



Recognizable Offering.....\$8,688.96
 Loose Cash\$908.05
 Total Weekly Offering..... \$9,597.01
 Mass Attendance Feb 17/18 405



Feb 26 - Mar 4
 MondayBarbara Kirschten(+)
 Wednesday.....Christian Irwin(liv)
 ThursdayMike Kutcher(liv)
 FridayTrey Corbitt(+)
 SaturdayBill Sykes(+)
 SundayKen Dellner(+)(8:00 a.m.)
**St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**

Join the Choir! Lend your voice to our Easter celebration. The practice schedule is as follows:

Sunday, Feb 25 12:15 p.m. Practice in Church
 Sunday, Mar 4 12:15 p.m. Practice in Church
 Sunday, Mar 11 12:15 p.m. Practice in Church
 Sunday, Mar 18 12:15 p.m. Practice in Church
 Sunday, Mar 25 ***Mandatory*** Practice in Church 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Mar 27 6:30 p.m. Practice in Church

Holy Thursday, Mar 29 6:30 p.m.
(Optional-arrive by 5:45 p.m.)

Sunday, April 1 5:45 a.m. Practice-Church
 8:00 a.m. Mass
 Breakfast between Masses
 10:10 a.m. Prelude Music
 10:30 a.m. Mass

Note: Practice began last Sunday but you're still welcome to join.



ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST IS A SPECIAL TIME

- To visit Jesus: the manifestation of the suffering of humanity
- To give Him thanks for our redemption
- To praise Jesus' love, the manifestation of God's mercy
- To thank God for granting us grace, joy and hope
- To be united with Jesus in the Eucharist

Thursday, March 1st, beginning with Exposition immediately after morning mass, the *Divine Mercy Chaplet* at 3:00 p.m., and ending with *Benediction* at 7:00 p.m. Spend some prayer time listening to God's voice leading you closer to Him during this Lenten season.

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 2/25 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
 Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
 Easter Choir Practice - 12:15 p.m.
 MS/HS Youth Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- 2/26 Rosary after morning Mass
- 2/28 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
- 3/1 Rosary after morning Mass
 Adoration - 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- 3/2 Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- 3/4 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
 Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
 Easter Choir Practice - 12:15 p.m.
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ENCOUNTER CESIA
 We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit csrricebowl.org for more.



Attention 8th-12th grade youth
\$50 Deposit due by February 25th.
 July 6-8, 2018 we will attend the annual Steubenville Youth Conference in Atlanta, GA. This is an amazing experience in which 3,000+ youth gather to have an encounter with Jesus. You don't want to miss it! Please see Ms. Susie or Ms. Melody for paperwork and to turn in your \$50 to reserve your spot. \$150 balance will be due by April 15th.

IGNITE Middle School Retreat: March 10, 2018 from 1:00-8:30 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Niceville. Grades 6-8 are invited to attend and the cost is only \$10! See Ms. Susie for paperwork. Deadline is Feb. 25th.



Annual Grounds Mulching
 Saturday, March 10, 2018, at 8:00 a.m.
 Mark your calendars and join your fellow parishioners in lending a hand to get our church grounds ready for Easter.



Weekend of Mar 3/4

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Cole Armstrong
 Extraordinary Ministers: Anni Labatte, Michael Klickovich, Joyce Klickovich, Teresa McClure
 Lectors: Paul Gagnon II, Mary Pinsoneault
 Ushers: Bob Flanagan, Joni Flanagan, Cora Podrang
 Greeter: Keith Lee
 Sacristan: Doug Hoover

Elijah Cup: Teresa McClure

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Katherine Ballard, Mary Ballard
 Extraordinary Ministers: Jean Jordan, Eden Carter, Nancy McCreary, Joe Davison
 Lectors: Isabella Dominitz, Patty Dominitz
 Ushers: Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, Gary Jordan
 Greeter: Cathy McKnight
 Sacristan: Victoria Ballard
 Elijah Cup: Patty Dominitz
 Coffee & Donuts: Tina Henderson

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Celeste Clayton, Alexandra Manion, Christopher Manion
 Extraordinary Ministers: Nanette Bell, Melody Grogan, Bill Roth, Rick Grecco, Alicia Grecco
 Lectors: Lisa Manion, Ana Livoti
 Ushers: John Fails, Brian Prescott, Jim Wise
 Greeter: Karen Clayton
 Sacristan: Petey Brennan
 Elijah Cup: Mike and Petey Brennan
 Coffee & Donuts: Christopher and Lisa Manion

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Angela Zangerle at (808)295-2587 or email her 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, Carlos López, Brian Williams

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

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Bette Dellner*, Aurora Beard, Christian Irwin*

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

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Rick Zern*, Carleen Parker

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

Sunday Ann Hart, Samara Gillespie, Jennifer Draper, Donnie Simmons*

*Indicates our parishioners.

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

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) posts notes regarding all the Books of the Bible. In its introduction to Paul's Letter to the Romans (our Second Reading), the USCCB says, "Of all the letters of Paul, that to the Christians at Rome has long held pride of place. It is the longest and most systematic unfolding of the apostle's thought, expounding the gospel of God's righteousness that saves all who believe; it reflects a universal outlook." Paul's Letter to the Romans is in fact the longest of his letters in the New Testament



(Romans is more than 7,000 words; that is much shorter, of course, than the shortest Gospel, Mark, which is still more than 11,000 words.) However, as stated by the Bishops, the Letter to the Romans explained in a more detailed way Paul's theology and spirituality than any other letter.

Regardless of the length, today's reading contains a statement with which many of us are familiar, and which has great meaning: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" The significance of that is that if we are on the side of righteousness, which should be a major goal of our Lenten experience, there should be nothing to threaten us. We understand that we will be judged and Paul's point is that if we are judged "not guilty" by God, who can bring an additional charge with any merit? Or, if Jesus is our advocate, promoting our benefit, then who can condemn us? This is the time to place our trust in God, and in His love.

February 25, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent (B)
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10

Let Go and Let God

Kneeling humbly on the altar is the son of Abraham's old age, the promised Isaac. He was the answer to prayer, a commitment by God that, through this child, Abraham would have descendants as numerous as the stars. Yet God was asking him to sacrifice that hope and promise. And Abraham, although surely not understanding, was willing to obey the Father. It represents the supreme test of faith. Abraham is called our Father in Faith for a reason.

Abraham is looking up to God, not focused on the creatures, even as much as he loved his son. We also need to be looking up to God in order to rightly value the things below.

He understands that no godly gift should take God's place in the human heart—even something



Piece: *The Sacrifice of Isaac*, 1511
Artist: Raphael Sanzio
Location: Vatican Museums

as precious as his God-given child. When dealing with all the good things God gives us, even those he has promised and those we love most, we must be willing to submit to his plans. God doesn't always make sense to us, and we are painfully aware that his ways are not always our ways. Isaac is a young boy, but certainly big enough to put up a fight as his elderly father's plans become evident. Yet we see him kneeling in acceptance of the sacrifice God requests. Although he wants to understand, he doesn't make the reason an absolute. Isaac foreshadows the trusting lamb led to slaughter, the ram whose head will be caught in a crown of thorns, and the Son who will not be spared by the heavenly Father.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

*Are we willing to lay peacefully within God's plan, even if it means sacrifice?
Do we trust his plans more than our own?
Is there anything more beloved by us than God's loving plan for us?*

*He who did not spare his own Son...
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?
Romans 8:32*

Calendar

- Monday**
February 26
Lenten Weekday
Dn 9:4b-10
Lk 6:36-58
- Tuesday**
February 27
Lenten Weekday
Is 1:10, 16-20
Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday**
February 28
Lenten Weekday
Jer 18:18-20
Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday**
March 1
Lenten Weekday
Jer 17:5-10
Lk 16:19-31
- Friday**
March 2
Lenten Weekday
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday**
March 3
Lenten Weekday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday**
March 4
Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 20:1-17 or
Ex 20:1-5, 7-8, 12-17
1 Cor 1:22-25
Jn 2:13-25

Dear Padre,

Our guitar group plays music five minutes before the opening song at Mass. By the time the interminable *Gloria* is sung, I already have a headache! Why so much music?

At Mass, the faithful "form one body, whether in hearing the Word of God, or in taking part in the prayers and in the singing, or above all by the common offering of the Sacrifice and by participating together at the Lord's table" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 96). Thus, liturgical music can be a form of prayer, uniting the assembly in praise to God. Ideally, it's "a particularly apt way to express a joyful heart, accentuating the



solemnity of the celebration and fostering the sense of a common faith and a shared love" (On Keeping the Lord's Day Holy [*Dies Dominij*], 50) by Pope John Paul II.

However, this ideal isn't always reality. To address your question, let us divide humanity into two groups: people who like

to sing and people who don't; those who sing in full voice in the shower and those who prefer monastic silence. Every congregation includes both groups. While not everyone is naturally inclined to make a joyful noise, most people appreciate music's power to give voice to what's deep in the human heart.

Some may even feel there's not *enough* music at Mass instead of too much. Nevertheless, happy the liturgical ministers who know when the sum of the individual Mass parts—sung or otherwise—can become too tedious. And blessed are the music makers who know the power of silence, an instrumental, or an optional recessional song, even for solemn occasions.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR | From *Liguorian* magazine, October 2017
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A Word From Pope Francis

Lent...is a special time for recalling the gift of our baptism, when we became children of God. The Church invites us to renew the gift she has given us, not to let this gift lie dormant as if it were something from the past or locked away in a memory chest.

—Homily, February 14, 2016