




Recognizable Offering..... \$7,328.00
 Loose Cash \$692.00
 Total Weekly Offering..... \$8,020.00
 Catholic Home Missions Appeal..... \$276.00
 Mass Attendance Apr 28/29 356



May 7 - 13
 MondayBarbara Kirschten(+)
 Wednesday.....Mike Kutcher(liv)
 ThursdayElton and Mary Rushlau(+)
 FridayMike Kutcher(liv)
 SaturdayAll Mothers
 SundayBarbara Kirschten(+)(8:00 a.m.)
St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)

 **In Loving Memory** and lasting peace for all who have died, especially **Roberto Jurado**, father of our parishioner Jaime Jurado. Pray for the consolation of his family as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

Mark your calendars... 
VBS will be June 18-22
 Sign-up at the Hospitality Cart beginning next weekend, May 12/13.


 **Calling all Crafters & Builders!!!**
 Are you creative, handy, or willing to fake it? Looking for a fun way to share your faith? Look no further! Starting May 7th, VBS Decorating Parties will be held every Monday from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Come join us in the Parish Center and be sure to dress in old, comfy clothes. We will paint, glue, cut, and build to create a Rolling River Rampage! Please call or email Susie Rushlau for more info. at 581-7263 or dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.
 Jn 15:12-13

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 5/6 First Communion - 10:30 a.m. Mass
 HS/MS Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
- 5/7 Rosary after morning Mass
 VBS Decorating Party - 7:00 p.m.
- 5/9 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
 Adult Faith Dinner and Discussion - 6:00 p.m.
- 5/10 Rosary after morning Mass
- 5/13 **Mother's Day**
 No MS/HS Meetings

Adult Faith Dinner and Discussion
 Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 9th, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Sign up at the Hospitality cart or call the office no later than 12 noon on Monday the 6th.
 We will start looking at the Apostolic Exhortation of **Pope Francis "On the Call to Holiness in Today's World."** Achieving holiness is in everyone's reach and easier to achieve than you may think. Come for good food, great fellowship and empowering discussions on achieving holiness in your life. Everyone is invited to join!

 We have recently installed a listening assistance device in the church. It helps the hearing impaired in two ways. For those that have what is called a T-coil hearing aid, they can switch on their T-coil and automatically pick up everything that comes directly from the speakers in the church.

For the ones who don't have a T-coil but have hearing problems we have 6 sets of receivers and headphones that will directly pick up everything from the church speakers and amplify it through the headset. Fr. Paul will have those units in the vesting sacristy. There is a sign at the Hospitality Cart indicating we have that capability and most people with hearing difficulty and/or hearing aids will probably recognize the sign. For more information or any questions, contact Fr. Paul.

HEALING MASS
 When: Monday, May 7, 2018, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 Location: Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, Niceville
 Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church is holding its quarterly healing Mass. Those attending will be prayed over individually and anointed within the celebration of the Mass. For more information, contact Dcn. McBride at gmcbride@holynamechurch.org or Monica Peppler at mpeppler@holynamechurch.org.



Weekend of May 12/13
5:00 p.m.
 Altar Servers: Kevin Van Dorn
 Extraordinary Ministers: Al Perreault, Louise Perreault, Joanna Farnum, Alice Thompson, Teresa McClure
 Lectors: Ruth Sykes, Jan Comstock
 Ushers: Bob Flanagan, Joni Flanagan, Cora Podrang
 Greeter: _____
 Sacristan: Doug Hoover
 Elijah Cup: Doug Hoover
8:00 a.m.
 Altar Servers: Evan Moore, Audrey Moore
 Extraordinary Ministers: James Johansen, Jean Jordan, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen, Victoria Ballard
 Lectors: Kathy Moore, Michael Moore
 Ushers: Frank Schorzman, Gary Jordan, Cathy McKnight
 Greeter: Karlene Gentile
 Sacristan: Maria Bridges
 Elijah Cup: Maria Bridges
 Coffee & Donuts Stacie Schorzman
10:30 a.m.
 Altar Servers: Gannon Casey, Kadi Casey, Killian Casey
 Extraordinary Ministers: Therese Sweeney, Pam Wall, Stacy Fralic, Pat Casey, Barbara Russo
 Lectors: Terri Turnbull, Susie Rushlau
 Ushers: Cord Grogan, Stewart Grogan, Jim Wise
 Greeter: Karen Clayton
 Sacristan: Mike Brennan
 Elijah Cup: Stacy Fralic
 Coffee & Donuts: John and Frances Bergschneider



The First Reading from Acts begins with Cornelius falling at Peter's feet. Peter lifts him up and says, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."
 Cornelius was likely the inspiration for that statement. St. Cornelius is a significant person in the Acts of the Apostles. A documented centurion in the Cohors Italia, he is considered by most Bible researchers as being one of the first Gentiles converted to Christianity. The message, however, applies to all of us, as most of us are indeed Gentiles. It is made clear that Cornelius was a holy and generous man. However, he did not receive the Holy Spirit until he had heard the Gospel from Peter and responded to it. That is what each of us is called to do as well. If we allow the Lord to be an important part of our lives, God will do everything for those who are willing to receive Him.
This reading then reports, "While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word." St. Peter is later criticized for entering the house of a Gentile, eating, and then baptizing Cornelius, but in Acts 11 Peter responds, "If then God gave them the same gift he gave to us when we came to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to be able to hinder God?" God is there for all of us, but we must receive Him and open our lives to Him.

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*, Steve Lange, Carlos López, Brian Williams
 Tuesday Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte, Mike Kutcher, John Osborn*
 Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Bette Dellner*, Aurora Beard, Christian Irwin*
 Thursday Pam Bauchwitz*, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Connie Batten
 Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Rick Zern*, Carleen Parker, Chuck Gober*
 Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Harper Spear, Diane Parker
 Sunday Ann Hart, Samara Gillespie, Jennifer Draper, Donnie Simmons*
 *Indicates our parishioners.
Please contact the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.



May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16
Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

God's Generous Love

Our painting by Aldo Carpi (1886-1973) shows the Virgin Mary bringing the Baby Jesus to visit the poor. She doesn't make distinctions. Mary understood that Jesus didn't come just for the rich and powerful but for everyone.

Peter learns this lesson when speaking to Cornelius and his household. Until this time, the apostles were preaching to the Jewish people, but when Peter speaks to these Romans, the Holy Spirit comes upon them just as he had upon the Jews. They repent and believe. This for Peter was essential, because it showed that Jesus wanted to send his Spirit and teachings to everyone, not just the chosen race. God doesn't show favoritism.

The same goes for us. It's natural to want to love our

own: our family and those sharing our social status, political party, club, school, or parish. But our love has to spread to all peoples, especially those in the most moral, material, and spiritual need. God is love, and those who love show they come from God.

For Reflection

How often do I help or love someone who disagrees with me, or doesn't believe what I believe?

Another element of love is that it is free, wanting nothing in return. Recently, while sitting at an outdoor café, a woman walked up and gave me a small wrapped gift. "I like to give gifts to complete strangers, just to make their day," she said. What a beautiful gesture.

We should also note that Cornelius accepted God's love, was baptized, and began following the Way. He and his family didn't take that free love of God for granted. They responded to it in joyful obedience. God's generous love asks for an equally generous response. —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Madonna of the Poor*, 1968
Artist: Aldo Carpi
Location: Vatican Museums

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

1 John 4:7

Calendar

Monday

May 7
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:11-15
Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday

May 8
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22-54
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

May 9
Easter Weekday
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

May 10
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:1-8
Jn 16:16-20

Friday

May 11
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:9-18
Jn 16:20-25

Saturday

May 12
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:25-28
Jn 16:25b-28

Sunday

May 13
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension of the Lord
SEVENTH SUNDAY

READINGS:
Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
1 Jn 4:11-16
Jn 17:11b-19

ASCENSION OF THE LORD
READINGS:
Acts 1:1-11

Eph 1:17-25 or Eph 4:1-15
or 4:1-7, 11-15
Mk 16:15-20

Dear Padre,

Is it acceptable for a Catholic health-care professional to be employed by a hospital that performs abortions, provided she has nothing to do with these procedures?

You raise an important issue about intentional involvement in wrongdoing, and my response extends to many other life situations. A person may work in a hospital that performs abortions, provided that he or she is not involved with the procedures. Because performing abortions is only one part of what the hospital does, a person may work there contributing



his or her expertise to other areas of health care. If the circumstances were different, and the place of employment was dedicated to terminating pregnancies through abortion, it would be wrong to work there.

My response is guided by the principle of cooperation. It asserts that we may never intentionally cooperate approvingly in the morally wrong action of another person. To

help another and approve of his immoral action is termed *formal cooperation*. Cooperating with another reluctantly, disapproving of what he is doing, is called *material cooperation*. A person may never cooperate formally in another's wrongdoing because, in doing so, he or she also knowingly performs an immoral action. Some material cooperation may be morally justified, but not if a person's cooperation is necessary for an immoral action to occur.

The Church advises Catholics to avoid any level of moral cooperation. While many don't have the luxury to consider employment elsewhere, other considerations include: Is the individual creating scandal by employment at this hospital? Has the individual made his or her moral understanding known to this hospital?

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A Word From Pope Francis

Therefore, this Word of God calls us to love one another, even if we do not always understand each other, and do not always get along...It is then that Christian love is seen. A love which manifests even if there are differences of opinion or character. Love is greater than these differences!

—Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2015



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