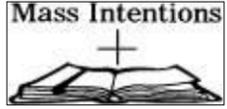


 <p>Recognizable Offering..... \$3,729.00                  Loose Cash ..... \$798.00                  Total Weekly Offering..... \$4,527.00                  Mass Attendance June 20/21 391</p>  <p>June 29 - July 5                  Monday .....Conversion of Souls                  Tuesday .....Religious Freedom                  Wednesday .....Souls in Purgatory                  Thursday .....Deployed Military                  Friday .....Trey Corbitt(+)                  Saturday .....Sherwood Fowler(+)(5:00 p.m.)                  Sunday .....Edison Ibarra(+)(8:00 a.m.)                  .....<b>St Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)</b></p>	<p>Weekly Calendar of Events</p> <p>6/29 Rosary - After Morning Mass                  7/01 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.                  7/02 Adoration 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory</b>                  and lasting peace for all who have died, especially <b>Mario Donato</b>.</p>	<p><b>Blood Drive &amp; Pancake Breakfast</b>                  July 12<sup>th</sup> 8:30- 12:30</p> <p>Eight weeks ago, the parish blood drive exceeded a goal of 20 pints and collected 21. We hope you are ready again to fuel the blood bank during the crucial days of summer. Recruit your friends, neighbors and family to roll up their sleeves. Please go to our parish website, or stop by the Hospitality Cart, to sign-up for a donation time. Then after you give, celebrate with other parishioners over a delicious pancake breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus, #8910. The breakfast is offered for free to everyone. Anyone wishing to make a love offering is welcome to do so.</p>
<p><b>Sticky Fingers</b>                  Many thanks to those who came to stuff envelopes for the Shelter House mail-out. They are sending out over 4,000 envelopes each quarter and your service is a tremendous help in their efforts to share the purpose of Shelter House with our community and throughout the U.S.</p>	<p><b>Revelation - Adult Faith Series Begins</b>                  An adult faith series titled <i>Demystifying the Book of Revelation</i> presents a challenge to us to live according to the gospel. The format will be to meet three nights, July 8, 15, 22 from 6:30-8:30p.m. The video series is done lecture style with Fr. William Burton, OFM followed by group discussion. If you are interested in participating, sign-up at the Hospitality Cart, through our parish website, or call the office during regular business hours.</p>
<p><b>Save the Date...</b>                  Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> <i>Shower for Three</i></p> <p>The parish will host a baby shower for three of the moms-to-be from the Ronda Coon Home Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Ronda Coon Home is a transitional residence for ladies who are working toward self-sufficiency. The moms-to-be, Arle, Jasmine and Amanda are very excited knowing that they will be the guests of honor. They each have made the choice to keep their baby even though they are struggling to thrive. Your generosity of coming to celebrate with them, pray for them and shower them with gifts will be most appreciated. There will be a sign up sheet next week if you will be attending. The theme will be <i>"Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, What a Miracle You Are"</i>.</p>	<p><b>Youth Day at Parish</b>                  10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>On Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, the youth from Eleanor J. Johnson Youth Center will be our guests for a fun day of games, crafts, and a <b>"buggy" cook-out. Our theme is all about insects and we'll be exploring many of the natural areas on the church campus.</b> Both youth and adult volunteers are needed to assist. All parishioners, but especially parishioners with elementary age children, who would like to come and play with our EJJYC friends are welcome to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Hospitality Cart or you can call Joni, 830-2875, if you would like to volunteer or attend for fun. It is a must to RSVP so all children will be able to do the crafts and games. (Please bring any empty plastic peanut butter or mayo jars to Mass next week to help us with our crafts).</p>

June 28, 2015
dear Padre

**Monday**  
 JUNE 29  
*Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles*  
 Acts 12:1-11  
 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18  
 Mt 16:13-19

**Tuesday**  
 JUNE 30  
*The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*  
 Gn 19:15-29  
 Mt 8:23-27

**Wednesday**  
 JULY 1  
*Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest*  
 Gn 21:5, 8-20a  
 Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday**  
 JULY 2  
*Weekday*  
 Gn 22:1b-19  
 Mt 9:1-8

**Friday**  
 JULY 3  
*St. Thomas, Apostle*  
 Eph 2:19-22  
 Jn 20:24-29

**Saturday**  
 JULY 4  
*Independence Day*  
 Gn 27:1-5, 15-29  
 Mt 9:14-17

**Sunday**  
 JULY 5  
*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Ez 2:2-5  
 2 Cor 12:7-10  
 Mk 6:1-6a

## What does the Church teach about animal cruelty?

**What constitutes cruelty to animals? I think rodeos are cruel to animals, others don't. My sister thinks I'm cruel when I leave my two dogs in cages while at work. Does the Church teach anything about this?**

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church** (2416-2418) talks about how we should treat animals. In short, animals are God's creatures and we owe them kindness. However, we may use animals for food, clothing, and to help us in our work and leisure. Therefore, it is morally acceptable to use animals for medical and scientific experiments within reasonable limits if they contribute to caring for and saving human lives. But we should not cause animals to suffer or die needlessly, and we should not spend excessive money on them that could go toward relieving human misery or love animals with the same affection due only to persons.

Thus, using animals in rodeos could be justified as entertainment. No one tries to injure the animals on purpose. In fact, people often go out of their way to keep the animals healthy.

As for caging your dogs, there are tiny cages that could inflict cruelty and other types that afford comfort, space, and safety. But if you cage your dogs, also make certain they get adequate exercise.

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1  
*Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24*

## What the Creator Never Created

The Book of Wisdom says there are three things God did not make: death, destruction and injustice. Yet we live with them every day.

Wisdom believes that God intended the world to be a much better place. We humans were made in the image of God, designed to be as imperishable as God is. **God did not “make” death. God is good.**

God also intended that the creatures of the world would be wholesome, and that plants would provide nourishment and health—**“not a destructive drug among them.” In this view, God did not create violence among animals nor poisons among drugs.**

And God expected that justice would reign, because justice, like God, is undying. Justice is an expression of **God’s will. Everything that God made was good.**

**That is the view of the Book of Wisdom. But it isn’t a picture of the world we live in. The Book of Wisdom knows why: “By the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who belong to his company experience it.” The presence of evil, which was not precisely created by God according to this view, frustrated the designs of God’s more perfect creation.**

God did not create evil, but we know that evil exists, and that death, destruction and injustice abound. But **we also believe they are not part of God’s eternal plan, and that those who belong to God’s company will experience justice, salvation, and life everlasting.**

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 2  
*2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15*

## Strapped for Cash

Every pastor eventually asks for contributions, and Saint Paul was no exception. He had lived several years in Corinth, a city with an advantageous location, right on the isthmus that joined the upper and lower parts of Greece. There Paul founded a Christian community. Later, he sent letters to help the people grow in faith. He criticized the factions that were forming. He explained how to celebrate the eucharist.

And he asked for money. Other Christian communities were not as well off as the Corinthians. It wasn’t fair. The first Christians shared what they owned within these small communities. Paul saw a bigger picture. Just as people cared for one another within these groups, they should share among the groups as well.

**“As a matter of equality,” Paul appealed to the Corinthians, “your abundance at the present time should supply their needs.” Paul had them imagine the tables reversed: “Their abundance may also supply your needs.” Paul envisions a Church where those who had much “did not have more,” and those who had little “did not have less.”**

From time to time we are asked to support the needy in other places. They may be within our own diocese, the nation, or the world. When we have the opportunity to share from our abundance, we are fulfilling a command **that goes all the way back to Paul. “As you excel in every respect, may you excel in this gracious act also.”**

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Weekend of July 4/5

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Aidan Murray, \_\_\_\_\_  
Extraordinary Ministers: Patty Shawbitz, Louise Perreault, Joanna Farnum, Al Perreault  
Lectors: Ron Berthelette, \_\_\_\_\_  
Ushers: Mickey Shawbitz, Joni Flanagan, Bob Flanagan  
Greeter: Joni Flanagan  
Sacristan: Ruth Jablonka  
Elijah Cup: Wanda Corbitt

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jared Dunn, \_\_\_\_\_  
Extraordinary Ministers: Gene Valentine, James Johansen, Shelia Casselberry  
Lectors: Lynn Griggs, Paul Landry  
Ushers: Maria Bridges, Gary Jordan, Jim Guris, Cathy McKnight  
Greeter: Bonita Demette  
Sacristan: Stan Griggs  
Elijah Cup: Lynn Griggs  
Coffee and Donuts: Chris and Shelia Casselberry

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Abigail Zaleske, Micayla Colwell  
Extraordinary Ministers: Elaine Tennyson, Melody Grogan, Stacy Fralic  
Lectors: Jeremy Fumerola, \_\_\_\_\_  
Ushers: Steward Grogan, Cord Grogan, Jim Wise, Mike Sweeney  
Greeter: Ron Fetter  
Sacristan: Mike Brennan  
Elijah Cup: Michael and Lisa Manion  
Coffee and Donuts: Bill and Bonnie Spangenberger



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\*, Peter Cleary, Ashley Matyac, Steve Lange, Mike and Jeanne Trueting

Tuesday Lynn Graham\*, Anthony Michael Merriquer, John Clark\*, Bobby Stockbridge\*, Stacie Tippett

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard\*, James Smith\*, Steve Powell\*, Ken and Bette Dellner\*, Caroline Frederick, Mario Donato\*, Pam Holt, Robert Tinney

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz\*, Robert Welniak, Frank Crowder\*, Theresa Stegall, Harrison Bowie\*, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden,

Friday Lloyd Biehl\*, Doug Babiak\*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Betty Keever, Vera Thornburg\*

Saturday Peter Adams\*, Mary Anyel\*, Joel Grieves\*, Dan Brenton\*, Skye Mahosky\*, Gene Valentine\*, Mary Valentine

Sunday Maureen O’Neil\*, Michael Adam\*, Theresa Fowler\*, Mary Beth Downer, Greg Babiak, Tony Kelly, Jeff Harp

\*Indicates our parishioners.

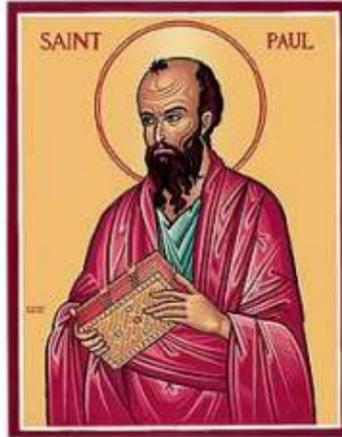
[Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.](#)

## Holy Land Pilgrimage November 2-10, 2015 \$3,248.00

Your journey of faith and renewal will bring you as close as humanly possible to the places where our ancestors in the faith experienced God, in the hope that you, too, will receive some of the blessings of this Holy Land.

You will see the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Nazareth, where the Word of God became flesh. You will experience the beautiful land around the Sea of Galilee where Jesus performed miracles you will stand inside the tomb where he rose from the dead. The Scriptures will come alive for you in a way you cannot imagine when you journey to the land of Jesus’ birth.





In today's Second Reading, St. Paul quotes Exodus 16:18: "Whoever had much did not have more, and whoever had little did not have less." On the surface this may seem confusing, but it bears a strong stewardship message for us.

One of the challenges of our society is the tendency to gather and to keep and to measure our success by possessions. Jesus told us over and over in a variety of ways that "possessions" are a major stumbling block in our journey toward holiness.

Stewardship was once defined by a bishop as:

- 1. Following faithfully
- 2. Living responsibly
- 3. Sharing gratefully
- 4. Possessing loosely

This, in a nutshell, is what it means to be a good steward.

That is the message from St. Paul, as well. As difficult as it may be for us, we need to focus on others in service more than we should try to glorify ourselves through what we may seem to have. In particular we need to focus on the "possess loosely" aspect.

That is more than material items, of course. We have a tendency to "hang on" to traditions, people, and other things that we view as "ours." Pope Francis cautions us, "A heart occupied with the desire to possess is a heart full of this desire, but without God."

### Living Stewardship Now

Physical illness is not always the worst that can happen to a person. Pray that sick friends, family members, and parishioners may "touch the hem of Jesus' garment" and be healed in ways they need it most.

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### Experiencing Grace in Times of Failure

One day during my sophomore year of high school, I found myself crying in the hallway. I had just left my chemistry class and was heading down the hall to my locker. When I got there, I opened it, stuck my head inside, and let myself have a good sob before I went to my next class. I remember this moment with vivid detail, even down to what I was wearing (JNCO wide-leg jeans with my favorite black T-shirt). The reason? I had earned a C on the first chemistry exam of the year.

Used to being a straight-A student, I was thrown for a loop by the large red C at the top of my test. I didn't know at the time that my chemistry teacher had designed the test so most students would fail, intentionally including questions that we would not know how to answer. This was, according to him, to teach humility and to make sure we all knew we did, in fact, have something to learn in his class.

I cried again later that year when I failed my driver's license test for the second time. I sat in the hallway of our house and wept with bitterness and resentment at the injustice that required suburban teenagers to know how to parallel park. In the midst of my wallowing, my mother sat down beside me. She told me to remember this feeling: "It's how some kids feel all the time, when they try to learn math, or reading, or how to play an instrument." All these things came easily to me. My mother was trying to teach me how to accept failure with compassion and grace. On that day, I chose spite instead.

After spending so many years trying to look perfect while hiding my flaws, being a parent forces me to lean back into the hammock of grace. I suspect most of us have experiences like that—moments and situations that force us to accept that we're mostly doing the best we can, even as we stumble and scrape our way toward the next day. The experience of grace lets my less-than-perfect soul rest for a moment, so I can move on to what is really important.

If I could go back in time and talk to that teenager crying over a C on her chemistry test, I would tell her there are many things in life that will bring heartbreak. But our own imperfections need not be debilitating. Instead, our moments of failure give us an opportunity to embrace freedom and peace.

Back in the infancy of our faith, Paul opened and closed his letters to various communities with a salutation of grace. In the middle he often included instruction or chiding. But in the beginning, and at the end, there was grace. Whatever our blemishes, whatever our failures—grace abounds.

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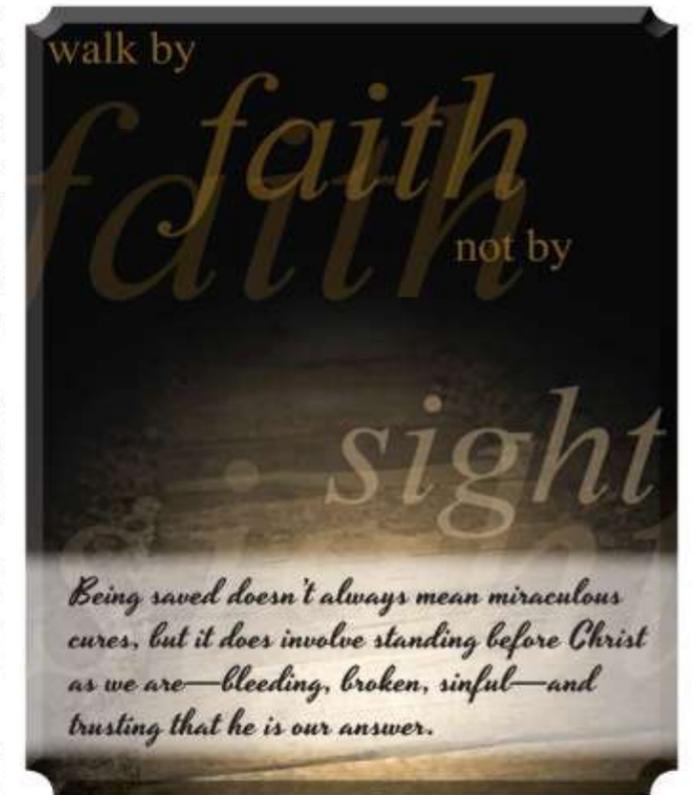
A fourth-century legend from Catholics in the Eastern part of the Roman Empire tells us the name of the woman in today's Gospel is Beronike. A woman of great faith, she knew that the Law considered her unclean because she had a flow of blood and no one could touch her. When she saw Jesus, she didn't ask him to touch or even speak to her. She didn't want him to feel what she felt—outcast and isolated. She simply believed that touching his garment would bring her relief.

A couple of weeks ago, St. Paul told us that we walk by faith, not by sight. Faith was all this woman had to go on; everything else had failed. What she heard about Jesus stirred something in her soul, and she followed her convictions. She wasn't disappointed. The power of Christ, who heals us of whatever deeply wounds us, went out immediately to her who dared to hope. When he called out to see who touched him, her fear didn't keep her away. She was saved by faith.

Being saved doesn't always mean miraculous cures, but it does involve standing before Christ as we are—bleeding, broken, sinful—and trusting that he is our answer. We don't know for sure what happened to the woman. But her legend continued.

When Jesus carried his cross to his crucifixion, a woman stepped out to stop the flow of blood and sweat streaking his face. We know her by the Latin translation of Beronike—Veronica—which carries with it an additional meaning: "true icon," in reference to the facial image that Jesus left on her cloth.

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*Today's Readings*

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24  
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15  
Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43



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