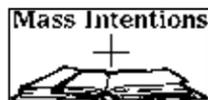




Recognizable Offering..... \$10,010.00  
Loose Cash..... \$643.50  
Total Weekly Offering..... \$10,653.50  
Mass Attendance Mar 16/17 323



**Mar 25 - 31**

Monday.....Corey Berthelette(+)  
Wednesday.....Geoffrey Gorman(+)  
Thursday.....Marcella McCoy(liv)  
Friday.....Bill Grigsby(+)  
Saturday.....Gary Pritchard(+)  
Sunday.....Steve Jordan(liv)(8:00 a.m.)  
.....St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)

**In Loving Memory** and lasting peace for all who have died, especially **Shirley Whittington**, mother of our parishioner David Whittington. Pray for the consolation of her family as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

**Third Week of Lent**  
Encounter The Dhathcroos



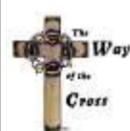
The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? How can you support refugees worldwide who are fleeing violence in their country? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

**5th Sunday Rosary** Council 8910 will lead the Rosary on **Sunday, March 31st**, immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service out by the Mary statue (weather permitting) or inside the church if the weather is not good.

**Save the Date!**  
**St. Peter Parish VBS**  
**June 10th -14th**  
**6:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Weekly Calendar of Events**

- 3/24 **Spring Break- No Faith Formation**
- 3/25 **Rosary after morning Mass**
- 3/27 **Legion of Mary - 9:00 a.m.**
- 3/28 **Rosary after morning Mass**
- 3/29 **Fish Fry - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.**
- 3/31 **K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.**  
**Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.**  
**5th Sunday Rosary - Following 10:30 a.m. Mass**  
**HS/MS Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**



**Stations of the Cross** are prayed every Friday at 7:00 p.m. during the Lenten season. Consider including them as part of your Lent prayer journey so you can experience the joy of Easter more fully.



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Santa Rosa Kids' House is an advocacy center located in Milton that serves young victims of physical and sexual abuse as well as neglect. Volunteers will be by the Hospitality Cart after all masses the weekend of March 30/31 to offer awareness information about the mission of their organization. Please consider taking a free pinwheel or blue bow for your mailbox. Place these items out during the month of April to show your concern and support of this cause. Please pray for these innocent young victims who are so vulnerable and taken advantage of by others in such a horrible way. A donation box will be available if you wish to contribute. Thank you for the generous response we received last year. For more information, contact Liz Simmons, 543-9562 or [lizsimmons2847@att.net](mailto:lizsimmons2847@att.net).



**VBS Decorating Parties!**

Are you creative, handy, or willing to fake it? Looking for a fun way to share your faith? Look no further! VBS Decorating Parties will be held Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. beginning on April 2, 2019.

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 an Intergalactic Dimension! Please call or email Susie Rushlau for more info. at 581-7263 or [dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org](mailto:dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org)

**Liturgical Roles\***

**Weekend of Mar 30/31**

**5:00 p.m.**  
**Altar Servers:** Cole Armstrong  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Joyce Klickovich, Michael Klickovich, Patty Shawbitz, Joanna Farnum, Shareen Ketchem  
**Lectors:** Dan Brenton, Angela Zangerle  
**Ushers:** Mickey Shawbitz, Bob Flanagan, Joni Flanagan  
**Greeter:** Lynn Brenton  
**Sacristan:** Jean Jordan  
**Elijah Cup:** Fred and Shareen Ketchem  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**Altar Servers:** Emily Moore, Evan Moore  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Nanette Bell, Maria Bridges, Teresa McClure, Nancy Brandewie, Nancy McCreary  
**Lectors:** Mark Day, Cindy Day  
**Ushers:** Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, James Johansen  
**Greeter:** Lynn Griggs  
**Sacristan:** Bobby Stockbridge  
**Elijah Cup:** Teresa McClure  
**Coffee & Donuts:** Tina Henderson  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**Altar Servers:** Austin Wise, Gannon Casey, Kadi Casey  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Becky Bittakis, Petey Brennan, Pat Casey, Pam Wall, Therese Sweeney  
**Lectors:** Susie Rushlau, Joseph Rushlau  
**Ushers:** Jim Wise, Ray Schlitt, Brian Prescott  
**Greeter:** Judy Holzschuh  
**Sacristan:** Mike Brennan  
**Elijah Cup:** Luann DuRall  
**Coffee & Donuts:** Karen Clayton, Lisa Manion

**Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain:** For prayer needs, contact Angela Zangerle at (808)295-2587 or email her at [stpeter.prayerchain@gmail.com](mailto: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\*, Lois Lange\*, Christian Irwin, Carol Dineen\*
- Tuesday** Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte, Mike Kutcher, John Osborn\*
- Wednesday** Gordon Pritchard\*, Bette Dellner\*, Aurora Beard, Kim Glenn, Carl & Darlene Winbauer
- Thursday** Pam Bauchwitz\*, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Connie Batten, Addison Brenci
- Friday** Lloyd Biehl\*, Doug Babiak\*, Rick Zern\*, Chuck Gober\*, Cheryl Darby
- Saturday** Peter Adam\*, Mary Anyel\*, Harper Spear, Cathy Clark\*, Jane Van Dorn
- Sunday** Samara Gillespie, Donnie Simmons\*, John Sedlacek\*, L.P. Henley

\*Indicates our parishioners.  
**Please contact the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.**

Today's Gospel passage reminds us that life is precious and the gift of time on this earth is just that — a gift. None of us knows how much time will be granted to us, so it is urgent that we use this gift intentionally to glorify God and serve our neighbor.

Jesus offers the parable of the fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying; it simply wasn't doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives as well?

The season of Lent is a time to reflect carefully on the way we spend our time. Do we give first priority to God, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 24, 2019  
Third Sunday of Lent (C)  
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15  
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12  
Lk 13:1-9

## Appreciating God's Patience

God is very patient, but his patience doesn't last forever.

In the Old Testament, after God spoke to Abraham and Lot's subsequent rebellion, some 500 years passed before God revealed himself again—this time to Moses. God takes the first step toward Abraham and, when his descendants turned away, he steps back. He reached out again to Moses and revealed his name so that Moses could enter into a personal relationship with him and explain his name to others. God wants to be known by his people and by you!

So here we learn that with this revelation of God comes a responsibility. He unveils his mysterious face but he also desires a loving response and for us to witness about him to others.

Saint Paul makes it clear that God eventually ran out of patience with the Chosen People in the desert. After freeing the Israelites from Egypt with signs and wonders, giving them his law, and feeding them in the desert, they complained against him.

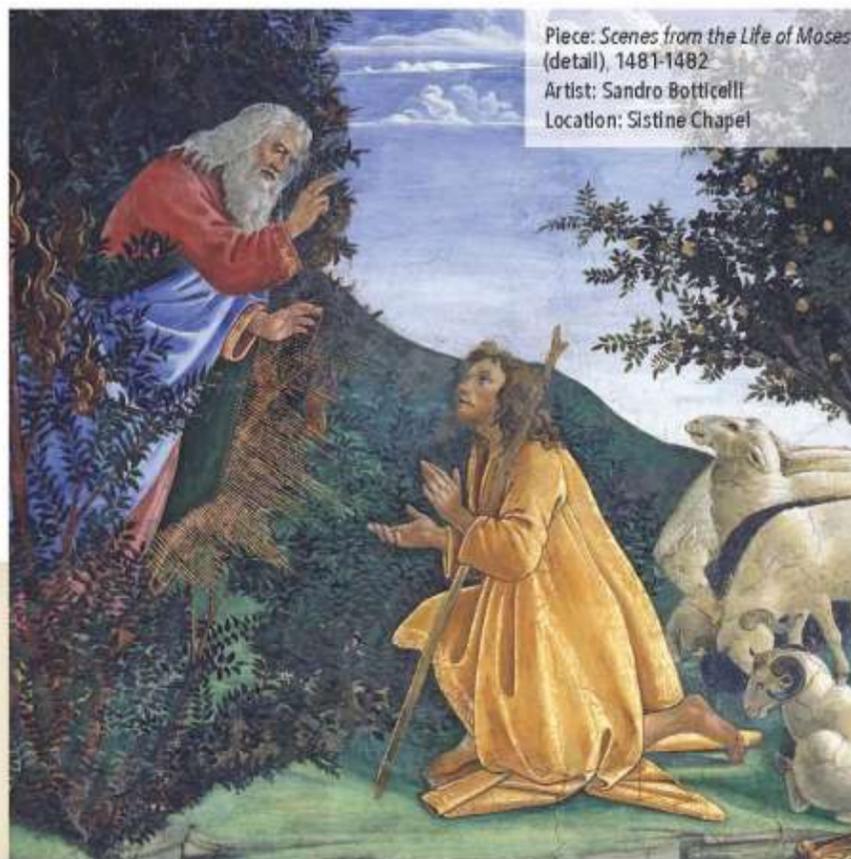
### For Reflection

Is there a particular way I "desire evil things," as St. Paul says in the second reading?  
God shows me patience and mercy yet again this year. How shall I respond?

Like the fig tree in the gospel, he gave them ample time and multiple encores of his love and mercy. Yet eventually, his love took the form of tough love—forty years of desert wanderings.

Lent is another expression of God's patience toward us. He is once again sowing the seeds of conversion, hoping for the fruits of our change of heart—fruits of love, forgiveness, repentance, and renewal.

He gives time for his cultivating efforts to take effect and for fruit to appear, but our life on earth is finite, so that time isn't unlimited. —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Scenes from the Life of Moses* (detail), 1481-1482  
Artist: Sandro Botticelli  
Location: Sistine Chapel

*"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future."*

Luke 13:8

## Calendar

**Monday**  
MARCH 25  
*Annunciation of the Lord*  
Is 7:10-14; 8:10  
Heb 10:4-10  
Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday**  
MARCH 26  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 3:25, 34-43  
Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday**  
MARCH 27  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dt 4:1, 5-9  
Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday**  
MARCH 28  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 7:23-28  
Lk 11:14-25

**Friday**  
MARCH 29  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Hos 14:2-10  
Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday**  
MARCH 30  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Hos 6:1-6  
Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday**  
MARCH 31  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
Jos 5:9a, 10-12  
2 Cor 5:17-21  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

## Dear Padre,

### Is the sprinkling rite at Mass necessary?

Occasionally on Sundays and Saturday evenings, especially in the Easter season and on feasts including Pentecost or the Baptism of the Lord, the blessing and sprinkling of water may take the place of the customary Penitential Act as a reminder of baptism. While the Penitential Act invites us to acknowledge our sins, the sprinkling rite not only reminds us of our failings but of our conversion through baptism.

Water is blessed before the sprinkling using these or similar words: "Grant, O Lord, in your mercy, that living waters may always spring up for our salvation, and so may we approach you with a pure heart and avoid all danger of body and soul" (*The Roman Missal*). If salt—a symbol of strength—is added to the water, it's first blessed in a prayer to God "who commanded the prophet Elisha to cast salt into water, that impure water might be purified" (*RM*).

Also, the Church empties holy water fonts on the days of the Triduum to prepare for the blessing of water at the Easter Vigil, but removing holy water fonts during the season of Lent isn't permitted. To do so "is contrary to a balanced understanding of the season of Lent, which though truly being a season of penance, is also a season rich in the symbolism of water and baptism, constantly evoked in liturgical texts" (Congregation for Divine Worship). After all, every Sunday, even during Lent, is a little Easter!

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
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### A Word from Pope Francis

Gathered before Jesus crucified, we hear his words ring out also for us: "I thirst" (John 19:28)...What does the Lord thirst for? Certainly for water, that element essential for life. But above all for love....He thirsts to give us the living waters of his love, but

also to receive our love.

—Visit to Assisi, September 20, 2016