

Recognizable Offering..... \$6,387.00
 Loose Cash \$543.30
 Total Weekly Offering..... \$6,930.30
 Mass Attendance Feb 27/28 368



Mar 7 - Mar 13
 Monday Louise Perreault(liv)
 Tuesday Sylvia Wagner(liv)
 Wednesday Fr. Alapaki Kim(liv)
 Thursday Julie Walker(liv)
 Friday Luisa Martínez(liv)
 Saturday Edwin B. Braun(+)
Sunday David F. Sullivan(+)(8:00 a.m.)
..... St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)

HUNGERING TO LEARN

We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to the Central American country of Honduras, where we meet students who are learning that it's better to help your neighbor learn and grow than to leave him or her behind. To whom are we called to extend a hand this week? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Lenten Fish Fry/Pot Luck & Stations of the Cross March 11th

Join in fellowship at 6:00 p.m. for our final 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 by March 7th through parish app, Flocknote, call the office, or at the Hospitality cart so we know how many are coming.

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



Join the Lazarus Ministry as we gather to pray an All Souls Rosary for parishioners who have passed away as well as family members and friends who grieve their loss. Meet us inside the church on Sunday, March 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 3/6 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
 Easter Choir Rehearsal - 12:15 p.m.
 SYMBOLON - 6:00 p.m.
 HS/MS Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
- 3/7 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
 SYMBOLON - 9:30 a.m.
 Lenten Parish Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
 Lenten Penance Service - 7:00 p.m.
- 3/8 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 3/9 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
 The Bible and The Virgin Mary - 6:30 p.m.
- 3/10 Adoration - 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Women's Study Group - 9:30 a.m.
- 3/11 Fish Fry - 6:00 p.m.
 Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- 3/12 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
 Easter Choir Rehearsal - 12:15 p.m.
 SYMBOLON - 6:00 p.m.
 HS/MS Meetings - 6:00 p.m.



Our Easter egg hunt/party will be Easter morning, March 27th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is invited! Children 2 years old through 5th grade are welcome to participate in the egg hunt. If your child would like to join us for the egg hunt, please bring a dozen plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy (no chocolate, as it can melt) per child participating. Please put eggs in a bag marked with your child's (ren) name and age as we will have the different age groups hunting eggs in separate places. You may drop off the filled eggs beginning next weekend, Mar., 12/13. There will be an Easter egg box near the Hospitality Cart.

CRS FAIR TRADE SALE

Around Town has organized a way for our parishioners to stand in solidarity with low-income brothers and sisters around the globe by hosting a COMMUNITY SALE! This is a catalog shopping event. By purchasing fair trade products, you make a positive impact on the lives of the artisans and farmers who skillfully produce the products you buy. Catalogs will be available to shop from in the parish center beginning this weekend, at the two dinners this coming week and also on the weekend of March 12-13th. We invite you to browse the beautiful products and place your order by March 15th. Thank you for your support.



Clarifying Pope Francis' announcement on abortion



I heard Pope Francis allows priests to forgive the sin of abortion. Aren't priests able to forgive any sin?

In September 2015, the media announced that for the Year of Mercy Pope Francis is giving priests the ability to forgive the sin of abortion. However, this is not accurate. Priests are able to forgive any sin; what the Holy Father is granting to priests is the faculty to remit the penalty attached to the ecclesiastical crime of abortion. Let me explain.

Procuring, performing, or facilitating an abortion is always a grave sin. In the Catholic Church, these acts may also constitute a crime in canon law (1398). The sin is distinct from the crime, and those who commit the crime might also incur excommunication.

To incur the penalty, the person who commits the sin must: be Catholic and at least eighteen years old; be aware of the Church's penalty for abortion; and intend in full freedom to end a human life.



If any one of these elements is not present, the person did not incur excommunication. Yet if the priest discovers that the penalty is incurred, he is obliged to contact the local ordinary (usually the diocesan bishop) for permission to remit the penalty— unless the bishop has already given permission, which is the case in many dioceses in the United States. For the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis is giving all priests the faculty to remove the penalty without contacting the bishop. In other words, the Holy Father has extended mercy in the realm of Church law. No one need believe that confessed sins are unforgiven. Pope Francis' announcement is an encouragement for all, especially people who have committed grave sin, to confess their sins and receive the unfailing mercy of God.

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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

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- Monday**
 MARCH 7
 Lenten Weekday
 Is 65:17-21
 Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday**
 MARCH 8
 Lenten Weekday
 Ez 47:1-9, 12
 Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday**
 MARCH 9
 Lenten Weekday
 Is 49:8-15
 Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday**
 MARCH 10
 Lenten Weekday
 Ex 32:7-14
 Jn 5:31-47
- Friday**
 MARCH 11
 Lenten Weekday
 Wis 2:1a, 12-22
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday**
 MARCH 12
 Lenten Weekday
 Jer 11:18-20
 Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday**
 MARCH 13
 Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Is 43:16-21
 Phil 3:8-14
 Jn 8:1-11

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Fourth Sunday of Lent C 1
Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12

Simple Blessings

Unleavened cakes and parched grain do not sound like much of a menu. But it was a banquet for the Israelites of long ago.

Freed from their slavery in Egypt, they made the long trek through the desert to reach the Promised Land. They trudged a long, tiring, and dangerous journey. Moses, their leader, had died. Now Joshua, his successor, had brought them to their homeland.

It was Passover, the festival commemorating their departure from Egypt. So the people celebrated the feast with food from their new home: unleavened cakes and parched grain. They no longer ate the food of Egypt. They no longer ate the manna from the desert. Now, camped on a plain in Gilgal, they ate the food of their new home, the food of freedom.

You appreciate things more if you have had to go without them. Food tastes better if you are hungry. Employment satisfies more if you were unemployed. **Shelter feels safer if you have been without a home. God's presence feels stronger when you rediscover prayer.**

It may not seem like much—unleavened cakes and parched grain, but for the Israelites it was a banquet. They may not seem like much—the little blessings God **gives us, but for those who experience God's mercy, they are heaven.**

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Fourth Sunday of Lent C 2
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Ambassadors for Christ

Through the sacrament of reconciliation we confess our sins and experience the mercy that God alone can give. Through the ministry of the church, we are reconciled to God and one another. The priest, our intermediary, expresses the forgiveness of God, represents the forgiving community, and steers the wandering ship of our souls to the safe shores of peace.

We believe that God created the earth in goodness. Sin entered the world, and God keeps us at peace through the ministry of reconciliation.

In a letter to the Corinthians, Paul says that he himself was reconciled to God through Christ, and that he was given the ministry of reconciliation. God reconciled the world in Christ, and continued the work of reconciliation through Paul and other apostles, making them ambassadors of the forgiving Christ. On behalf of Christ, Paul **pleads, "be reconciled to God."**

As we become more aware of our faults this Lent, we bring our sorrow to the church through the sacrament of reconciliation. Then, forgiven by Christ, we too become ambassadors for him. We carry the message of reconciliation to all that we meet.

Lent is not just about seeking forgiveness for ourselves, but also about building reconciliation wherever ties were broken. Wherever we can, let us bring the peace of Christ to all we meet at home, at work, at school, in our streets—all around the world.

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Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of Mar 12/13

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Erin Van Dorn

Extraordinary Ministers: Ron Berthelette, Mary Van Dorn, Joanna Farnum, Carrie Gagnon, Alice Thompson

Lectors: Paul Gagnon II, _____

Ushers: Eric Van Dorn, Bob Flanagan, _____

Greeter: Keith Lee

Sacristan: Dan Brenton

Elijah Cup: Gloria Mulligan

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: _____, Jared Dunn

Extraordinary Ministers: Nancy Brandewie, _____, Joe Davison, Maria Bridges, Nancy McCreary

Lectors: Paul Landry, Don Dineen

Ushers: Gary Jordan, Cathy McKnight, Eden Carter, James Johansen

Greeter: Alma Battaglio

Sacristan: Jean Jordan

Elijah Cup: Alma Battaglio

Coffee & Donuts: Maria Bridges

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Micayla Colwell, Devony Ross, Joseph Sweeney

Extraordinary Ministers: Luisa Martínez, Teresa McClure, Jean Schlitt, Ray Schlitt, Stacy Fralic

Lectors: Pete Kuhns, Nadine Kuhns

Ushers: Donna Fetter, Ron Fetter, Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan

Greeter: Terri Turnbull

Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge

Elijah Cup: Ron and Donna Fetter

Coffee & Donuts: Tom Blossman, Karen Clayton

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 Bourg

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

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, James Smith*, 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.

High School Campout April 8-10 Camp Timpooshee, Niceville

Cost: \$25 per person Includes t-shirt, 4 meals, Supplies & cost of Campground facilities



Sports Skits
Prayer Adoration
Mass
Reconciliation



Registration Deadline:
March 20, 2016
For more information contact:
Melody Grogan at

Youth Group Bag Cars

The high school youth group will be asking for your support as they facilitate a food drive for our community partner Food For Thought (FFT). Food For Thought is serving close to 1,200 in 15 schools each week. This is all possible because of the huge amount of support they receive from people like you and our community. Volunteers from Around Town Ministry pick up from Destin FFT pantry and deliver 115 backpacks each week at Florosa elementary. These hold healthy foods for the students who are experiencing food insecurity to help them through the weekends.

If you want to donate, please provide only the listed items on the bags. Put your donations in the bags and return them to church when you come to Mass on March 12 -13. The youth will sort, tally and deliver your generous donations.



In our Second Reading from St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, Paul says, "So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, **be reconciled to God.**" There are two important points intended for us in those two sentences, especially during our Lenten journeys.

First, we are to be "ambassadors on behalf of Christ." Then, as now, an ambassador was one who represented a ruler, at that time most likely a king, in dealing with others. Paul's meaning is that we are called to represent our King, the Lord, here and now in our dealings with others. We do things representing our Lord and Savior, and we need to recognize both that fact and the responsibility which goes with it. It is what being a steward means — someone who is placed in charge of gifts which come to us from God and which are to be used in God's behalf. That should be part of our Lenten efforts.

The second sentence reminds us that we need to be reconciled with God. Note that it does not say that God is to be reconciled with us. The duty lies with us and needs to be precipitated by us. At this time as Easter approaches, reconciliation - confession - is important and necessary. At a recent general audience Pope Francis declared, "I can't be baptized two or three or four times, but I can go to confession often and regularly, and when I go to confession, I renew the grace of Baptism."

Living God's Word

We pray that whatever form our journey takes, we will persevere in becoming, individually and communally, a new creation. We ask the Father to send forth the Holy Spirit upon us so that we will be recreated as this same Spirit continues to renew the face of the earth.

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Congratulations to this years class of Confirmandi: Austin Wise, Heather Metruck, Carolyn Alaniz, Cord Grogan, Paul Gagnon III and Kevin Van Dorn. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you as you grow in faith and in communion with God's Holy Church.



One of the deep meanings of this Gospel reading is signaled in verse 2: "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Last Sunday, Jesus challenged the people to realize they were no better than those they condemned. The Pharisees and scribes had trouble with that lesson. They felt morally superior and more entitled to God's favor than those whose lives they questioned. Jesus turned that attitude on its head, showing time and again that God seeks out the sinner and the lost, particularly those who recognize that they are sinners and lost. As long as the Pharisees and scribes did not see themselves that way, Jesus could not help them.

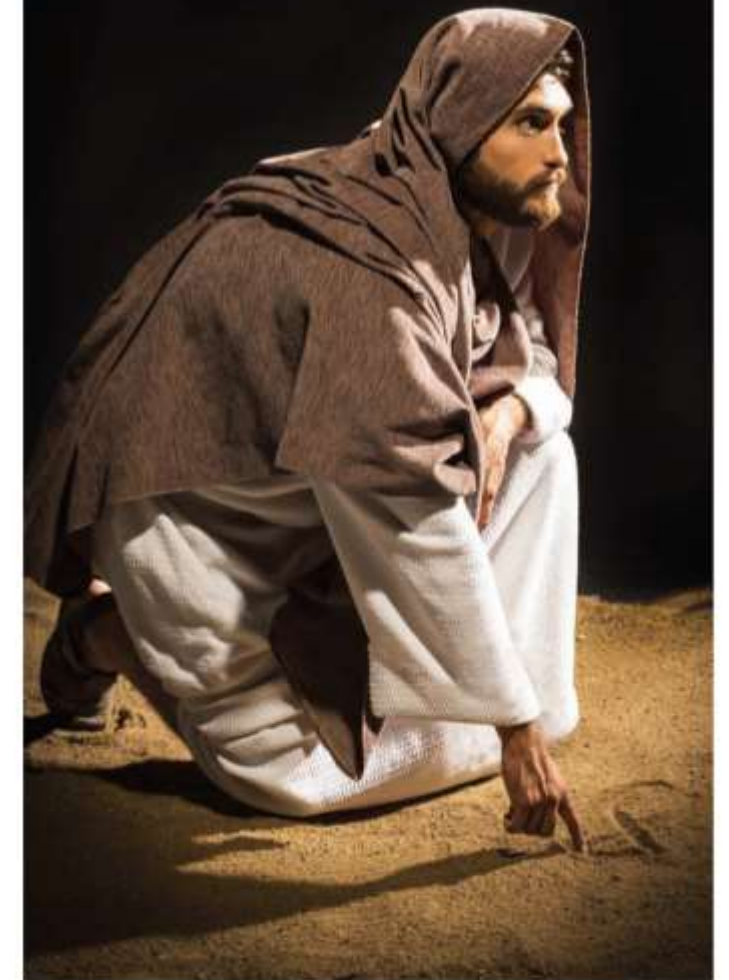
Dictionary.com Unabridged says *prodigal* means "wastefully or recklessly extravagant," so someone who is prodigal is lavish, a spendthrift. According to the Pharisees, Jesus was prodigal, for they considered his welcome of sinners as wildly wasteful, frittering away time and resources on people they thought were unworthy. But Jesus simply was showing them, and all of us, what God's love is like. God is extravagant in his love for saints and sinners alike. To some it might seem pointless or unjust to love and care for sinners and enemies, but God finds no one unworthy or unlovable—even those who reject him and oppress others.

Lent is a time to accept our sinfulness, our lost condition, and return home to the Father. Like the father of the prodigal son, God waits for that warm embrace, willing to give us everything. Hurry now.

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A Word From Pope Francis
"What is God's plan? It is to make of us all a single family of his children, in which each person feels that God is close and feels loved by him."
—General Audience, May 29, 2013



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