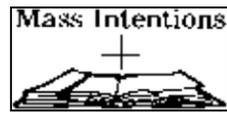




Recognizable Offering ..... \$7,280.86  
Loose Cash ..... \$668.00  
Total Weekly Offering ..... \$7,948.86  
Mass Attendance Jan 16/17 ..... 367



Jan 25– Jan 31  
Monday ..... Antonio Cavallucci(+)  
Tuesday ..... Penney Family  
Wednesday ..... Thibodeaux Family  
Thursday ..... Mary Valentine(+)  
Friday ..... Maureen O’Neill(+)  
Saturday ..... Mary Valentine(+)  
Sunday ..... Mary Valentine(+)(8:00 a.m.)  
..... St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 1/24 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.  
Pro Life Rosary - after 10:30 a.m. Mass  
M.S. & H.S. Youth Meetings - 6:00 p.m.  
SYMBOLON - 6:00 p.m.
- 1/25 Rosary - 8:30 a.m.  
SYMBOLON - 9:30 a.m.  
**Registration Due - Catholic Days at the Capitol**
- 1/26 Rosary - 8:30 a.m.
- 1/27 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.  
The Bible and The Virgin Mary - 6:30 p.m.
- 1/28 Adoration - 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Women’s Study Group** - 9:30 a.m.
- 1/31 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.  
SYMBOLON - 6:00 p.m.



**In Loving Memory**  
and lasting peace for all who have died, especially **Betty Keverer**, mother of Kass Bakke. Pray for the consolation of her family as they mourn the loss of their loved one.



**New Parish App Coming Soon!**

St. Peter Parish will launch our own App for iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. The App is very well designed and very intuitive. It will be a great resource for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, our bulletins and more. We hope for our new App to be a tool for fostering stronger parish life at St. Peter and better engaging the New Evangelization. Official launch is right around the corner!

**Retreat for Women:**

The Spirituality of Christian Women in the Writings of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) sponsored by the Women Study Groups is February 27-28, 2016 at the Visitation Monastery, Mobile, AL. Leader is Reverend Mitchell Guidry.

For more information and/or to register, you can pick up a brochure at the Hospitality Cart.



**Young Adults: Save the Date!**

Conference/Retreat Day **“His Mercy Reigns”** is Saturday, March 5, at St. Peter Parish in Mary Esther. This retreat day for young adults will include a talk by Father Kevin McQuone on the meaning of Mercy from Scripture and Church teaching, and two talks by FOCUS representatives; one on the practical application of mercy in daily life and the other on giving and receiving mercy. There will also be a Holy Hour with the Sacrament of Reconciliation and small group sharing. Child care will be available but children must be pre-registered. Cost is \$20. To register go to [www.ptdiocese.org](http://www.ptdiocese.org) – event registration.

January 24, 2016  
**Dear Padre**  
**Broadcasting our beliefs**

**Q** We’re supposed to spread the Good News every chance we get, but what about on bumper stickers, clothing, social media, and other places? I see religious street art and think it’s disgraceful, but my son says you have to get people’s attention any way you can. What do you think?

**Decorum and respect** have their lines and limits, but sometimes it’s hard to say exactly where they are. Years ago there was an outrage over a clothing manufacturer that stitched Jesus’ words on the seat of their line of blue jeans: “Come, follow me!”

We should enjoy our freedoms of speech and religious expression in morally and legally acceptable ways. I think the wearers of T-shirts and the drivers of cars with Christian words on them are sincere. In fact, it takes some nerve to publicly display “I love Jesus.” Surely many of the eyes that see this quietly say, “I do, too.” And what do we do: leave the field of messaging to people who corrupt our eyes with lies and indecency?

Just remember: Before shirts and stickers, it is God who converts people, very often through those who live and breathe the words—those who really, quietly, and clearly know and love Jesus. He has always relied on flesh-and-blood witnesses to lovingly share his name. This is what it really means to bear witness to Jesus Christ.

FR. JOHN M. HAMROGUE, CSSR  
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Join your children in adding regular prayer moments to your family’s days together. Gather over breakfast or on the way to school for a brief morning offering. Bless your meals and end your busy days with quiet bedtime prayers that recall the day and seek God’s protection through the night.  
–From *Family, the Church, and the Real World*, a Redemptorist Pastoral Publication

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**Monday**  
JANUARY 25  
Conversion of  
St. Paul the Apostle  
Acts 22:3–16 or 9:1–22  
Mk 16:15–18

**Tuesday**  
JANUARY 26  
Sts. Timothy  
and Titus,  
Bishops  
2 Tm 1:1–8  
or Ti 1:1–5  
Mk 3:31–35

**Wednesday**  
JANUARY 27  
Weekday  
2 Sm 7:4–17  
Mk 4:1–20

**Thursday**  
JANUARY 28  
St. Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest and Doctor  
of the Church  
2 Sm 7:18–19, 24–29  
Mk 4:21–25

**Friday**  
JANUARY 29  
Weekday  
2 Sm 11:1–4a,  
5–10a, 13–17  
Mk 4:26–34

**Saturday**  
JANUARY 30  
Weekday  
2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17  
Mk 4:35–41

**Sunday**  
JANUARY 31  
Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Jer 1:4–5, 17–19  
1 Cor 12:31–13:13  
or 13:4–13  
Lk 4:21–30

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time C 1  
*Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10*

## Family History

Whenever you open up an old family photo album, you may be struck with the power of ancestry. You realize you come from a people who shared with you their beliefs, their possessions, and their past.

When you look at old photos, you may want to learn more. **“Who were these people? Where did they live? How did they live? What part of me have I inherited from them?”** If you can converse with older members of your family, you can ask these questions directly. But for others, only the photos exist to tell the tales.

In the Old Testament, Ezra the priest came before the assembly of people and brought out for them an old book that had been lost. It was too early in history, of course, for a photo album. But he now possessed a record of the holy words revealed by God to their ancestors. Now that the book had been discovered, its contents were proclaimed to the people.

They listened attentively. These were the words that shaped the lives of their ancestors. As they heard them, they learned what was important to the people who gave them life.

The Bible has been revered by many of our ancestors. It contains a record of the stories they told and the values they held. When you take that old book off the shelf at your home, the word of God, you can meet the people who gave you life.

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time C 2  
*1 Corinthians 12:12-30*

## Body Block

It is hard for some people to get along. We think the worst of strangers in our way. We get tired of people we work with every day. Kids in the family fight with one another. It is hard to get along.

There are many reasons to work at it, though. Fighting creates tensions we do not need. It puts us on edge and violates the interior harmony we seek. Work gets done more smoothly, learning happens more peacefully, love is shared more fully, when people get along.

Paul tells the Corinthians that they should think of themselves as one body, not as different people. Earlier on in this letter, he already complained about the divisions in their church. The one community was splintering as people took sides under different natural leaders. They intuited that they were one community, but they lived as though they were many who were not getting along.

**Paul urged them to think of themselves as one. “The body is not a single part, but many.” The foot and the hand get along. So do the ear and the eye. They do not compete with each other. They do not claim to be the only part in the entire body. “If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.”**

It is easier to get along when we start from this premise: We are already one.

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## Liturgical Roles\*

Weekend of Jan 30/31

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Aidan Murray

Extraordinary Ministers: Al Perreault, Louise Perreault, Alice Thompson, Shareen Ketchem, Doug Hoover

Lectors: \_\_\_\_\_, Mary Pinsoneault

Ushers: Cora Podrang, Mickey Shawbitz, Rachel Metruck

Greeter: Pat Gossage

Sacristan: Stan Griggs

Elijah Cup: Doug Hoover

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Audrey Moore

Extraordinary Ministers: Patsy Soto, Eden Carter, Gene Valentine, Kathy Stockbridge, Maria Bridges

Lectors: Joshua Soto, Susi Evers

Ushers: Arnold Soto, Gary Jordan, Bob Flanagan, Joni Flanagan

Greeter: Alma Battaglio

Sacristan: Joe Davison

Elijah Cup: Aurora Zierden

Coffee & Donuts: Steve Berthelette

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Karly Casey, Micayla Colwell, Killian Casey

Extraordinary Ministers: Becky Bittakis, Petey Brennan, Katherine Colwell, Pat Casey, Jean Schlitt

Lectors: Therese Sweeney, Patrick Sweeney

Ushers: Ray Schlitt, Mike Sweeney, Brian Prescott, Jim Wise

Greeter: Ron Fetter

Sacristan: Mike Brennan

Elijah Cup: Pat & Maryetta Casey

Coffee & Donuts: Barry & Alicia Graham

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, please contact Susi Evers at 664-9165 or email her at [saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:saintpeterparishprayerchain@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\*, Charles Cummings\*, Steve Lange, Mike and Jeanne Trueting, Julie Bourge

Tuesday Lynn Graham\*, Thomas Holdsworth, Pam Stockbridge, Ashley Marie Code, Mary Eichler

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard\*, James Smith\*, Steve Powell\*, Ken and Bette Dellner\*, Caroline Frederick, Pam Holt, Barbara Kirschten\*, Wilda Mayhew\*

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz\*, Robert Welniak, Frank Crowder\*, Theresa Stegall, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden

Friday Lloyd Biehl\*, Doug Babiak\*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Vera Thornburg\*

Saturday Peter Adam\*, Mary Anyel\*, Joel & Leo Grieves\*, Dan Brenton\*, Harriett Warren

Sunday 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.

**Jubilarian Mass Invitation** An anniversary Jubilee celebration will be held in Pensacola on Sunday February 7th at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and in Tallahassee on Sunday February 14th at 11:45 a.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More.

Couples who are celebrating marriage of exactly 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 years or any year over 50 in 2016 are invited to register to attend.

**Registration is available through the diocesan website, under “Event Registration”.** Please note that the anniversary occurs anytime in 2016.

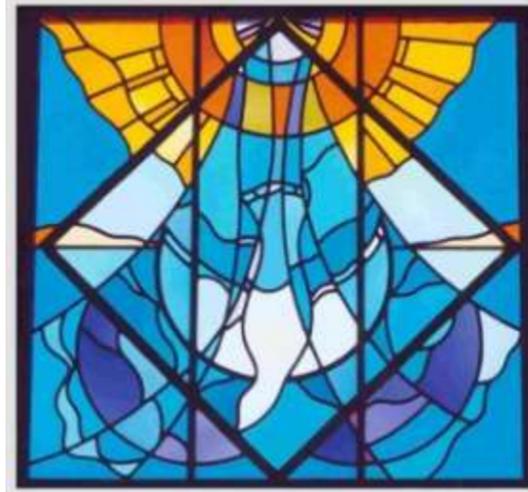
Bishop Parkes will be the principal celebrant at these liturgies.

When most of us think of Baptism, we think about immersion in Holy Water. However, for St. Paul, the water is secondary to something else — namely the Holy Spirit.

Specifically, Paul says, “For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.” It is this Spirit which makes us one, a unified body in Christ.

That is what makes us one, regardless of who we are. Paul uses the illustration of a human body to prompt us as to what it means to be part of a Catholic community of faith. We may not look the same, and we may not even function the same, but that is the key to our lives of stewardship. We are truly one, united through Baptism and united in Jesus Christ.

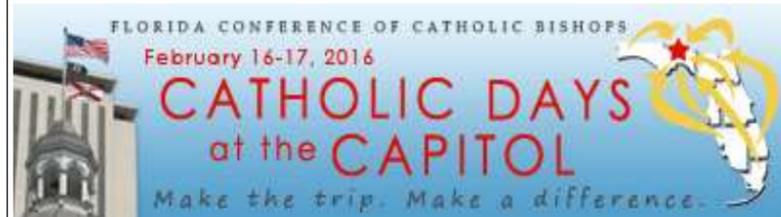
Pope Francis shares a story of a time he baptized the seven children of single mother. After the baptisms, she said to the Pope (to be) “Father, you make me feel so important,” to which the Pope replied, “Where do I come in? It is Jesus who makes you feel important.” We are one, and each of us is important, united through the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



### Living God's Word

When Ezra read from the book of the law of God, explaining it so the people could understand, they wept, but he said to them: “Today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!” (Nehemiah 8:10). Ask God to let the divine word bring joy to your heart.

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Catholic Days at the Capitol provides the opportunity to put your faith into action and effect positive change in Florida's laws. You can strengthen the presence of Catholic values in the public square by joining with Floridians from across the state to advocate for laws that protect and defend human life and dignity. Your participation in this event helps

to give a voice to some of the most vulnerable and marginalized populations in our state and assists in promoting the common good for all of Florida's residents.

Catholic Days activities include:

- A legislative briefing on policy issues affecting human life and dignity
- Pre-scheduled meetings with lawmakers
- A luncheon for Catholic Days participants, Florida's bishops and legislators
- Group photos of each diocesan delegation
- Tours of the current and historic capitol buildings

41st Annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit

Scheduled for 6:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More, the Red Mass will be celebrated by the bishops of Florida on the evening of February 17 to pray for those working in the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government. Msgr. David L. Toups, S.T.D., Rector/President, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach will serve as this year's homilist.

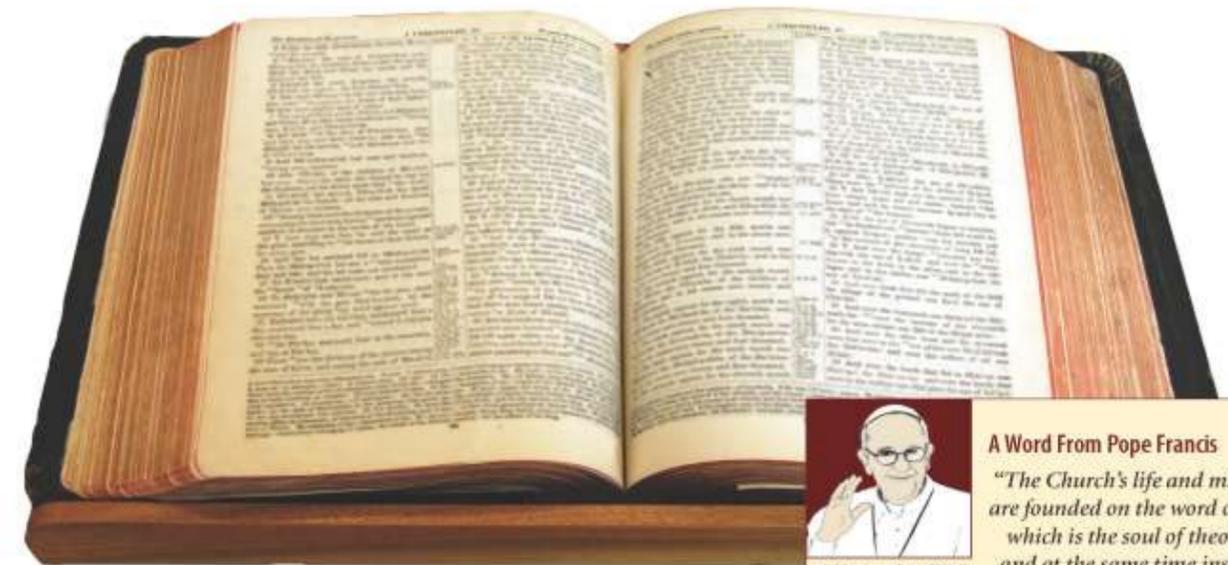
Pre-registration is required. Registrations are due to the diocese by January 25, 2016. Forms are available at the hospitality cart, or online at [www.flaccb.org/cdac](http://www.flaccb.org/cdac).



In the days of the exile in Babylon, the Jews were unable to practice their religion, to gather as a community, or to hear the words of the Torah, which had so guided them in their lives as a people of God. I have always been taken by the description of this reading of the Law in Nehemiah, which occurs shortly after their return from exile. As Ezra reads, the people weep, rejoicing because they were hearing God's words to them as though for the first time and were overjoyed because God had brought them back home. I can't say I have ever wept at the beauty and power of Scripture when it is read at Mass, nor have I seen others do so. When we have not been deprived of a treasure we sometimes take it for granted and fail to appreciate the gift that it is.

In the Gospel, Jesus reads the words of Isaiah and declares to those in the synagogue that the words have been fulfilled. The people's reaction, which we hear as Luke 4 continues (next week), simply is not the same. Throughout our own lives, we have reacted to the comfort and challenge of the Gospel in different ways at different times. Sometimes we may be touched by what we hear, but I wonder if we often do not allow God's word to affect us as much as it could. Maybe today we can really open ourselves to what the Lord has to say in the sacred stories. Maybe today we can recognize the true value of God's revelation, care, and call to us in the Bible.

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#### A Word From Pope Francis

“The Church's life and mission are founded on the word of God which is the soul of theology and at the same time inspires the whole of Christian life.”

Address to Pontifical  
Biblical Commission,  
April 12, 2013



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