



# Saint Peter Catholic Parish



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## MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Weekday:  
Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri. 8:00 a.m.

## SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation  
Saturday: 8:30— 10:00 a.m.  
And by appointment

*Information on Sacraments of  
Baptism, Matrimony and  
Anointing of the Sick may be  
obtained at  
[www.stpeter.ptdiocese.org](http://www.stpeter.ptdiocese.org)*

## PARISH OFFICE & LIBRARY HOURS

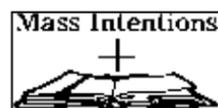
Monday-Thursday  
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The people of  
Saint Peter Parish  
are committed to  
serve Christ as faithful  
stewards centered  
on the  
Eucharist bringing  
His Word to life  
in the  
community  
leading all people  
to a closer  
relationship  
with God.



Recognizable Offering..... \$4,385.00  
Loose Cash..... \$227.00  
Total Weekly Offering..... \$4,612.00  
Mass Attendance Apr 17/18..... 154



**Apr 26 – May 2**

Monday..... Emily Brogan(+)  
Wednesday..... Mary Louise Creed(+)  
Thursday..... Veronica Kirkwood(+)  
Friday..... L.P. Henley(+)  
Saturday..... Trey Corbitt(+)  
Sunday..... Thomas Napolitano(+)(9:30 a.m.)



The **Big Red Bus** will be here again from **8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** All donors will receive a Free Oneblood gift and a wellness checkup. Spread the word and invite friends and neighbors to give the gift of life to those in need. **Free COVID-19 Antibody Test** for all successful donors.

The Santa Rosa Kids' House is asking our parish for support during the month of April. Due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to hand out blue pinwheels or blue bows for your mailboxes this year. Feel free to place your own bow to show your support. Donations can be mailed to SRKH, 5643 Stewart Street, Milton FL 32570 or dropped in an envelope marked SRKH in the Offertory Boxes inside the church or the parish center. Checks should be made payable to Santa Rosa Kids' House. We would appreciate your support to share in this special awareness campaign to **HELP STOP THE HURT** of so many young victims in our communities who have experienced sexual or physical abuse and neglect. We also have a current "Wish List" for new items only. Contact parishioner Liz Simmons for more information at 850-543-9562.



**Young Adults: Virtual morning, Come Follow Me**, on Saturday, May 15 from 9:00 am CT (10:00 am ET) to Noon CT (1 pm ET). Dr. Mario Sacasa and Dr. Tom Neal will be presenting on discerning the will of God. Prayer, praise, workshop and discussion time will complete the morning. To register go to <https://www.ptdiocese.org/youngadult>. Registration will give the link for the morning.

**Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain:** For prayer needs, contact Angela Zangerle at (808)295-2587 or email her at [stpeter.prayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:stpeter.prayerchain@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\*, Lois Lange\*, Carol Dineen\*, Karen Chasteen,  
**Tuesday** Danny Labatte, Stacy Brooks, Tom Blossman\*  
**Wednesday** Gordon Pritchard\*, Aurora Beard, Robert Tinney  
**Thursday** Pam Bauchwitz\*, Lucille Kesler, Shoko Labatte  
**Friday** Doug Babiak\*, Chuck Gober\*, Cheryl Darby  
**Saturday** Harper Spear, Carl & Darlene Winbauer, Angela Zangerle\*  
**Sunday** Donna Fetter\*, Grace Farrell\*, Karen Clayton\*, Cynthia Dixon  
\*Indicates our parishioners.



**Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund**

Next weekend, May 1-2, 2021 you will have the opportunity to contribute to our Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund. The proceeds from this collection will help to provide a better standard of living for those priests who have dedicated their lives to serving the people of North-west Florida. Please be generous and remember to support our retired priests with both your financial assistance as well as your prayers.

Parishioners who do not receive offertory envelopes and wish to contribute can drop their contribution in a separate envelope labeled "D.P.R.F.". If you are using electronic giving you can log on to your account and make a onetime gift.

Since Pope Francis has declared 2021 to be the **Year of St. Joseph** and has granted special indulgences to mark the year Deacon Tony is hosting a series of evenings throughout the year as a way to help us expand our focus, knowledge and reliance on St Joseph.

Join Deacon Tony in the Parish Life Center on Wednesday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m. for prayer and the discussion of: "St Joseph: The Patron of a Happy Death".



ALL ARE INVITED!!



April 25, 2021  
Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)  
Acts 4:8-12  
1 Jn 3:1-2  
Jn 10:11-18

**The Good Shepherd**

**F**or many of us, our only connection with sheep is with the cuddly white creatures found on holy cards. However, that image strays from the facts. Sheep are not household animals. They live outdoors; they lie down in grass, dirt, and mud. Furthermore, unlike many other animals, sheep cannot clean themselves. I'm not denigrating sheep, just putting aside any fanciful view of their nature.

Raising sheep was an important occupation in the ancient world. In fact, the royalty's governance of people was often described as shepherding. David was told: "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:2). Later, when the royalty were not faithful to this charge, God declared: "I myself will pasture my sheep" (Ezekiel 34:15). This startling characterization of God became a characterization of Jesus. Grime and animal smells, the blood of births and

deaths, inclement weather, and the threat of predators mark the life of a committed shepherd. Human comfort was secondary to the needs of the sheep. Sheep actually learn to recognize the voice of the one who feeds them, cares for them, protects them. The shepherd's voice seems to say: I am here for you, because you are mine. As "the good shepherd," Jesus is totally committed to us, his sheep. He attends to our needs, willing to risk his own security in order to save us. His care for us seems to say: I am here for you, because you are mine.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

*For Reflection*

- ★ Is Christ really your shepherd? Do you listen to his voice?
- ★ Do you rely on Christ's protection, even when you don't seem to feel it?

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*Dear Padre,*

**Am I sinning when I work or shop on Sunday?**

**B**iblical tradition states that the Sabbath is the day that God rested from the labors of creation. Sunday is also the day we commemorate Christ's resurrection from the dead and the inauguration of the new creation. We rightly refer to Sunday, then, as the Lord's day. This being so, it's important that we do everything possible to keep the Lord's day holy and ensure that we reserve adequate time on Sunday for worship, rest, and recreation.



Today, many activities, social services, and family needs require some people to work on Sundays. In fact, many people have only the weekends to do errands and activities that sustain their families.

Our participation in such activities and services is not a sin, nor does it mean that those who do need to work cannot find an appropriate way to sanctify the Lord's day and allow time for the worship, rest, and renewal that are proper to the day. Even so, we must guard against treating the Lord's day as just another workday, or a continuation of our Saturday shopping spree. Remember that the primary focus on Sunday should be participating in the Mass and growing our relationship with the Lord.

For more information on this topic, see paragraphs 2184 through 2195 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

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*Calendar*

**Monday**  
APRIL 26  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 11:1-18  
Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday**  
APRIL 27  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 11:19-26  
Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday**  
APRIL 28  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 12:24-13:5a  
Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday**  
APRIL 29  
St. Catherine of Siena,  
Virgin and Doctor  
of the Church  
Acts 13:13-25  
Jn 13:16-20

**Friday**  
APRIL 30  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:26-33  
Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday**  
MAY 1  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:44-52  
Jn 14:7-14

**Sunday**  
MAY 2  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 9:26-31  
1 Jn 3:18-24  
Jn 15:1-8