



Recognizable Offering..... \$7,604.05
Loose Cash \$465.25
Total Weekly Offering..... \$8,069.30
Mass Attendance Jan 23/24 368



Feb 1 - Feb 7
MondayJohn & Frances Samparano(liv)
TuesdayAdams Family
Wednesday.....Allen Scarleski(+)
ThursdayWinters Family
Friday.....**Ryan Moore's Family**
Saturday.....Sherwood Fowler(+)
Sunday.....Mary Valentine(+)(8:00 a.m.)
.....St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 1/31 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
K of C Rosary for Life - after 10:30 a.m. Mass
SYMBOLON - 6:00 p.m.
- 2/1 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
SYMBOLON - 9:30 a.m.
- 2/2 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Bunco - 9:30 a.m.
- 2/3 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
The Bible and The Virgin Mary - 6:30 p.m.
- 2/4 Adoration - 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Women's Study Group - 9:30 a.m.
- 2/7 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
SYMBOLON - 6:00 p.m.



Retreat for Women:
The Spirituality of Christian Women in the Writings of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) sponsored by the Women Study Groups is February 27-28, 2016 at the Visitation Monastery, Mobile, AL. Leader is Reverend Mitchell Guidry. For more information and/or to register, you can pick up a brochure at the Hospitality Cart.

The Lay Formation Institute, which was one of the goals that Bishop Parkes introduced in January 2015, will commence in August 2016. In order to prepare for this new initiative, the Advisory Board will be holding information nights around the diocese during the month of February. The primary purpose of the Institute is to form leaders for our parishes but the Institute is open to anyone who wishes to deepen their knowledge of the faith and their role as disciples. Meetings in our area:
Pensacola Area
February 3rd, 2:00 PM, Pastoral Center Large Meeting Room
February 3rd, 6:30 PM, Pastoral Center Large Meeting Room
Okaloosa/Walton Counties
February 8th, 6:30 PM, St. Rita, Santa Rosa Beach



Download Our New Parish App!

Our new St. Peter Parish app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week

with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar and the ability to quickly RSVP. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.

Help foster a stronger parish life at St. Peter Parish and better engage the New Evangelization.

Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish.

Psst! Best Lent Ever® is based on *Rediscover Jesus*

Best Lent Ever email program by Dynamic Catholic features content from Matthew Kelly's book, *Rediscover Jesus*. We have a limited number of books that we would like to give to those who may not have access to email or just want to rediscover Jesus—the amazing friend who helps us find answers to life's tough questions. Stop by the Hospitality cart next weekend if you would like a book.

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January 31, 2016

Monday
FEBRUARY 1
Weekday
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30;
16:5-13
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday
FEBRUARY 2
Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday
FEBRUARY 3
Weekday
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday
FEBRUARY 4
Weekday
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12
Mk 6:7-13

Friday
FEBRUARY 5
St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Sir 47:2-11
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday
FEBRUARY 6
St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
1 Kgs 3:4-13
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday
FEBRUARY 7
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 6:1-2a, 3-8
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11
Lk 5:1-11

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dear Padre

What should spouses do if they are being abused?

I know Catholics whose spouses cheat and abuse them. What should they do?

If someone is in an abusive marriage, the Church would want, tell, and help that person to do whatever is needed to reach safety. The Church doesn't tolerate anyone staying in a place where physical or mental abuse occurs. Separation is often a first and necessary step. However, there is always hope for reconciliation. If a husband is abusive and his wife leaves, but then he seeks treatment and changes his ways, the Church would hope that the marriage could be saved.

The same is true for an adulterous spouse. If he or she is repentant and takes steps to change and make amends, the Church hopes for and encourages reconciliation. But if a spouse refuses treatment or continues the affair, the next step would be a civil divorce. Even after a civil divorce, there can be hope and reconciliation. It is only after separation and a civil divorce that the annulment process could begin.

It's important to remember that when a couple gets married they marry for better and for worse. This means there is a call, an expectation, to work things out, to forgive and to repair hurts, and not to rush a divorce. But to be sure, if you are dealing with addiction, abuse, or infidelity in your relationship, the Church supports your need to be secure.

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At the heart of good citizenship is love. Love for the people to which we are bound by birth and by choice. This is not a blind love, which ignores failings, but a love that wills and strives for the best for ourselves and our country. In this light, it becomes easier to see why the best thing we can do as Americans is to become the best and most faithful Catholics.

- From *Red, White, Blue, and Catholic* by Stephen P. White

To see sample pages from this book, call us at 800-325-9521, or visit Liguori.org and type the title or 826450 in the search bar.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time C 1
Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-29

God's Gifts

When you discover what you are good at, you cannot let go. You may have a gift for parenting, teaching, listening, or playing a hand of bridge. Or golf. Once in a while we find out something else about the gifts God gave us. We may not know why we have them, but events may call us to use our gifts in a way that reveals **God's will.**

You may have given advice that somebody needed. You may have helped a child overcome an obstacle. You **may have lifted someone's spirits. You may have saved someone's life. You did all this because you had a gift,** and when the moment arrived, you used the gift God gave you.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." God's words to Jeremiah ring deep within our souls. Think about this: God knew you before you were born. God had you in mind before you were conceived. God designed gifts for you from the very beginning. God had a plan.

We are born without knowledge of God's plan. We are not sure how we fit. We may never know. God may be using us in ways beyond our awareness. The gifts we have are not ours. They belong to God.

When we use God's gifts, they bring us satisfaction. We cannot let go of what God meant us to be and do. God knows us better than we know ourselves.

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time C 2
1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13

The Challenge of Love

One of the most popular readings at weddings is this **passage from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous. It bears all things. Love never fails." It is a beautiful hymn to love,** and it captures the emotions that many couples feel as they celebrate their wedding day.

But Paul did not have marriage in mind. He was writing about the early Christian community in Corinth, the equivalent of a parish today. The members had many gifts. They were not using them well. They were divided in their sentiments. They said they believed in Jesus, but they were not acting the way he taught. Jesus wanted everyone to love God and to love their neighbor. That was not happening in Corinth.

So Paul reminded them what love is—and what it is **not. "It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing." The Corinthians** were guilty of all these things.

Paul would probably be surprised to know that this passage was used so often at weddings today. He would **probably remark, "OK—but just remember. If this describes the love of a newly married couple, that is the kind of love you should have for everyone in your parish. Not just for one person."**

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Liturgical Roles

Weekend of Feb 6/7

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Paul Gagnon III

Extraordinary Ministers: Carrie Gagnon, Michael Klickovich, Al Perreault, Louise Perreault, Joanna Far-num

Lectors: Ana Fails, Mary Pinsoneault

Ushers: Dan Brenton, Rachel Metruck, John Fails

Greeter: Keith Lee

Sacristan: Jean Jordan

Elijah Cup: Al and Lousie Perreault

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Audrey Moore, Joshua Soto

Extraordinary Ministers: Kathy Stockbridge, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen, James Johansen, Nancy McCreary

Lectors: Michael Moore, Kathy Moore

Ushers: Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, Arnold Soto, Cathy McKnight

Greeter: Maria Bridges

Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge

Elijah Cup: Michael and Kathy Moore

Coffee & Donuts: Gary Jordan, Joe Davison

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Patrick Sweeney, Christopher Manion, Joseph Sweeney, Alexandra Manion

Extraordinary Ministers: Penny Sweeney, Elaine Tennyson, Kathleen Garcia, Katherine Colwell, Therese Sweeney

Lectors: Dawn Ciccarello, John Fay

Ushers: Mike Sweeney, Brian Prescott, Ray Schlitt, Jim Wise

Greeter: Terri Turnbull

Sacristan: Mike Brennan

Elijah Cup: Mike and Penny Sweeney

Coffee & Donuts: Ron and Donna Fetter

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

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, Julie Bourge

Tuesday Lynn Graham*, Thomas Holdsworth, Pam Stockbridge, Ashley Marie Code, Mary Eichler

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

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, Vera Thornburg*

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Joel & Leo Grieves*, Dan Brenton*, Harriett Warren

Sunday 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.](#)

Lenten Fish Fry & Stations of the Cross

February 12th



Join in fellowship at 6:00 p.m. for our first parish fish fry of the season. Fish, hush puppies, and drinks will be provided by the parish. Please bring a meatless side dish to share or a dessert. RSVP through parish app, Flocknote or at the Hospitality cart so we know how many are coming.

Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 p.m.





Often in this space, we tend to focus on the stewardship messages found in the Gospel reading or perhaps the Second Readings, many of which are letters written by St. Paul. However, on this Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, there is a simple statement in the First Reading from Jeremiah that echoes its strong message to each of us: **“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.”** (Jeremiah 1:5)

As much as we may wish to ignore it, or perhaps just forget it, God knows us in ways we do not even know ourselves. Jeremiah understood that God had called **him to be a prophet; he had no choice, and he fulfilled God’s wishes.** Scripture speaks to us also nonetheless, as we are reminded in our reading from Jeremiah, the Lord does not just know who we are; He has plans for each of us.

This, of course, is where “free will” comes in. Whether we seek to understand God’s plan for us and whether we choose to pursue it is totally up to us. To try to comprehend that vocation, that role, can be a humbling experience. It is not unrealistic for us to have thoughts of ourselves, which may not reach the level

of God’s plans for us; nevertheless, our task as good stewards is to recognize our gifts and to respond to God’s call.

Living God’s Word

We pray that we will hear when God sends a challenging word to us, calling us to expand our boundaries and allow God to work in new and surprising ways. Lord, let us be open to your Spirit who moves as the Spirit wills.

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“Black Faith Matters”



by
 Bishop Fernand Cheri O.F.M.
 Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of New Orleans

When: Monday, February 8, 2016
 Where: Perry Paige Auditorium
 FAMU Campus
 Time: 6:00 p.m.

Presented by:
 FAMU Catholic Student Association

No admission charge
 Contact: Dr. Maria Okeke (maria.okeke@famuedu)
 Mrs. Carole Curry (cac4438@hotmail.com)

Young Adults: Save the Date!

Conference/Retreat Day **“His Mercy Reigns”** is Saturday, March 5, at St. Peter Parish in Mary Esther. This retreat day for young adults will include a talk by Father Kevin McQuone on the meaning of Mercy from Scripture and Church teaching, and two talks by FOCUS representatives; one on the practical application of mercy in daily life and the other on giving and receiving mercy. There will also be a Holy Hour with the Sacrament of Reconciliation and small group sharing. Child care will be available but children must be pre-registered. Cost is \$20. To register go to www.ptdiocese.org – event registration.



In my work as a pastoral associate, I frequently speak with couples preparing for marriage. They often ask for suggestions about readings and desire to have something a little unconventional. When I ask what they mean, they will say something like, “We’ve heard that love reading so many times, and some of the Gospel readings we have heard aren’t what we want to say.” I ask them what they think love is and, after a pause, they begin to tell me what they believe about love. It usually includes words like patient, humble, wanting the good of the other. We look at the reading from Corinthians again and they suddenly understand why so many choose it. It is one of the more beautiful descriptions of love that we have, and the love Paul describes is grounded in the Lord—God’s love for us and the love we must have for each other.

I think the ending of the passage is of greatest importance to marriage and the Christian life. Marriage is a process of becoming known. We “put aside childish things,” like unrealistic notions of romantic love, and work at loving a real person. Spouses begin their marriage knowing each other only partially but grow in understanding with each passing day. That wisdom leads to unity and transforms the spouses. This movement mirrors our life with God. We know very little as baptized infants and children. But as we pray, worship, and serve, we come to know God more until we meet him face to face and our lives are one with his.

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A Word From Pope Francis
“Marriage is the icon of God’s love for us. Indeed, God is communion too: the three Persons of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit live eternally in perfect unity. And this is precisely the mystery of Matrimony: God makes of the two spouses one single life.”
 —General Audience, April 2, 2014



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