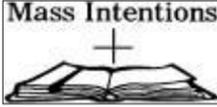




Sacrificial Giving

Recognizable Offering.....\$4,990.81
 Loose Cash..... \$732.00
 Total Weekly Offering..... \$5,722.81
 Catholic Ed Appeal..... \$392.00
 Mass Attendance Sept 19/20 382



Mass Intentions

Sept 28 - Oct 4

MondayMonique Stecklein(+)
 TuesdayTim Sellers(+)
 Wednesday.....Marlene Herbstreith(+)
 ThursdayMichael Adam(+)
 FridayTrey Corbitt(+)
SaturdaySherwood Fowler(+)(5:00 p.m.)
SundaySt. Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.)
Sal Zuccaro(+)(10:30 a.m.)

Weekly Calendar of Events

9/27 K- 5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
 Confirmation Meeting for Candidates, Parents,
 and Sponsors - 5:00 p.m. Office Bldg. Rm. 1
 Symbolon - 6:00 p.m.
 M.S. & H.S. Meetings - 6:00 p.m.

9/28 Rosary - After Morning Mass
 Symbolon - 9:30 a.m.
 R.C.I.A. - 6:30 p.m.

9/29 Symbolon - 9:30 a.m.
 Bunco - 9:30 a.m.

9/30 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.

10/01 Adoration 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Women's Study Group - 9:30 a.m.
 Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 p.m.



Backpack Program Underway

The Around Town Ministry has assisted with the backpack program for 4 years by making sure the children who are food insecure at Florosa Elementary school are given a backpack of nutritious snacks for the weekends. This year we will serve 106 students and need help. Volunteers are needed to drive to Destin either on a Wednesday evening or Thursday mornings to pick up the filled backpacks. Thursday morning at 10:30, volunteers are needed to take those backpacks and drop them off outside the classroom doors. It takes about 20 – 30 minutes of **your time. You don't have to commit to doing this every week.** We will use a calendar to schedule all volunteers.

Ministry Fair a Huge Success

We had a great turn out for the Ministry Fair. Thanks to all **who made this year's event informative and fun. It is evident** that God has blessed our parish with many special people who are willing to share the joy that our ministries have made in their lives.

Congratulations to our door prize winners:

Al Perreault - 5:00 p.m.
 Lloyd Biehl - 8:00 a.m.
 Pete Kuhns - 10:30 a.m.



Stewardship Renewal Commitment Weekend

Our sincere thanks to all the members of our parish, who in response to our Annual Parish Stewardship Renewal, have pledged their time, talent and treasures. We pray that the Lord will give you perseverance and reward your efforts with blessings. If you forgot to return your renewal form, you may mail it back, drop it in the collection basket or turn it in at the Hospitality cart next weekend.



In Loving Memory and lasting peace for all who have died, especially **Marlene Herbstreith** wife of Robert Herbstreith and **Michael Adam** husband of Johanna Adam and father of Peter Adam.

Time to Stuff

What's Happening: Stuff 4,300 envelopes for Shelter House quarterly mail-out
 Date: Tuesday, 9/29
 Where: Parish Center
 Time: 8:30 a.m. until finished (estimate – 1:00 p.m.)



Who's Invited: Anyone able to give of their time; stay all morning or drop in for an hour.



September 27, 2015

dear Padre

Why do Scripture readings jump around?

Monday
 SEPTEMBER 28
Weekday
 Zec 8:1-8
 Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday
 SEPTEMBER 29
Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
 or Rv 12:7-12a
 Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday
 SEPTEMBER 30
St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Neh 2:1-8
 Lk 9:57-62

Thursday
 OCTOBER 1
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12
 Lk 10:1-12

Friday
 OCTOBER 2
The Holy Guardian Angels
 Bar 1:15-22
 Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday
 OCTOBER 3
Weekday
 Bar 4:5-12, 27-29
 Lk 10:17-24

Sunday
 OCTOBER 4
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Gn 2:18-24
 Heb 2:9-11
 Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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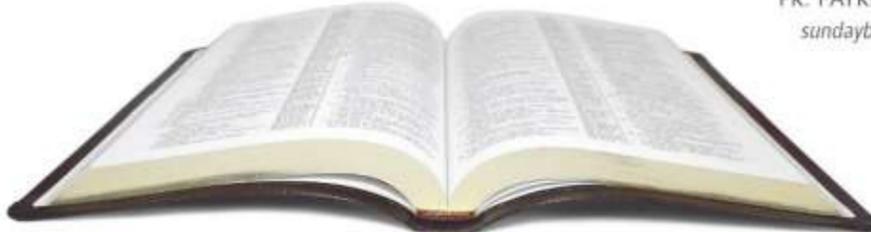




Q Why are the Scripture readings for Mass so piecemeal? We read part of a verse then jump to another part. Doesn't reading the Bible like this distort the meaning of the passage?

The readings for Mass are in a book called the *Lectionary*. Our current *Lectionary* was set up after the Second Vatican Council. It uses a three-year cycle for the Sunday readings, so over three years we hear the majority of the Bible at Mass. Its introduction states, "The present **Order of Readings for Mass**, then, is an arrangement of biblical readings that provides the faithful with a knowledge of the whole of God's word, in a pattern suited to the purpose" (*General Introduction to the Lectionary*, Second Edition #60). So the readings are not piecemeal but rather arranged so we are exposed to the whole of God's word within three years. At times a given reading may not be complete—for example, the first reading for the third Sunday of Advent, Year B, is Zephaniah 3:14-18a. This is done not so much for brevity but for clarity. Those who organized the *Lectionary* thought that this excerpt made the message clearer or gave better emphasis to a point in the reading. It certainly is good to get out your Bible and to read the whole section so you can see what is missing, but when the word is proclaimed at Mass, the current arrangement is most effective.

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By listening to and imitating Mary's question to God's messenger ("How can this be?"), we can learn to ask the Lord for the information needed to serve him better. As we learn to imitate our Lady, we'll be less concerned with the potential consequences and more focused on what God wants us to do.

—From *Listen to Your Blessed Mother: Mary's Words in Scripture* by Gary E. Zimak

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1
Numbers 11:25-29

The Annoying Choices of the Spirit

When other people overstep their boundaries, we usually object. We don't need the inexpert help of well-meaning busybodies who get in the way.

The problem is especially strong when people step into our own area of expertise. If you have devoted your life to a craft or skill, it's not right for some amateur to take more attention than you receive. If you trust your own advisors, you don't need help from someone who does not fully understand the situation.

However, the Holy Spirit has a very annoying habit of offering us help through people who otherwise shouldn't have much influence at all.

Take Eldad and Medad, for example. In the Book of Numbers, God sent some of the spirit that was on Moses to the seventy elders, and they prophesied. But Eldad and Medad were not in the gathering at the time. The spirit came to rest on them anyway.

When Eldad and Medad came back to the camp, they prophesied, too, but a young man complained about it to Moses. They had overstepped their boundaries. "Stop them," he pleaded.

But Moses wished that God would send the spirit of prophecy on all the people.

Sometimes God speaks to us through people we'd rather not listen to at all.

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 2
James 5:1-6

Ill-gotten Gains

Most of us own more than we need. Our closets, garages, and basements are filled with purchases once deemed important, now in disarray. Our wardrobe includes garments we haven't worn in years, clothes that would not fit anymore, or that are no longer in style. We have multiplied the televisions and cars in every home.

If you had it to do again, could you have put the money elsewhere? Could you have shared a lot more with those who have a lot less?

The Letter of James goes after the rich, painting a gloomy picture of their wealth: "Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded."

The real problem with the rich of his day was their ill-gotten gains. They withheld wages from the workers who harvested their fields. They condemned and murdered the righteous who offered no resistance. The rich lived in luxury at the expense of the poor.

The gap between rich and poor is still a scandal. But even in the middle, more can be done among people who consider themselves comfortable, though not necessarily rich. Our possessions weigh us down. Our gifts can lighten the load of the poor.

How do you receive your income? Do some people suffer because of the work you do? Is your income your own possession? Or are you stewards of God's bounty for the benefit of others?

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Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of Oct 3/4

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Aidan Murray, _____
Extraordinary Ministers: Mary Van Dorn, Louise Perreault, Alice Thompson, Shareen Ketchem, Patty Shawbitz
Lectors: Ruth Sykes, Eric Van Dorn
Ushers: Bob Flanagan, Cora Podrang, Joni Flanagan
Greeter: Al Perreault
Sacristan: Doug Hoover
Elijah Cup: Alice Thompson

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jared Dunn, Matthew Flores
Extraordinary Ministers: Kathy Stockbridge, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen, Gene Valentine
Lectors: Lynn Griggs, Susi Evers
Ushers: James Johansen, Eden Carter, Maria Bridges, Jim Guris
Greeter: Deidre Henderson
Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge
Elijah Cup: Alma Battaglio
Coffee and Donuts: _____, _____

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Austin Wise, Cord Grogan, Micayla Colwell
Extraordinary Ministers: Luisa Martinez, Teresa McClure, Barbara Russo, Elaine Tennyson
Lectors: Margie Wadsworth, John Fay
Ushers: Jim Wise, Patrick Sweeney, Donna Fetter, Ron Fetter
Greeter: Terri Turnbull
Sacristan: Bill Roth
Elijah Cup: Gertrudes and Cipriano Matiga
Coffee and Donuts: _____, _____

Bishop Ricard Conference

Sacred Scripture: Strengthening and Enriching Our Faith Journey will be Saturday, October 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Sylvester Parish. For more information, and to register, go to www.ptdiocese.org or call 850-435-3523.

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, Steve Heidbreder

Tuesday Lynn Graham*, Linda Roth, Bobby Stockbridge*, Ashley Marie Code

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

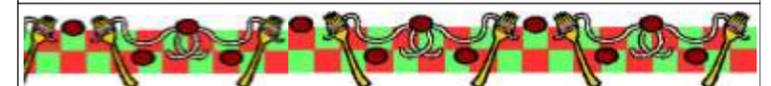
Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Betty Kever, Vera Thornburg*

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

Sunday Maureen O'Neil*, 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.](#)



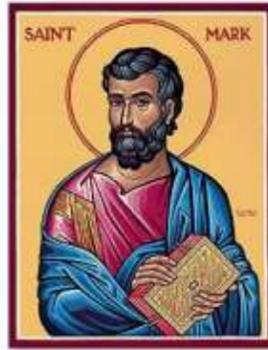
The St. Peter Parish Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners to their first annual Columbus Day spaghetti dinner to be held on Saturday, October 10 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. This dinner is free of charge; however, donations are always welcomed. Please sign-up at the Hospitality Cart if you will be attending so the Knights know how much pasta to cook.



It has often been said that it is not the size or nature of the gift which is important; it is the attitude in which it is given. It is what is in one's heart that is important. There are many quotes about this kind of giving, including that wonderful line in the Prayer of St. Francis, "It is in giving that we receive."

Jesus makes reference to the importance of giving in today's Gospel from St. Mark: "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." Giving a cup of water may not seem significant to us, but to God, who sees into our very hearts, it can be of great consequence.

The keys are that the gifts are given out of love, not pity or guilt or because we may be blessed with excess. And they are given in Jesus' name. Giving, especially of self, is a sign of our commitment to being a disciple of Jesus and as a sign that we truly "Love our neighbor." Giving in this way is at the nucleus of stewardship. However, it can only be achieved if we have undergone a conversion of heart which leads us to understand that it is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.



Living Stewardship Now

Use these questions to spark family discussion, conversation with your spouse, or as the focus of personal prayer: Do I show gratitude for all your blessings? Am I doing all I can to follow you, or only the least I can get away with? What ministries, services or programs are you asking me to support in my parish? Am I praying for favors and answers instead of opportunities? Are you calling me to give up my present life to be a priest or religious? Am I hanging on to money and possessions out of fear? How can my family and I become more generous disciples? When I die, what will I wish I had given while I had the chance?

Ask God to make you open to the "still, small voice" of the Lord.

2015 Respect Life Conference

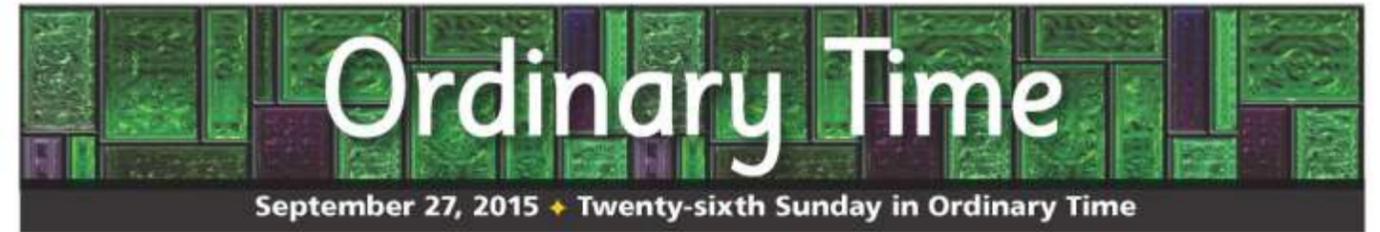
Hosted by: Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee
October 23 & 24 Tallahassee, FL
Sponsored by: Florida Catholic Conference and State Pro-Life Coordinating Committee



For more information or to register please go to www.ptdiocese.org and click on the 2015 Respect Life Conference.
Or Call Deacon Ray Aguado at 850-435-3531 or email at aguador@ptdiocese.org

SPEAKERS & THEIR TOPICS

- Janice Benton - Executive Director of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD). **Topic: Threats to human life and dignity against persons with disabilities.**
- Mike Carroll - Secretary of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) for Florida. **Topic: Adoption/Foster Care; the critical need for loving parents and the importance of community and family.**
- Terry Coonan - Executive Director of the Center for the Advancement of Human Rights (CAHR), Associate Professor of Criminology and Courtesy Professor of Law, Florida State University. **Topic: The role of the Catholic Church in combating Human Trafficking.**
- Ingrid Delgado - Associate for Social Concerns/Respect Life for the Florida Catholic Conference (FCC). **Topic: Abortion in Florida: Political Realities and the Good Fight.**
- Loretta Fleming - Deputy Director of Field Coordination for the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment (NCHLA). **Topic: An overview on how NCHLA can assist individuals/ groups to support human life and dignity. She will also discuss key pro-life federal legislation.**
- Sheila S. Hopkins - President of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW), Chairman of the Board for Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (FADP). **Topic: Ending the use of the Death Penalty in Florida.**
- Mary McClusky - Assistant Director for Project Rachel Ministry Development, Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. **Topic: Post-Abortion healing and specifically Project Rachel Ministry and Development.**



One of the great religious scandals is the multiplication of Christian denominations. Fueled partly by arguments about structure, Scripture, and theology and emphasis on individual autonomy ("I don't like what you're doing so I'll start my own church"), the number has risen over the last few centuries into the hundreds. We can be certain this isn't what Jesus intended. His frequent prayer was "that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you" (John 17:21). But Jesus knew the human temptation to exclude those whom we do not like or understand. The call for oneness can be distorted into the call for exclusiveness, with a select few deciding who's in and who's out, depending on criteria they alone decide.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds the disciples that they are not the sole recipients of spiritual gifts or divine grace. Perhaps remembering the account in Numbers, Jesus gently points out that those who preach, heal, or cast out demons in his name are not doing wrong simply because they are not part of the twelve. They, too, can be part of Christ's mission. Jesus reminds them (and us) of the catholic (universal) nature of the body of Christ. I think this, in some way, prepared them for the spread of Christianity throughout the world.

As Catholics we are diverse and unique. We are also united to many Christian brothers and sisters through our common, Trinitarian baptism. And so we pray for the day that all people will be one in the fullness of Christ's power and truth.

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