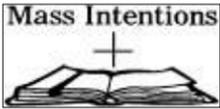


 <p>Recognizable Offering.....\$5,088.00 Loose Cash ..... \$503.00 Total Weekly Offering.....\$5,591.00 Mass Attendance Apr 18/19 337</p>  <p>Apr 27 - May 3 Monday .....Willis Henderson(+) Tuesday .....Jeff Harp(liv) Wednesday.....Natalia V. Armijo(+) Thursday .....Eloi Owen Demoruelle(+) Friday .....Trey Corbitt Saturday .....Stephen Fowler(+)(5:00 p.m.) Sunday .....St Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.) .....Dan Garraway(+)(10:30 a.m.)</p>	<p>Weekly Calendar of Events</p> <p>4/26 K - 5 Faith Formation MS/HS Youth Meeting - 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>4/27 Rosary - After morning Mass</p> <p>4/28 Bunco - 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>4/29 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>4/30 Adoration 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. <b>Women's Study Group</b> - 9:30 a.m. VBS Volunteers Meeting - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>5/3 First Communion - 10:30 a.m. Mass Crowning of Our Lady statue - after 10:30 Mass</p>
 <p><b>Community Outreach</b> <b>THE ENVELOPE PLEASE ...</b>The spring mail-out for Shelter House will be underway on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> in the parish center from 8:30 a.m. until completed. We prepare envelopes and label over 3,600 pieces of mail, so many hands are needed. It's easy but tedious work. It usually takes all morning to complete and you are welcome to come and go as your schedule permits.</p>	<p>Pampering Baskets Project</p>  <p><b>In preparation for Mother's Day, we're collecting</b> some small pampering items to create baskets for the women at Shelter House and Family Life Ministries. Items for pedicures/manicures, cosmetics, perfumes, small sizes of body lotion, hair products, bath soaps and sponges, etc. may be dropped off at the office or at the Hospitality cart during the month of April.</p>
<p><i>Open House April 30<sup>th</sup></i></p> <p>St. Peter Parish has been partnering with Shelter House for many years providing volunteers, resources, holiday baskets and prayers for the victims of sexual and domestic violence. Over the past year, many parishioners have given of their time and talent in a huge project to renovate the Shelter and the new office to fulfill part of the grant obligation for volunteer hours.</p> <p>Everyone is invited to the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Shelter House on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the new office located at 16 Ferry S.E. in FWB. Open house will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Drop by to see the facility and how all those volunteer hours have paid off.</p> 	 <p>Hope your child will join the fun this summer at <i>SonTreasure Island VBS</i> coming June 8-12! <b>The Catholic Christian life begins with God's love</b> for us and continues as His love flows through us to others. At VBS, the children will play island games, create colorful crafts, hear Bible stories and enjoy tropical snacks while <b>discovering the rich treasure of God's love through the truths</b> found in 1 Corinthians 13.</p> <p><i>Vacation Bible School</i> registration begins today. Forms will be available at the Hospitality Desk.</p> <p>VBS organizational meetings for adult volunteers who would like to be a part of the fun, continue. Join us on Thurs., April 30, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. to learn how you can help.</p> <p><b>Adult Faith Group to Study Vatican II</b></p> <p>How much do you know about the Second Vatican Council documents that led to reform and evangelism in the modern world?</p> <p>If you are interested in learning more about the vision and spirit of Vatican II, a five part series will be offered for adults beginning on Wednesday evening, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the high school youth room. This will be a video series with discussion. Please sign-up on the website, call the office, or sign-up at the Hospitality cart.</p>

+ April 26, 2015

# dear Padre

Is it OK to sit in the presence of the Eucharist?



**Monday April 27**  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 11:1-18  
Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday April 28**  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 11:19-26  
Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday April 29**  
*St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*  
Acts 12:24-13:5a  
Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday April 30**  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 13:13-25  
Jn 13:16-20

**Friday May 1**  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 13:26-33  
Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday May 2**  
*St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
Acts 13:44-52  
Jn 14:7-14

**Sunday May 3**  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 9:26-31  
1 Jn 3:18-24  
Jn 15:1-8

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**At this point in the Mass, according to the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)*, paragraph 43, the congregation should be kneeling. The faithful should kneel after the *Agnus Dei* unless the diocesan bishop has determined otherwise. During the period of sacred silence after Communion, the congregation may sit or kneel.**

Someone might sit because she can't kneel or stand. To allow for this possibility is an act of charity.

Uniformity in gestures and postures express and foster the proper intention and spiritual attitude of the congregation. However, exceptions do exist. Reasonable causes for not kneeling include ill health, lack of space, and a large number of people present.

But, outside of the reasonable exceptions, it's important that everyone use the same gestures and postures during Mass. Ask your pastor to clarify the instructions for the parish so you and your fellow parishioners can maintain uniformity in accordance with *GIRM* guidelines.

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter B 1**

**Acts 4:8-12**

**Speaking Up**

There are times you just have to speak up. Something wonderful has delighted you. Or something unjust has befallen you. You may not speak eloquently, but you have to tell people about it. You might send a letter to congress or to the editor of your paper. The word inside you has to get out. The higher it goes the better.

Peter and John healed a cripple, then preached a sermon about Jesus. Multitudes listened. The authorities grew nervous. So they arrested the apostles and locked them up overnight. Meanwhile, five thousand new believers were baptized.

The next day, the authorities asked Peter and John for an explanation. They gave a speech about the good deed done to a cripple, the power of the name of Jesus Christ, the guilt of those who crucified him, and the majesty of God who raised him from the dead.

Peter and John had experienced the wonder of **God's power and the injustice of their arrest. In the wake of these events, they preached a powerful sermon.**

**When God's power touches us, we have to speak up about it. This Easter God has raised you up to new life in Christ. What wonders have you seen? Who will hear you proclaim them?**

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter B 2**

**1 John 3:1-2**

**God in the Original**

You have seen pictures of the Grand Canyon. You may have talked with people who went there. But you cannot appreciate the Grand Canyon fully unless you see it with your own eyes.

**You may have heard a recording of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.** You may have talked with people who heard it once. But you cannot fully appreciate its power unless you hear an orchestra play it live.

You may have seen a reproduction of the Mona Lisa, a video about the Great Wall of China, or a **model of the Eiffel Tower. But it isn't the same as seeing the real thing.**

All reproductions and recordings have remarkable power, but only the original touches people to the depth of their heart.

We all have had an experience of God. And that experience is real. Especially in holy communion we experience the real presence of Jesus. Yet something more awaits us. Some day, when we are freed from the limitations of the human body, we will experience God fully—in the original. John writes, **"Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."**

We do not always experience God. When we do, it fills us with joy. Imagine our joy at the end of time, when we will always experience God.

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Weekend of May 2/3

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Erin Van Dorn, Kevin Van Dorn  
Extraordinary Ministers: \_\_\_\_\_, Carrie Gagnon, Shareen Ketchem, Patty Shawbitz, Alice Thompson  
Lectors: Ron Berthelette, Paul Gagnon II  
Ushers: Rachel Metruck, Cora Podrang, Mickey Shawbitz  
Greeter: Lynn Brenton  
Sacristan: Dan Brenton  
Elijah Cup: Stephen and Rebecca Oder

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Matthew Flores, Audrey Moore  
Extraordinary Ministers: Bruce Brandewie, Nancy Brandewie, James Johansen, Kathy Stockbridge  
Lectors: Mark Day, Susi Evers  
Ushers: Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, Jim Guris, Gary Jordan  
Greeter: Alma Battaglio  
Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge  
Elijah Cup: Cathy McKnight  
Coffee & Donuts: Carol and Don Dineen

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Karly Casey, Gannon Casey, Kadi Casey  
Extraordinary Ministers: Penny Sweeney, Pat Casey, Jean Schlitt, Elaine Tennyson  
Lectors: Mike Brennan, Petey Brennan  
Ushers: Donna Fetter, Ron Fetter, Ray Schlitt, Mike Sweeney  
Greeter: Karen Clayton  
Sacristan: Stan Griggs  
Elijah Cup: Ron and Donna Fetter  
Coffee & Donuts: Tom Blossman, \_\_\_\_\_

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\*, Phil Pendergrass, 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\*, Carlene Parker

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.



**In Loving Memory**  
and lasting peace for all who have died,  
especially **Mary Johansen.**

**2015 CRS Rice Bowl**

A total of \$1,373.96 was raised through "Rice Bowl" collections and proceeds from our Lenten Bake Sale.

On behalf of our poor brothers and sisters around the world who will benefit from your generosity, we would like to extend a heartfelt appreciation for your sacrifices and donations. They are the weapons continuously used in the fight against hunger.

**Thank You!**

**Second Collection**

There will be a second collection next weekend, May 2-3 **for our Diocesan Retired Priest's Fund, The Shepherd's Trust.** The proceeds from this collection will help provide a better standard of living for those priests who have dedicated their lives to serving the people of Northwest Florida. Please be generous and remember to support our retired priests with both your financial assistance as well as your prayers.



Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday of Easter (today) is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. Christ tells us in today's Gospel from John, "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me." The image of Christ as the shepherd is one of the oldest in the Church. Even in the Catacombs there is an ancient drawing of Christ carrying a sheep on his shoulders.

Sometimes it is difficult for us to view ourselves as sheep. There is something passive and reliant in that image which may bother our sense of independence. However, if we are honest with ourselves, we know that we need the Lord's help and guidance. An essential part of living a stewardship way of life is placing our lives in the hands of our Good Shepherd nonetheless.

Throughout this Easter Season we celebrate that one mystery — that Christ gave His life for us on the Cross. If we accept the fact that He is our Savior and that He is our Shepherd, we are better able to serve as shepherds to one another. Stewardship is a life of giving self, a life of self-giving. We must constantly work to live up to the Lord's expectations of us, but we also must always know that He is our shepherd, our Good Shepherd, and He is always there for us.

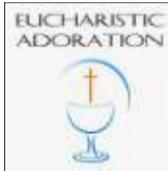
### Living Stewardship Now

Are you living by the rules, but have no peace of heart? Are you looking at others—especially within the church community—and seeing them as misguided, incorrect, or deficient? Are you standing in judgment of others for their sinfulness? What would Jesus like you to do about this?

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### Congratulations to :

Emma Budnyk, Killian Casey, Sierra Legendre, Colton Weathers, Adriana Zaleske and Robbie Zaleske. As you complete your initiation into The Church with the sacrament of Confirmation, and begin the next phase of your faith journey, know that your fellow parishioners are always here to support you and guide you with their prayers and knowledge.



*There is only one person who can return to God the love that He has given to me. That person is me.*

**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.



*M*y mother lived for a time on a ranch in Texas. The ranch had cattle and sheep. My mother told me that sheep are pretty dumb and need a lot of care. She had great respect for the ranch hands who patiently got them out to pasture and then rounded them up when it was time to come in. Left to their own devices, she said, sheep would be easy prey for coyotes, foxes, and bobcats that roam the hill country.

Sheep were important for many families living in first-century Palestine as well. They provided food, clothing, milk, and a source of income.

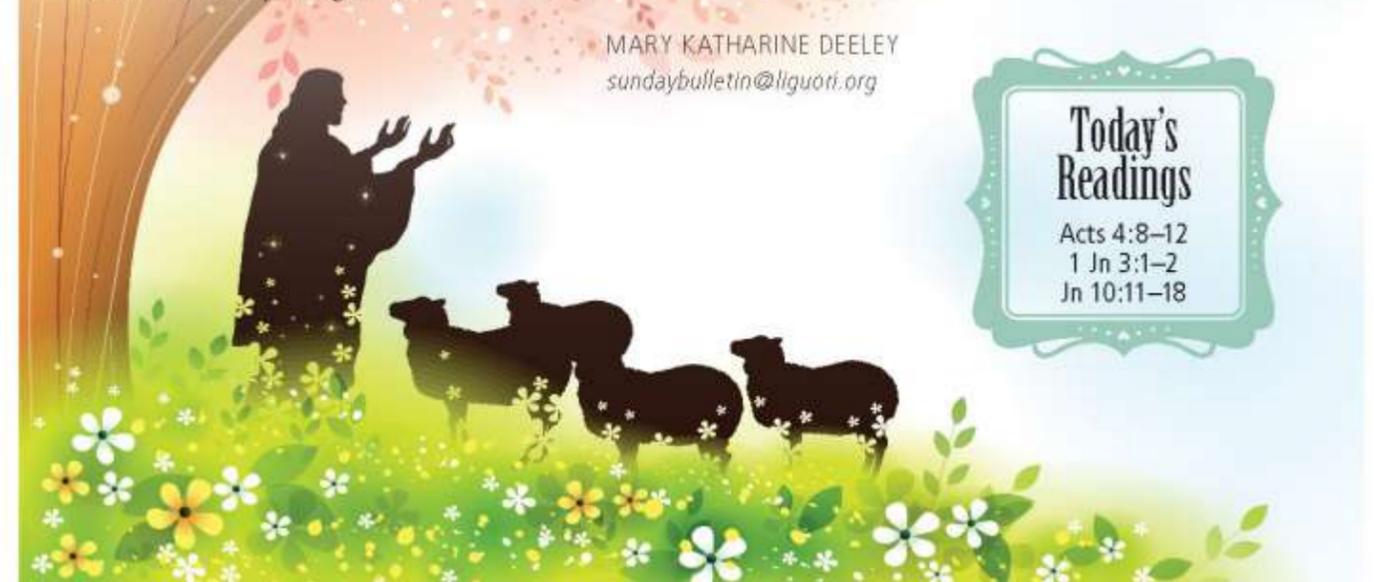
A good shepherd was worth his weight in gold, because he spent his days with the sheep, leading them to pasture, protecting them from harm, and finding them when they got lost.

Shepherds may not have had a high social status, but it would have been hard to live without them. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, does all these things for his flock, and then goes even further: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

The ranch hands my mother talked about would have grieved over a dead sheep but wouldn't have died trying to save it. They made sure the sheep were watered and fed, but they didn't make the sheep's lives more abundant.

But we have abundant life because Jesus laid down his life for us. He is our Good Shepherd. Can we ask anything more?

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**Today's Readings**  
Acts 4:8-12  
1 Jn 3:1-2  
Jn 10:11-18