


Recognizable Offering..... \$4,973.00
 Loose Cash \$572.80
 Total Weekly Offering..... \$5,545.80
 Mass Attendance Aug 13/14 336



Aug 22 - 28
 MondayNo Service
 TuesdayNo Service
 ThursdayNo Service
 FridayPeggy Pilgrim(+)
 SaturdaySherwood Fowler(+)
 SundayBelinda Muir(liv)(8:00 a.m.)
**St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**

RCIA

 Do you know anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming a member of the Catholic Church? If so, please contact Fr. Paul through the month of September, at 850-581-2556, or email pastor@stpeter.ptdiocese.org. He would like to meet individually with those who are interested before the sessions begin. We will begin meeting on Monday, October 3rd, and every Monday after that in the Administration Building from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF NWFL IS RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS

Catholic Charities in Fort Walton Beach currently needs people who have the desire and the time to volunteer. There are many volunteer opportunities within the organization to help us continue our mission of helping families and individuals in the community. Everyone has something to give and this is a great time to get involved. It only requires a few hours of your time. If you have the time and the interest, please call us at 850-244-2825 for this wonderful opportunity and someone will return your call. Volunteer opportunities are available Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 to 4:00 pm.

Weekly Calendar of Events

8/22 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
 8/23 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
 8/24 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
“Happiness” - 6:30 p.m.

Share God’s Word with our Little Ones:

We are in need of Catechists for Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All lessons/crafts are prepared for you! If willing, call Susie at 581-7263 for more information.



Religious Education Registration continues

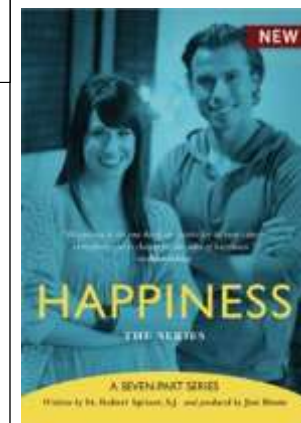
Faith Formation will be held on Sundays, beginning September 11, 2016. We offer classes for K-5, Middle School, High School, and Confirmation. We look forward to seeing you!

Attention Parents!

Don’t just “kill” time during Religious Education classes - “fill” time with faith enrichment and fellowship with other parents.



Introducing “Beloved”: A Marriage Enrichment Series, which will run from 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. in classroom 1 (Youth Room). If interested, there is a sign-up sheet at the Religious Education registration table.



HAPPINESS!

Here’s an invitation to a 7 week series that addresses the most basic but often unexamined questions about happiness – what is it, where does it come from, and how it defines the choices in our lives. Happiness features interviews with well-known psychiatrists, celebrities, New Testament scholars, physicists, and priests that uncover the deeper answers to life’s most profound questions. Sessions will be held in the high school youth room on Wednesday evenings beginning August 24th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The format will include a 30 minute video followed by some very engaging discussion questions. If you are interested, please sign up by calling the office or at the hospitality cart.

Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of Aug 27/28
 Altar Servers: Aidan Murray
 Extraordinary Ministers: Al Perreault, Louise Perreault, Angela Zangerle, Carrie Gagnon, Ken Olson
 Lectors: Ron Berthelette, Ruth Sykes
 Ushers: Heather Metruck, Eric Van Dorn, Bob Flanagan
 Greeter: Liz Simmons
 Sacristan: Joe Davison
 Elijah Cup: Murray Family

8:00 a.m.
 Altar Servers: Alina Schorzman, Audrey Moore
 Extraordinary Ministers: Bobby Stockbridge, Nancy McCreary, Paul Johansen, Eden Carter, Susan Johansen
 Lectors: Patty Dominitz, Paul Landry
 Ushers: Dan Cauley, James Johansen, Gary Jordan
 Greeter: Kathy Cauley
 Sacristan: Maria Bridges
 Elijah Cup: Alma Battaglio
 Coffee & Donuts: Stacie Schorzman

10:30 a.m.
 Altar Servers: Killian Casey, Kadi Casey, Gannon Casey
 Extraordinary Ministers: Becky Bittakis, Kathleen Garcia, Rick Grecco, Alicia Grecco, Pat Casey
 Lectors: Carolyn Alaniz, Terri Turnbull
 Ushers: Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan, Brian Prescott
 Greeter: Karen Clayton
 Sacristan: Petey Brennan
 Elijah Cup: Therese Sweeney
 Coffee & Donuts: Katherine Colwell, Micayla Colwell

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, 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

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

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Ken and Bette Dellner*, Caroline Frederick, Pam Holt, Barbara Kirschten*, Wilda Mayhew*

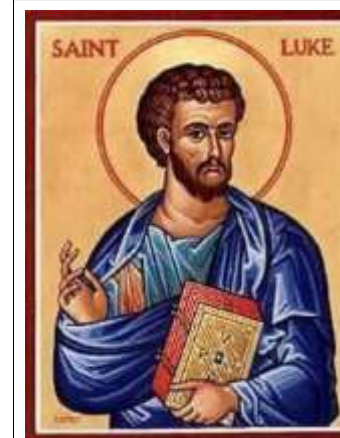
Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Robert Welniak, Theresa Stegall, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Vera Thornburg*, Ann Crouch*

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

Sunday Theresa Fowler*, Jeff Harp, Ann Hart, Cipriano Matiga*, Bonita Long

*Indicates our parishioners.



“For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last” (Luke 13:30). With those words Jesus makes it clear to us that there are no lines, no privileges in heaven.

Today’s Gospel from the Book of Luke — in fact all of our readings for today, this 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time — have to do with salvation. It is difficult to be faithful and Catholic without thinking about heaven on occasion, and the Lord and St. Paul often in his letters, remind us over and over that we are to be striving for that — that our thoughts should be as much on the next life as on this one. Yet when we hear that Gospel that the first will be last and the last will be first, we may think there is some lack of justice there. Jesus does not state this as a definite. He actually is telling us that the first may be last and the last may be first. The truth is that it really is not important. Our faith, the Lord, our sense of stewardship repeatedly remind us that what we think is important on earth

may not be important in heaven at all. There is a Greek proverb that says, “Being first is good, but being last is perfect.” We are all called to discipleship and we need to answer that call. Responding before someone else does not make us better, but responding is very important.

Ordinary Time

August 21, 2016 ♦ Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Is 66:18-21 ♦ Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 ♦ Lk 13:22-30

Several years ago, a mother dropped her son off at the university's Catholic Center with the words, "Don't forget where you come from." I remember thinking how profound those words were. They spoke not only of a place but also of an experience of family. She was reminding him of his roots.

In the first years of college, students can easily lose their way. They experiment with different behaviors and identities. They strive to figure out how to manage their responsibilities. Their religious practice may lapse or change. With a strong foundation, however, most will settle down to the business of becoming Catholic and Christian adults, which happens in small and large steps.

The people in today's parable had changed so much that the master didn't even recognize them: "I do not know where you are from." Maybe they had forgotten themselves or had rejected the promises that the master (who is God) had given them. In any case, Jesus gives them a glimpse of what's behind the narrow gate of salvation—as well as the alternative—and urges them to "strive to enter" it. Our baptism is a personal invitation to this narrow gate. The path of discipleship requires God's grace and a desire to serve. If our lives don't reflect this call, we run the risk of forgetting who we are, where we are from, and what we are promised. Reflect today on your identity as a child of God and hear God say to your heart, "Don't forget where you come from."

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A Word From Pope Francis
"When we say 'home' we mean a place of hospitality, a dwelling, a pleasant human environment where one stays readily, finds oneself, feels inserted into a territory, in a community." — Address at the Homeless Shelter 'Dona di Maria' with the Missionaries of Charity, May 21, 2013

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August 21, 2016

dear Padre

Monday
AUGUST 22
Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday
AUGUST 23
Weekday
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17
Mt 23:23-26

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

Thursday
AUGUST 25
Weekday
1 Cor 1:1-9
Mt 24:42-51

Friday
AUGUST 26
Weekday
1 Cor 1:17-25
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday
AUGUST 27
St. Monica
1 Cor 1:26-31
Mt 25:14-30

Sunday
AUGUST 28
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a
Lk 14:1, 7-14

Why did Jesus make his points with parables?

Why did Jesus always speak in parables? Why didn't he give us more clear-cut answers?

Eric Isake/Wikimedia

Parables are short, relatable stories. Their simple images or comparisons convey a moral or religious lesson and put us in touch with the mystery of God and ourselves. Thus, parables confront the hearer or reader with a radical choice to enter God's kingdom: "One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to 'know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven.' For those who stay 'outside,' everything remains enigmatic" (CCC 546).

About a third of Jesus' recorded teachings are in parable form. After the Pharisees rejected Jesus (Matthew 12:14), he immediately changed his straightforward preaching to parables. This fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]" (Matthew 13:35; see Psalm 78:2).

For example, the three parables of mercy in Luke 15—the lost sheep, lost coin, and lost son—reveal as much about God as they do about us. As John Shea writes in *Stories of God*: "God not only loves to hear our stories, God loves to tell stories. And, quite simply, we are the story God tells." In the telling, we ourselves are told. The timeless, universal stories of Jesus speak to us at different stages of life and provide multiple levels of meaning to the openhearted.

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We are wounded, multiple times, as we make our way through this earthly pilgrimage. Tragedies arrive uninvited. Loved ones abandon or betray us. Expectations arise only to be shattered. And yet God's grace can always find a way into those wounds, giving us a season of new growth, reshaping us in unforeseen and beautiful ways.

— From *Summer Meditations*
by John Bartunek, LC, SThD (825620)
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