



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*

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..... \$9,715.00
Loose Cash..... \$389.00
Total Weekly Offering..... \$10,104.00
Shepherds Trust..... \$140.00
CRS Rice Bowl..... \$735.03
Mass Attendance May 8/9..... 182



May 17 - 23
Monday..... Mary Gates(+)
Wednesday..... Thomas Bigley(+)
Thursday..... Daniel McAlary(+)
Friday..... Bob Tarlo(+)
Saturday..... Lloyd Biehl(+)
Sunday..... Karen Cargill(liv)(9:30 a.m.)

Baby Bottles with a Twist!
As we slowly transition back to doing things we did pre-Covid, the Knights of Columbus Council 8910 is bringing back the “Baby Bottles” collection campaign to raise funds that will benefit our local Pregnancy Shelter and Resources Centers.

However, in the spirit of doing things a little differently, this year the Knights will NOT hand out empty bottles. Instead, they will set out a jar, before and after weekend Masses, for parishioners to drop off their donations.

As in the past, the collection period will end on Father’s Day weekend. Please be generous.



Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Angela Zangerle at (808)295-2587 or email her at 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*, Cathy Zaleske*

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Aurora Beard, Robert Tinney, Paul Livoti

Thursday Pam Bauchwitz*, Lucille Kesler, Shoko Labatte

Friday Doug Babiak*, Jane Day*, Cheryl Darby

Saturday Harper Spear, Carl & Darlene Winbauer, Angela Zangerle*

Sunday Donna Fetter*, Grace Farrell*, Karen Clayton*, Cynthia Dixon

*Indicates our parishioners.

Please contact the church office if anyone can be removed from this prayer list.



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The Ascension tells us that Jesus, although he ascended to heaven to dwell gloriously at the right hand of the Father, is still and is always among us: this is the source of our strength, our perseverance, and our joy, from the presence of Jesus among us with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

ASCENSION SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

Victims of Abuse

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims. This diocese has established Victim Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors. These coordinators are available to help persons who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or other church personnel.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATORS

(Let them help you find healing)

Louis M. Makarowski Ph.D., P.A.

– Pensacola/Ft. Walton

(850) 477-7181

Deacon Santiago Molina

For Spanish Speakers - En Español

(850) 627-2350

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline

(850) 435-3536

These Victim Assistance Coordinators are an additional way that the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee has dedicated itself to addressing sexual abuse by clergy or other church personnel.



May 16, 2021
Ascension of the Lord (B)
Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13
Mk 16:15-20

Up in Heaven

The message of this feast is that Jesus was taken up into heaven. Just what does this mean? Is heaven “up there” along with the moon and the stars? Cosmology would question that. Today’s readings also say that Jesus is seated at God’s right hand. Is this science, or is it a concrete image used to explain something more marvelous than words can describe?

Traditionally the place of honor is at the dignitary’s right hand (decided by a right-hander, no doubt). That Jesus sits at God’s right hand means he enjoys the place of highest honor. The psalm response refers to this exalted place as the throne of God. “Throne” suggests king. Thus, the readings tell us that Jesus, who is now exalted with divine honor, is above everything else. Finally, to say that heaven is above means that it is beyond earth, perhaps not in actual distance but in distinction and glory. Thus, Jesus’ ascension means that the risen Lord is no longer limited by the

restrictions of earth’s space and time but now enjoys the highest honor with God everywhere and always.

This is the message the disciples were sent to preach. This is the message we also are sent to preach. But how are we to do it? By the way we live our lives. Emmanuel Célestin Cardinal Suhard of Paris (1874-1949) wrote: “To be a witness...means to live in such a way that one’s life would not make sense if God did not exist.” Do our lives show that we believe this?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Thank God for people in your life who mirror God’s generosity, forgiveness, and kindness to you.
- ★ Think about ways you might mirror God’s goodness to others.

Dear Padre,

My neighbor, a fundamentalist Christian, said I won’t be saved unless I accept Jesus as my personal savior. Didn’t Jesus become my savior when I was baptized?

Your neighbor is probably referring to John 3:7, when Jesus said, “You must be born anew” (*Common English Bible*). Jesus is talking about a spiritual rebirth; we must have a



spiritual birth in order to be saved. As you noted, Catholics believe this happens at baptism. In John 3:5, Jesus says, “Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it’s not possible to enter God’s kingdom.”

We are saved by the waters of baptism. But for Catholics, it’s not merely a one-time event. We continue to accept or reject the salvation offered us by the decisions we make every day.

Your neighbor used the words “personal savior”. Catholic Christians go even deeper through the sacraments. We develop and nurture a very personal relationship with Jesus by regularly receiving the Eucharist. In the sacrament of reconciliation, we admit we have sinned and ask Jesus to forgive us. And in the sacrament of confirmation, our relationship is “sealed” with the gift of the Spirit.

Many Catholics also celebrate the sacrament of marriage. The couple’s personal relationship with Jesus is deepened through the love the couple shares.

So, tell your neighbor you are indeed saved by Jesus. And because you are saved, you deepen that relationship with Jesus by living a sacramental life.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
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Calendar

Monday
MAY 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1-8
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday
MAY 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17-27
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday
MAY 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28-38
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday
MAY 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26

Friday
MAY 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 25:13b-21
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday
MAY 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday
MAY 23
Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
or Gal 5:16-25
Jn 20:19-23
or Jn 15:26-27;
16:12-15

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?
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