

<div data-bbox="282 129 602 229" style="text-align: center;">  <p>Sacrificial Giving</p> </div> <p>Recognizable Offering..... \$3,918.34 Loose Cash.....\$557.00 Total Weekly Offering..... \$4,475.34 Mass Attendance Aug 15/16 359</p> <div data-bbox="313 431 537 540" style="text-align: center;">  <p>Mass Intentions</p> </div> <p>Aug 24 - 30 MondayMr. & Mrs. Jeff Harp(liv) TuesdayBetsy Traynor(liv) Wednesday.....Joni & Bob Flanagan(liv) ThursdayElsie Kandrak(+) FridayCommunion Service SaturdayCarl & Marian Shaw(+)(5:00 p.m.) SundaySt. Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.) Peter Cleary(+)(10:30 a.m.)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Weekly Calendar of Events</p> <p>8/24 Rosary - After Morning Mass RCIA Inquiry & Introduction - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>8/25 Discover Small Group Ministry - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>8/26 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>8/27 Adoration 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 p.m.</p>
<div data-bbox="96 923 233 1030" style="float: left;">  </div> <p>In Loving Memory and lasting peace for all who have died, especially Kathy Garcia's brother, Peter Cleary.</p>	<div data-bbox="749 727 842 903" style="float: left;">  </div> <p>Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming a member of the Catholic Church? If so, come to the inquiry and introductory session classes which will be held August 24th and August 31st at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building. Then on Monday, September 14th and every week after that we will meet from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. Please call the Parish Office at 850-581-2556, or email pastor@stpeter.ptdiocese.org.</p>
<p>Burse Club applications for enrollment can still be picked up at the parish office. Contact Jean Jordan, 581-5347, for details.</p>	<p>HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH September 11-13 at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat in Panama City Beach! This diocesan retreat is for youth in grades 9-12 who want to spend time discussing, reflecting and learning more about their faith. 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 September 4</p>
<p>Wrap Up at EJJYC Summer of 2015 at the Youth Center was a wonderful experience for all the volunteers and children. With the help of 25 cooks/servers, 1,946 hot, healthy lunches were served at a cost of \$1.13 per meal. Destin Harvest provided the summer lunch program with extras that helped keep the costs down. Parish contributions of cash and supplies for the children's backpacks totaled \$493. The staff at EJJYC was extremely grateful for everyone's help over the summer and for the assistance it provided to the families served.</p>	<div data-bbox="1379 1050 1526 1197" style="float: right;">  </div> <p>Mass to open the Diocesan Inquiry Phase of the Canonization Cause of the Martyrs of La Florida, Monday, October 12th, 2015 at 4pm. On the site for the future Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Martyrs, 1759 Chaires Cross Road, Tallahassee. Bishop Gregory Parkes, Bishop Felipe Estevez, and Bishop Emeritus Rene Gracida will concelebrate. During Mass the martyrs will be declared Servants of God. All the faithful are welcome! For more information about the Martyrs and the Shrine, and to see how you can help the cause, visit www.MartyrsOfLaFloridaMissions.org or call (850)766-9222.</p>
<p>Women's Study Group will start the fall semester on September 10, 2015. Meetings are on Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and this semester the women will be studying <i>The Joy of the Gospel</i> by Pope Francis. For more information and to order a book, call Nanette Bell (850)543-0901.</p>	

+ August 23, 2015

dear Padre

What is candlelighting protocol at weddings?

Monday
AUGUST 24
St. Bartholomew,
Apostle
Rv 21:9b-14
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday
AUGUST 25
Weekday
1 Thes 2:1-8
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday
AUGUST 26
Weekday
1 Thes 2:9-13
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday
AUGUST 27
St. Monica
1 Thes 3:7-13
Mt 24:42-51

Friday
AUGUST 28
St. Augustine,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
1 Thes 4:1-8
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday
AUGUST 29
The Passion of
St. John the Baptist
1 Thes 4:9-11
Mk 6:17-29

Sunday
AUGUST 30
Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Q I went to a wedding where the couple lit a unity candle and then extinguished the individual flames. Is that the procedure the Church teaches?



According to the analysis of marriage-preparation policies in 2005 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the unity candle is not actually part of the rite of marriage. However, it has become quite popular as an additional ritual. Some dioceses and liturgists recommend that this ritual be done at the reception or in another setting, so as to not duplicate the already abundant symbols of unity within the rite. However, when selected as part of the ceremony, "the couple should light their individual candles from the paschal candle, the individual candles should not be extinguished, and the candle should not be placed on the altar" (from "Celebrating Marriage," Archdiocese of Cincinnati).

The bishops' analysis also mentions several other popular rituals, such as the Hispanic *lazo* (a rosary or rope lasso that is placed over the couple's shoulders as a sign of the bond) and arras (coins that are blessed and exchanged by the couple as a sign of their mutual support) and the Filipino *velo* (veil held in place by the *lazo*). Some couples with a strong devotion to Mary will place flowers before her image as a sign of their dedication. While none of these are technically part of the rite, their presence and use remind us that popular culture continues to have an effect on religious celebration.

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1
Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

An Uncompromised Choice

Sooner or later you have to decide. Faced with a difficult decision, you have to decide what to do.

Our choices reveal what we really prize. Before making a choice, then, it helps to review our values. Which choice gives the strongest affirmation to the principles we hold dear? If we take a different choice, we doom ourselves to living with compromised values. We are not who we thought we were. We hold other things precious.

When Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, he told the people they had to make a choice. God brought them up out of the land of Egypt, performed miracles before their very eyes, and protected them along their entire journey. This God wanted to be their only God. They should no longer serve other gods. They had to decide.

Joshua said, “As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

The people answered the same.

Before you make a difficult choice, think about how God has brought you to this day. God brought you and your family to safety, performed miracles before your very eyes, and protected you thus far. Remember, then make your choice.

“As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time B 2
Ephesians 5:21-32

Who’s in Charge Here?

When the bible says, “Wives should be subordinate to their husbands, for the husband is head of his wife,” it just doesn’t sit right with a lot of people.

There are other beautiful images in this passage from **the Letter to the Ephesians: “Christ is head of the church and savior of the body.” “The church is subordinate to Christ.” “Husbands should love their wives.” All those thoughts are in there. But a lot of people quit listening after the first line.**

Ephesians compares the love of Christ for the church with the love of husband and wife. It says Christ is head of the church but loves the church as his own body, which it is. When the letter quotes Genesis about a man leaving home to be joined to his wife so the two shall become one flesh, it seems to say that is what Christ has done—left his heavenly home so that he and the church might be one.

Ephesians has in mind that the church will recognize Christ as its head, but be reassured that the head **“nourishes and cherishes” the body. We have a loving relationship with Christ, even an intimate one. And we have no problem saying Christ is in charge.**

But all that is hard to hear because it seems like the metaphor goes too far. Should wives be subordinate to their husbands? Not necessarily. Should we be subordinate to Christ? Absolutely.

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Weekend of Aug 29/30

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Kevin Van Dorn, Erin Van Dorn
Extraordinary Ministers: Alice Thompson, Louise Perreault, Mary Van Dorn, Shareen Ketchem, Elizabeth Baldwin

Lectors: Paul Gagnon, Eric Van Dorn
Ushers: Bob Flanagan, Cora Podrang, Dan Brenton
Greeter: Paul Gagnon III
Sacristan: Doug Hoover
Elijah Cup: Al and Louise Perreault

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jared Dunn, Audrey Moore
Extraordinary Ministers: Eric Miller, Gene Valentine, Maria Bridges, Jean Jordan
Lectors: Paul Landry, Susi Evers

Ushers: Jim Guris, Mike Logan, Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley
Greeter: Bonita Demette
Sacristan: Stan Griggs
Elijah Cup: Alma Battaglio
Coffee & Donuts: Carol and Don Dineen

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Cord Grogan, Abigail Zaleske, Patrick Sweeney
Extraordinary Ministers: Katherine Colwell, Melody Grogan, Becky Bittakis, Jean Schlitt
Lectors: Warren Cabral, Ana Fails
Ushers: John Fails, Ray Schlitt, Mike Sweeney, Brian Prescott

Greeter: Terri Turnbull
Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge
Elijah Cup: Kathleen Garcia
Coffee & Donuts: Karen Clayton, Stephanie Allen

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, please contact Susi Evers at saintpeterparishprayer-chain@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*, Steve Lange, Mike and Jeanne Trueting, Steve Heidbreder

Tuesday Lynn Graham*, Anthony Michael Merriquer, Bobby Stockbridge*, Ashley Marie Code, Mary Guastella

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

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, Betty Keever, Vera Thornburg*

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Joel Grieves*, Dan Brenton*, Skye Mahosky*, Gene Valentine*, Mary Valentine

Sunday **Maureen O’Neil*, Michael Adam*, 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.

School Backpack Program

Food For Thought (FFT) is a non-profit the Around Town Ministry teamed up with to help with the school backpack program, which provides food for children on weekends **to increase children’s access to healthy, easy to prepare** food when they are not in school receiving meals through the Free and Reduced Meal program.

Here is a list of FFT upcoming Volunteer Orientations where you can learn more about the program and how you may help (please RSVP):

August 26th- 5:30pm- The Craft Bar Destin, August 27th- 8:30am- The Santa Rosa Beach Pantry- 132 Market Street, September 1st- 5:30pm- The Santa Rosa Beach Pantry and September 2nd- 8:30am- Panera Bread- Destin Commons

For additional information contact Carly Harmer, Program Coordinator, [772-341-2460](tel:772-341-2460), carly@fftfll.org, <http://foodforthoughtfl.org/>



It is reported in the Old Testament Books of Exodus and Numbers that Joshua succeeded Moses as the leader of the Israelites. In fact, Joshua is explained as Moses' assistant, while Moses himself led the Israelites. Our First Reading today from the Book of Joshua recounts how, under Joshua, the Israelites renewed their Covenant with God.

For those who practice stewardship as a way of life, both renewal and covenant are significant. We speak of conversion in relation to the commitments we make to live as God-centered and loving people. Yet, there are times when it is important to personally renew our promises to God and to make a new covenant with the Lord.

Many parishes have an annual stewardship renewal during which people are given

the opportunity to "renew" their involvements in prayer, in ministry, and in giving through the offertory. These "renewals" may involve a commitment or pledge card. This is what has occurred in the Church for centuries. It is vital that we revisit our assurances to the Lord.

As Joshua addresses the people in today's reading, he states, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." This quote is relatively familiar in the Christian world. Yet, this is exactly the kind of pledge and covenant each of us needs to make.

Living Stewardship Now

What are you doing to be an example of Christ to your family, friends, fellow parishioners and people in your community? Are you walking the walk or just talking the talk?

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ST. PETER PARISH PRESENTS: MATT MAHER—THE SAINTS AND SINNERS TOUR On Sunday, December 13 @ 6:00 p.m., we are sponsoring a *Premier* Contemporary Christian Music Concert at Village Church in Destin. Headlining the event is the five-time GRAMMY® nominee *Matt Maher*, with performances by *I Am They*, *Jon Guerra*, and *Hannah Kerr*. This will be an excellent opportunity of exposure for our parish and a great way to reach out to the community. Please contact Joey if you would be willing to volunteer for the concert. We will need help placing flyers around the area and getting the word out. We will also be looking for volunteers the day of the concert. Check out the tour website at www.matt1213.com and like us on facebook: [facebook.com/mattmaher1213](https://www.facebook.com/mattmaher1213). For questions or more info: Call/text Joey (850) 483-0714 or email mattmaher1213@gmail.com.

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When confronted with a new idea or a new way of doing things, many of us hesitate. There is often a bit of fear in trying something new and, truth be told, changing the way we do things is sometimes uncomfortable. I remember when we moved from an apartment to a new house. I was very unsettled for several days until a new routine could be established and the many boxes were out of the way. It was a change, and I didn't like it at first. (Now, of course, I can't imagine that we would have raised our family anywhere else.)

The many disciples who were following Jesus listened intently as he talked to them about living bread and eating and drinking his flesh and blood. That new way of thinking was as unsettling as our new house had been, maybe more so. The apostles who were closest to him even admitted that it was a hard saying to accept, and John records that many followers left him and "returned to their former way of life." But the apostles were willing to wrestle with it not because they were so wise, smart, or understanding, but because they believed that Jesus was the Holy One of God and that compelled them to follow him even to death. They had nowhere else to go; Jesus alone could give them what they craved: eternal life.

I've often wondered what I might have said had Jesus asked me if I wanted to go away also. I hope I could have overcome my fear long enough to recognize Jesus for who he was and for the gift he was bringing me.

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