



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

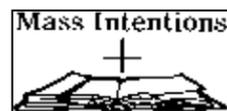
Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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.....\$4,851.00
Loose Cash.....\$420.00
Total Weekly Offering.....\$5,271.00
Propagation of Faith.....\$135.00
Mass Attendance Oct 30/31.....217



Nov 8-14
Monday.....Shirley Simmons(+)
Wednesday.....Al Perreault(+)
Thursday.....Manuel Bey(+)
Friday.....Joe Davison(liv)
Saturday.....Margaret McMullen(+)
Sunday.....St Peter Parishioners(9:30 a.m.)



In Loving Memory and lasting peace for all who have died, especially **Margaret McMullen** mother of our parishioner Lynn Brenton. Pray for the consolation of her family as they mourn the loss of their loved one.



A WORD FROM Pope Francis
Familiarity with the Lord, of Christians, is always in community. Yes, it is intimate, it is personal, but within the community. A familiarity without community, a familiarity without bread, a familiarity without the Church, without the people, without the sacraments, is dangerous.
HOMILY, APRIL 17, 2020

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*, Karen Chasteen

Tuesday Danny Labatte, Stacy Brooks

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Aurora Beard

Thursday Pam Bauchwitz*, Lucille Kesler, Shoko Labatte

Friday Doug Babiak*, Cheryl Darby, Karen Cargill

Saturday Cynthia Dixon, Robert Tinney

Sunday Karen Clayton*, Paul Livoti, Joe Davison

*Indicates our parishioners.

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



We are looking for singers to join our Christmas Choir!

If you are interested in participating in a weekly rehearsal and singing at **any** or **all** of our Christmas Masses, please email Tyler at music@stpeter.ptdiocese.org.



Today's First Reading from the First Book of Kings, as well as the Gospel passage from Mark, both center on the actions of two seemingly poor and helpless widows who show themselves to be faith-filled and generous stewards.

In the eyes of the world, particularly in biblical times when there was no life insurance or Social Security, these widows were weak and dependent on others to take care of them. They each found themselves in desperate situations — one in the midst of famine with a child for which to care, and the other clearly impoverished. Yet, each demonstrated strength and generosity that distinguished them from those around them. From where did this strength come?

It came from knowing who they are, and Whose they are. These women must have known their security would not come from a good life insurance policy or connections to someone with a hidden storehouse of flour.

No, their security came from knowing they were daughters of the Most High God and from putting their faith in Him. They had no need to panic in the midst of natural disaster or cling desperately to their menial resources. Their faith in God set them free to trust Him when all seemed hopeless. Their faith kept them detached from material possessions. Their faith allowed them to be brave and generous, to think of others despite their own trials.

These women saw themselves as stewards, not owners, of the resources God gave them, regardless of how much or how little they had. And acting as stewards made them gracious, generous and mighty indeed.



November 7, 2021
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
1 Kgs 17:10-16
Heb 9:24-28
Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Ouch!

That's the sound of someone giving until it hurts. Most of us probably will never be in such a situation. It's not that we don't give, but that we are seldom asked to give until it really hurts.

The women in today's readings were in desperate straits. They hurt even before they opened their hands to give. Both belonged to one of the groups of vulnerable people often identified in the Bible—namely, the resident alien, the orphan, and the widow. Since the social structure of a patriarchal society is usually built on male kinship, those with no male patron were extraordinarily vulnerable. Consequently, Jewish law made special provision for them (see Deuteronomy 24:17, 19-21; 26:12-13; 27:19). The women in these stories were disadvantaged because they were women, they were widows, and they were

poor. How these deprivations interacted with each other isn't specifically mentioned.

It's not their state of deprivation that makes them models for us to emulate. It's their generosity *despite* their deprivation. The widows featured in today's readings gave from their hearts, not from their abundance. They recognized need in another and did what they could to address that need. That is the virtue set before us today. It is, indeed, heroic!

Do we do what we can to help others in need—as little as that might be? Or do we cling to what we have, to what we say we have a right to have because we worked for it? Are we that uncaring? Ouch! That hurts!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ How open are you to the needs of others?
- ★ How generous does this make you?

Dear Padre,

My mother divorced, then remarried a non-Catholic. Her first marriage was never annulled. She says if she can't take Communion, there's no difference between watching Mass on TV and attending Mass in Church. I think there's a difference, and she should go to Mass in a church with other Catholics. Your thoughts?

It's a good sign that your mother is watching Mass on television instead of skipping Mass altogether, but you're right.

Television Masses are a viable option for Catholics who are physically unable to attend Mass, but if your mother is physically able, it's a different matter. When it comes to worship, there's nothing like being there, and by attending the liturgy with other Catholics every week and on holy days, she'll fulfill her obligation by virtue of baptism in "fully conscious and active participation" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [Sacrosanctum Concilium], 14).

Keep encouraging your mom to attend weekly Mass in person and encourage her to contact a priest about starting annulment proceedings. If the annulment is granted and her current marriage is convalidated, she'll be able to receive the Eucharist.

Receiving Communion may be the privileged encounter with God, but Mass is primarily for worshiping and giving thanks to God. By returning to Mass with other Catholics now and eventually taking Communion, your mom's faith life clearly will be enriched.

Fr. Bob Lindsey, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar

Monday
NOVEMBER 8
Weekday
Wis 1:1-7
Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday
NOVEMBER 9
Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
Jn 2:13-22

Wednesday
NOVEMBER 10
St. Leo the Great, Pope
and Doctor of the
Church
Wis 6:1-11
Lk 17:11-19

Thursday
NOVEMBER 11
St. Martin of Tours,
Bishop
Wis 7:22b-8:1
Lk 17:20-25

Friday
NOVEMBER 12
St. Josaphat,
Bishop and Martyr
Wis 13:1-9
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday
NOVEMBER 13
St. Frances Xavier
Cabrin, Virgin
Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9
Lk 18:1-8

Sunday
NOVEMBER 14
Thirty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Dn 12:1-3
Heb 10:11-14, 18
Mk 13:24-32