE!



“The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.” -Luke 8:8

SSSS

# INTENTIONS

- Mon, July 17th 8:30am Lunella Russo +
- Tues, July 18th 8:30am Edward Jordan +
- Wed, July 19th 8:30am Edith Swick +
- Thur, July 20th 8:30am Diana Surgeon +
- Fri, July 21st 8:30am Bill Van Wagoner & Bill McRae +
- Sat, July 22nd 8:30am Antonio Russo +  
4pm Michael Lane +
- Sun, July 23rd 7:30am Catherine Resnik +  
9am People of the Parish  
10:45am Eddie Evancho, Jr. Birthday Celebration  
1pm Deceased Members of Sotomayor Family +

**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

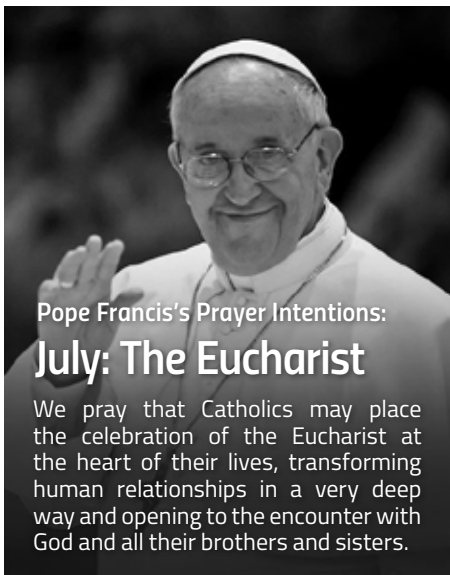
First Friday 7:30-8:30am  
Saturdays 2:00pm

### BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

Third Saturday of the month 10-11 am  
starting July 15, 2023.

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

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### Pope Francis's Prayer Intentions: July: The Eucharist

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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# The Mystery of God's Word

God's word is the power which created the universe and calls everything into being.



**The Book of Genesis uses speech as a way for us to understand how God creates. God said, "Let light be," and light happened; God said, "Let us make man in our image and likeness," and it happened.** In other words, God acted freely to make everything that exists. The theme of God's sovereignty over creation is reaffirmed in what we hear from Isaiah this Sunday: "My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11).

This passage from Isaiah 55 is part of a beautiful oracle about God's restoration of Zion and his renewal of his people in the covenant he made with them. The people had been unfaithful to God and suffered because of it. They had cruel and tyrannical kings, wars with other nations, and finally exile to Babylon. None of this happened because God was mean to them, but because sin brings suffering. The sin of cheating one another in business results in poverty and mutual distrust; the sin of environmental exploitation results in exhausted crop land and famine; the sin of idolatry results in child sacrifice, physical mutilation, and all kinds of emotional and psychological disorder. Israel had engaged in all these sins and suffered the consequences. In addition, they had not obeyed God who spoke to them through prophets about how to achieve peace, and the result was wars and exile. Isaiah's prophecy tells how God, who created everything in the beginning, continues to create and renew the world.

The people who had spurned God were called to a new conversion, turning back to him to receive the blessings that God gives freely. God brought them back from exile to their home, but now they had the work of rebuilding their homes – driving out squatters, rebuilding crumbled walls, reploughing wild fields – and it wasn't easy, but God blessed them through their struggles.

Just as ancient Israel was full of disorder, strife, and suffering because of sin, we experience suffering in the world today for the same reason. As individuals and communities, we are called to repent and turn back to God to receive his word and be able to receive the blessings that he pours out. How do we do this? We have prayer, Sacraments, and work both personally and communally. Each of us can commit to daily prayer, the Sacrament of Confession, and loving God by following his commands. These lead us to happiness in true worship, family reconciliation, honest living, and respect for the dignity of others. We come together to worship and celebrate the Eucharist every week and we work for justice in our country. God's word is always at work, creating and renewing his world, and he has given us the dignity of freedom to cooperate with him. When we freely embrace God's word, we see the fruits in the blessings that come from turning away from sin and being faithful to him.

-Fr. Nate

## PERSONAL PRAYER EXERCISE



Jesus compares the word of God to different types of soil and explains what they mean to his disciples. Take some time to read and reflect on this Gospel passage (Matthew 13:4-8, 19-23). As prayer, this is not just introspection but a conversation with God. Ask God to reveal what you need to know about yourself. Invite the Holy Spirit into your heart to reveal his truth.

**The path:** lack of understanding. Do I cultivate faith? Do I try to learn and understand the teachings of the Church that will help me receive and respond to God's word?

**Rocky soil: superficial roots.** How do I respond to challenges to living my faith when it is hard? Do I have a serious commitment to honesty with myself and others? Do I lose my joy when I encounter challenges?

**Thorny soil: worldly anxieties.** Is friendship with Jesus Christ my highest priority? Do I plan my life around what is spiritually good for me and my family, or does work, play, money, or reputation hold a higher place?

**Good soil.** How do I experience God's blessings? Do I thank God and share those blessings with others?

**Conclusion:** Take time to express to God in your heart what you have experienced and listen for his response. Thank God for his blessings and ask for his help going forward.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

# Catholic Faith Appeal Update

"I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare." -C.S. Lewis We are more than 80% of the way to reaching our goal! What an amazing reflection of the generosity of those who've supported the CFA this year. There is still time to give! Let's finish strong!

## Curious about The Catholic Faith?

Join us for a monthly hour of open Q&A about the Catholic Faith on Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 pm. Sessions will be held on Wednesday, July 26, and August 23 in the Activities Center. For more information, contact the parish office at 941-426-2500 or [office@sanpedrocc.org](mailto:office@sanpedrocc.org).



## Baptismal Prep

San Pedro will be holding monthly Baptismal Prep Classes the third Saturday of the month starting July 15, from 10-11 am. Please contact the office if interested or email [faithformation@sanpedrocc.org](mailto:faithformation@sanpedrocc.org)

# GIVING

### Offertory 07/02/2023

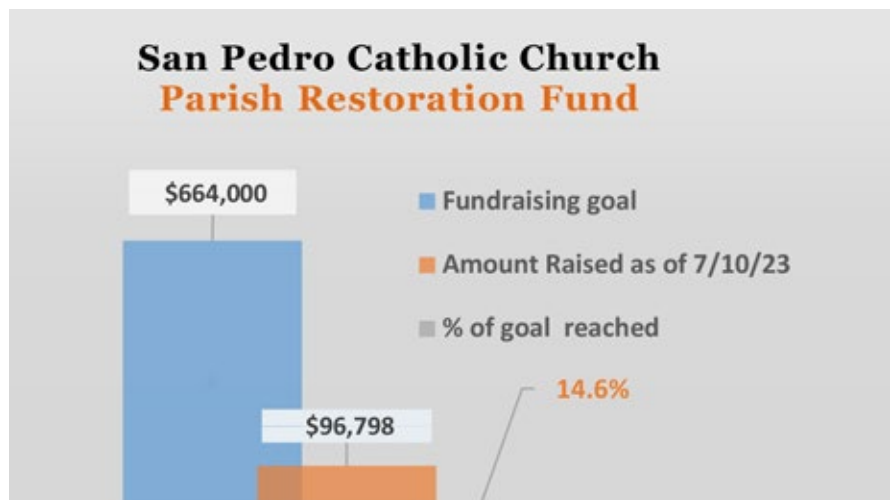
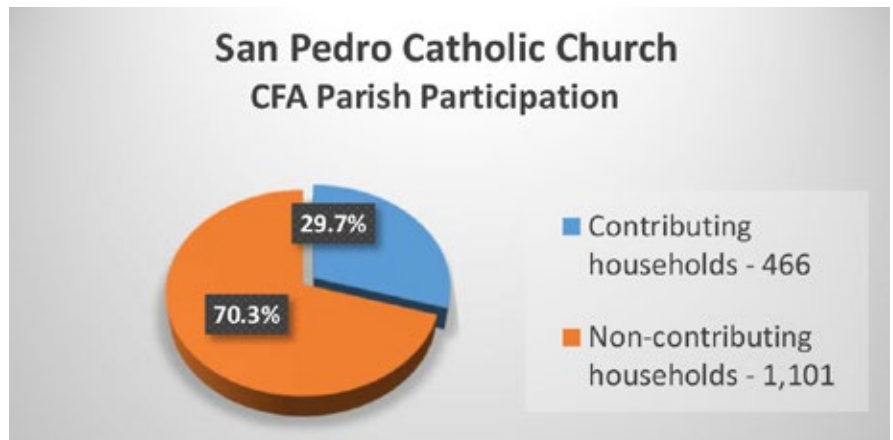
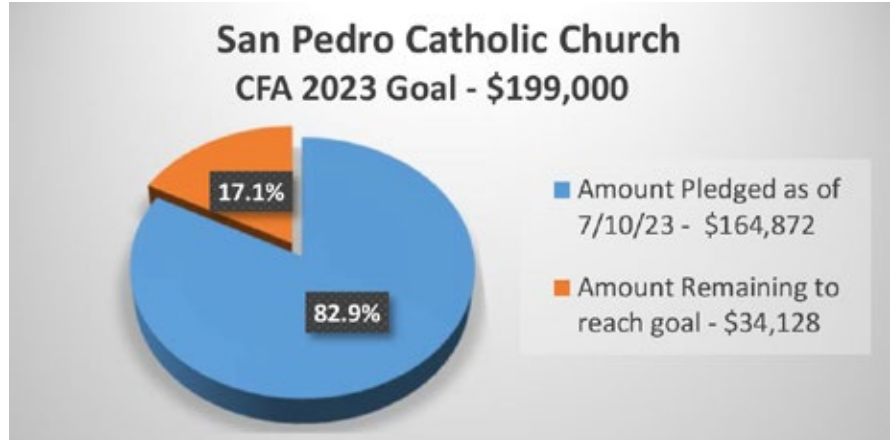
Offertory: \$12,021  
 Parish Restoration Fund: \$1,133  
 2nd Collection – Peter's Pence: \$2,590

### Offertory 07/09/2023

Offertory: \$10,960  
 Parish Restoration Fund: \$11,335

### Altar Flowers

Flowers on the Altar for July 16th---In Loving Memory of Beryle I. Masterson by Christopher & Agnes Masterson



## Bread & Wine - July

Altar Bread and Wine for the month of July: In loving memory of Catherine Resnik by Hollis and Jim Resnik.

# Welcome Mary

## INTO YOUR HOME

From May through October, our **Pilgrim Statue of our Lady of Fatima** will make the rounds of the parish households. Jesus entrusted his mother Mary to the disciple whom he loved, and like that disciple, we can also "take Mary into our home." (John 19:27) Jesus entrusted Mary to us, and Mary always leads us closer to her Son, Jesus.

Sign up to receive the statue for a week and take advantage of this special opportunity to pray as a family or with neighbors and friends. We will provide the materials needed to pray the Rosary together, and other resources for prayer and reflection.

For more information, or to sign up, please contact the parish office at 941-426-2500, or at [office@sanpedrocc.org](mailto:office@sanpedrocc.org).



## CHECK OUT THESE GREAT UPCOMING EVENTS!

# Senior Life Ministries

We are looking for Volunteers! The Senior Life Ministry offers many opportunities for sharing our God given gifts.

## Ministry to the Homebound

If you or a family member would like to receive the Eucharist and cannot come to mass because of health concerns, a Eucharistic Minister will be happy to bring Holy Communion to you. Please contact Trish at X106 or email [seniorlife@sanpedrocc.org](mailto:seniorlife@sanpedrocc.org).



## Prayer Shawls

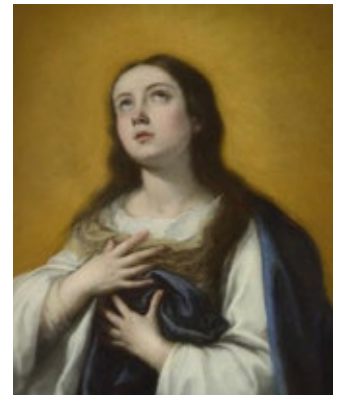
The members of our Prayer Shawl Ministry are knitting and crocheting shawls and lap blankets for those in need of comfort, healing, and hope. Each prayer shawl or lap blanket is created with love and blessed by one of our priests or deacons. If you would like to request a prayer shawl for a loved one, please email your request to [seniorlife@sanpedrocc.org](mailto:seniorlife@sanpedrocc.org)

## PRAY. SERVE. DO THE WORK OF MARY.

# 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 MINISTRIES PRESENTS THE

# Lunch n'Learn Series

**July 26th at 11:30am** in the Activities Center!

Hurricane Readiness with Michael Ryan, Emergency Manager, City of North Port.

The presentation will review some of the hazards associated with ANY hurricane, review how to stay informed, actions to take before the storm, the importance of having a plan, and how to create a disaster kit.

Please register by July 24th by calling Trish x106 or by email: [seniorlife@sanpedrocc.org](mailto:seniorlife@sanpedrocc.org)

Upcoming: August 23rd-Sacraments of Healing; How Jesus Comes to Us in Our Need, with Fr. Nathan Marzonie, OMV. Please contact Trish at X106 or email [seniorlife@sanpedrocc.org](mailto:seniorlife@sanpedrocc.org).



LET US PRAY FOR SWFL'S

# Hurricane Safety

*O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm-less eternity awaits us. Amen.*



## 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.



TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY 9:00-11:00 AM

# The San Pedro Library

The library has over 25,000 books from which to choose. The library is organized into categories of interest. These include: **Angels & Saints, Bibles, Children's Books, Christian Living, Church History, Healing, Mary-Mother of God, Papacy, Novels, Practice of Faith, Prayer and Meditation, Prophecy, Sacraments, and Spirituality.**

We have a small section in Children's and adult books that are written in a foreign language; Spanish, Italian, and French.

Come choose a book for your summer reading enjoyment, or strengthen your spirituality, or find healing from life's difficulties, or learn more about the history of our church, or how to enjoy our families more, or much, much more. It's easy. Choose a book. Sign your name on the card inside the book with your name, phone number, and date. Enjoy the book. After a couple of weeks, return the book and choose another. What a great cycle to increase our faith and understanding of Our Lord.



The library also has pamphlets for those seeking shorter reads. Enjoy our collection of free religious items. New books arriving every week. Please come check us out.

\*\*The Library is in need of a bookcase roughly 5+ feet tall by 24 inches wide. If you have one to donate, please email at: [sanpedroclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:sanpedroclibrary@gmail.com) Thank you so much!

## Out and About the Diocese

**Totus Tuus Summer Camp Program:** Epiphany Cathedral in Venice will host Totus Tuus, a summer Catholic youth camp program, from July 23-28. There is a morning program from 9 am – 3 pm for children in grades 1-6, and an evening session from 6:30-8:30 pm for grades 7-12. The cost is \$60 for the morning program, and \$30 for the evening session. For more information, or to register, please contact Jane Baldwin at [baldwin@epiphanycathedral.org](mailto:baldwin@epiphanycathedral.org).

**Summertime and the Giving is Easy Appeal:** Every day, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., serves its most vulnerable population by feeding, housing, empowering, and helping all in need. This summer, you can be the one that makes a difference. Your acts of kindness have the power to transform lives and leave a positive impact in our community. The Catholic Charities Summertime and the Giving is Easy Appeal is asking for your support. The giving is easy! Your gift will make a positive impact on our less fortunate brothers and sisters! Please visit <https://catholiccharitiesdov.org/> or mail a check to Catholic Charities, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285.



# Respect Life Announcements

## Natural Family Planning Week:

Natural Family Planning Awareness week is July 23 -29. The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical Humanae Vitae (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. For more information or to attend a free introductory session contact Carrie Harkey, 941-484-9543.

## Execution Prayer Vigils:

James Barnes is scheduled to be executed in Florida at 6:00 p.m. on August 3, 2023. He was sentenced to death for the 1988 murder of a young woman named Patricia Miller in Melbourne, Florida. He has been on Florida's death row since 2006. Prayer vigils will be held at 5:30 p.m., August 3 at San Pedro Church, 14380 Tamiami Trail, North Port, and at 5:30 p.m., August 3 at the outdoor Last Supper table at Sacred Heart Church, 211 W. Charlotte Ave., Punta Gorda. All are invited to attend! If you are not able to attend, please pray for James and his family as well as Patricia and her family and all those tasked with his execution.

**Pregnancy Solutions:** We at San Pedro have been helping Pregnancy Solutions physically and financially for years, and they need our help now. The items most needed are baby bath towel sets, new sleepers and outfits (newborn-24 months, no onesies needed now), plush blankets and baby swaddles, crib sheets, hand breast pumps, bibs, bottles, pacifiers, baby Tylenol and baby Motrin. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left at the Parish office.



# 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

## St. Vincent de Paul

*"Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me."* St. Vincent de Paul is looking for new members and officers. Please consider joining us in serving those in need.

St. Vincent de Paul meets the fourth Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 27th at 9:15 am in the Parish Life Center, Classroom 6.



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HOLY NAME SOCIETY'S

# BINGO!

HOLY NAME WILL BE TAKING ITS SUMMER BREAK IN JULY. BINGO WILL RESUME IN AUGUST.

