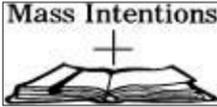




**Sacrificial Giving**

Recognizable Offering..... \$5,072.89  
Loose Cash ..... \$529.57  
Total Weekly Offering..... \$5,602.46  
Mass Attendance Aug 22/23            339



**Mass Intentions**

Aug 31 - Sept 6  
Monday .....Florence Szydlowski(+)  
Tuesday .....Gary Jordan Jr.(liv)  
Wednesday.....Jon & Julie Bourg(liv)  
Thursday .....Angel Ibañez(+)  
Friday .....Trey Corbitt(+)  
Saturday .....Sherwood Fowler(+)(5:00 p.m.)  
**Sunday .....Lynn Brown(liv)(8:00 a.m.)**  
.....**St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**



**Blood Drive & Pancake Breakfast**

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 8:30- 12:30

Recruit your friends, neighbors and family to roll up their sleeves. Please go to our parish website, or stop by the Hospitality Cart, to sign-up for a donation time. Then after you give, celebrate with other parishioners over a delicious pancake breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus, #8910. The breakfast is offered for free to everyone. Anyone wishing to make a love offering is welcome to do so.



**Women's Study Group** will start the fall semester on September 10, 2015. Meetings are on Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and this semester the women will be studying *The Joy of the Gospel* by Pope Francis. For more information and to order a book, call Nanette Bell (850)543-0901.

**Young Adults at NWFS:** A group is starting to be recognized as Catholic Student Union for Faith, Fellowship, Food and Fun. Stop by our table on the Club Activity Sign-up days on September 1-2 from 10am-2pm at the Niceville Campus. If **you can't come by then, but are interested, text Mary at 850-685-7464.**

Weekly Calendar of Events

8/31 Rosary - After Morning Mass  
RCIA Inquiry & Introduction - 6:30 p.m.

9/3 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.

9/4 Adoration 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 p.m.  
Deadline to Register High School Youth Retreat



Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming a member of the Catholic Church? If so, come to the inquiry and introductory session class which will be held August 31st at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building. Then on Monday, September 14th and every week after that we will meet from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. Please call the Parish Office at 850-581-2556, or email [pastor@stpeter.ptdiocese.org](mailto:pastor@stpeter.ptdiocese.org).

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**  
September 11-13 at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat in Panama City Beach!  
This diocesan retreat is for youth in grades 9-12 who want to spend time discussing, reflecting and learning more about their faith. Registration fee is \$80 and includes meals, lodging and materials. Scholarships are available. Sign up today at [www.ptdiocese.org](http://www.ptdiocese.org) - Ministries/ Offices>Youth Ministry>Upcoming Events Deadline to register is September 4





**K OF C PARISH PICNIC**  
On September 12, 2015 from 10:30 to 3:30, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a picnic for its members and all parishioners who want to attend. The gathering will take place at the Black Skimmer Pavilion on Navarre Beach. They will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, drinks and condiments. Feel free to bring a dish to share. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Hospitality Cart this weekend after all the Masses. If you are planning to attend, please sign-up so they know how many hot dogs and hamburgers to buy.



# dear Padre

August 30, 2015

## Questions About Superstitions



**Q** Why is it superstitious to bury a St. Joseph statue in the yard to sell a house, but not superstitious to pray for rain or for a successful meeting?

**The saints have** been an influential part of our Catholic history and tradition, and that includes requesting their intercession. After all, we often ask others to pray for us and even offer prayers with specific intentions in mind. Who better to ask than those who are assuredly with God and whose aid makes such an impact within salvation history? *The Roman Missal* is filled with votive masses for particular intentions: prayers for rain, for an abundant harvest, for peace and justice. As the Mass is the pinnacle of our communal prayer, it is an especially important time to pray for particular intentions and to offer our prayers in union with the entire Church throughout space and time.

In the case of burying a St. Joseph statue, it's important to remember that prayers should accompany this action. For example, when selling a home, people will often offer a novena of prayers to St. Joseph requesting his intercession. That is as it should be and where any actual substance or power to this action lies. Burying a statue of St. Joseph, in and of itself, has no actual power or spiritual effect. In fact, anything that reduces our faith to bordering on the magical would be seen as superstitious and therefore suspect.

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"It can be unnerving to step outside of your comfort zone into campus life. On the feast of the Assumption of Mary, recall the difficulties she experienced with transitions. God watched over her just as he will safeguard you, guiding and protecting you as you begin school."  
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**Monday**  
AUGUST 31  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 4:13–18  
Lk 4:16–30

**Tuesday**  
SEPTEMBER 1  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11  
Lk 4:31–37

**Wednesday**  
SEPTEMBER 2  
*Weekday*  
Col 1:1–8  
Lk 4:38–44

**Thursday**  
SEPTEMBER 3  
*St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*  
Col 1:9–14  
Lk 5:1–11

**Friday**  
SEPTEMBER 4  
*Weekday*  
Col 1:15–20  
Lk 5:33–39

**Saturday**  
SEPTEMBER 5  
*Weekday*  
Col 1:21–23  
Lk 6:1–5

**Sunday**  
SEPTEMBER 6  
*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Is 35:4–7a  
Jas 2:1–5  
Mk 7:31–37






Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1  
*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8*

## Follow Directions

Follow directions. If you follow the directions good things will happen. But if you take short cuts or disobey the rules, you will fail.

When Moses read the statutes and decrees of God before the people, he told them to follow the directions. If they did, they would enter the Promised Land. They would give evidence of their intelligence. And God would remain close to them.

If the people did not follow directions, Moses could not promise anything.

Throughout their relationship, God asked Israel only to keep the covenant. When Israel strayed, God sent prophets to remind the people. God never abandoned Israel, but remained in relationship with them.

**Many times we do not follow God's directions.** Sometimes we think they are too hard. Or that they **won't give us the results we want. But the commands of God remain firm for a reason. They bring the best results.**

The commands of God are not hard to find nor difficult to remember. They are as close as our Bible and as **familiar as friends. They signify God's love for us. They demonstrate God's desire to be present to us.**

When we follow directions, when we bend our will to **match God's will, good things will happen.**

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time B 2  
*James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27*

## Don't Just Stand There

Some people like being a Christian more than acting like one. They know the basic stories about Jesus—that he was born in Bethlehem, that he was baptized by John, that he fasted in the desert, gathered disciples, worked miracles, taught with eloquence, was arrested, tried, crucified, died, buried, and rose again. **And that's all important to know.**

**But then that's it. They pick and choose from the way** Christians live. Worshiping on Sundays, serving others, making peace, confessing sins, forgiving others, contributing to charities, practicing morals, and learning more about religion—well, maybe yes and maybe no. Calling yourself a Christian is easier than acting like one.

But James is having none of that. The Letter of James in the New Testament takes a strong position about the **importance of acting, not just being. "Be doers of the word and not hearers only," James says. Otherwise, you delude yourselves.**

The word of God comes to us in many ways—at church, in private prayer, in spiritual conversation, and **in the events of our daily lives. If we are alert to God's presence, we will hear the word. But God usually speaks in order to get something done. God would like a little action. Hearing the word is good—a lot of people don't even take the time to do that. But acting on the word—that's what makes pure religion.**

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## Liturgical Roles<sup>+</sup>

Weekend of Sept 5/6

### 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Kevin Van Dorn, Erin Van Dorn  
Extraordinary Ministers: Carrie Gagnon, Patty Shawbitz, Shareen Ketchem, Louise Perreault, Joe Davison  
Lectors: Ruth Sykes, Mary Pinsoneault  
Ushers: Mickey Shawbitz, Racel Metruck, Eric Van Dorn  
Greeter: Paul Gagnon III  
Sacristan: Ruth Jablonka  
Elijah Cup: Paul Gagnon II and Carrie Gagnon

### 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Joshua Soto, Matthew Flores  
Extraordinary Ministers: Shelia Casselberry, Nancy McCreary, Barbara Kirschten, Maria Bridges  
Lectors: Mark Day, Cindy Day  
Ushers: Gary Jordan, Eric Miller, Cathy McKnight, Arnold Soto  
Greeter: Deidre Henderson  
Sacristan: Jean Jordan  
Elijah Cup: Barbara Kirschten  
Coffee & Donuts: Chris and Shelia Casselberry

### 10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Abigail Zaleske, Patrick Sweeney, \_\_\_\_\_  
Extraordinary Ministers: Stacy Fralic, Bob Wall, Pam Wall, Teresa McClure  
Lectors: Pete Kuhns, Nadine Kuhns  
Ushers: Ron Fetter, Donna Fetter, Brian Prescott, \_\_\_\_\_  
Greeter: Terri Turnbull  
Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge  
Elijah Cup: Duscha and Tim Ross  
Coffee & Donuts: Katherine and Micayla Colwell

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, please contact Susi Evers at saintpeterparishprayer-chain@gmail.com or call her at 664-9165.

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

*In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:*

Monday Johanna Adam\*, Charles Cummings\*, Steve Lange, Mike and Jeanne Trueting, Steve Heidbreder

Tuesday Lynn Graham\*, Anthony Michael Merriquer, Bobby Stockbridge\*, Ashley Marie Code, Mary Guastella

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard\*, James Smith\*, Steve Powell\*, Ken and Bette Dellner\*, Caroline Frederick, Pam Holt, Barbara Kirschten\*

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz\*, Robert Welniak, Frank Crowder\*, Theresa Stegall, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden,

Friday Lloyd Biehl\*, Doug Babiak\*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Betty Keever, Vera Thornburg\*

Saturday Peter Adam\*, Mary Anyel\*, Joel Grieves\*, Dan Brenton\*, Skye Mahosky\*, Gene Valentine\*, Mary Valentine

Sunday **Maureen O'Neil\*, Michael Adam\*, Theresa Fowler\***, Mary Beth Downer, Greg Babiak, Tony Kelly, Jeff Harp

\*Indicates our parishioners.

Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.

## School Backpack Program

Food For Thought (FFT) is a non-profit the Around Town Ministry teamed up with to help with the school backpack program, which provides food for children on weekends **to increase children's access to healthy, easy to prepare** food when they are not in school receiving meals through the Free and Reduced Meal program.

Here is a list of FFT upcoming Volunteer Orientations where you can learn more about the program and how you may help (please RSVP):

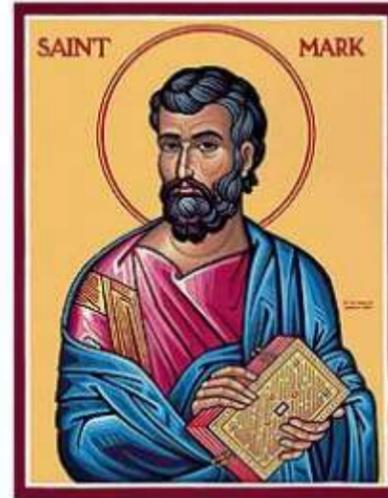
September 1<sup>st</sup>- 5:30pm- The Santa Rosa Beach Pantry and September 2<sup>nd</sup>- 8:30am- Panera Bread-Destin Commons

For additional information contact Carly Harmer, Program Coordinator, [772-341-2460](tel:772-341-2460), [carly@fftfi.org](mailto:carly@fftfi.org), <http://foodforthoughtfi.org/>

In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus quoted the prophet Isaiah as he addressed the Pharisees, reminding them that they are hypocrites: "The people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me," Jesus said. Unfortunately, some of us may fall into the same category.

We may attend Mass regularly; we may pray daily; we even may be supportive of the Church with our time, talent, and treasure as good stewards. However, Jesus is challenging us to do more than just make the appearance of being a good Catholic. The root Greek word for "hypocrite" is *hypokrisis*, which meant one "who is an actor" or one "who wears a mask." The Lord's point is that we must reach deeper and strive to have Him in our hearts.

Our society is quite taken with images and appearances. We need to recognize that Jesus sees through and beyond what we appear to be and do, and He sees into our hearts and souls. This may make us uncomfortable, but it is something with which we must deal on a daily basis. Whatever we do and whatever we may pursue needs to be motivated by love of the Lord and of "our neighbor." Love like that — having our hearts close to Jesus — is work, but it is a labor worth pursuing.



### Living Stewardship Now

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### Attention: In Search of Elves

With the Christmas holidays upon on us once again, Catholic Charities in Fort Walton Beach is getting ready to kick off their 2015 Christmas Connection and is in dire need of elves. The committee requires a great deal of planning and volunteers. If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful project, while making a difference to a needy family this Christmas, please contact Eva Wise no later than September 4th at 850-244-2825 or email [charity@cc.ptdiocese.org](mailto:charity@cc.ptdiocese.org).



Your help is always appreciated.

Please contact Joey if you would be willing to volunteer for the concert. We will need help placing flyers around the area and getting the word out. We will also be looking for volunteers the day of the concert. Check out the tour website at [www.matt1213.com](http://www.matt1213.com) and like us on facebook: [facebook.com/mattmaher1213](https://www.facebook.com/mattmaher1213). For questions or more info: Call/text Joey (850) 483-0714 or email [mattmaher1213@gmail.com](mailto:mattmaher1213@gmail.com).

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Pray and Fast to End Abortion

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PENSACOLA KICK-OFF  
Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30 PM  
Providence Church at Trinitas Christian School  
3301 E Johnson Ave, Pensacola, FL  
An Evening for Life  
WITH GUEST SPEAKER CARRIE GUY  
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40 DAYS FOR LIFE



Our English word *hypocrite* comes from a Greek word that is pronounced almost the same. The Greeks often used the word to describe acting, but its root meaning is closer to this: "One who pretends or acts under a mask." We might describe such a person as "two-faced." There are several places in the gospels where Jesus calls the Pharisees hypocrites because they say one thing and do another. Their actions appear to be part of a show so that others will think that they are good and holy. Jesus cuts to the heart of the matter when he points out that clinging to the letter of the law is not what makes someone holy. Rather, it is the person with a pure heart free of greed, malice, envy, and evil of all kinds who is closer to God.



Jesus has the Old Testament Scriptures on his side. Psalm 15 lays out a wonderful description of the ones who will dwell with God forever in heaven. First and foremost, they are not hypocrites. Rather, they have integrity of heart and speak the truth (15:2). They "never defame a neighbor" (15:3). They practice what they preach and do it for the greater glory of God. We all have moments when we act better (or sometimes worse) than we are because we want to appear differently to others. The challenge for us today is to be genuine, to let the love of God become the model for how we love. Then we will have no need to worry about whether we are following the law. Our own actions will tell us so.

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Today's Readings

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8  
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27  
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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