



Recognizable Offering..... \$7,695.00  
Loose Cash..... \$529.25  
Total Weekly Offering..... \$8,224.25  
CRS 2019 Collection..... \$533.00  
Mass Attendance Mar 30/31 294



**Apr 8 - 14**

Monday.....Edmund Alicea(+)  
Wednesday.....Fr. Paul Canonici(liv)  
Thursday.....Rick Zern(liv)  
Friday.....Carol Fitzpatrick(+)  
Saturday.....Trey Corbitt(+)  
Sunday.....Robert Grant(+)(8:00 a.m.)  
.....St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.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.

**Fifth Week of Lent**

Encounter Ona  
We encounter Ona in Gaza, where despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.



**Easter Season Choir**

We are looking for singers to help out with Holy Week and the entire Easter Season through June 23rd, this year. The choir will be singing on Holy Thursday and Good Friday at 6:30 p.m., Easter Vigil at 7:45 p.m. and at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday and all subsequent Sundays of the Easter season. Rehearsals will be at the church from 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, April 7th, and will continue as needed. Please consider joining and helping us out during this Holy Season. Thanks, Ed

**Easter Sunday Egg Hunt**, April 21<sup>st</sup> after 10:30 Mass. We are asking for a dozen plastic eggs **filled with wrapped candy or small toy** to be donated per child participating in the hunt. If you would like to donate extra eggs so that we can accommodate children visiting our parish on Easter Sunday, that would be greatly appreciated. Eggs can be dropped off at the Hospitality Cart or the Parish Office. Please specify on the bag what age group the eggs are appropriate for (1-3, 4-6, 7 and up).



**Weekly Calendar of Events**

- 4/7 **Blood Drive & Pancake Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.**  
**K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.**  
**Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.**  
**No HS/MS Meeting**
- 4/8 **Rosary after morning Mass**
- 4/9 **VBS Decorating Party - 6:30 p.m.**
- 4/10 **Legion of Mary - 9:00 a.m.**
- 4/11 **Rosary after morning Mass**
- 4/12 **Fish Fry - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.**
- 4/14 **K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.**  
**Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.**  
**HS/MS Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**

**April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.**

Please pray for these innocent young victims who are so vulnerable and taken advantage of by others in such a horrible way.

**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 every Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 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)

Thank you for your generous support of the **Catholic Relief Services Collection** and for helping **Jesus in disguise**.

Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!

Parishioners who do not receive offertory envelopes and wish to contribute can use an envelope in the pew. If you are using electronic giving you can log on to your account and make a onetime gift or use an envelope in the pew, if you prefer. You can also visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on the "How to give" link on the left.



**Liturgical Roles\***

**Weekend of Apr 13/14**

**5:00 p.m.**  
**Altar Servers:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Dan Brenton, Joanna Farnum, Teresa McClure, Louise Perreault, Al Perreault  
**Lectors:** Lynn Griggs, Kelly Lehmann  
**Ushers:** James Johansen, Cora Podrang, \_\_\_\_\_  
**Greeter:** Lynn Brenton  
**Sacristan:** Dan Brenton  
**Elijah Cup:** Lynn and Stan Griggs  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**Altar Servers:** Reese Armstrong, Cole Armstrong  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Nanette Bell, Maria Bridges, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen, Jean Jordan  
**Lectors:** Tina Henderson, Paul Landry  
**Ushers:** Gary Jordan, Cathy McKnight, Frank Schorzman  
**Greeter:** Gloria Sanders  
**Sacristan:** Maria Bridges  
**Elijah Cup:** Tina Henderson  
**Coffee and Donuts:** Serena Armstrong  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**Altar Servers:** Savannah, Jack and Jay Risher  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Melody Grogan, Mike Brennan, Katherine Colwell, Barbara Russo, Therese Sweeney  
**Lectors:** Ana Livoti, Sean Risher  
**Ushers:** John Fails, Stewart and Cord Grogan  
**Greeter:** Ron Fetter  
**Sacristan:** Therese Sweeney  
**Elijah Cup:** Katherine Colwell  
**Coffee and Donuts:** Frances and John Bergschneider

**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

**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.

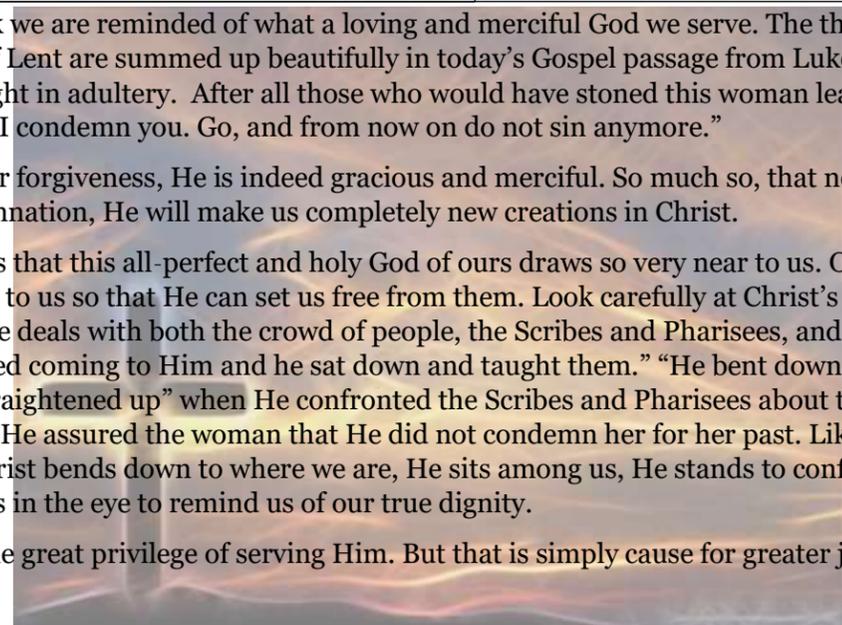
**Please contact the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.**

Once again this week we are reminded of what a loving and merciful God we serve. The theme of the readings for this fifth Sunday of Lent are summed up beautifully in today's Gospel passage from Luke which recounts the story of the woman caught in adultery. After all those who would have stoned this woman leave the scene, Christ says to her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

When we turn to God for forgiveness, He is indeed gracious and merciful. So much so, that not only will He forgive our sins without condemnation, He will make us completely new creations in Christ.

What is more amazing is that this all-perfect and holy God of ours draws so very near to us. Our sins do not drive Him from us, but rather to us so that He can set us free from them. Look carefully at Christ's actions and posture in the Gospel reading as He deals with both the crowd of people, the Scribes and Pharisees, and the adulterous woman. "All the people started coming to Him and he sat down and taught them." "He bent down and began to write with His finger." He "straightened up" when He confronted the Scribes and Pharisees about their own sins. And he "straightened up" when He assured the woman that He did not condemn her for her past. Like a skilled teacher, or loving "big brother," Christ bends down to where we are, He sits among us, He stands to confront us when needed and He stands to look us in the eye to remind us of our true dignity.

We're all unworthy of the great privilege of serving Him. But that is simply cause for greater joy in serving Him with all our hearts.



April 7, 2019  
Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)  
Is 43:16-21  
Phil 3:8-14  
Jn 8:1-11

## Jesus Comes to Our Defense

Today's drawing places the viewer outside the Gospel scene looking in. We're behind the darkened figures standing at a door. We see Jesus in full view, standing in the light blocking the accusers' way toward the woman. He's clearly coming to her defense as he listens, unmoved by their story.

Oftentimes we may feel that Jesus stands more as an accuser than a savior. He's there to point out what we should do in the future, didn't do in the past, or aren't doing in the present. This isn't the Jesus the Gospel presents. He stands to defend the sinner before her accusers. Even to those who so blatantly hurt him, Jesus said "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Sometimes it is hard to let go of an erring view of God. It can be comforting to have someone to blame or fear. Look at St. Paul: He was a zealous persecutor of Christians. Yet, having found Christ, he let go of his erroneous view of God and let Jesus come to his defense. He let go of the guilt of his sinful past and his desire to save himself through his own works. He considered it all trash to be discarded and forgotten as he held on to faith in Jesus.

We need to leave our evil deeds in his merciful heart and forget them there. The sacrament of reconciliation offers the best opportunity to do so. Let him stand at the door of your heart, defending you from those sinister accusers of your past who would haul you back into the darkness.  
—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Christ and the Sinner*, 1911  
Artist: Max Beckmann  
Location: Vatican Museums

### For Reflection

*Do negative thoughts about myself or my past limit my experience of God's love?  
When have I truly known the redemption of Christ?  
Remember that moment of mercy and take strength from it.*

*"Has no one condemned you?" ...Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, [and] from now on do not sin any more."*

*John 8:10-11*

### Calendar

**Monday**  
APRIL 8  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or  
Dn 13:41c-62  
Jn 8:12-20

**Tuesday**  
APRIL 9  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Nm 21:4-9  
Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday**  
APRIL 10  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95  
Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday**  
APRIL 11  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Gn 17:3-9  
Jn 8:51-59

**Friday**  
APRIL 12  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 20:10-13  
Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday**  
APRIL 13  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 37:21-28  
Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday**  
APRIL 14  
*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*  
Lk 19:28-40  
Is 50:4-7  
Phil 2:6-11  
Lk 22: 14-23:56  
or Lk 23:1-49

## Dear Padre, Incense in church irritates my eyes. Is it really needed?

Some churches, for example, limit incensation to only the sanctuary to minimize discomfort by those with allergies in the congregation. Although incense is optional at Mass (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 276), and therefore isn't "needed" per se, the question of its occasional use is more than a mere necessity issue.

The US Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy writes, "Since worship engages Christians fully, in every aspect of their being, they worship God with their bodies and feelings as well as their minds and spirits, with their hands and feet as well as their eyes and ears. The non-verbal elements of the Liturgy can express what cannot be articulated in words and, at times, can reinforce the spoken word" (*Introduction to the Order of the Mass*, 27).

Incense is a powerful, solemn expression of prayer, purification, and reverence that reinforces the spoken word in worship and praise. It "suggests both the otherness of the transcendent God and the cloud that symbolized God's glory and presence in the midst of the Israelites" (*Introduction to the*



*Order of Mass*, 58). The fragrance is intended to awaken our senses and the rising swirl of smoke represents our lifted hearts in prayer. "The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel" (Revelation 8:4).

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### A Word from Pope Francis

*Jesus...taught that the true battlefield, where violence and peace meet, is the human heart....When he stopped her accusers from stoning the woman caught in adultery, and when, on the night before he died, he told Peter to put away his sword, Jesus marked out the path of nonviolence.*

—World Day of Peace, January 1, 2017