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# Saint Peter Catholic Parish





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#### **SERVING YOU**

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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.

#### January 30, 2022 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 / Lk 4:21-30



Recognizable Offering	\$6,176.00
Loose Cash	\$422.00
Total Weekly Offering	\$6,598.00
Mass Attendance Jan 22/23	219



#### Jan 31 - Feb 6



### First Friday Holy Hour

Our next Holy Hour is scheduled for **Friday, February 4**, beginning right after Mass until 9:30 a.m.

#### **Adult Confirmation**



If you are over 18 and a baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation you are one the Lord has chosen and is calling to receive the Gift

of the Spirit. Bishop Wack will celebrate Adult Confirmations in Pensacola on February 27 and in Tallahassee on March 26. Check with your parish for more information and preparation or contact Sister Margaret Kuntz at 850-435-3523 or kuntzm@ptdiocese.org

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, Ana Livoti\*

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard\*, Aurora Beard

**Thursday** Pam Bauchwitz\*, Lucille Kesler, Johanna Malura, Eric Stockbridge

**Friday** Doug Babiak\*, Cheryl Darby, Arlene Brehmer

**Saturday** Cynthia Dixon, John Anthony Buttler **Sunday** Karen Clayton\*, Paul Livoti, Heidi Tye\* \*Indicates our parishioners.



## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The great biblical tradition enjoins on all peoples the duty to hear the voice of the poor. It bids us break the bonds of injustice and oppression which give rise to glaring, and indeed scandalous, social inequalities. Reforming the social structures which perpetuate poverty and the exclusion of the poor first requires a conversion of mind and heart.

JOURNEY TO THE PHILIPPINES, JANUARY 16, 2015

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



The **Big Red Bus** will be here again from

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for the first time this year. Invite friends and neighbors to give the gift of life to those in need. All donors will receive a free Oneblood gift and a wellness checkup.

#### **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)

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.

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



# How Do I Love Thee? Let Me Count the Ways.

Paul's praise of love from the second reading is a favorite passage for weddings where it acts as a set of promises the bridal couple make to each other. They seem to be saying: "This is the way I am going to act, because I love you. I promise to put you ahead of me." And they genuinely mean it. They're convinced the passion they feel, the concern they experience, will be all that's needed to transcend any future difficulties they might face.

Soon, reality sets in and they realize that the list is really a strategy for scaling the heights of unselfishness or critically examining the conscience to reveals one's failures. This is not to say that people do not genuinely love each other. They do. But we are all so human, and selfishness is a weakness to which we are all susceptible. Perhaps Paul should have written: "Love tries to be patient, love tries to be kind...."

In a way, it is precisely in the give-and-take that occurs between imperfect humans that all the wonderful characteristics listed by Paul are refined. Our impatience is worn away as we deal sympathetically with the disagreeable traits of our loved ones. We become humble when those who should encourage us fail to acknowledge accomplishments that might otherwise inflate our egos. These are the slights we endure because we love the other person. Actually, such humble endurance is evidence that love truly is patient and kind.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

# FOR Reflection

- Go out of your way to show love to someone in your family.
- Think of ways of being a bit more understanding of others.

# Fourth Standary in Ordinary Time (C) For th Standary in Ordinary Time (C) For 1:4-5, 17-19 Deave Padve,

There are so many preachers urging us to "reform our lives." Most of this preaching centers on asking forgiveness for personal sins. Isn't there more involved?

Consider that the reform more Christians should be focusing on is the social reform that fosters equality among human beings.

A central conviction of all Jesus' followers is that every person of whatever race, gender, class, nationality, or any other distinction is



fundamentally equal in dignity to every other person. That is why we vigorously support the unborn, the disabled,

the mentally challenged, the poor and the elderly. Every human is a creation of God, created in God's image. No one is better or more worthy than another.

This was certainly the conviction of the Second Vatican Council: "With respect to the fundamental rights of human persons, every type of discrimination, whatever social or cultural, whatever based on sex, race, color, social condition, language or religion is to be overcome and eradicated as contrary to God's intent" (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World [Gaudium et Spes], 29).

If you wish to truly reform yourself, make a commitment to overcome discrimination on all levels, which is so obvious in our country's division between rich and poor. Get involved with social causes that help the poor, the unborn, the oppressed, and the elderly. Become a beacon of hope this new year.

Fr. Paul J. Coury CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

## Calendar

Monday JANUARY 31 St. John Bosco,

Priest 2 Sm 15:13–14, 30; 16:5–13

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday FEBRUARY 1 Weekday

2 Sm 18:9–10, 14b, 24–25a, 30—19:3

Mk 5:21–43 Wednesday

FEBRUARY 2 The Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1–4 Heb 2:14–18

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Thursday FEBRUARY 3 Weekday 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12

Mk 6:7-13

Friday FEBRUARY 4 Weekday

Sir 47:2-11 Mk 6:14-29

Saturday FEBRUARY 5 St. Agatha, Virgin and Marty 1 Kqs 3:4–13

> Mk 6:30–34 Sunday

FEBRUARY 6 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 6:1–2a, 3–8 1 Cor 15:1–11 or 15:3–8, 11 Lk 5:1–11