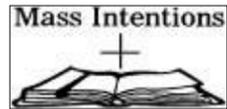


Recognizable Offering..... \$6,469.00  
Loose Cash ..... \$630.00  
Total Weekly Offering..... \$7,099.00  
Mass Attendance Sept 12/13 378



Sept 21-27  
Monday ..... Dan Murray(+)  
Tuesday ..... Tim Sellers(+)  
Wednesday ..... Marcella McCoy(liv)  
Thursday ..... Mary Horton(+)  
Friday ..... Teresa Eskald(+)  
**Saturday ..... Marilyn Berthelette(+)(5:00 p.m.)**  
**Sunday ..... St. Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.)**  
..... Alice Pritchard(+)(10:30 a.m.)

### Ministry Schedule

The October-December schedule will be out by the end of the week. It is a blessing to see so many people involved in liturgical ministry. Thank you for offering your service to your fellow parishioners and guests who celebrate the Mass with us.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE  
PENSACOLA KICK-OFF**  
Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30 PM  
Providence Church at Trinitas Christian School  
3301 E Johnson Ave, Pensacola, FL  
**An Evening for Life**  
WITH GUEST SPEAKER CARRIE GUY  
RSVP 40daysforlifepensacola.com or call 850-889-1035

**Prayers for Vocations**  
A Holy Hour to pray with the religious of the diocese during this Year of Consecrated Life will be Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at St. Mary Parish, Fort Walton Beach. Join Bishop Parkes and the religious of the area to pray for those in religious life and for vocations to the religious life.

### Weekly Calendar of Events

- 9/19-20 Ministry Fair - after all Masses  
Symbolon - 6:00 p.m.  
M.S. & H.S. Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
- 9/21 Rosary - After Morning Mass  
Symbolon - 9:30 a.m.  
R.C.I.A. - 6:30 p.m.
- 9/22 Symbolon - 9:30 a.m.
- 9/23 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
- 9/24 Adoration 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Women's Study Group** - 9:30 a.m.  
Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 p.m.
- 9/27 K- 5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.  
Symbolon - 6:00 p.m.  
M.S. & H.S. Meetings - 6:00 p.m.



### RECORD BREAKING NEWS

Our parish has been hosting blood drives for many years but this time we really surprised the folks on the bus and showed up to donate 24 units of blood. According to the rep at OneBlood, this was our all time high – CONGRATULATIONS! This is just one more way your stewardship shows by giving so generously of your time and sharing your blood so others can live. OneBlood rewarded the parish with a gift and thought it only fair to give it to one of the donors. The lucky winner (Doug Hoover) may claim his surprise at the Hospitality cart.

### STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

Today we heard from Cindy Day, who shared with us her experience of Stewardship. We thank her for sharing her story with us. At the ministry fair, you received your stewardship packet for the renewal of your time, talent and treasure commitments. Please take the time to review the various opportunities for ministry in our parish and prayerfully consider how you will use the gifts of time, talent and treasure God has given you to build up His Kingdom. Pray for the success of our stewardship renewal that our hearts be open and our response generous when we receive our commitment cards today.



# September 20, 2015

# dear Padre

## Why do we call priests "father?"



**Q** Matthew 23:9 says, "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven." So why do we call priests "father?" And should we not be calling our male parents "father?"

**When we look** at the larger context of this passage, we find Jesus teaching his disciples about the virtue of humility, the importance of practicing what they preach, and not doing things just for show. When it comes to titles, we must remember that they do serve a legitimate function for distinguishing roles, showing respect, and fostering good manners. Jesus' point is not that we shouldn't call our own fathers or priests by the title "father," but that we should realize that God has definite primacy in the role of father because he is our heavenly Father. In fact, our earthly fathers, whether biological, familial, or spiritual, exercise their role in imitation of the Father's love. Their authority is something they have only because God has given it to them, not by their own right.

As God's own children, we were all given as a gift to those who minister to us with parental care. Using "father" in association with priests recognizes their role and function as spiritual leaders and fathers in the Church. By no means does this detract from God's role and primacy. Consider the priests' role as an extension of God's love and care for us, as we are all God's instruments in the world.

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"It can be unnerving to step outside of your comfort zone into campus life. On the feast of the Assumption of Mary, recall the difficulties she experienced with transitions. God watched over her just as he will safeguard you, guiding and protecting you as you begin school."  
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**Monday**  
SEPTEMBER 21  
St. Matthew,  
Apostle and Evangelist  
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13  
Mt 9:9-13

**Tuesday**  
SEPTEMBER 22  
Weekday  
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20  
Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday**  
SEPTEMBER 23  
St. Pius of Pietrelcina,  
Priest  
Ezr 9:5-9  
Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday**  
SEPTEMBER 24  
Weekday  
Hg 1:1-8  
Lk 9:7-9

**Friday**  
SEPTEMBER 25  
Weekday  
Hg 2:1-9  
Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday**  
SEPTEMBER 26  
Weekday  
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a  
Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday**  
SEPTEMBER 27  
Twenty-sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Nm 11:25-29  
Jas 5:1-6  
Mk 9:38-43,  
45, 47-48

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1  
*Wisdom 2:12, 17-20*

## The Weakness of Wickedness

For churchgoers who strive to do what is right, it is hard to understand why some people strive to do what is wrong. But those people exist. They steal to support a drug habit. They hack websites to cause confusion. They lie. They murder. They have no respect for human life.

Evil people have been around throughout the history of the world. Jesus predicted that his life would end in their hands. Jeremiah faced them in his ministry.

Jeremiah overheard the collusion of the wicked. They targeted him because he was just, and righteous people were obnoxious to them.

Whenever the just reproach the wicked, the two sides grow farther apart. The just become more just and the wicked conceive more wickedness in retaliation.

To the untrained eye, evil people often seem to win. They achieve the wrong they try to do.

But to eyes of faith, the wicked never win. Agents of death and destruction, they are eternally conquered by the God of might.

Jeremiah did not live to see the final victory that Jesus achieved over death. Jeremiah lived to see revilement.

In the light of the resurrection, we know now what prophets only hoped for: that wickedness can never overcome what is good.

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 2  
*James 3:16—4:3*

## War and Peace

A world without wars would be a great place to live. How we yearn for days of peace, when killing stops and soldiers come home.

But peace is not just the absence of war. Peace is the willingness to share from our abundance, to sacrifice for the needy, and to advocate for justice throughout the world. To achieve peace means more than laying down weapons of conflict. It means taking up the tools for a better world.

**“Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from?” asks the Letter of James. “Is it not from your passions?” Jealousy and selfish ambition bring about disorder and every foul practice, James says. Habits of self-absorption lead to indifference toward others. That breeds resentment and foments conflict.**

We covet what we do not possess. Some with envy even kill others, but they still cannot obtain inner happiness. Many of us are not content with what we have; we want more income to buy more things. But we do not supply the needs of others. We are too busy feeding our own passions. And they will never satisfy.

Peace comes from God. And it can start at home. It comes from the willingness to do with less, to eliminate jealousy, and to promote mercy. That will make the **world a great place to live. “The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.”**

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Weekend of Sept 26/27

### 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Aidan Murray, \_\_\_\_\_  
Extraordinary Ministers: Anni Labatte, Patty Shawbitz, Ken Olson, Joanna Farnum, Elizabeth Baldwin  
Lectors: Ana Fails, Ruth Sykes  
Ushers: John Fails, Mickey Shawbitz, Bob Flanagan  
Greeter: Joni Flanagan  
Sacristan: Doug Hoover  
Elijah Cup: Joseph and Ruth Jablonka

### 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jared Dunn, Matthew Flores  
Extraordinary Ministers: Nancy Brandewie, Susan Johansen, Paul Johansen, Nancy McCreary  
Lectors: Eric Miller, Paul Landry  
Ushers: Maria Bridges, Jim Guris, Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley  
Greeter: Cathy McKnight  
Sacristan: Joe Davison  
Elijah Cup: Paul and Susan Johansen  
Coffee and Donuts: Chris and Shelia Casselberry

### 10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Killian Casey, Karly Casey, Kadi Casey  
Extraordinary Ministers: Nadine Kuhns, Becky Bitakis, Pat Casey, Therese Sweeney  
Lectors: Abigail Zaleske, Dawn Ciccarello  
Ushers: Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan, Brian Prescott, Patrick Sweeney  
Greeter: Karen Clayton  
Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge  
Elijah Cup: Stacy Fralic  
Coffee and Donuts: Ron and Donna Fetter

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, please contact Susi Evers at 664-9165 or email her at [saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto: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\***, **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.](#)

Parents, together with your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader, register for Family Honor's Chastity program **'Real Love & Real Life'** at Sacred Heart Auditorium on Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Enhance your communication skills with each other as you discuss **God's gift of one's sexuality**, the true meaning of love, how to grow in virtue, believing in your true self-worth, fertility appreciation, guidelines for future dating, & how to set future goals leading to a happy & healthy life. This program is fast-paced for youth with interactive games & funny skits. Presented locally for 13 years by professional trained presenters. Cost is \$40/family. Space is limited so register now: [FamilyHonor.org/oct-17-real-love-real-life-sacred-heart-hospital-pensacola-fl](http://FamilyHonor.org/oct-17-real-love-real-life-sacred-heart-hospital-pensacola-fl) or contact Debra Hitpas at 384-5070.

## 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](http://www.ptdiocese.org) or call 850-435-3523.



Jesus makes things clear to us in terms of how we are to treat those around us and how we are to try to live as Christians in the world. “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” The idea of being a servant may be disagreeable to many of us, if not downright unacceptable. We live in a world — and the world has been like this for some time — where being humble and looking to serve others first is not easy.

In ancient China, the wealth and prestige of a person was measured by how many servants he had. Jesus’ point to us is that He measures people not by how many serve them, but how many people they serve. One of the hallmarks of stewardship is service. The Four Pillars of Stewardship

have been described as follows: prayer, hospitality, formation, and service. It is this fourth one, service, about which Jesus is speaking in today’s Gospel.

Recent research has found that one of the most quoted people of recent time is Blessed Mother Teresa. She often spoke of love and service. This is one of her better-known sayings: “Love cannot remain by itself — it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service.”

### Living Stewardship Now

“For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, virtue with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with devotion, devotion with mutual affection, mutual affection with love.” —2 Peter 1:5–7

## 2015 Respect Life Conference

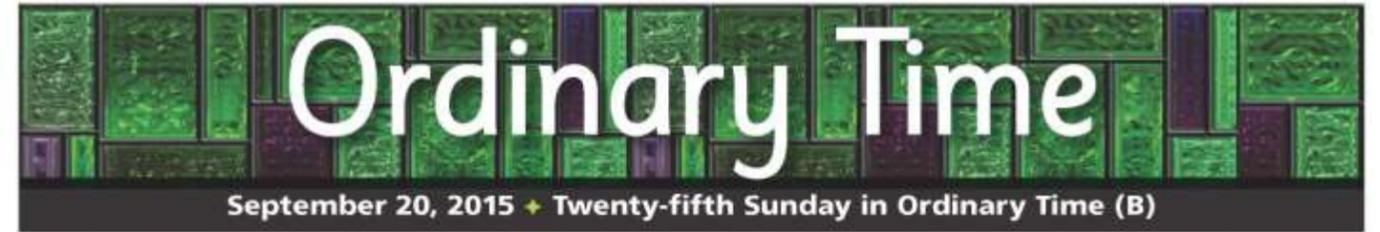
Hosted by: Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee  
October 23 & 24 Tallahassee, FL  
Sponsored by: Florida Catholic Conference and  
State Pro-Life Coordinating Committee



For more information or to register please go to [www.ptdiocese.org](http://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](mailto: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.**



When I get engrossed in a book, I try to read it through without stopping. Sometimes I can’t help myself and I peek at the last few pages to see where the author is taking me. It is satisfying to let a story unfold and allow ourselves to be surprised, but there is also a secret delight in glimpsing the end of our journey and wondering how the storyteller will get us there. Looking ahead to the end of the story is what the Book of Wisdom wants to do when it says, “Let us see whether his words be true....Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.” The author knows that the end of the story will reveal the truth.

Jesus picks up the story when he gives the second prediction of his passion. He offers the disciples a glimpse of what is yet to come. The disciples, as usual, miss the point. Instead they argue about how they wanted the story to go—with one of them as the greatest over all. Like a good storyteller, Jesus takes them in a different direction. The ending he has in mind does not come close to defining greatness as they think about it—a prize for being the best. Rather, Jesus points to a child, and we suddenly realize that greatness has nothing to do with power or ability, but with innocence and openness to the unfolding tale. The story Jesus tells and the life he lives will include death and resurrection for him and his followers. Let’s participate in it fully because we do know how it ends.

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