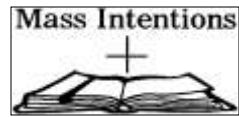




Recognizable Offering.....\$7,518.19  
Loose Cash .....\$691.15  
Total Weekly Offering.....\$8,209.34  
Mass Attendance Feb 7/8 381



Feb 16 - Feb 22  
Monday .....Rein & Cora Podrang(liv)  
Tuesday .....Communion Service  
Wednesday .....Joe Streacker(liv) (10:30 a.m.)  
.....Kenneth Sheets(liv)(7:00 p.m.)  
Thursday .....Phillip Dale Curtis(+)  
Friday .....Penny Zickard(liv)  
Saturday .....Isabele Seery(+)  
Sunday .....Mary Valentine(liv)(8:00 a.m.)  
.....St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)

The Lord hears the Cry of the Poor  
January 2015  
Sharing and Caring - \$260.00  
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CRS Rice Bowl.....Join our parish community and more than 13,000 Catholic communities across the U.S.A. in a life-changing Lenten journey with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl. CRS Rice Bowl is the faith-in-action Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official international development and humanitarian relief agency of the United States. Pick up your family's rice bowl at the doors of the church starting this weekend (Feb. 14-15). Remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives!



"In Imitation of Mary" a retreat for women presented by Fr. John Licari on March 7-8 at The Visitation Monastery in Mobile. Sponsored by the Women's Study Groups of the diocese. For more information, contact Nanette Bell, 850-664-0361.

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 2/15 NO Faith Formation  
EPIC - 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
NO M.S. & H.S. Youth Meetings
- 2/16 EPIC - 9:30 a.m.
- 2/17 EPIC - 9:30 a.m.  
Bunco - 9:30 a.m.
- 2/18 Ash Wednesday Masses - 10:30 a.m. & 7:00  
Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.  
EPIC - 6:30 p.m.
- 2/19 Adoration - 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Women's Study Group** - 9:30 a.m.
- 2/20 Fish Fry - 6:00 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- 2/22 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.  
EPIC - 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
M.S. & H.S. Youth Meetings - 6:00 p.m.



On February 18, Masses will be at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



You are invited to the First 2015 Fish Fry on Friday, February 22nd at 6 p.m. We ask that you bring a meatless dish to share and sign-up at the Hospitality cart, or on the parish website so we know how much fish to purchase. Stations of the Cross will follow the dinner at 7 p.m.



As we begin the season of Lent, you are encouraged to come spend time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration begins every Thursday following the 8 a.m. Mass with Benediction at 8 p.m. There is

a binder in the vestibule of the church with a sign-in sheet and a small table filled with wonderful books and resources for reflections while at Adoration. Bishop Sheen referred to his daily time spent before the Blessed Sacrament as his "hour of power" for spiritual renewal. Don't feel, however, that you can't spend shorter periods of time with Him. Even 10 or 15 minutes with Him can help make a trying day that much easier to bear.

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**Monday**  
FEBRUARY 16  
Weekday  
Gn 4:1-15, 25  
Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday**  
FEBRUARY 17  
Weekday  
Gn 6:5-8;  
7:1-5, 10  
Mk 8:14-21

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

**Thursday**  
FEBRUARY 19  
Thursday After  
Ash Wednesday  
Dt 30:15-20  
Lk 9:22-25

**Friday**  
FEBRUARY 20  
Friday After  
Ash Wednesday  
Is 58:1-9a  
Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday**  
FEBRUARY 21  
Saturday After  
Ash Wednesday  
Is 58:9b-14  
Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday**  
FEBRUARY 22  
First Sunday  
of Lent  
Gn 9:8-15  
1 Pt 3:18-22  
Mk 1:12-15

February 15, 2015


# dear Padre

## Why can't Catholics take Communion in Protestant churches?

**Q** Why can't I take Communion in a Protestant church? I agree with their belief that their Communion is merely a symbolic celebration. How does this go against Church teaching?


**A** According to canon law 844, "Catholic ministers administer the sacraments licitly to Catholic members of the Christian faithful alone, who likewise receive them licitly from Catholic ministers alone."


The canon goes on to outline the exceptions to this rule: when "the danger of death is present or if, in the judgment of the diocesan bishop or conference of bishops, some other grave necessity urges it," or for "members of Eastern Churches which do not have full communion with the Catholic Church if they seek such on their own accord and are properly disposed."



The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that eucharistic intercommunion with "ecclesial communities derived from the Reformation and separated from the Catholic church...is not possible" (1400).  
The Church encourages us to celebrate with our Protestant brothers and sisters; however, receiving Communion implies a unity that unfortunately does not exist. Therefore, as the *Catechism* says, we must pray for the return of "complete unity among all who believe in him" (1398).

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

**Making Misery Public**

Lepers lived in misery. At the time of Moses, people showing symptoms of leprosy had to present themselves to Aaron the priest. If he diagnosed that they had contracted the disease, the law had very specific expectations. They had to live apart from everyone else, wear tattered garments, keep their head exposed, and cry out, "Unclean!" wherever they went.

Having an illness is bad enough. But calling attention to it is worse. Most of us try to hide our conditions. We medicate ourselves before going to work. We apply makeup over blemishes. We conceal hair loss. We prefer to have people think we're "normal". We don't want them to stare. We don't want them to know.

Lepers could not do that. Their contagion threatened the life of the community. Defeated by illness, embarrassed by publicity, shamed by society, they lived in misery.

Still, they observed what the law required. They made their condition public. They did it in service to others, who needed to know.

We all have something wrong with us. We get very skilled at hiding it. But sometimes it helps people to know. It may help them know they are not alone. It can help them help us overcome the feelings of defeat.

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 2

1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

**Us against Them**

Sooner or later you find yourself choosing sides. Whether it's a controversy at school, in local politics, at church, or at work, some people will take one position and others will be opposed.

There are probably many churches within a short driving distance from where you live. But they each expect you to choose sides—to belong to one, not to many. It's not like a mall, where the more shops you visit the happier the merchants are.

Choosing sides seems inevitable, but our ultimate goal is one we share in common: salvation. All that we do for ourselves and for others should promote cooperation toward our common goal of oneness with Christ.

The apostle Paul faced this challenge in a unique way. The believing world was already divided between Jews and Gentiles. Now the disciples of Jesus were offering a third way. In the midst of these divisions, Paul kept a higher vision. He said, "I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved."

Too often people choose sides for their own benefit, rather than for the benefit of the many. It forces people to choose sides. It leads nowhere. Paul advises us not to think of ourselves alone: "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

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**Liturgical Roles\***

Weekend of Feb 21/22

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Matthew Flores, Declan Murray  
Extraordinary Ministers: Alice Thompson, Shareen Ketchem, Ken Olson, Al Perreault, Louise Perreault  
Lectors: Mary Pineseault, Eric Van Dorn  
Ushers: Joni Flanagan, Rachel Metruck, Mickey Shawbitz  
Greeter: Lynn Brenton  
Sacristan: Dan Brenton  
Elijah Cup: Peggy Pilgrim

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Audrey Moore, Joshua Soto  
Extraordinary Ministers: Eden Carter, Maria Bridges, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen  
Lectors: Susi Evers, Lynn Griggs  
Ushers: Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, James Johansen, Gary Jordan  
Greeter: Alma Battaglio  
Sacristan: Jean Jordan  
Elijah Cup: Pete & Sylvia Wagner  
Coffee & Donuts: Carol & Don Dineen

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Micayla Colwell, Teresa Englehardt, Abigail Zaleske  
Extraordinary Ministers: Ray Schlitt, Petey Brennan, Jean Schlitt, Penny Sweeney  
Lectors: Warren Cabral, John Fay  
Ushers: Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan, Mike Smith, Brian Smith  
Greeter: Karen Clayton  
Sacristan: Bill Roth  
Elijah Cup: Mike & Petey Brennan  
Coffee & Donuts: Bonnie & Bill Spangenberg

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, please contact Susi Evers at saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com or call her at 664-9165.

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\*, Gene Bauchwitz\*, Peter Cleary, Ashley Matyac, Rein Podrang, Fay Stockbridge, Pam Duncan

Tuesday Carl Shaw, Lynn Graham\*, Charlie Cospelisch, Martha Marshall, Anthony Michael Merriquer, Marie Haug\*, Faye Clark, Bobby Stockbridge\*

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard\*, James & Laura Smith\*, Steve Powell\*, Ken and Bette Dellner\*, Caroline Frederick, Mario Donato\*, Rene Morago-Barton, Pam Holt

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz\*, Robert Welniak, Frank Crowder\*, Phil Pendergrass, Jennifer Cruz, Harrison Bowie\*, Connie Jordan

Friday Lloyd Biehl\*, Doug Babiak\*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, John Paul Wilson, Betty Kever, Vera Thornburg\*

Saturday Peter Adams\*, Mary Anyel\*, Michael Hebert, Joel Grieves\*, Ronald Smith Jr., Harvey L. Font, Dan Brenton\*, Carlene Parker

Sunday Maureen O'Neil\*, Michael Adam\*, Theresa Fowler\*, Brian Prescott\*, Mary Beth Downer, Greg Babiak, Tony Kelly

\*Indicates our parishioners.

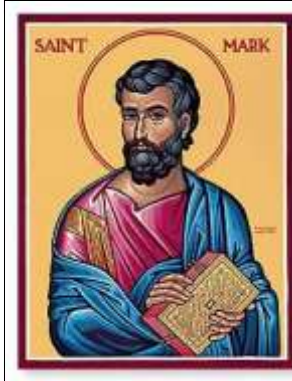
Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.

The following are the Lenten penitential regulations issued for the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast. On days of fast, one full meal and two lesser meals are allowed. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics who have completed their 18th year are bound by this law until the beginning of their 60th year.

Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence. On days of abstinence, meat may not be taken. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics who have completed their 14th year.

All of the faithful are obliged to do penance, but not all may be able to observe the above regulations of fast and abstinence because of ill health or other reasons. Persons legitimately excused from the laws of fast and abstinence are urged to practice other forms of penance and self-denial suitable to their condition.



In the last verse from today's Gospel from Mark, this simple statement is made: "...people kept coming to him from everywhere." Of course, Mark is speaking about Jesus, and the Gospel writer is making reference to the desire of people to be healed. Today's readings deal in large part with leprosy and lepers. There is a deeper meaning, as is often the case, in these references.

Leprosy is not something we know much about because we do not experience the disease the same way people did in Jesus' time. The latent point of the Gospel is that we are all in need of healing. We are aware that we are sinners, and the Church takes great care to let us know that penance and healing are a part of our faith.

Lent begins this week, and we need to avail ourselves of the opportunity for reconciliation. This is something we should do regularly, but certainly during the holy time preparing for

Easter. Confession is a way we can return to God, and it is key that we acknowledge our sins with true sorrow before a priest. Pope Francis has said, "I cannot be baptized multiple times, but I can go to confession, and when I go to confession, I renew that grace of baptism."

### Living Stewardship Now

Contact your parish, diocese, or local Catholic Charities for opportunities to serve those shunned or ignored by society.

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For a group of men in our parish, cooking for 100 people every week at Trinity United Methodist Soup Kitchen is not a chore but a blessing. Thanks gentlemen!, for sharing your talents with the community.



### Donations of Goods

People often ask if the parish knows organizations that would take items they wish to donate such as furniture, appliances, clothing, etc. A recommendation would be to take donations to Good Will on Racetrack Road in Ft. Walton Beach. When you drop off your donation, instead of a tax receipt, ask them to issue a credit for Shelter House or Family Life Ministries. Good Will then issues store vouchers to the organization so that the residents may shop in the store with the vouchers.



### Pray, Fast, and Vigil for Life February 18th – March 29th!

St. Peter Parish needs people to stand vigil peacefully from 7 AM to 7 PM on Friday, 2/27. Schedule your time now by signing up at the Hospitality Cart or contacting John Fay, 420-1869!

Times when abortions are taking place: Thursdays 7 AM – 2PM; Fridays 5 AM – 12 PM Please take an hour or more of your time to pray in the public right-of-way in front of the American Family Planning abortion facility. This is a ministry of hope, healing, love and mercy.



Teenagers fear an outbreak of acne before a major event. They're sure every eye will focus on a small blemish that seems enormous to them. Sometimes they even avoid going out at all until their faces return to normal.

They're fortunate not to be living in ancient Israel, where skin outbreaks and eruptions were likely viewed as leprosy. Public contact was forbidden. They'd have had to shout "unclean!" as they approached someone. Their exile would have been religiously regulated, and those they met would have avoided any touch.

The man with leprosy who approached Jesus wouldn't have touched Jesus—it was bold of him just to ask Jesus' mercy. In a move that surprised everyone, Jesus reached out to touch the one who was "unclean."

I can only imagine the man's shock and relief just at the touch of a person who didn't see him as less than human. The wound of separation was healed at that moment, and Jesus confirmed it by healing the man's body. Nor did Jesus stop there. He restored the man to his community by asking him to follow Mosaic Law (the Law of Moses) and be declared clean.

Teenagers often think their physical flaws are the worst things they can suffer. In truth, it's separation—whether it comes from within us or from others.

Jesus has the power to heal whatever separates us and restore us to community with God and others.

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