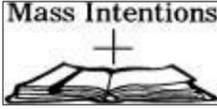




**Sacrificial Giving**

Recognizable Offering..... \$4,559.59  
Loose Cash ..... \$743.75  
Total Weekly Offering..... \$5,303.34  
Mass Attendance July 25/26            407



**Mass Intentions**

Aug 3 - 9  
Monday .....Bernard Kelly(liv)  
Tuesday .....Bill McDougale(+)  
Wednesday.....Mary Griewisch(liv)  
Thursday .....Barbara Kirschten(liv)  
Friday .....Trey Corbitt(+)  
Saturday .....Stephen Fowler(+)(5:00 p.m.)  
Sunday .....St Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.)  
.....**Carmela Artaro Plunkett(+)(10:30 a.m.)**

**If You Missed Out**  
The *Demystifying the Book of Revelation* adult faith series will be offered in August. The sessions will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on August 4, 11, 18. No book is necessary but you may want to take notes. The DVD presentation is followed by group discussion.

Please sign-up at the Hospitality Cart if you are interested in attending or call the office.

**2015-16 Faith Formation Registration**  
K – 5<sup>th</sup> grades, middle school (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>), high school and confirmation continues for the new school year. Registrations are taking place in the Parish Center after all Masses. Classes will begin on Sunday September 13, 2015.



Join the Legion of Mary in the recitation of the Rosary every Monday morning after daily Mass or Communion Service.

Weekly Calendar of Events

8/2	Ministry Leaders Meeting - 9:15 a.m. 2015-16 Faith Formation Registration (In Parish Center)
8/3	Rosary - After Morning Mass
8/4	Demystifying the Book of Revelation - 9:30 a.m.
8/5	Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
8/6	Adoration 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

*There is only one person who can return to God the love that He has given to me. That person is me.*



Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming a member of the Catholic Church? If so, come to the inquiry and introductory session classes which will be held August 24th and August 31st at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building. Then on Monday, September 14th and every week after that we will meet from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. Please call the Parish Office at 850-581-2556, or email [pastor@stpeter.ptdiocese.org](mailto:pastor@stpeter.ptdiocese.org).



The Around Town Ministry is collecting school supplies for 60 children (K - High School) attending the Eleanor J. Johnson Youth Center. Any items you may wish to donate can be dropped off in the parish center or at the office through August 9th. Cash donations may be left with your greeter at the Hospitality Cart or taken to the office during normal business hours. Your support is greatly appreciated.



**Victims Of Abuse:** The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors who are available to help persons who have been sexually abused. The Coordinator for the Pensacola/Ft. Walton Area is Louis Makarowski, Ph. D, P.A. (850) 477-7181.

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<p><b>Monday</b> AUGUST 3 <i>Weekday</i> Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:13-21</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> AUGUST 4 <i>St. John Vianney, Priest</i> Nm 12:1-13 Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> AUGUST 5 <i>Weekday</i> Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 Mt 15:21-28</p> <p><b>Thursday</b> AUGUST 6 <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i> Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10</p> <p><b>Friday</b> AUGUST 7 <i>Weekday</i> Dt 4:32-40 Mt 16:24-28</p> <p><b>Saturday</b> AUGUST 8 <i>St. Dominic, Priest</i> Dt 6:4-13 Mt 17:14-20</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> AUGUST 9 <i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 1 Kgs 19:4-8 Eph 4:30-5:2 Jn 6:41-51</p>
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August 2, 2015

# dear Padre

## What does “there but for the grace of God go I” mean?

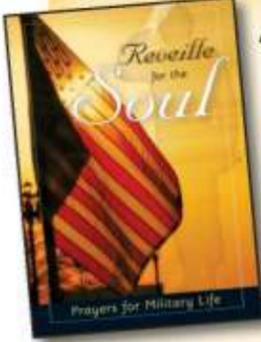
**Q** Could you explain the phrase, “There but for the grace of God go I?”

**We all have** our natural talents and abilities. We have our strengths and our weaknesses. It is part of the virtue of humility to know the truth about ourselves. However, our natural abilities are finite and limited.

Because we are finite and limited, we sometimes fail to do the good we would like to do, or we might even sin because we have not judged a situation correctly. However— thanks be to God—grace builds on nature. So if we are open to God’s grace, we have access to overcoming some of the finite effects of nature. This does not mean you can fly like Superman. But it does mean you might be able to judge a situation more clearly; have insight into what is right, good, and true; or that you might have a renewed inner strength.

So when a person uses this phrase, he is not saying that the person he is speaking about is not open to God’s grace, but he’s acknowledging that without God’s help in his own life, he could be in the same or worse situation due to his own weakness. Thus, we need to be open to the grace of God working in our lives.

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**A Serviceman’s Prayer:**  
“Almighty God, you’ve blessed me with a wonderful family who loves and supports me in this mission to serve my country. Now, as I find myself separated from them by many miles, their welfare weighs on my soul. Dear God, bless them every day. Keep them safe in your arms. Remind them of my great love for them....”

—Excerpted from *Reveille for the Soul: Prayers for Military Life* (818783)

**Share God’s hope and promises with our men and women in uniform.**  
For every individual purchase of *Reveille for the Soul* (#818783) made at [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org), Liguori will donate a copy to our armed services. Exclusions apply.

**Expires August 15, 2015**

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1  
*Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15*

### What's This?

**Manna probably didn't look very appetizing, but it** was the only food the Israelites could find in the desert. Besides quail, that is.

The dramatic Exodus from Egypt became a dim memory for people who escaped destruction by the waters of the Red Sea only to face the unforgiving desolation of a long trip on aching legs through the dry desert. They did what any of us would do under the circumstances. They grumbled about it.

**They had no bread. Grain won't grow in deserts. Water is hard to find. There's plenty of heat for baking,** but nobody could make fresh bread.

Except for God, that is. In the morning they discovered something like bread on the ground. With hungry, disappointed, fearful eyes, they looked at the substance and asked the question many a child has asked, suspicious of something unrecognizable on the dinner plate. **"What's this?"**

**So that's what they called it. "What's-this." Or "Manna."**

Crossing the desert days of life, we may take no pleasure in the food we eat, the companions we share, or the place where we live. God provides for us in ways that may not be appetizing, but at least they offer rescue.

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 2  
*Ephesians 4:17, 20-24*

### Breaking Bad Habits

Old habits are hard to break, but we give it a try. **Some people make New Year's resolutions. They seize** the opportunity of a new calendar and decide to make a new beginning in their life.

Others use the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday we acknowledge our faults, and we spend six weeks doing penance for them, in order to rise with Christ as new people on Easter Day.

Some people reach for help when the habits have become addictions. Through individual and group counseling they come to recognize their own limitations, and they take one day at a time to live a new life.

The sacrament of reconciliation helps too. We bring our sins to God and seek the grace of this sacrament to overcome our weakness and strengthen our resolve to follow Christ.

We are not alone. Everyone struggles to break bad habits. And they always have.

The Letter to the Ephesians addressed a group of Christian converts who formerly adhered to Gentile beliefs and habits. Becoming Christian, they should have **left their former ways behind. But many of them didn't. The letter tells them, "You must no longer live as the Gentiles do. ... You should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires."**

**When we turn to Christ we "put on a new self," and** we can leave old habits behind.

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## Liturgical Roles\*

Weekend of Aug 8/9

### 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Aidan Murray, Matthew Flores  
Extraordinary Ministers: Shareen Ketchem, Elizabeth Baldwin, Alice Thompson, Louise Perreault, Joanna Farnum  
Lectors: Ron Berthelette, \_\_\_\_\_  
Ushers: Dan Brenton, Rachel Metruck, Cora Podrang  
Greeter: Shareen Ketchem  
Sacristan: Jean Jordan  
Elijah Cup: Stephen and Rebecca Oder

### 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jared Dunn, Audrey Moore  
Extraordinary Ministers: Maria Bridges, Jean Jordan, Eric Miller, Gene Valentine  
Lectors: Susi Evers, Ruth Sykes  
Ushers: Mike Logan, Jim Guris, Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley  
Greeter: Kathy McKnight  
Sacristan: Stan Griggs  
Elijah Cup: Gary and Jean Jordan  
Coffee & Donuts: Chris and Shelia Casselberry

### 10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Killian Casey, Gannon Casey, Karly Casey  
Extraordinary Ministers: Katherine Colwell, Penny Sweeney, Pat Casey, Becky Bittakis  
Lectors: Petey Brennan, Mike Brennan  
Ushers: Brian Prescott, Ron Fetter, Donna Fetter, Patrick Sweeney  
Greeter: Karen Clayton  
Sacristan: Bill Roth  
Elijah Cup: Ron and Donna Fetter  
Coffee & Donuts: Barry and Alicia Graham

### Feeling Blessed

Our guests of honor, Arle and Amanda, along with a room full of parishioners and friends from Ronda Coon home had a wonderful evening to celebrate the new lives they will bring into the world in a few months. Gifts galore, sweet and salty treats, games, well wishes, laughs and prayers were shared. On behalf of the parish, the Knights presented Ronda Coon Home with a check for \$1800 collected through the 2015 baby bottle campaign. Gratitude sparkled as bright as the shower's starry decorations because of the generosity of the parishioners at St. Peter Parish. Pictures are posted on our parish website and also on the Family Life Ministry Facebook page.

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, Steve Lange, Mike and Jeanne Trueting, Steve Heidbreder

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

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

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

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

Saturday Peter Adam\*, 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.



St. Paul advises us in his letter to the Ephesians (our Second Reading) to “put away the old self of your former way of life... and put on the new self.” Paul is calling for a conversion, a change in how we live. We need to remember the first documented word that Jesus said when He began His ministry was “Repent.” It is also crucial that we keep in mind that the original word Jesus said was “*metanoeo*,” the Greek word as reported in Gospels. There are two parts to this word: the first *meta* means “change,” and the second *noeo* refers to the mind and its thoughts and perceptions.



Thus, what Jesus was really saying to us was “change your hearts and minds.” This is what St. Paul is speaking about when he says we need to “put away the old self... and put on the new self.” We are called to conversion; we are called to a change, a transformation that puts God at the center of our lives rather than self and all that goes with that self-centeredness.

This is the stewardship conversion to which we often make reference. This is not a one-time conversion but an ongoing one, a daily one, perhaps even more than once a day. That may sound impossible, but it is not if all we do and all that motivates us is the desire to live as Jesus wants us to. It is not easy, but it is joyful and fulfilling.

### Living Stewardship Now

“We are such a diverse community” can sometimes mean “We are such a divided community.” Join in efforts to bridge the gaps of language, faith experience, and culture by participating in Mass in another language, volunteering at English-language classes, or joining in a festival of an unfamiliar saint.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The family around the world today faces tremendous challenges. In Latin America, where Christian values remain important, many families are wounded by hostility from the surrounding environment and by broken relationships within the family. Yet throughout the hemisphere, the Church continues to point the way to Christ as the source of hope and healing within the family and in society. Many family and catechetical ministry projects funded by the Collection for the Church in Latin America offer families and communities a way to strengthen, affirm, and celebrate their life together in faith, offering a different and hopeful vision of relationships with one another and with God.

In Cuba, migration and economic pressures are only a few of the many internal and external circumstances that pose threats to Catholic families, as they strive to practice and share their faith. A grant requested by the Archdiocese of Havana is addressing these challenges by forming family pastoral ministers who are helping nourish families, so they can live an authentic, integrated experience of faith at home and in the wider community.

Through this project, the archdiocese placed an increased focus on family ministry, supporting ninety-eight communities with existing programs. Monthly, one-day meetings are held with the communities, which include workshops, interactive exercises, best practices for family ministry and promotion of the Rosary.

Our diocese will take up this collection the weekend of August 8/9. Please be generous in this collection and take this opportunity to share your faith with families in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
  
Most Reverend Gregory L. Parkes  
Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee

### Saint Mary Catholic School Free Prekindergarten for 4- year olds.

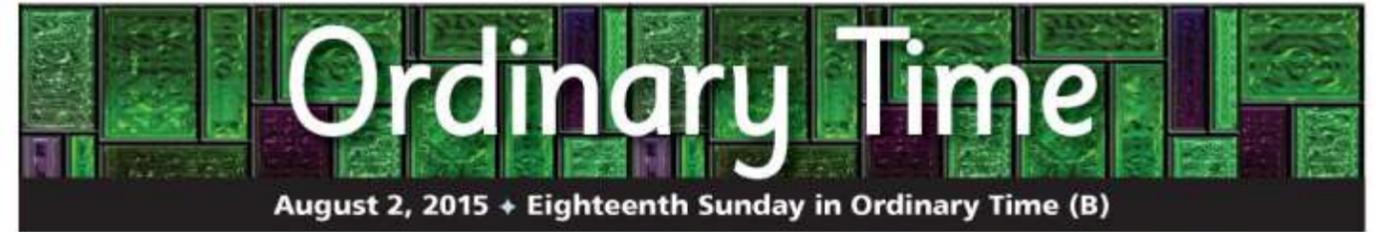
Saint Mary Catholic School participates in the State of Florida's Voluntary Pre-kindergarten Program. (VPK)

Have you Registered your 4-year old for VPK?

- VPK is free for all Florida's 4-year olds.
- VPK helps your 4-year old develop the skills the need to become good readers and successful students.
- All VPK instructors must meet quality standards required by Florida Law.
- VPK provides children a strong foundation for success in education and life.

Call the school for more information: 850-243-8913, or come by for a tour (110 Robinwood, Fort Walton Beach) Monday-Thursday 9:00-2:00

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the projects funded by the collection, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (search "Church in Latin America Collection Resources").

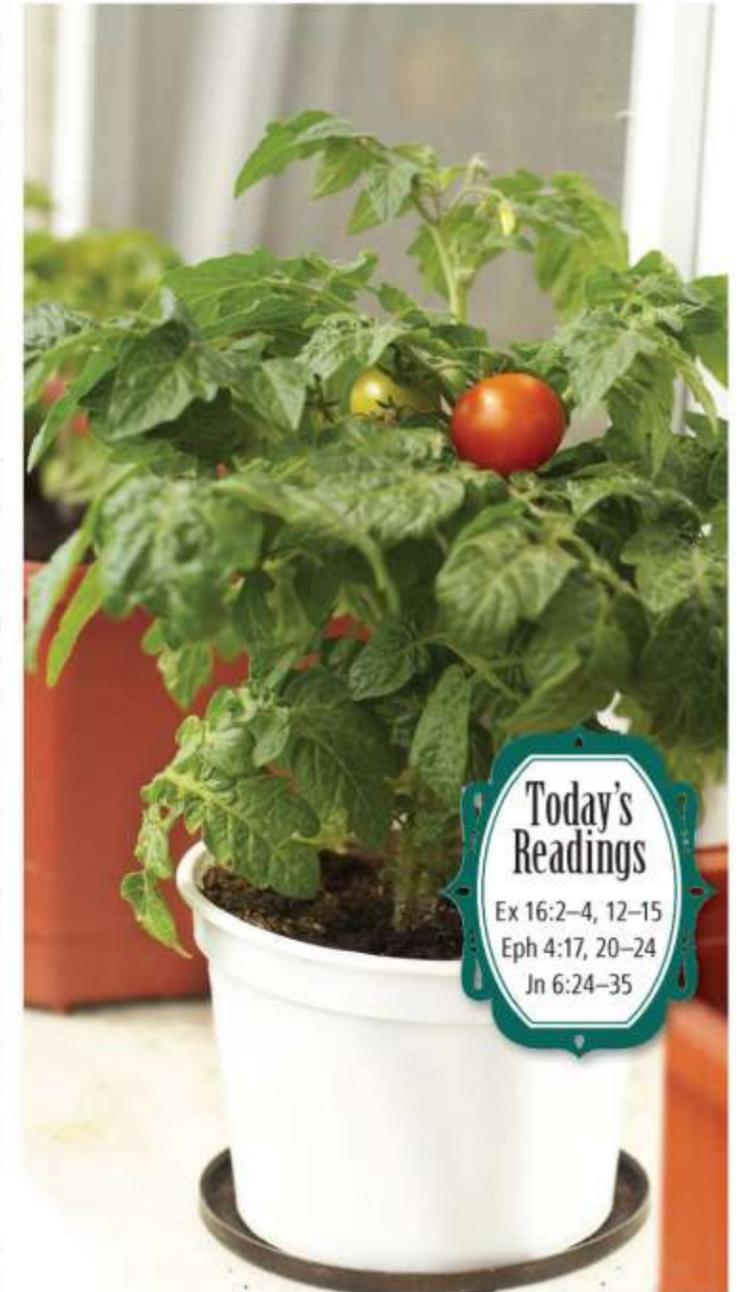


Where does food come from? In an effort to teach our children that food didn't come from grocery stores, my husband and I helped them plant tomatoes, cucumbers, and green beans in our back yard. The yield was small, but the reward was great as they tasted the work of their hands. We had somewhat more difficulty explaining the source of our protein, though they did learn how to fish. We cooked what they caught. I think they grew in appreciation of the hard work it took to put food on the table. We also learned the importance of sharing what we had by cooking for others and collecting canned goods for our local pantry.

The Israelites in the desert wondered where food was going to come from as well. The desert they wandered through was a far cry from Egypt. They forgot their enslavement and remembered only the food that they had, which seemed like a banquet compared to what the desert provided. There was nothing to plant and no place to plant it. The Israelites had to rely solely on God. God did not disappoint. First he sent quail, then a miraculous bread that was as much as they needed. It was a lesson in faith we all need to learn.

As city dwellers, we have grown to rely on the farmers, butchers, and fisherman who supply our daily food. As Christians, we again must rely solely on God for our spiritual nourishment. He sent us his Son, Jesus, who is the true bread from heaven. If we come to him, we will never hunger.

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