




Recognizable Offering..... \$5,294.00
 Loose Cash \$565.25
 Total Weekly Offering \$5,859.25
 Mass Attendance Aug 12/13 332



Aug 21 - 27
 Monday Elton Rushlau II(+)
 Wednesday Carolyn Lynch(+)
 Thursday Barbara Kirschten(liv)
 Friday Ken Dellner(+)
 Saturday End to World Violence
 Sunday Ken Dellner(+)(8:00 a.m.)
 **St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**

 **In Loving Memory** and last-
 ing peace for all who have died, espe-
 cially our parishioner **Ken Dellner**.
 Pray for the consolation of his family
 as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

 Anyone who is interested in learn-
 ing more about the Catholic faith or
 becoming a member of the
 Catholic Church, please contact
 Fr. Paul 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, August 28, and every
 Monday after that in the Administration Building
 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Weekly Calendar of Events

8/20 Blood Drive & Pancake Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
 8/21 Rosary after morning Mass
 8/23 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
 8/24 Rosary after morning Mass

Confirmation class forming now—you have been CHOSEN!

This engaging program is for teens, 9th grade and above, seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. Interested teens and their parents should attend the SPYRIT Kickoff on Sunday, August 20th from 6-8 p.m. for registration and a brief information meeting. Call Susie for questions at 581-7263 or dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org.



SPYRIT Middle and High School Youth Groups Kick-Off on August 20th from 6-8 p.m.
 We invite all 6th-12th graders to join us for fellowship, food, games & prizes! Be sure to wear sneakers so you can get in on the action and have some fun-movie style! *Parents are kindly requested to come for dinner and a brief information meeting.*

P.R.E.P. registration is ongoing. K-5 Faith Formation will be held on Sundays from 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. and begins September 10, 2017.

Adult Faith Opportunities

Beginning in September, we'll offer two different opportunities for adult faith growth. They will cover different topics, so feel free to attend both. We will use materials available to everyone through our FORMED subscription, so if you miss a session, you will be able to catch up. There is NO homework! Just watch a video and share your thoughts.

Beginning Sunday, September 10, **we'll have a session in the high school youth room between the masses.** Mike and Kathy Moore will be your hosts. Grab a cup of coffee and a doughnut and head over. You do NOT have to have children in RE to attend! Childcare will be available in the nursery.

On Wednesday, September 13, **we'll inaugurate a monthly dinner and discussion session** in the parish center from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., moderated by Fr. Paul. These gatherings will take place on the second Wednesday of the month, so mark your calendars, now!

These are tangible ways to live our parish vision: A family of joyful disciples striving for an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus.



Weekend of Aug 26/27

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Aidan Murray
 Extraordinary Ministers: Shareen Ketchem, James Johansen, Alice Thompson, Louise Perreault
 Lectors: Ruth Sykes, Jan Comstock
 Ushers: Joni Flanagan, Bob Flanagan, _____
 Greeter: Pat Gossage
 Sacristan: Doug Hoover
 Elijah Cup: Fred and Shareen Ketchem

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Alina Schorzman, _____
 Extraordinary Ministers: Kathy Stockbridge, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen, Jean Jordan
 Lectors: Patty Dominitz, Isabella Dominitz
 Ushers: Kathy McKnight, Frank Schorzman, Gary Jordan
 Greeter: Deidre Henderson
 Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge
 Elijah Cup: Cathy McKnight
 Coffee & Donuts: Stacie Schorzman

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Gannon Casey, Kadi Casey, Killian Casey
 Extraordinary Ministers: Mike Brennan, Pat Casey, Ray Schlitt, Jean Schlitt, Barbara Russo
 Lectors: Terri Turnbull, Carolyn Alaniz
 Ushers: Brian Prescott, Mike Sweeney, Donna Fetter
 Greeter: Judy Holzschuh
 Sacristan: Petey Brennan
 Elijah Cup: Mike and Petey Brennan
 Coffee & Donuts: Kelly Lehmann, John Fay

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*, Steve Lange, Clare Van Zelfden, Carlos López

Tuesday Tori Roth, Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte, Joe Rushlau*

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Bette Dellner*, Barbara Kirschten*

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Rick Zern*, Harper Spear

Sunday Ann Hart, Samara Gillespie, Jennifer Draper, Bob Seitz*

*Indicates our parishioners.

Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.



On September 3rd, Catholic musicians Ike Ndolo and Sarah Kroger will be visiting Village Baptist in Destin. Joining them will be award-winning singer-songwriter, Josh Wilson, who has had a dozen top 10 songs on Christian radio. The show is being put on by Little Flower Events, a company dedicated to sharing the Catholic faith through music.

It's going to be a special night of stories, songs, and worship and we're hoping for a full house. We would love for your youth group, their families, and other parish members to come join us.

For more information or to purchase tickets, you can visit littleflowerevents.com. Tickets are \$20 and groups of 10+ receive a 10% discount. For individuals and groups smaller than 10, you can also save 10% off your tickets before August 1st by using the promo code THERESE.

Young Adult Wine & Scripture Wednesday

- Come relax with a glass of wine as we discuss next week's readings
- Who: Anyone who considers themselves a young adult, 21+
- When: August 23, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Where: The Barry's house: 452 Rush Park Circle, Mary Esther
- For more info:

See the St. Peter's Young Adult Facebook page: YAM





August 20, 2017
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Is 56:1, 6-7
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Mt 15:21-28

A Chosen People, A Common Ancestry

All of today's readings have a common theme: How Jesus' words to his Jewish brothers and sisters influence our faith.

The Catholic Church's relationship with our Jewish brothers and sisters has been strengthened dramatically over the last years. This is thanks in large part to Vatican II's Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions (*Nostra Aetate*), particularly Judaism.

Our deep connection with Judaism is rooted in the fact it was to these Chosen People God offered the Old Covenant. We are also indebted to them because their history and culture formed the lives of the people of God and the Holy Family, from which the early Church sprung.

Christianity's firm belief that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah is the reason our Church is like a

shoot sprung from the root of Jesse. This difference was something Paul's Letter to the Romans dealt with directly—the need for all, both Jews and Gentiles, to accept Jesus.

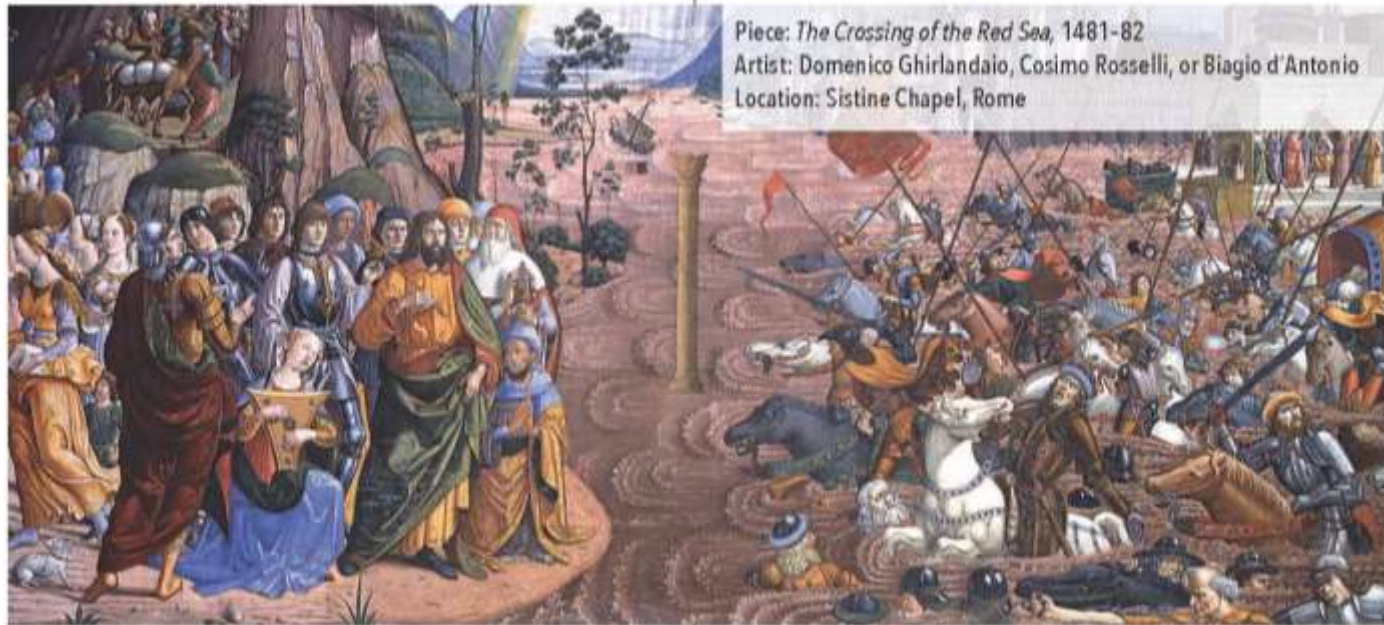
The key element to this acceptance is the faith shown in the Gospels. Jesus reaches out to his fellow members of the house of Judah yet also recognizes that a Canaanite (Gentile) woman has faith that leads to salvation. This has key implications for both insiders and outsiders: One can no longer claim salvation by a bloodline or nationality but only by one's acceptance of Jesus as the Son of God and active participation in his body, the Church. Jesus broadens the welcome and opens God's house to all people.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

How can you become more united with your ancestors in faith? How can you strengthen your bond with your brothers and sisters in Christ in your parish community or greater public community?

Piece: *The Crossing of the Red Sea*, 1481-82
Artist: Domenico Ghirlandaio, Cosimo Rosselli, or Biagio d'Antonio
Location: Sistine Chapel, Rome



"Them I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer" (Isaiah 56:7).

Calendar

Monday

August 21
St. Pius X,
Pope
Jgs 2:11-19
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

August 22
Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Jgs 6:11-24a
Mt 19:25-30

Wednesday

August 23
Weekday
Jgs 9:6-15
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

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

Friday

August 25
Weekday
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

August 26
Weekday
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

August 27
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 22:19-25
Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:15-20

Dear Padre,

What are the gnostic gospels and apocryphal books? Is it OK to read them?

In the two earliest manuscripts of the Bible, both of which are in the Vatican Library, one contains the seven apocryphal books of the Old Testament and the other does not. The Catholic Church includes these apocryphal books and considers them to be the inspired word of God, as is everything included in Catholic translations of the Bible. Selections from these books are included in our *Lectionary* and proclaimed during Mass.

When Martin Luther left the Catholic Church, he used the Bible manuscript that did not contain the seven apocryphal books, but then he placed these books in a section between the Old and New Testaments, calling them Deuterocanonicals. He did not discard these books entirely but considered them of lesser importance than the other books. Some Protestant translations of the Bible exclude these books altogether.

The gnostic gospels, however, are entirely separate from these apocryphal books. Gnosticism is a heresy condemned by the Catholic Church. As part of their false proclamation, gnostics produced stories of Jesus' life that supported their belief, and these "gospels" contain teachings that are contrary to our Catholic faith. While the gnostic gospels could be read out of interest in their historical or philosophical context, they are not the inspired word of God and should not be read in that light.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"Mutual understanding of our [Catholic and Jewish] spiritual heritage, appreciation for what we have in common and respect in matters on which we disagree: all these can help to guide us to a closer relationship, an intention which we put in God's hands. Together, we can make a great contribution to the cause of peace; together, we can bear witness, in this rapidly changing world, to the perennial importance of the divine plan of creation; together, we can firmly oppose every form of anti-Semitism and all other forms of discrimination. May the Lord help us to walk with confidence and strength in his ways."

—Address to the two chief rabbis in Israel on a visit to Heichal Shlomo Center, Jerusalem, May 26, 2014



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