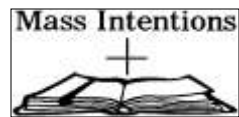




Recognizable Offering..... \$6,392.18  
Loose Cash ..... \$471.00  
Total Weekly Offering..... \$6,863.18  
Mass Attendance Jan 17/18 347



Jan 26 – Feb 1  
Monday .....Randolph Davis(+)  
Tuesday .....Alice Parker(liv)  
Wednesday.....Anthony Napolitano(+)  
Thursday .....Poor Souls in Purgatory  
Friday .....Anthony DeCotis Sr.(+)  
Saturday .....Stephen Fowler(+)  
Sunday .....St. Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.)  
.....Josey Grossi(+)(10:30 a.m.)

Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops  
Catholic Days at the Capitol March 3-4, 2015  
Registration forms for this event are available at the Hospitality cart and should be mailed in with the registration fee by February 9<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to carpool, please contact Joni, 850-830-2875.



"In Imitation of Mary" a retreat for women presented by Fr. John Licari on March 7-8 at The Visitation Monastery in Mobile.

Sponsored by the Women's Study Groups of the diocese. For more information, contact Nanette Bell, 850-664-0361.



An additional women's small group has started. It meets on Tuesday nights from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in a home not far from the church.

Someone else has offered her home in Fort Walton Beach, to begin a new group there, day or night, whichever is best for those interested. If you are interested in getting involved or would like more information, contact Joni, 830-2875.

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 1/25 Faith Formation 9:15 a.m.  
EPIC - 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
M.S. & H.S. Youth Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
- 1/26 EPIC - 9:30 a.m.
- 1/27 EPIC - 9:30 a.m.
- 1/28 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.  
EPIC - 6:30 p.m.
- 1/29 Adoration - 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Women's Study Group** - 9:30 a.m.
- 2/1 Faith Formation 9:15 a.m.  
EPIC - 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
NO M.S. & H.S. Youth Meeting



ABBEY YOUTH FEST 2015: Students in grades 8 through 12 are invited to attend this year's event on the grounds of Saint Joseph's Abbey and Seminary in Saint Benedict, LA, on March 21, 2015. This coincides with the end of Santa Rosa County and the beginning of Okaloosa County Spring

**Breaks. We'll travel over Friday afternoon, and return on Sunday.** Jackie Francois Angel is the keynote speaker this year. Check out the flyer and video at <http://abbeyyouthfest.com/>. The cost is \$125 plus meals, per person. Please contact Paul Johansen at 581-2556 or johansenp@stpeter.ptdiocese.org, if you are interested in attending, or have questions. **REGISTER NOW!** February 15 is the deadline. Forms are available on the parish website.

Color My Walls – Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>  
An old building is in need of painters to tackle the interior. This building will be the new home of Shelter House offices. There are about 20 rooms in the house with 12' ceilings, so we can use all the volunteers we can get. If you are able and willing to paint on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, from 1 - 5 p.m., please sign-up at the Hospitality cart or call Joni, 830-2875.



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**Monday**  
JANUARY 26  
Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops  
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5  
Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday**  
JANUARY 27  
Weekday  
Heb 10:1-10  
Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday**  
JANUARY 28  
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
Heb 10:11-18  
Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday**  
JANUARY 29  
Weekday  
Heb 10:19-25  
Mk 4:21-25

**Friday**  
JANUARY 30  
Weekday  
Heb 10:32-39  
Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday**  
JANUARY 31  
St. John Bosco, Priest  
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19  
Mk 4:35-41

**Sunday**  
FEBRUARY 1  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Dt 18:15-20  
1 Cor 7:32-35  
Mk 1:21-28

January 25, 2015

# dear Padre

## Do votive candles make a difference?

**Q** At my church, some people take the votive candles out of the holders and place them next to the statues and icons. Does this make the saint or God pay more attention to the petition? And isn't it a fire hazard?

**Vigil lights, commonly** known as votive candles, are usually lit when a person seeks some favor from the Lord or a saint's intercession. Lighting a candle is a way of extending one's prayer and showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered.

In the lighting of candles we remember and truly live the words of our Lord, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). We burn candles to symbolize our prayers' rising to heaven day and night; prayers for the saints' intercession are also common because of their friendship with God in heaven. Saints are powerful intercessors.

God hears all prayers uttered in sincerity. Burning a candle as we pray doesn't make that prayer more important than prayers offered without a candle; neither does moving the candle to the front of the line.

If your church has made sure that the placing of the votive candles complies with local fire regulations, you have no worries about setting a fire with vigil lights.

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

God's Change of Heart

Does anything ever change God's mind? Today's story from Jonah answers yes.

Most of us know Jonah as the prophet who was swallowed by a fish. Not everyone remembers the rest of the story.

Jonah didn't want to be a prophet. When God asked him to bring a message to Nineveh, Jonah refused. He ran away, boarded a ship, and tried to hide from God.

It didn't work. The ship hit turbulent waters. The sailors believed that God was coming after someone on the boat. They figured out it was Jonah, so they threw him overboard and into the jaws of a giant fish. After three days, the fish delivered Jonah safely to land. Surely, Jonah was relieved to see the earth again. But it probably shocked him to find out where he was. The fish had brought him to Nineveh, the very city where God wanted him to go in the first place.

So Jonah gave up. He prophesied destruction to Nineveh, as God had asked him to do. God was determined to punish the people for their sins.

But then something happened. The people repented, and they changed God's mind. God decided not to punish them after all.

Sometimes what changes God's mind is changing ours.

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time B 2

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Waiting for the End

St. Paul was wrong about one thing. He thought the world was coming to an end rather quickly. It's nearly 2,000 years later, and we're still waiting.

But he was right about this: A good Christian lives as if the end were coming soon. We should live every day as if it were our last, ready to greet Christ when he comes again. After all, we don't really know when that might be.

Paul's advice sounds a little odd: If you're married, act like you're not. If you're crying, don't. If you're rejoicing, stop. On the surface it doesn't make much sense. But Paul's point is that we should have other concerns. "The world in its present form is passing away." So, don't put all your time, effort and emotions into it. Think about the things of the next world. Do the things that will please God.

In truth, most of us act as though we'll live forever. We buy and hoard. We roam from one emotional relationship to another. Paul would have us settle our hearts on other things. Make the world more livable for someone else.

As we wait for the end, we take the world in stride. So what if the weather is bad, the car won't start, or the kid next door dyed his hair green? The world in its present form is passing away.

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Liturgical Roles\*

Weekend of Jan 31/ Feb 1

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Aidan Murray, \_\_\_\_\_  
Extraordinary Ministers: Elizabeth Baldwin, Shareen Ketchem, Ken Olson, Louise Perreault, Al Perreault  
Lectors: \_\_\_\_\_, Mary Pinsoneault  
Ushers: Bob Flanagan, Joni Flanagan, Rachel Metruck  
Greeter: Pat Gossage  
Sacristan: Matthew Flores  
Elijah Cup: Gloria Mulligan

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Audrey Moore, Joshua Soto  
Extraordinary Ministers: Gene Valentine, Nanette Bell, James Johansen, Jean Jordan, Nancy McCreary  
Lectors: Mark Day, Cindy Day  
Ushers: Maria Bridges, Tina Henderson, Eric Miller, Arnold Soto  
Greeter: Deidre Henderson  
Sacristan: Doug Hoover  
Elijah Cup: L.P. Henley  
Coffee & Donuts: Joe Davison, Gary Jordan

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Micayla Colwell, Teresa Englehardt, Patrick Sweeney  
Extraordinary Ministers: Kathleen Garcia, Katherine Colwell, Stacy Fralic, Nadine Kuhns, Jean Schlitt  
Lectors: Pete Kuhns, Margie Wadsworth  
Ushers: Ray Schlitt, Brian Smith, Mike Smith, Mike Sweeney  
Greeter: Karen Clayton  
Sacristan: Bill Roth  
Elijah Cup: Timothy & Duscha Ross  
Coffee & Donuts: Ron & Donna Fetter



Exploring a Call to Christ Through the Priesthood

A faith filled weekend retreat for single men 18+ discerning the Diocesan Priesthood

Friday, February 6th—Sunday February 8th  
St. John Neumann Retreat Center  
Tallahassee

Please Join Us! To Sign Up, or For More Info, Contact:  
Fr. John Cayer, @ frjohn@cocathedral.com

\*This retreat is free of charge

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, please contact Susi Evers at saintpeterparishprayerchain@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\*, Gene Bauchwitz\*, Peter Cleary, Ashley Matyac, Rein Podrang, Fay Stockbridge, Pam Duncan

Tuesday Carl Shaw, Randy Stokes, Lynn Graham\*, Charlie Cospelisch, Martha Marshall, Anthony Michael Merrique, Marie Haug\*, Faye Clark

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard\*, James & Laura Smith\*, Steve Powell\*, Ken and Bette Dellner\*, Caroline Frederick, Mario Donato\*, Rene Morago-Barton

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz\*, Robert Welniak, Frank Crowder\*, Phil Pendergrass, Jennifer Cruz, Harrison Bowie\*

Friday Lloyd Biehl\*, Doug Babiak\*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, John Paul Wilson, Betty Keever, Vera Thornburg\*, Chris Casselberry\*

Saturday Peter Adams\*, Mary Anyel\*, Michael Hebert, Joel Grieves\*, Ronald Smith Jr., Harvey L. Font, Dan Brenton\*, Carlene Parker

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

\*Indicates our parishioners.

[Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.](#)

Protecting Our Children, a conference to educate adults in our community about child victimization, will be held on Monday, February 9th from 1-5 p.m. at Northwest Florida State College. The speaker will be Cory Jensen, M.S. who is the co-Director of the Center for Behavioral Intervention in Beaverton, Oregon. She has worked with adult sex offenders and their families for 24 years. This is a free event – donations will be accepted on behalf of Children's Advocacy Center & Judge Ben Gordon Family Visitation Center. Registration is available online through February 5th at: <https://okaloosaconference.wufoo.com/forms/sexual-predator-awareness-workshop-registration/> or call Martin Fancher, 850-543-1398 for more information.



“Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.” (Mark 1:17) Most of us have heard that scriptural quote many times. It occurs at the very beginning of Mark’s Gospel and involves Mark’s reporting of the beginning of Jesus’ ministry in Galilee. There is a reason that Jesus called these simple men to be His first followers. In part it is an example to each of us.



Peter, Andrew, James, and John were not theologians; they were not learned; they were not known for their skills in speaking to and influencing crowds of people. They were fishermen. God has gifted each of us with various skills and stewardship calls us to use those skills to build the Kingdom of God.

However, just as the Lord recognized something in those first Apostles, He sees the same in us. It was not what Jesus thought those men could accomplish, but His understanding of what they could do with Him, and Him working through them. In the same way we can accomplish much if we allow the Lord to work within us and through us. The well known late broadcaster Paul Harvey once said, “Too many Christians are no longer fishers of men, but keepers of the aquarium.” Stewardship is the means by which we, just as the first Apostles did, can become evangelists and “fishermen,” so to speak.

### Living Stewardship Now

God does not demand moral perfection before you can be of worthy service. God asks for a loving heart and a willingness to stick with your commitment.

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Young Adult "Life in the Spirit" seminar at the House of St. Joseph the Workman on Racetrack Road in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, February 28th, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. "Life in the Spirit" seminars help to deepen our individual relationship with God through Jesus. Food will be provided; there will be no cost to attend. Please register by calling (850) 862-9039 or e-mailing [motherjenny1@cox.net](mailto:motherjenny1@cox.net).

### In the parish library...

Our parish library has some new additions on its shelves. In the books section we have:

- “The Light Is On For You” by Cardinal Donald Wuerl; Important theological insights on the importance of Confession.
- “Behold the Mystery” by Mark Hart; Gaining a deeper understanding of the Catholic Mass.

In the Video/DVD section we have acquired:

- “God is not Dead”; Based on a true story it is a great video on the challenge a young college student faces when a Philosophy professor insists that students sign a paper that says “God is Dead”.

Let’s start the New Year by returning all books and videos to our parish library.

Thank you



You are cordially invited to attend  
**Saint Mary Catholic School's**  
Sixteenth Annual Brite Stars Gala  
Charity Benefit & Dinner

Friday, February 6, 2015

6:30 pm – 11:00 pm

Saint Mary Catholic Church  
Monsignor Mullins Parish Life Center

Join us for an evening of festive fellowship with delicious catered food, live music, cocktails and a Silent/Live Auction all while raising money for Saint Mary Catholic School.

Tickets are on sale now in the school office or contact Kristin White at 243-8913 for more information.



Whether he knew it or not, Jonah was one of the most powerful prophets in Israel. He had scarcely started on his journey through Ninevah when the entire city under the direction of the king expressed sorrow for their sins and turned God’s judgment to mercy. I think we all hope we might be that effective in our jobs.

If we to continue to read the book of Jonah, though, we find that he wasn’t so happy about this turn of events—he felt it made him look weak. Did he not predict the destruction of Ninevah if they failed to repent?

But for now, we see a people so moved by the Word of God that they immediately change their behavior. In Mark’s Gospel, Christ’s invitation is just as compelling for the four fishermen who abandon their nets and their father by the sea and immediately change their direction and their lives.

I have a hard time imagining the words that would make me drop everything to follow a completely different path. Certainly I’ve taken the advice of friends and family or have responded to circumstances that demanded a new direction, but only after reflection and prayer—but it took considerably longer than a single moment.

The power of the Good News, however, is unlike any other to those who are opened to it. When we really hear God’s voice, our hearts yearn to be in his presence and, though not always easily, our souls and minds bend to his will.

How is God’s Word calling *you* to change today?

### Today’s Readings

Jon 3:1–5, 10  
1 Cor 7:29–31  
Mk 1:14–20



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