

Sacrificial Giving

Recognizable Offering.....\$4,603.69
Loose Cash \$723.75
Total Weekly Offering..... \$5,327.44
Mass Attendance Feb 21/22 372

Mass Intentions

Mar 2 - Mar 8
MondayChris Burgess(liv)
TuesdayJoel Grieves(liv)
WednesdayMarie Haug(+)
ThursdayStacie Tippett(liv)
FridayTrey Corbitt(+)
SaturdayStephen Fowler(+)
SundaySt. Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.)
.....Julia Frost(+)(10:30 a.m.)

In Loving Memory
and lasting peace for all who have died,
especially **Marie Haug.**

COMING SOON....Blood Drive and Pancake Breakfast
The spring blood drive will be held on Sunday March 15th from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Did you know that one in three of us will need a blood transfusion? There is a constant need for people to roll up their sleeve and donate. Invite your spouse, neighbors, and friends to join you on the Big Red Bus and then treat them to a FREE pancake breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Our goal is to have 20 SCHEDULED donors before 3/15 so call today to make an appointment, 830-2875 or visit our website.

Meeting
The Around Town parish ministry will have a meeting on Monday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. This gathering is to help all members of the parish have a better understanding of what we are doing in the community as a ministry and learn more about one of the organizations that we support. A guest speaker from Shelter House will share their mission, **the work they've done over the last 30 years and the direction they are headed.** Please sign-up at the Hospitality cart or on the website if you plan to attend.

Weekly Calendar of Events

3/1 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
EPIC - 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Easter Choir Practice - 12:15 p.m.
M.S. & H.S. Youth Meetings - 6:00 p.m.

3/2 EPIC - 9:30 a.m.

3/3 EPIC - 9:30 a.m.

3/4 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
EPIC - 6:30 p.m.

3/5 Adoration - 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Women's Study Group - 9:30 a.m.

3/6 Fish Fry - 6:00 p.m.
Lenten Penance Service - 7:00 p.m.

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Hungering for a bountiful Earth....This week CRS Rice Bowl takes us to the coffee highlands of Nicaragua, **where we're called to protect both the goodness of creation and the livelihoods of struggling families.** How will this week's fast remind us of the sacredness of God's creation and our duty to protect it?

IGNITEYOUR FAITH
This diocesan retreat for high school youth in grades 9-12 is for youth that want to spend time discussing, reflecting and learning more about their faith. This year it will be at the Tri-State Christian Camp and Retreat Center in DeFuniak Springs, on March 27-29. Registration fee is \$80 and includes meals, lodging and materials. Scholarships are available. Sign up today at www.ptdiocese.org - Ministries/Offices>Youth Ministry>Upcoming Events Deadline to register is March 20.

March 6, 2015

We will have a Fish Fry and our parish Lenten Penance Service. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and Reconciliation will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a meatless dish to share (dessert, salad, side)
Sign up for the Fish Fry at the Hospitality Cart.

Penance Service at St. Mary Parish will be Thurs. March 12, at 6:30 p.m. St. Sylvester Parish will offer extra time for reconciliation on Sat. March 21, from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon

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Monday
MARCH 2
Lenten Weekday
Dn 9:4b-10
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday
MARCH 3
Lenten Weekday
Is 1:10, 16-20
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday
MARCH 4
Lenten Weekday
Jer 18:18-20
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday
MARCH 5
Lenten Weekday
Jer 17:5-10
Lk 16:19-31

Friday
MARCH 6
Lenten Weekday
Gn 37:3-4,
12-13a,
17b-28a
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday
MARCH 7
Lenten Weekday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Lk 15:1-3,
11-32

Sunday
MARCH 8
Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3,
7-8, 12-17
1 Cor 1:22-25
Jn 2:13-25

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March 1, 2015

dear Padre

Why cover the crucifix during Lent?

Q Why do some parishes cover the crucifix during Lent? This seems like an odd time to do this. Shouldn't we be focusing on Christ's death?

Lent is a penitential season, and some parishes choose to have their liturgical environment reflect the austerity and simplicity that exemplify that penitential nature by removing flowers and floral arrangements, covering statues and, in some parishes, even covering the body on the crucifix.

Doing so can enhance our own forty-day experience of journeying in the desert, much as our Lord did at the outset of his ministry when he spent forty days and forty nights in the desert being tempted by Satan.

During the three-day celebration of the Triduum (from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday)—especially during the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, when the lights come on as the Gloria is sung—the previously darkened church is revealed in its fully decorated splendor.

The difference is dramatic and striking when compared to the scarcely adorned church we've seen during Lent.

We can most definitely see and sense the change from a season of repentance to one of celebration as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection—and our own salvation and redemption from sin.

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FREE GIFT

Catholic Update helps you keep up with news and issues that are important to Catholics. To introduce you to this wonderful newsletter, we'd like to send you several free issues on topics such as sharing the faith with your family, forgiving yourself and others, and reasons to go to Mass. To claim your free, no-obligation package, visit Liguori.org/Catholic-Update and click on "Free Catholic Update Offer" before April 30, 2015. God bless you!

Second Sunday of Lent B 1

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Loving Self-Sacrifice

Abraham would be arrested for child abuse if he pulled a stunt like this today. He brought his son up a hill and raised a knife to kill him. No parent should do that.

We remember this story not as a model of parenting, but as a symbol of sacrifice. Both Abraham and God serve as models.

Abraham completely trusted God. God promised him a son, and Isaac was born after Abraham waited one hundred years. Then God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac, his only son, the one whom he loved. Abraham continued to trust God. His trust is what inspires us in times of extreme adversity.

The story also symbolizes God's love. God led his son, Jesus, his only Son, whom he loved, up a hill, where he was raised on a cross. In the story of Abraham, an angel stopped the killing. In the story of Jesus, the killing continues, but angels announce that the One who died has risen.

Some of our hardest choices concern children we love. We would never harm them physically, but sometimes we inconvenience them, disagree with them, or punish them for the sake of a greater good.

We love God more than anyone or anything else.

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Second Sunday of Lent B 2

Romans 8:31b-34

Our Fan Club

Cheering helps. Can you imagine a basketball game where no one cheered? Imagine the stands full of fans who observed the game with the intensity of interns watching surgery. Imagine no one applauding or yelling—people just watching, like analysts, as the game unfolded below.

It would be dispiriting to the players. They wouldn't do their best. A little cheering helps. A lot of cheering helps even more.

Lent puts us into a contest against our sins. For six weeks we accept a spiritual regimen of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It's a hard contest. It would be nice if someone cheered us on.

Well, someone is cheering. God is our fan club. God has already taken extraordinary measures to help save us. Paul writes to the Romans, "God did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all." Since God has already given us Jesus, the greatest possible gift, "How will he not also give us everything else along with him?" God wants us to win our fight against sin.

God is our fan club. Do you sometimes feel as though you cannot overcome your bad habits? Can you not forgive yourself for a sin long past? Are you lost when you try to pray? Do you look to the future with despair? God is cheering you on. And, "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

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Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of Mar 7/8

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Aidan Murray, Declan Murray
Extraordinary Ministers: Shareen Ketchem, Ron Berthelette, Joanna Farmun, Al Perreault, Louise Perreault
Lectors: Paul Gagnon II, Mary Pinsoneault
Ushers: Dan Brenton, Rachel Metruck, Eric Van Dorn
Greeter: Paul Gagnon III
Sacristan: Doug Hoover
Elijah Cup: Sheila & Declan Murray

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jared Dunn, Matthew Flores
Extraordinary Ministers: Brendan Cauley, Eric Miller, Patsy Soto, Kathy Stockbridge
Lectors: Paul Landry, Joshua Soto
Ushers: Eden Carter, Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, Mike Logan
Greeter: Alma Battaglio
Sacristan: Barbara Kirschten
Elijah Cup: Arnold & Patsy Soto
Coffee & Donuts: Paul Johansen

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Micayla Colwell, Alyssa Wise, Austin Wise
Extraordinary Ministers: Stacy Fralic, Rick Grecco, Alicia Grecco, Melody Grogan
Lectors: Pete Kuhns, Nadine Kuhns
Ushers: Cord Grogan, Stewart Grogan, Brian Prescott, Jim Wise
Greeter: Terry Turnbull
Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge
Elijah Cup: Stewart & Melody Grogan
Coffee & Donuts: Bill & Bonnie Spangenberg

If you've ever considered praising the Lord by using your God given talent to sing and have not yet done so... NOW is your chance.

Join the Choir for this Easter season. New members of all ages are always welcome and require absolutely no previous experience.

"Artistic talent is a gift from God and whoever discovers it in himself has a certain obligation: to know that he cannot waste this talent, but must develop it."

St. John Paul II

For more info, please contact Joey Ferreira at the church office or at music@stpeter.ptdiocese.org

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, Lynn Graham*, Charlie Cospelisch, Anthony Michael Merrique, Faye Clark, Bobby Stockbridge*, Stacie Tippet

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

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

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

Saturday Peter Adams*, Mary Anyel*, Michael Hebert, Joel Grieves*, Ronald Smith Jr., 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.](#)

Easter Choir Practice Schedule

Sunday, March 1	12:15 p.m. Practice in the Church
Sunday, March 8	12:15 p.m. Practice in the Church
Sunday, March 15	12:15 p.m. Practice in the Church
Sunday, March 22	12:15 p.m. Practice in the Church
Tuesday, March 24	6:00 p.m. Practice in the Church

Sunday, March 29 12:30 p.m. ***Mandatory Practice in the Church***

Thursday, April 2 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday
(Optional – show up by 6:15 p.m.)

Sunday, April 5	5:45 a.m.	Practice in Church Break Prelude Music Mass
	7:15 a.m.	
	7:40 a.m.	
	8:00 a.m.	
	10:10 a.m.	Prelude Music Mass
	10:30 a.m.	



Most of us have heard many times the story of how God tested Abraham, as reported in our first reading from Genesis. Often there may be various emotional reactions to the situation as it unfolds. However, there are two important aspects of the narrative that we sometimes miss.

Yes, Abraham was tested, but so was his son Isaac. It would seem that Isaac was a willing participant in the ordeal. Isaac clearly did not protest nor resist lying on the altar in preparation for what would occur. Isaac offers an example of one of the basic tenets of stewardship: he trusted completely in God (and in his father, as well). That kind of total trust is difficult, but if we do not trust in the Lord, it is hard for us to make the kind of commitment to stewardship and discipleship the Lord wants from us.

The other feature of this story we sometimes miss is the parallel between Abraham and his son, and what would occur between God and His only son, Jesus

Christ. Everything from the mountain to hauling the wood up the mountain to the father sacrificing his son to deliverance from death is reminiscent of Christ's sacrifice for us, and God's willingness to offer "His only begotten Son, that those who believe in him may not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Living Stewardship Now

What matters above anything else in your life? Is it a person, material things, your health and comfort, your career? Be absolutely honest! Is God at the center, or off to one side?

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Second grade children spent Saturday morning preparing for their First Reconciliation. Middle School students were at a diocesan retreat on Saturday afternoon. High School and Middle School students took time to do the stations of the cross throughout the church grounds on Sunday evening. Many thanks to all who give of their time and talent to help form our youth's hearts and minds in their faith.



The apostle Paul was absolutely certain the love of God would find us no matter what happened and that if we had any role model and ancestor in faith, it was Abraham.

The stories are familiar. Abraham left his ancestral home to find a land promised him by a God who had only recently revealed himself. Abraham believed a child would come to him and Sarah, though both were old. Finally, he showed he would give everything in obedience to God when he was asked to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac.

This last story is troublesome to us. Would God require human sacrifice?

We can understand this as a story of faith in two ways. The traditional interpretation is that God requires everything from us and wants nothing to come between us and our love of God. God's "test" of Abraham is a test of obedience. Will we give our "all?"

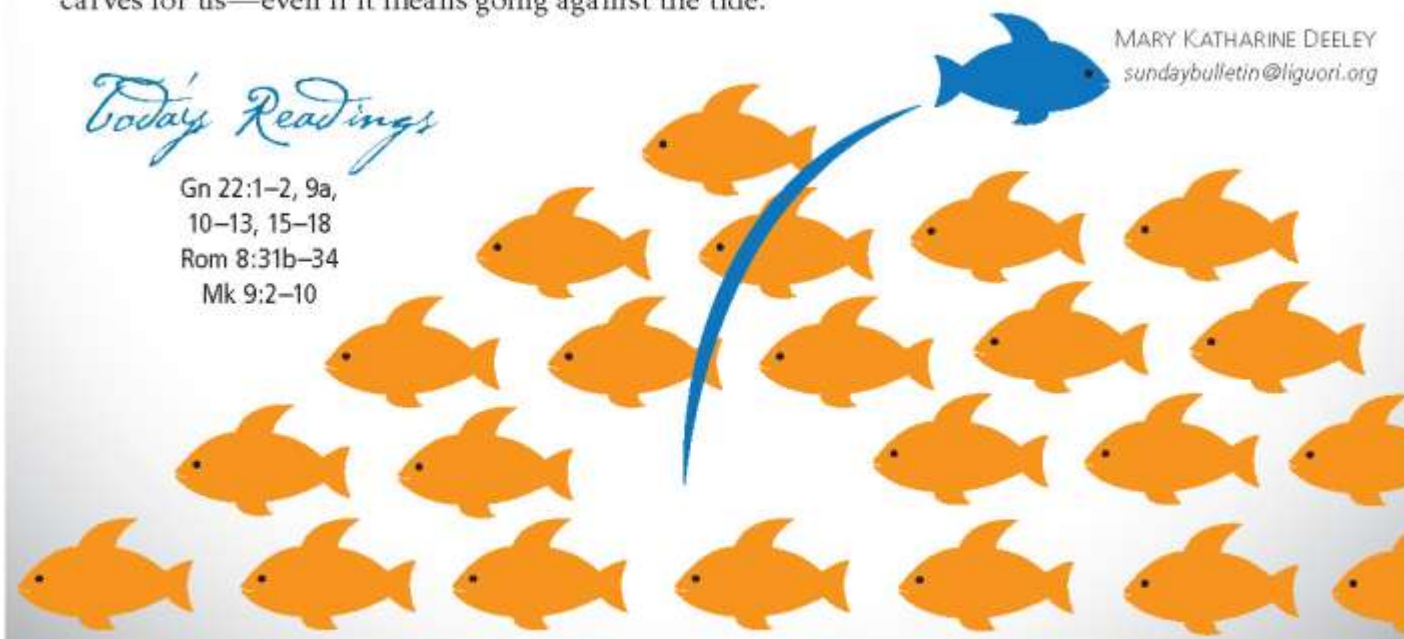
The second way of seeing the story begins with our understanding that many of the surrounding nations practiced child sacrifice. It may not have been a surprise when God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son, since his neighbors were doing it too. But at the critical moment, when the angel calls out to tell Abraham to stop, he does. The Lord wants a different relationship with his people.

Abraham's faith is shown as much in his obedience to the second order as to the first. God doesn't want us to be just like everyone else. Rather, God wants us as his own people, following the path he carves for us—even if it means going against the tide.

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Today's Readings

Gn 22:1-2, 9a,
 10-13, 15-18
 Rom 8:31b-34
 Mk 9:2-10



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