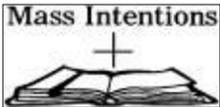


 <p>Recognizable Offering.....\$5,600.00 Loose Cash \$649.00 Total Weekly Offering..... \$6,249.00 Catholic Home Missions..... \$409.00 Mass Attendance Apr 25/26 355</p>  <p>May 4 - May 10 MondayMary E. Johansen(+) TuesdayWillis Henderson(+) Wednesday.....Lisa Moore(liv) ThursdayEloi Owen Demoruelle(+) FridaySkye Mahosky(liv) SaturdaySherwood Fowler(+)(5:00 p.m.) SundayJoan Fee(+)(8:00 a.m.) St Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)</p>	<p>Weekly Calendar of Events</p> <p>5/3 First Communion - 10:30 a.m. Mass Crowning of Our Lady statue - after 10:30 Mass</p> <p>5/4 Rosary - After morning Mass</p> <p>5/6 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>5/7 Adoration 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Women's Study Group - 9:30 a.m. VBS Volunteers Meeting - 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor For the months of March and April Sharing and Caring: \$670.00 Alms Dispensed: \$1,984.82</p>	<p>Parish Blood Drive, May 17th 8:30-12:30</p> <p>We would like to encourage all parishioners that are able, to visit the big red bus when it rolls into the parking lot in search of all types of blood. Donors receive a free t-shirt, wellness checkup and if you donate 2 times between, May 1 – August 31, a chance to win a TV, iPad or an Apple Watch. Twenty prizes will be given away by OneBlood. Giving blood is a great way to show love of neighbor and your action will help save lives. Schedule your donation time at the Hospitality cart or on the parish website. We hope to reach or exceed our goal of 20 pints.</p> 
 <p>THE HOLY ROSARY</p> <p>Join the Legion of Mary in the recitation of the Rosary every Monday morning after daily Mass.</p>	<p>Pancake Breakfast, May 17th</p> <p>The Knights of Columbus , #8910, will host a free pancake breakfast to accompany our parish blood drive. Everyone is invited for pancakes, bacon, coffee, juice and hospitality to start your day sunny side up.</p> 
<p>You are invited to visit Jesus in Adoration of the Eucharist to help you focus more on what is important in life. Be nourished in this new year by spending an hour or whatever time you can in His Real Presence. Adoration is held from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursdays.</p> 	<p>EJJYC SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM (Sign-Up To Help Before May 18th)</p> <p>Around Town, the parish community outreach ministry will be cooking and serving lunches for Eleanor J. Johnson Youth Center (EJJYC) during the summer. This is our 4th summer with the center and they are most appreciative. For 10 weeks, Mon.- Fri., we need volunteers to cook lunch in the parish kitchen, transport it to the center, serve the youth, and wash dishes/clean up for the next day. All the menus and shopping are done for you. You start about 9:30 a.m. and are normally done for the day by 1:30p.m. Two or three people working together make this a fun activity and gives those involved a chance to get to know some energetic youth. A calendar to sign up for the days you would like to help will be posted at the Hospitality cart or contact Joni, 830-2875, for additional information.</p>

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May 3, 2015

Monday May 4
Easter Weekday
 Acts 14:5-18
 Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday May 5
Easter Weekday
 Acts 14:19-28
 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday May 6
Easter Weekday
 Acts 15:1-6
 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday May 7
Easter Weekday
 Acts 15:7-21
 Jn 15:9-11

Friday May 8
Easter Weekday
 Acts 15:22-31
 Jn 15:12-17

Saturday May 9
Easter Weekday
 Acts 16:1-10
 Jn 15:18-21

Sunday May 10
Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
 1 Jn 4:7-10
 Jn 15:9-17

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dear Padre

Is it a sin to be mad at God?



My husband and I are divorcing. We have four children. Yesterday my eight-year-old said she's "mad at God for letting this happen." I told her it's a sin to be mad at God, but she says she doesn't care. What should I do?

First of all, your eight-year-old's world is being shaken to its core by your divorce. She's frightened, confused, and worried about what will happen. She's expressing her feelings and frustrations.

Don't tell her it's a sin to have angry thoughts and feelings about God. We're emotional human beings with strong passions and moods, and the Lord understands when we're distressed and troubled. Even Jesus had moments of anger—for example, when he drove the moneychangers out of the temple (Matthew 21:12).

Tell her God loves us and gives us freedom to choose. God isn't responsible for your divorce. Reassure your daughter that you love her no matter what, even when she's mad at God. Life after the divorce will be different, but not necessarily unhappy.

This is also an opportunity for her to learn that life isn't always the way we wish it would be.

God doesn't make bad things happen. Human beings aren't perfect, and God helps us survive and grow through difficult moments.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter B 1
Acts 9:26-31

Converting the Community

If Easter has worked its wonder, you are different today than you were a year ago. Lent and Easter are seasons of renewal in the church. Each Lent we strive to face our sin, do penance, and rise with Jesus. We draw on the power of these seasons to celebrate the love of God in our lives, a love that accepts us in our sinfulness and calls us into grace.

Each year, if Easter works its wonder, we can grow in holiness.

There is one problem. Even though we may be different, other people may not realize it. They may treat us the same, making it hard for us to live fully the new life of grace.

Take Saul, for example. Before his conversion he persecuted Christians. After his conversion, he lived for Christ alone.

There was one problem. People didn't trust Saul. When he showed up in Jerusalem among the disciples, they were afraid of him because they didn't believe he had changed. Only when Barnabas defended him could Saul move about freely.

The mystery of renewal begins in the quiet of each person's heart, and gradually it converts the community.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter B 2
1 John 3:18-24

Simple Laws

There are a lot of laws. Our national constitution is long. Every state, county and municipality has additional rules **and regulations. Sometimes you don't know what a law is until you break it. Laws are important. They are necessary. But they are so numerous that it's hard to keep track of them all.**

Our church is the same way. Our laws are important to us, but they are numerous. And they change. It is hard to **keep up with them. Couldn't it be simpler somehow?**

The First Letter of John says God basically has just two laws. **"His commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us."**

There, that was simple. Or was it?

To believe in the name of Jesus means that we order our lives around this belief: He is the Son of God, the one who came to save the world. His teaching, ministry and example should shape everything we do. And love one another? Well, that's easy when it comes to people we like. But it's not so easy with people we'd rather ignore, or people who have become our criminal enemies. Loving one another is not so simple.

Whether the laws are many or few, they are hard to keep. **But those who keep God's commandments "remain in him, and he in them."**

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Weekend of May 9/10

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Aidan Murray, Declan Murray
Extraordinary Ministers: Barbara Kirschten, Elizabeth Baldwin, Ken Olson, Louise Perreault, Al Perreault
Lectors: Ron Berthelette, Dan Brenton
Ushers: Rachel Metruck, Cora Podrang, Mickey Shawbitz
Greeter: Pat Gossage
Sacristan: Ruth Jablonka
Elijah Cup: Peggy Pilgrim

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Audrey Moore, Joshua Soto
Extraordinary Ministers: Gene Valentine, Susan Johansen, Nancy McCreary, Patsy Soto
Lectors: Lynn Griggs, Paul Landry
Ushers: Eden Carter, Jim Guris, Eric Miller, Arnold Soto
Greeter: Maria Bridges
Sacristan: Stan Griggs
Elijah Cup: Paul and Susan Johansen
Coffee & Donuts: L.P. Henley, Stacie Schorzman

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Teresa Englehardt, Austin Wise, Alyssa Wise
Extraordinary Ministers: Melody Grogan, Becky Bitakis, Katherine Colwell, Bob Wall
Lectors: Warren Cabral, Therese Sweeney
Ushers: Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan, Brian Prescott, Patrick Sweeney
Greeter: Terri Turnbull
Sacristan: Bill Roth
Elijah Cup: Jim and Mery Wise
Coffee & Donuts: Micayla Colwell, Katherine Colwell

Pilgrimage Information Session

After all the Masses on May 16 and 17 there will be a Holy Land Pilgrimage information gathering in the Parish Center classroom. I will be showing a 12 minute video of the pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March 2000 that Pope St. John Paul II longed to make before his death.

I will also address any concerns regarding security. If you have thought about going but security questions are a concern for you, I recommend you attend one of these gatherings. I will also respond to any questions you may have concerning the pilgrimage.

Fr. Paul

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, please contact Susi Evers at saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com or call her at 664-9165.

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*, Charles Cummings*, Gene Bauchwitz*, Peter Cleary, Ashley Matyac, Fay Stockbridge, Steve Lange, Mike and Jeanne Trueting

Tuesday Lynn Graham*, Charlie Cospelisch, Anthony Michael Merrique, Faye Clark, Bobby Stockbridge*, Stacie Tippett

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, James Smith*, Steve Powell*, Ken and Bette Dellner*, Caroline Frederick, Mario Donato*, Rene Morago-Barton, Pam Holt

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Robert Welniak, Frank Crowder*, Theresa Stegall, Harrison Bowie*, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, John Paul Wilson, Betty Keever, Vera Thornburg*

Saturday Peter Adams*, Mary Anyel*, Michael Hebert, Joel Grieves*, Ronald Smith Jr., Dan Brenton*, Skye Mahosky*

Sunday **Maureen O'Neil*, Michael Adam*, Theresa Fowler***, Mary Beth Downer, Greg Babiak, Tony Kelly, Jeff Harp

*Indicates our parishioners.

[Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.](#)

Holy Land Pilgrimage
November 2-10, 2016
\$3248.00

Your journey of faith and renewal will bring you as close as humanly possible to the places where our ancestors in the faith experienced God, in the hope that you, too, will receive some of the blessings of this Holy Land.

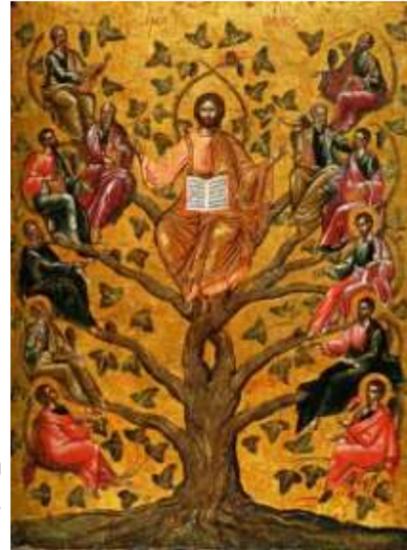
You will see the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Nazareth, where the Word of God became flesh. You will experience the beautiful land around the Sea of Galilee where Jesus performed miracles you will stand inside the tomb where he rose from the dead. The Scriptures will come alive for you in a way you cannot imagine when you journey to the land of Jesus' birth.



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus reminds us how important each and every one of us is when He says, "I am the vine; you are the branches." One of the central ideas in the spirituality of stewardship is how crucial each person is to the success and effectiveness of the community. Of course, together we can do so much more than each of us can individually.

Are you using your gifts? Are you using your gifts to build the community and to serve others? Jesus speaks of His Father "pruning" the branches that do not bear fruit. As is often the case in ancient Greek, a word can have two meanings. The word for "prune" is also the word for "cleanse." That is the point the Lord is most likely making. Until we are "cleansed," until we have sought conversion and change with the help of God, we are not able to fully fulfill our covenants with God.

Stewardship, of course, is a call to each of us to respond to our many gifts with thanksgiving and service. Fruits bear seeds within them. Our response to God's call is to allow our seeds to produce more fruit. The author Robert Louis Stevenson said, "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant." As our Easter season continues, we need to make sure we are attached to the vine of the Lord, and that we are planting seeds.



Living Stewardship Now

Make a consistent effort to listening attentively—to God in prayer and during Mass, to people in conversations. Consider carefully what response is being asked of you; then put it into action.

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As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 53)

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through

whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

Victims Of Abuse: The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors who are available to help persons who have been sexually abused. The Coordinator for the Pensacola/Ft. Walton Area is Louis Makarowski, Ph. D, P.A. (850) 477-7181.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) + May 3, 2015

Many enduring images of Church come to us from the New Testament. One is Paul's image: "The Body of Christ." Another comes from our gospel today: "The Vine and the Branches."



Paul's metaphor keeps us humble. Regardless of how this Body is structured, Christ is the true head; we are to submit ourselves to obedience to him regardless of how important we are in this world. We also

Both are metaphors of living organisms. For both, Christ is the most important element. Christ is the head of the Body and the symbol of authority and purpose. Christ is the vine that brings life and nutrients to the branches that produce fruit. Anyone who has visited a winery knows the significance of the vine. If it's cut, the branches wither and the crop fails.

know we belong as a community to Christ and in communion with one another.

There are many parts to the Body and many clusters of fruit on the vine. To leave either is to separate ourselves from Christ.

That's why praying together each week is so important. It reminds us who we are and whom we belong to.

Why is it important to have both images?

John's image reminds us that the Church can't survive if it's separated from Christ. We can live only if we remain in Christ so that the power of grace can continue to infuse us with everything we need to bear the fruit of love, compassion, and mercy.

Let us offer praise for this vine and for this Body into which our baptism has called us.

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