

# Saint Peter Catholic Parish



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## MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

### Weekday

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.  
**Holy Hour Adoration**  
 Fridays 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.  
**First Saturday Mass: 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.saintpeter.me](http://www.saintpeter.me)*

## PARISH OFFICE & LIBRARY HOURS

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

## SERVING YOU

### Pastor

Reverend Doug Martin  
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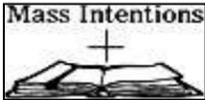
## YOUNG ADULTS EVENT CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2022

- 5 OCT, WED ● 6:30 - 7pm Young Adult Rosary St Peter Catholic Church 100 Francis St, Mary Esther, FL 32569, United States
- 6 OCT, THU ● 6:30 - 7:30pm Young Adult Book Study Parish Library
- 8 OCT, SAT ● 7 - 9:30pm Young Adult Movie Night - Ben-Hur Part 1 Parish Center
- 12 OCT, WED ● 6:30 - 7pm Young Adult Rosary St Peter Catholic Church 100 Francis St, Mary Esther, FL 32569, United States
- 13 OCT, THU ● 6:30 - 7:30pm Young Adult Book Study Parish Library
- 14 OCT, FRI ● 6 - 9pm Young Adult Game Night Parish Library
- 19 OCT, WED ● 6:30 - 7pm Young Adult Rosary St Peter Catholic Church 100 Francis St, Mary Esther, FL 32569, United States
- 20 OCT, THU ● 6 - 8pm Pub Theology Props Brewery / Grill 255 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE, Unit 19, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548, United States
- 22 OCT, SAT ● 7 - 8pm Young Adult Movie Night - Ben-Hur Part 2 Parish Center
- 26 OCT, WED ● 6:30 - 7pm Young Adult Rosary St Peter Catholic Church 100 Francis St, Mary Esther, FL 32569, United States
- 27 OCT, THU ● 6:30 - 7:30pm Young Adult Book Study Parish Library
- 28 OCT, FRI ● 6 - 9pm Young Adult Game Night Parish Center

**Ready to become a part of the Saint Peter Parish family?**

Register online through our website [www.saintpeter.me](http://www.saintpeter.me) or scan this QR with your smart phone to get started. Membership has its privileges!



 <p>Sacrificial Giving</p>
Identifiable Offering ..... \$6,827.00 Loose Cash ..... \$829.00 Total Weekly Offering ..... \$7,656.00 Mass Attendance Sept 24/25 ..... 278
 <p>Mass Intentions</p>
<b>Oct 4-9</b> Tuesday ..... Susan Johansen(+) Wednesday ..... Michael Adam(+) Thursday ..... Lois Lange(+) Friday ..... Trey Corbitt(+) Saturday ..... David Corbitt(liv) Sunday ..... St Peter Parishioners (7:30 a.m.) ..... Jean Jordan(+)(9:30 a.m.)
<b>Reminders...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ First Friday Holy Hour will be this coming Friday, October 7th.</li> <li>◆ There will <b>not</b> be any Faith Formation Classes next Sunday, October 9th. Classes will resume on Sunday, October 16th.</li> </ul>
<b>Women's Small Groups</b> are forming up again. At this time we have two groups that are meeting in private homes on Tuesdays (in Fort Walton) and Thursdays (in Navarre). For information on locations, and/or to join, e-mail Rochelle: <a href="mailto:flc@saintpeter.me">flc@saintpeter.me</a> .

**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** Deborah Babiak\*, Patty Dominitz\*, Jean Schlitt\*

**Tuesday** Danny Labatte, Ana Livoti\*, Betty Caruso

**Wednesday** Gordon Pritchard\*, Aurora Beard, Sandy Hoyer

**Thursday** Pam Bauchwitz\*, Johanna Malura

**Friday** Doug Babiak\*, Cheryl Darby, John Fails\*

**Saturday** Cynthia Dixon, Frank Schorzman\*

**Sunday** Karen Clayton\*, Paul Livoti, Heidi Tye\*  
\*Indicates our parishioners.

**Blood Drive!** The **Big Red Bus** will be here in two weeks! **Sunday, October 16**, from **8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Invite friends and neighbors to join you in giving the gift of life to those in need. Remember, your donation may save up to three lives! **All donors will receive a free wellness checkup, a Halloween T-shirt and a \$20 e-gift card.** To book an appointment, go to [https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/1162539](https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1162539)  
 Contact Paul Johansen ([admin@saintpeter.me](mailto:admin@saintpeter.me)) if you need assistance.

Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life, that is, a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom, is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards.

Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest.

But living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable! The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God.

The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to Him. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.



**October 2, 2022**  
 Twenty-seventh Sunday  
 in Ordinary Time (C)  
 Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

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## Have Faith

**T**hat is so easy to say and so hard to do. This might be because we misunderstand what faith is and what it might do. Today's readings offer us three glimpses into what the Bible means by faith.

The reading from Habakkuk and the Gospel passage seem to contradict each other. The Gospel suggests that one can do wondrous things if one's faith is strong enough. Many people understand this literally and then are confused and terribly disappointed when things do not turn out as they wanted. Habakkuk is in a dire situation. He had turned to God, but it seems to no avail: "You do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2). What response did he get? "Don't give up. Don't lose faith."

Paul's letter was written to Timothy, one of Paul's own converts to faith in the risen Lord. Paul encourages Timothy to remain steadfast in that faith. It's clear that faith is not solely a set of beliefs and doctrines; it is a way of life—one that follows and is

inspired by the example Jesus' life provides. It is also clear that living such a life might be dangerous, as evidenced by Paul's own imprisonment.

Reading the Gospel passage again after considering these reflections, one might understand the power of faith in a new way. Perhaps the mulberry tree stands for the struggles that had to be endured by Habakkuk, the danger that Timothy faced in a hostile world, and the hurdles that challenge our own faith. It assures us that if we don't lose faith, we also can do wondrous things.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

**FOR Reflection**

- ◆ For you, what is the difference between faith as what you believe and faith as how you live?
- ◆ How might your faith help you get beyond life's hurdles?

Calendar

<b>Monday</b>
OCTOBER 3
Weekday
Gal 1:6-12
Lk 10:25-37
<b>Tuesday</b>
OCTOBER 4
St. Francis of Assisi
Gal 1:13-24
Lk 10:38-42
<b>Wednesday</b>
OCTOBER 5
Weekday
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14
Lk 11:1-4
<b>Thursday</b>
OCTOBER 6
Weekday
Gal 3:1-5
Lk 11:5-13
<b>Friday</b>
OCTOBER 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Gal 3:7-14
Lk 11:15-26
<b>Saturday</b>
OCTOBER 8
Weekday
Gal 3:22-29
Lk 11:27-28
<b>Sunday</b>
OCTOBER 9
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 5:14-17
2 Tm 2:8-13
Lk 17:11-19

## Dear Padre,

**Why should we be married in the Church?**

**A**t baptism, every Christian is called to be not just Jesus' disciple, but an apostle. While it's easy to see how priests and religious sisters and brothers serve as missionaries, a man and woman joined in the sacrament of matrimony are also missionaries. Saint Paul noted the way a husband and wife love each other reflects how Christ loves his bride, the Church: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church" (*Ephesians 5:25*).

The first beneficiaries of the missionary vocation of marriage are the husband and wife. Through their exclusive love, they support each other. Their relationship is open to sexual expression, allowing the body and soul of two to become one. And, if God wills, children will benefit from the Christian bond of their parents. They bring their children to baptism, then teach them about their faith at home through example and instruction.

Those who encounter a couple throughout their lives— relatives, friends, coworkers, parishioners, and even strangers — benefit from their Christian marriage. How often have we been touched by the sight of an older couple walking hand in hand? God will reveal to them only in eternity how many lives have been impacted by their love.

Jesus praised matrimony as part of the initial vocation given to humanity (*see Mark 10:6-9*). Without reproduction, there would have been no human race. But humans, created in God's image, lead lives reflecting God's love. In the couple who says "I do," God's love shines brightly as a light to the world

*Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Marriage isn't just a social act. It's a vocation that's born from the heart, a conscious decision for the rest of one's life that requires specific preparation.... God has a dream for us, love, and he asks us to make it our own. Let us make our own the love which is God's dream for us.

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION, JUNE 1, 2021.