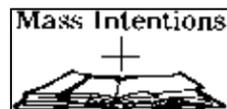


Recognizable Offering..... \$7,532.00  
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 Total Weekly Offering..... \$7,966.00  
 Mass Attendance Jan 30/31 361



Feb 8 - Feb14  
 Monday .....Trey McDougle Family (liv)  
 Tuesday .....Jeff and Gayle Harp(liv)  
 Wednesday.....The Boyd Family(liv)  
 Thursday .....Odilia Ibañez(+)  
 Friday .....Amanda Walsworth(+)  
 Saturday .....Stephen Fowler(+)  
 Sunday.....Mary Valentine(+)(8:00 a.m.)  
 .....St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)

THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR  
 For the month of January 2016  
 Sharing and Caring: \$200.00  
 Alms Dispensed: \$450.00

 **In Loving Memory**  
 and lasting peace for all who have died,  
 especially **Robert (Mike) Morrison**.  
 Pray for the consolation of his family  
 as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

The Lay Formation Institute, which was one of the goals that Bishop Parkes introduced in January 2015, will commence in August 2016. In order to prepare for this new initiative, the Advisory Board will be holding information nights around the diocese during the month of February. The primary purpose of the Institute is to form leaders for our parishes but the Institute is open to anyone who wishes to deepen their knowledge of the faith and their role as disciples. Last meeting in the **Okaloosa/Walton Counties** area will be: February 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, St. Rita, Santa Rosa Beach.

**HUNGERING FOR THE JOURNEY**  
 Join our parish community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing **Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl**. Pick up your family's rice bowl from the Hospitality cart and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! Remember, what you give up for Lent changes lives.

Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to participate in the Black and Indian Mission Collection. The generosity of the good People of God provides helpful grants to dioceses across the country to operate schools, parishes, and other missionary services that build the Body of Christ in Native American, Alaska Native, and Black Catholic communities. Please drop your contribution in the offertory basket. If you do not receive envelopes and would like to contribute, please use a pew envelope, adding your name and checking the appropriate designation, or make a contribution online. Thank you for your support!

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 2/7 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.  
SYMBOLON - 6:00 p.m.
- 2/8 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass  
SYMBOLON - 9:30 a.m.
- 2/9 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 2/10 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.  
Ash Wednesday Masses - 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
The Bible and The Virgin Mary - 6:30 p.m.
- 2/11 Adoration - 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Women's Study Group** - 9:30 a.m.
- 2/14 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.  
SYMBOLON - 6:00 p.m.  
HS/MS Meetings - 6:00 p.m.

**Parish App Feature-of-the-Week**



- Helpful parish updates
- Easily reply to requests
- Connect with our parish throughout the week

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February 7, 2016

# dear Padre

**Monday**  
FEBRUARY 8  
*Weekday*  
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13  
Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday**  
FEBRUARY 9  
*Weekday*  
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30  
Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday**  
FEBRUARY 10  
*Ash Wednesday*  
Jl 2:12-18  
2 Cor 5:20-6:2  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday**  
FEBRUARY 11  
*Thursday After Ash Wednesday*  
Dt 30:15-20  
Lk 9:22-25

**Friday**  
FEBRUARY 12  
*Friday After Ash Wednesday*  
Is 58:1-9a  
Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday**  
FEBRUARY 13  
*Saturday After Ash Wednesday*  
Is 58:9b-14  
Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday**  
FEBRUARY 14  
*First Sunday of Lent*  
Dt 26:4-10  
Rom 10:8-13  
Lk 4:1-13

## What is Church teaching on fasting and abstaining?

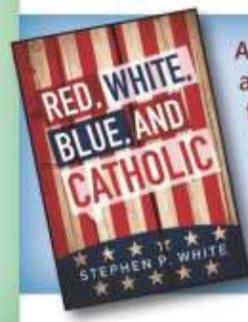
 With Lent so early [Ash Wednesday is on February 10], I want to be prepared. Could you clarify the Church's teaching on fasting and abstinence?

**Lent, the most prominent period** of penitential practice, is not the only time when penance and/or self-denial are encouraged. For example, every Friday is a day to perform a penance, sacrifice, or mortification in memory of Christ's death. The *Code of Canon Law* (1249-53) cites the meaning of fasting and abstinence. It explains that penance is a human response to divine law. Christians have a responsibility to practice penance. And observing "the days of fasting and abstinence" is a Church precept (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2043).

Abstinence from meat is required on all Fridays of Lent for those who have completed their fourteenth birthday. **Abstinence and fasting are required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** Fasting is binding on adults from age eighteen until fifty-nine. The exact meaning of fasting is not explained by the code, and this has led to varying degrees of emphasis and attention to detail as well as some unusual and extreme practices. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states: "When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal."

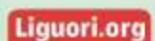
I praise you for approaching these traditions as a means of growth and improvement rather than a burden.

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 **At the heart of good citizenship is love. Love for the people to which we are bound by birth and by choice. This is not a blind love, which ignores failings, but a love that wills and strives for the best for ourselves and our country. In this light, it becomes easier to see why the best thing we can do as Americans is to become the best and most faithful Catholics.**

-From *Red, White, Blue, and Catholic* by Stephen P. White

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time C 1  
Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

## Childlike Enthusiasm

Stand in front of a group of kids and say these words:  
**“I need a volunteer.” Every hand will go up.**

Stand in front of adults and the results will be different. We are shy to reply. We need a personal invitation. We need to know it will not waste our time. We need to know someone respects our gifts as well as our responsibilities. Maybe, just maybe, then we will volunteer.

We are usually glad when we do.

In the year King Uzziah died, Isaiah received a call from God. He saw a vision of Seraphim calling out to **one another of God’s holiness in a dwelling filled with smoke.** Isaiah thought himself unworthy to be there until one of the angels touched his mouth with a burning ember. Cleansed from sin, Isaiah responded like a **young child ready to volunteer. “Here I am! Send me!”**

Sometimes we do not volunteer because we feel unworthy. We are painfully aware of our sin. But once we **have the vision, once we perceive God’s presence, once we experience God’s mercy, we do respond to God’s call.** We have to.

In the end, there is no volunteering among Christians. There is only ministry, the natural response to the life of grace.

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time C 2  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

## The Gospel in a Nutshell

Each Sunday we recite the Creed. This statement contains our most profound beliefs. If someone asks what we believe, we might otherwise stammer and sputter. But we can always say what we have received, the Creed.

Other examples of early creeds can be found in the **New Testament. One is in Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians.** He says it is a statement he received from **someone else, so it was already part of the Church’s tradition** in the first generation after Jesus. He writes, **“that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas [Peter], then to the Twelve.”**

So here it is: Jesus died and was buried, but he rose again and appeared to his closest followers. It all happened in fulfillment of prophecy, showing the plan of **God’s mercy reaching across the bands of time. That is the gospel in a nutshell.**

Paul adds to it that Jesus made several other appearances, including one to a group of five hundred, and **another to Paul himself. This is why Paul’s faith was so strong.** He personally experienced the risen Christ, and he believed in the significance of his dying and rising.

As do we. We proclaim it each week at church, and we live it each day at home, at work, and at play.

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## Liturgical Roles

Weekend of Feb 13/14

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Paul Gagnon III

Extraordinary Ministers: Carrie Gagnon, Patty Shawbitz, Alice Thompson, Shareen Ketchem, Anni Labatte

Lectors: Ruth Sykes, Paul Gagnon II

Ushers: Dan Brenton, Mickey Shawbitz, Rachel Metruck

Greeter: Shareen Ketchem

Sacristan: Doug Hoover

Elijah Cup: Peggy Pilgrim

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jared Dunn, Audrey Moore

Extraordinary Ministers: James Johansen, Gene Valentine, Nancy Brandewie, Nancy McCreary, Kathy Stockbridge

Lectors: Lynn Griggs, Patty Dominitz

Ushers: Tina Henderson, Eden Carter, Maria Bridges, Cathy McKnight

Greeter: Joni Flanagan

Sacristan: Stan Griggs

Elijah Cup: Pete and Sylvia Wagner

Coffee & Donuts: \_\_\_\_\_

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Alexandra Manion, Christopher Manion, Austin Wise

Extraordinary Ministers: Mike Brennan, Stacy Fralic, Nadine Kuhns, Penny Sweeney, Teresa McClure  
Lectors: Warren Cabral, Carolyn Alaniz

Ushers: Mike Sweeney, Jim Wise, Patrick Sweeney, Brian Prescott

Greeter: Karen Clayton

Sacristan: Petey Brennan

Elijah Cup: Michael and Lisa Manion

Coffee & Donuts: Tom Blossman, Kathy Colwell

## Best Lent Ever® -Rediscover Jesus

Best Lent Ever email program by Dynamic Catholic features content from **Matthew Kelly’s book, Rediscover Jesus.** We have a limited number of books that we would like to give to those who may not have access to email or just want to rediscover Jesus—the amazing **friend who helps us find answers to life’s tough questions.** Stop by the Hospitality cart if you would like a book.

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.



Lenten Fish Fry & Stations of the Cross February 12th

Join in fellowship at 6:00 p.m. for our first parish fish fry of the season. Fish, hush puppies, and drinks will be provided by the parish. Please bring a meatless side dish to share or a dessert. RSVP before Feb 9th through parish app, Flocknote, call the office, or at the Hospitality cart so we know how many are coming.

Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 p.m.



What we know and understand as Church more or less begins with today's Gospel reading from St. Luke. Jesus calls His first disciples — His first Apostles. Luke tells us of the miracle that occurred for St. Peter and the others in their fishing boat. At the Lord's command, they cast their nets after a time of catching nothing, and "they caught a great number of fish."

Note Peter's reaction, however. He falls to his knees and implores Jesus, "Depart from me Lord, for I am sinful man." St. Peter is astonished and amazed, and he is, quite frankly, afraid of what he has just experienced. We may sometimes react to the Lord's calling in a similar way. It is a bit overwhelming and frightening to come to the realization that we, too, are called, and that the Lord has expectations of us.

Yet, this is how what we know as the Church began. It commenced with Jesus calling simple fishermen according to our Gospel. These, of course, then developed into twelve, then hundreds, then thousands, and now millions upon millions of those called to be disciples. We are among that throng. When Luke speaks of "following," he is talking about discipleship. We are called to be stewards and disciples, but are we willing to "leave everything and follow Him?"



### Living God's Word

The twelve disciples would never have been found in a *Who's Who?* in Jerusalem or Nazareth or Galilee. They were fairly obscure and, at first glance, not very talented individuals. That didn't stop Jesus from calling them into ministry, for he believed there was a giant inside each of them waiting to be awakened.

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### 2016 High School Youth Conference

This past weekend, seven youth members of our parish participated in the Diocesan Youth Conference in Panama City Beach. The theme was *Alive* and The Diocesan Youth Council, which includes our own Patrick Sweeney, did a great job of helping us find ways to live as *The Church Fully Alive*.

Congratulations to Erin Van Dorn and Joshua Soto, who received St. Timothy Awards for their contributions to our parish.



In her later years, my mother lived on a lake in Wisconsin, not far from our home. There, our daughters learned to swim and fish. One day, when our younger daughter was about eight, we went to the end of the pier to fish quietly. She had learned to cast her rod after a fashion and was happily doing that when I looked out to where I expected to see the bobber on her line and realized it wasn't there. Just as I started to ask about it, she gave a little yell as her line suddenly took off and she grabbed her rod to hang on. She saw the foot-long bass jump out of the water a little distance away and her eyes widened. With some help, she got the fish to the pier, where my husband netted it. The amazement of a child who had never caught more than small fish was evident, and she proudly helped clean it for the evening meal.

I can only imagine what the apostles, who were seasoned fishermen, felt that day on the Sea of Galilee, the subject of today's Gospel. Likely it was amazement at this stranger who apparently knew more about fishing than they did, but there was also a glimpse of an abundance they didn't know was possible and a sense that Jesus meant life for them. Peter drops to his knees, suddenly aware of his doubts and sins. Jesus simply tells him not to be afraid, shows him what he can do with God's help, and waits for him to follow. Let's approach the life God calls us to with the same amazement and humility.

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**A Word From Pope Francis**  
"God lets himself be brought home. He awakens in us a desire to keep him and his life in our homes, in our hearts...Mission is born precisely from this divine allure, by this amazement born of encounter."  
—Meeting with the bishops of Brazil for World Youth Day, July 28, 2013