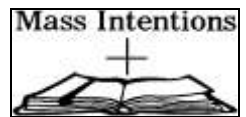



 <p><b>Sacrificial Giving</b></p> <p>Recognizable Offering ..... \$8,844.00 Loose Cash ..... \$595.53 Total Weekly Offering ..... \$9,439.53 Mass Attendance Jan 3/4 ..... 366</p>  <p>Jan 12– Jan 18 Monday ..... Mary Judith Stokes(liv) Tuesday ..... James R. Stokes(liv) Wednesday ..... Susan Erwin(+) Thursday ..... Poor Souls in Purgatory(+) Friday ..... John Omans(+) Saturday ..... All Souls in Purgatory(+) Sunday ..... St. Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.) ..... Harrison Bowie(liv)(10:30 a.m.)</p>	<p>Weekly Calendar of Events</p> <p>1/11 Blood Drive &amp; Pancake Breakfast - 8:30 a.m. Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. High School Mission Meeting - 11:30 a.m. M.S &amp; H.S. Youth Meetings - 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>1/12 Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>1/13 <b>Women's Small Group Dessert &amp; Coffee</b> 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center</p> <p>1/14 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m. Shelter House Mail Out - Parish Center from 9:00 a.m. until done</p> <p>1/15 Adoration - 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. <b>Women's Study Group</b> — 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>1/18 No Faith Formation No M.S. &amp; H.S. Youth Meetings</p>
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<p>THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR For the month of December 2014 Sharing and Caring: \$300.00 Alms Dispensed: \$198.17</p>	<p>Last spring the women of St. Peter Parish began a new ministry that has been very successful in helping each member grow closer to God and each other. Small groups meet in a relaxed home setting to enjoy great discussion, prayer and to build friendships that become "strong towers" while facing various trials in life.</p> <p>The Connectors for this ministry will host a coffee and dessert event on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for all ladies of the parish. There will be time to hear about what is going on in the current small groups, socialize, ask questions, and form new small groups. We hope all women of the parish will plan on attending this special gathering.</p>
 <p>The Mail-out Campaign for Shelter House will be on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. until completed, in the parish center. There will be 3,800 pieces of mail to stuff and label. This is an easy sit down job. Please consider coming for an hour or making it a day. It usually takes 5 – 6 hours to get the job done.</p>	

	<p>Johnny Shane Kormondy will be executed by the State of Florida on 1-15-15, at 6:00 p.m. This will be the 21st execution ordered by Gov. Richard Scott. Please consider spending time in prayer offered for the crime victim(s) and family, the person to be executed and his family and for an end to the death penalty in Florida and throughout the United States.</p> <p>A prayer service / holy hour will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church on Wednesday, January 14, at 6:00 p.m. Our church is open for prayer on Thursday, the day of the scheduled execution, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.</p>
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January 11, 2015

# dear Padre

## Is baptism by immersion better?

**Monday**  
JANUARY 12  
Weekday  
Heb 1:1–6  
Mk 1:14–20

**Tuesday**  
JANUARY 13  
Weekday  
Heb 2:5–12  
Mk 1:21–28

**Wednesday**  
JANUARY 14  
Weekday  
Heb 2:14–18  
Mk 1:29–39

**Thursday**  
JANUARY 15  
Weekday  
Heb 3:7–14  
Mk 1:40–45

**Friday**  
JANUARY 16  
Weekday  
Heb 4:1–5, 11  
Mk 2:1–12

**Saturday**  
JANUARY 17  
St. Anthony, Abbot  
Heb 4:12–16  
Mk 2:13–17

**Sunday**  
JANUARY 18  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Sm 3:3b–10, 19  
1 Cor 6:13c–15a, 17–20  
Jn 1:35–42

**Q** Why do some churches baptize by pouring water on the forehead and others by immersion? Is one way better than the other?

**In terms of** what baptism means and accomplishes—escape from sin and death into the life of the Risen Jesus—immersion is no better than pouring. But in the dramatic power of the symbol of the water, immersion is better.

The power of the sacrament of baptism lies not in the method of bringing the water into play, but from the direction given to the pouring or the immersion by the words of Jesus, who commanded us to baptize “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19).

St. Paul said, “Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his

death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life” (Romans 6:3–4). Down into the death of Jesus, and up again into a new life.

Even on the level of symbol and drama, a trickle of water is still water. It still means and symbolizes life, as in drinking and cooling. It also symbolizes death, as in a hurricane or a drowning.

This union of words and water in the Church makes this action the sacrament of baptism.

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**The Baptism of the Lord B (Opt.) 1**

*Isaiah 55:1-11*

**Simple Gifts**

The best things in life are free. The sun, the rain, the wind, and the ground on which we tread are given to us without measure.

We buy products that we think will bring pleasure. Often they do. Sometimes they don't. Sometimes we squander our money and time on what we think will bring us relief. But it only causes us remorse. Perhaps the product is not as good as we thought. Perhaps we were being selfish. Perhaps we denied other people an opportunity for enjoyment by taking some for ourselves.

We forget about the simple pleasures of life: breathing deeply, being with a friend, or humming a tune.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God invited thirsty Israel to come to the water. Why spend money on what fails to satisfy? Come to the water of God's wisdom, mercy, and goodness. Drink from God's water source, and slake your thirst.

Today we remember how Jesus went to the waters of the Jordan, how he heeded God's voice and took delight in God's favor. He invites us to do the same. Drink from God's wisdom in prayer and sacred conversation. It's one of the best things in life. And it's free.

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**The Baptism of the Lord B (Opt.) 2**

*1 John 5:1-9*

**Testimony in Water and Blood**

If your organization hires a guest speaker, someone usually gives an introduction. You'll hear who the speaker is, as well as his or her accomplishments. Guest speakers have overcome some obstacles: They have graduated from school. They have written papers. They have generated new and successful ideas. They have influenced other people. They have faced opposition and continued steadfast in their belief. Some of them have had conversions. Some of them have shed blood. Before they stand up and speak, you hear an introduction, a testimony that bears witness.

The First Letter of John gives that kind of testimony about Jesus Christ. It calls him "the one who came through water and blood." John does not speak on his own: "The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord."

At his baptism, Jesus was announced as the Son of God. On the cross, his body was pierced with a lance, and water and blood poured out. At his baptism and at his death, in water and in blood, the Spirit bore witness that Jesus is the Son of God.

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we hear the testimony about Jesus. And we receive the challenge to add our voice to those of ages past. Jesus is the Son of God.

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**Liturgical Roles\***

Weekend of Jan 17/18

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Erin Van Dorn, Kevin Van Dorn  
Extraordinary Ministers: Mary Van Dorn, Elizabeth Baldwin, Joanna Farnum, Shareen Ketchem, Patty Shawbitz  
Lectors: Ron Berthelette, Dan Brenton  
Ushers: Rachel Metruck, Mickey Shawbitz, Eric Van Dorn  
Greeter: Lynn Brenton  
Sacristan: Stan Griggs  
Elijah Cup: Eric & Mary Van Dorn

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jared Dunn, Matthew Flores  
Extraordinary Ministers: Barbara Kirschten, Eden Carter, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen  
Lectors: Susi Evers, Paul Landry  
Ushers: Jim Guris, Tina Henderson, Cathy McKnight, Eric Miller  
Greeter: Alma Battaglio  
Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge  
Elijah Cup: Eden Carter  
Coffee & Donuts: Steve Berthelette, L.P. Henley

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Cord Grogan, Alyssa Wise, Austin Wise  
Extraordinary Ministers: Melody Grogan, Bruce Brandewie, Ray Schlitt, Jean Schlitt  
Lectors: Mike Brennan, Petey Brennan  
Ushers: Ron Fetter, Stewart Grogan, Mike Sweeney, Jim Wise  
Greeter: Donna Fetter  
Sacristan: Joe Davison  
Elijah Cup: Al & Melinda Sousa  
Coffee & Donuts: Tom Blossman, Karen Clayton

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 Merriquer, Marie Haug\*

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.



**Celebrate Faith 2015: Hearts on Fire**

January 24, 2015 at the Emerald Coast Convention Center on Okaloosa Island. \$20 per individual/\$50 per family. Seating is limited. Register online at: [www.ptdiocese.org](http://www.ptdiocese.org)

Registration deadline is Monday,



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The Holy Trinity is one of those mysteries of our faith which is almost impossible for us to perceive and comprehend. Yet it is presented to us in today's Gospel all at once: The Son, Jesus, is baptized; the Holy Spirit descends upon Him; and God proclaims, "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#253) states, "The Trinity is One. We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons, the 'consubstantial Trinity.' The divine persons do not share one divinity among themselves but each of them is God whole and entire." Each time we make the Sign of the Cross we reinforce our belief in the Trinity, and each time we make that sign we should think of the beauty of that concept. "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit... now and forever."

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and an appreciation of the Holy Trinity, we need to supplement that with our appreciation of two facets of our faith — prayer and liturgy. St. Therese of Lisieux called prayer "a surge of the heart." Stewardship, of course, involves a conversion of the heart. Each of must strive for that conversion, and it is most easily accomplished through prayer and liturgy.



### Living Stewardship Now

"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received—only what you have given."

—Saint Francis of Assisi (1181–1226), religious founder, mystic

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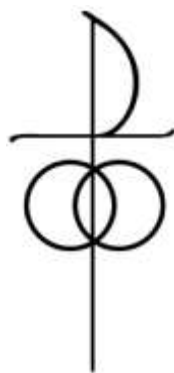
## Jubilarian Mass Invitation

An anniversary Jubilee celebration will be held in Pensacola on Sunday February 16th at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and in Tallahassee on Sunday February 2nd at 11:45 a.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More.

Couples who are celebrating marriage of exactly 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 years or any year over 50 in 2014 are invited to register to attend.

Registration is available through the diocesan website, under "Event Registration". Please note that the anniversary occurs anytime in 2014.

Bishop Parkes will be the principal celebrant at these liturgies.



# Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2015

A lay-minister acquaintance of mine keeps a framed copy of his baptismal certificate on his office wall. He says, "My diplomas show that I've learned a lot of things about theology, liturgy, and Scripture. That's great, but my experience of Christ and my call to ministry come out of my baptism, and I need to remind myself of that every now and then."

I was intrigued by his words. Baptism is the initiation into a community whose sole purpose is to worship and serve the Lord using the gifts God has given us. Most of us were baptized as infants, and we rarely take the time to reflect on what we're called to do by God.

In baptism, we're given the grace to live a transformed life following the commandments to love God and neighbor. How many times have we

fallen short and needed to reconcile with God?

Mark's story of Jesus' baptism is a scant four verses. Jesus is baptized and hears God tell him, "You are my beloved Son." After that, Jesus prevails against temptation and sets about his own mission without looking back. Our baptism gives us the grace to do the same, whatever mission we are called to.

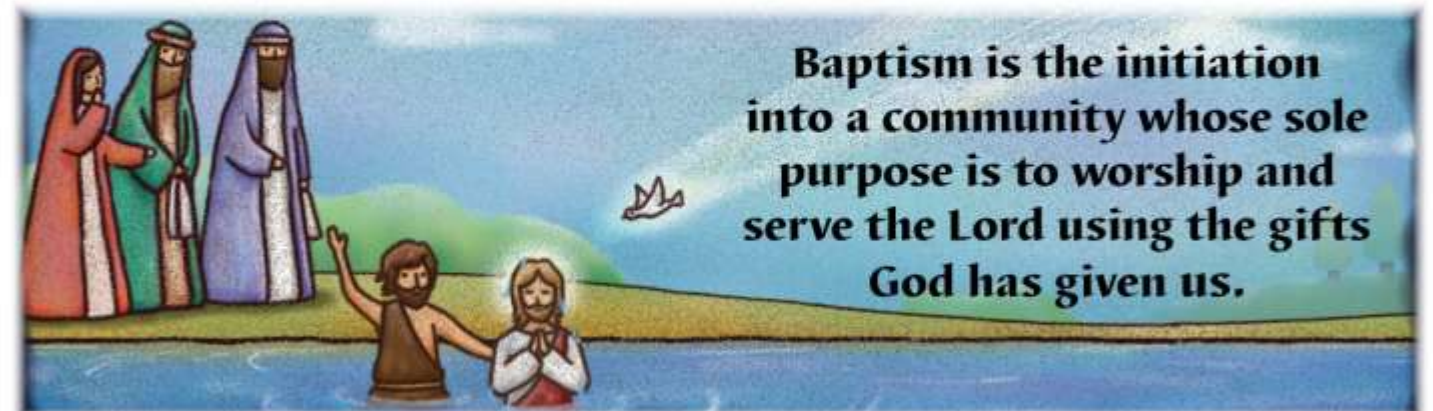
Two good spiritual exercises for this week would be to ask God whether we're doing what he has asked of us and to reflect on the ways in which our lives have brought us closer to God or taken us away from him.

Then it's up to us to continue to serve God in the grace of baptism and in the company of the people who share this faith with us.

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### Today's Readings

Is 42:1–4, 6–7  
or  
Is 55:1–11  
Acts 10:34–38  
or  
1 Jn 5:1–9  
Mk 1:7–11



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