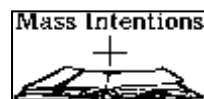




Recognizable Offering..... \$8,322.00
 Loose Cash \$611.00
 Total Weekly Offering..... \$ 8,933.00
 World Mission Sunday..... \$605.00
 Mass Attendance Oct 28/29 350



Nov 5 - 12
 MondaySpecial Intention
 Wednesday.....Michael Stuart Lane(+)
 ThursdayKen Dellner(+)
 FridaySamuel and Lavina Pate(+)
 SaturdayEileen Gaspard(liv)
 SundayKen Dellner(+)(8:00 a.m.)
**St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**

THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR
 For the month of October 2017
 Sharing and Caring: \$200.00
 Alms Dispensed: \$1,500.00

Evening Adult Faith Potluck
 On Wednesday, November 8, we'll have our monthly potluck dinner and discussion session moderated by Fr. Paul in the parish center from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. We will provide the main dish and you can bring a side dish or dessert to share as you grow in the knowledge of your faith with fellow parishioners.
 Sign up at the Hospitality cart or call the office no later than Monday so we can prepare accordingly.

GREAT BIG THANK YOU!... to our Middle and High School SPYRIT team and all the adults who helped make our Fall Celebration a great parish family event! Congratulations to Nanette Bell, winner of the chili contest, and Mike Brennan, winner of the dessert contest. Your culinary and baking expertise was enjoyed by many.



Weekly Calendar of Events

11/05 K-5 P.R.E.P - 9:15 a.m.
 Adult Faith Session - 9:15 a.m.
 Confirmation Meeting - 11:30 a.m.
 MS/HS Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
 11/06 Rosary after morning Mass
 11/08 Legion of Mary - 9:15 a.m.
 Adult Faith Potluck - 6:00 p.m.
 11/09 Rosary after morning Mass
 11/12 K-5 P.R.E.P - 9:15 a.m.
 Adult Faith Session - 9:15 a.m.
 Confirmation Meeting - 11:30 a.m.
 MS/HS Meetings - 6:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY HELP FOR OUR COMMUNITY

SHELTER HOUSE Thanksgiving Baskets - parishioners will be able to help us fill 30 holiday family dinners for Thanksgiving by purchasing items and returning them the weekend of November, 18/19. Shopping lists will be available after all Masses starting the weekend of November 4/5.

4th Annual Poinsettia Fundraiser for RONDA COON WOMEN'S HOME
 Orders will be taken after all Masses the first two weekends in November and will be available for pick up the first weekend in December after all Masses. Drivers to deliver the flowers will be needed on Friday, Dec 1st. Contact Joni, 830-2875 or joinflanagan@gmail.com, to help.

SANTA ROSA KIDS' HOUSE Festival of Trees and Gala - Saturday Nov. 18 at the Imogene Theater in Milton. The Free Holiday Vendor Market and Visit with Santa will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Silver Gala will be that evening at 7 p.m.
 For tickets, vendor application or more information, contact Liz Simmons at 543-9562 or lizsimmons2847@att.net



Weekend of Nov 11/12
5:00 p.m.
 Altar Servers: Aidan Murray
 Extraordinary Ministers: Al Perreault, Louise Perreault, Angela Zangerle, Patty Shawbitz
 Lectors: Ruth Sykes, Jan Comstock
 Ushers: Bob Flanagan, Mickey Shawbitz, Cora Podrang
 Greeter: Joni Flanagan
 Sacristan: Joe Davison
 Elijah Cup: Wanda and Bo Corbitt
8:00 a.m.
 Altar Servers: Katherine Ballard, Mary Ballard
 Extraordinary Ministers: Patsy Soto, Kathy Stockbridge, Victoria Ballard, James Johansen
 Lectors: Isabella Dominitz, Patty Dominitz
 Ushers: Arnold Soto, Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley
 Greeter: Cathy McKnight
 Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge
 Elijah Cup: Patty Dominitz
 Coffee and Donuts: Richard Kalie
10:30 a.m.
 Altar Servers: Alexandra Manion, Christopher Manion, Joseph Sweeney
 Extraordinary Ministers: Tom Lehmann, Therese Sweeney, Bill Roth, Melody Grogan, Kelly Lehmann
 Lectors: John Fay, Carolyn Alaniz
 Ushers: Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan, Brian Prescott
 Greeter: Judy Holzschuh
 Sacristan: Petey Brennan
 Elijah Cup: Stewart and Melody Grogan
 Coffee and Donuts: Lisa Manion, Tom Blossman

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Paul Johansen at 581-2556 or email him to 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, Clare Van Zelfden, Carlos López, Brian Williams

Tuesday Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte, Mike Kutcher, John Osborn*

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Bette Dellner*, Barbara Kirschten*, Aurora Beard

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Connie Batten

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Robert Welniak, Carleen Parker

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Rick Zern*, Harper Spear, Diane Parker

Sunday Ann Hart, Samara Gillespie, Jennifer Draper, Bob Seitz*, James Fee*

*Indicates our parishioners.

Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.

There is no question that Jesus had a way with words. The Word of the Lord is filled with what we are very familiar with in our society — **sound bites if you will, which convey so much meaning. The last verses of today's Gospel from St. Matthew contain one of those short statements which carry so much more meaning. Jesus says, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."**

In those two sentences are found the key to a stewardship way of life, which revolve around service and humility. There is no question that these are powerful words. They reveal to us all that we need to understand to be a true disciple of Christ. In his letter to the Philippians St. Paul wrote, "Though He was in the form of God, He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but EMPTIED HIMSELF, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, HE HUMBLING HIMSELF by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Phil. 2:5-8).

True humility will be ultimately exalted by God. Our society teaches us to strive to reach the top, but Jesus is reminding us that we need to regard others as more important than we are. We have two choices in life perhaps, to be self exalters, or to be God-exalted. Is there any doubt as to what we as Christians should pursue?



November 5, 2017

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10

1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13

Mt 23:1-12

A Priest's Lot

Today's readings are a stern call to conversion for priests who obviously have a special call to holiness. Like a parent cares for his or her children, a priest is entrusted with the spiritual children of God's family. His example, his words, and his way of carrying out his service all have profound effects on the holiness of the Church.

The last book of the Old Testament, Malachi, condemns the priestly class of the Jews because they had turned away from God's commands and led people astray with faulty instruction. This rule of thumb from the Old Testament is still valid today: so goes the priests, so goes the people!

Jesus himself had harsh words for priests and religious leaders as well. It is clear from the Gospel that one of the main reasons why Jesus was ill-received by so many of his contemporaries was because the priestly class opposed him. "He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him" (John 1:11).

Saint Paul gives us the example of what priests should be. They should so love their people that they become one with them in their suffering, joys, and victories. Rather than build up heavy burdens, they should make them lighter by lending a hand to lift them. They shouldn't dilute the gospel and its demands but, with brotherly love, show the beauty of the gospel by the joy and charity with which they live. Like a good parent, they should be the first to wake



Piece: *The Citizens of Rome Acknowledge St. Gregory the Great*, 1500s
Artist: Lorenzo Sabbatini
Location: Vatican Museums

up and the last to go to bed. Slow to judge, quick to forgive. —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

As a parent, am I a priest in my family? Do I lead my children in prayer, teach them the faith, and set a good example of faith and love of God? Do I pray for priests and offer them support and help?

With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us (1 Thessalonians 2:8).

Calendar

Monday

November 6
Weekday
Rom 11:29-56
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

November 7
Weekday
Rom 12:5-16b
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

November 8
Weekday
Rom 13:8-10
Lk 14:25-35
Thursday
November 9
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
Jn 2:15-22

Friday

November 10
St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Rom 15:14-21
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

November 11
St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
Rom 16:5-9, 16, 22-27
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

November 12
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 6:12-16
1 Thes 4:13-18
or 4:13-14
Mt 25:1-15

Dear Padre,

A priest recently said the Scriptures should set us free. I wish this could happen to me! I feel so trapped by life. My job, my kids, my aging parents, bills, health insurance. Everywhere I turn I'm cornered by responsibilities. How can Scripture help?

Many of us feel trapped by life. Life is complicated because often there is too much to do, too many obligations, too much going on. We feel burdened and many times even guilty that we're not doing more. There's never enough time. People are demanding and sometimes hurt our feelings. We can easily become victims of it all. Or we can become defensive, aggressive, or overly "people pleasing."

I invite you to pray the Scriptures daily. Open yourself to the Spirit's movement that's alive in the word and alive in you. Read a short passage. Think about it. Put yourself into the scene. Picture yourself listening to Jesus speak. Allow him to use your name. Let

yourself be comforted, loved, freed, healed, and challenged to change your hectic pace in life. Instead of trying to control all that happens, begin to surrender and trust in God. The word of God can lead us to freedom if only we open our hearts to the wisdom it contains. It will probably lead you to prayer, to ask for God's help. You may find your heart opening to receive the love of God you encounter in the word. Remember, Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it" (Luke 11:28).

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A Word From Pope Francis

Let us all remember this: one cannot proclaim the Gospel of Jesus without the tangible witness of one's life. Those who listen to us and observe us must be able to see in our actions what they hear from our lips, and so give glory to God! I am thinking now of some advice that Saint Francis of Assisi gave

his brothers: preach the Gospel and, if necessary, use words. Preaching with your life, with your witness.

—Homily, April 14, 2013



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