



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Institute of Charity (Rosminians)**

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Priest in Residence

Fr. James McAteer, I.C.

Deacon Jerry Thomas

Deacon Dick Beaudry

Hispanic Ministry:

Fr. Rafael Martos

Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass (Saturday):

4:30 p.m. (English)

6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,

and 4:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Thursday: 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Rosary 25 minutes before each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday thru Friday

After 8:00 Morning Mass to 4:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

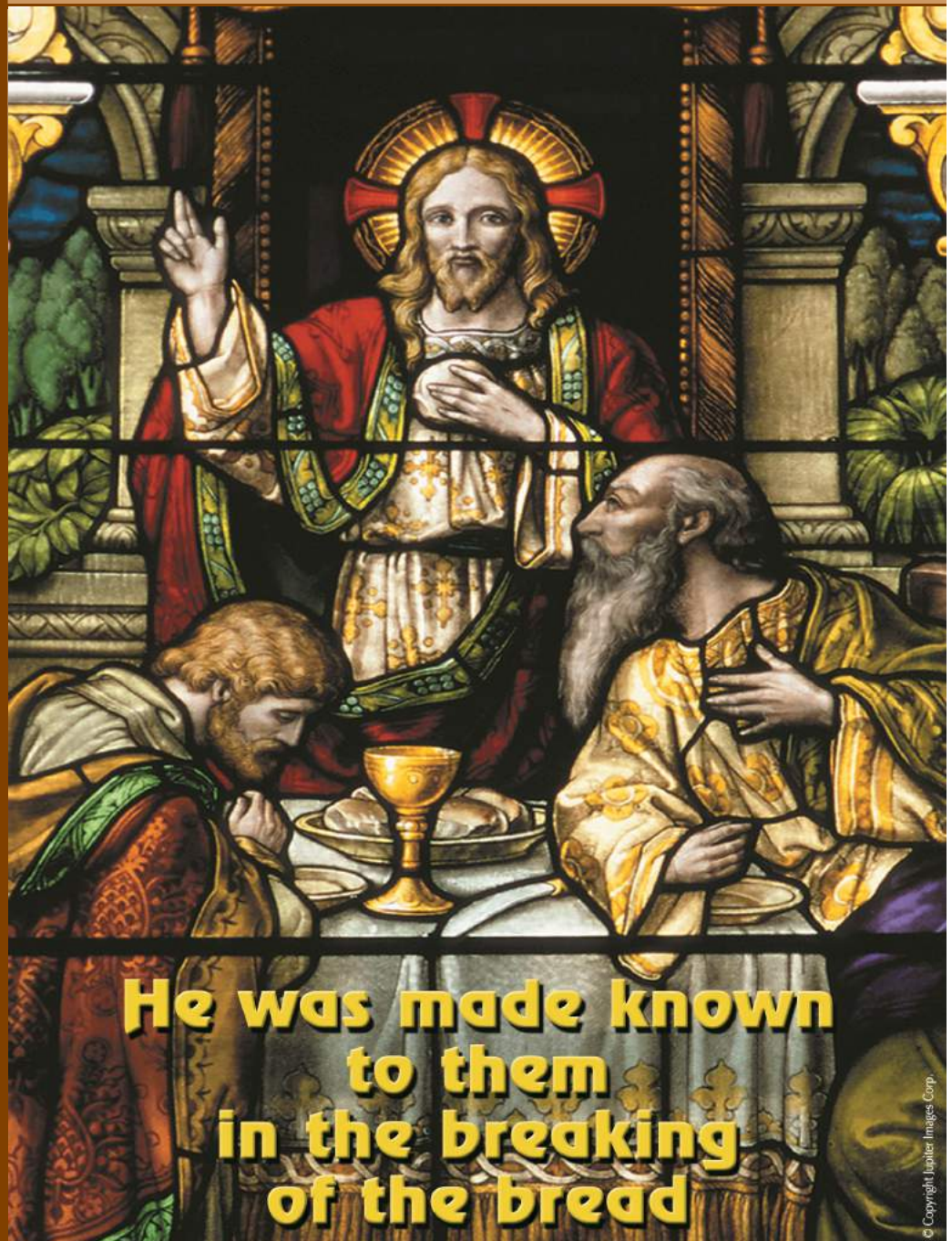
Saturday: 3:30-4:15 p.m.

First Friday: 7:30 a.m.

or Anytime by Appointment with Priest

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2017



**He was made known
to them
in the breaking
of the bread**

Mass Intentions for the Week



- Saturday April 29**
 4:30 p.m. †Blanch Newman
 by Marion Usher
 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
- Sunday April 30**
 8:30 a.m. †Eddie McGinn
 by Rachel Bowdoin
 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
 4:30 p.m. †Betty Muley
 by Anne, Jose & Michael
- Monday May 1**
 8:00 a.m. Intention of Fr. Jim
 by Mary Revere
- Tuesday May 2**
 8:00 a.m. Intention of Eucharistic Ministers
 by Mary Revere
- Wednesday May 3**
 8:00 a.m. Intention of Nora White
 by Nonie Riley
- Thursday May 4**
 8:00 a.m. †George Belinski
 by Sharon Belinski & Family
 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
- Friday May 5**
 8:00 a.m. †William Joyce, Jr.
 by Bernadette Suppa
- Saturday May 6**
 4:30 p.m. †Rosie Singh
 by the Beddoe Family
 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
- Sunday May 7**
 8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
 10:30 a.m. †Daniel Dingman
 by Carl Francis Kosierowski
 4:30 p.m. †Betty Muley
 by Anne, Jose & Michael

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for those who are ill, homebound, or confined to hospitals and nursing homes, especially for the following:

Jennifer Allen, Benjamin Ambrose, Alicia Arguelles, Anthony Augello, James Barry, Kathy Barry, Carmela Blair, Richard & Marie Bowers, Dee Brown, Dolores Buddenbrock, Teresa Burdier, Patty Capitano, Maria Celani, Michael Casagrande, Helen & Jack Clark, Carmen Connors, John Danet, Lisa DeJordy, Doug Dimick, Omar & Jane Elwer, Barbara Fellabick, Paul Gabriel, Philip Gabriel, Rosemarie Gabriel, Debbie & Jerry Gargiulo, Pat & Dee Gaskell, Kenny Gay, George Giles, Scott Gill, Paul Guthrie, Charles Hall, Rachel Harlor, Betty Hearne, John Heenan, Coleman & Marlene Hill, Patricia Koch, Mary Little, Aliceia Marrone, John & Charlotte McFaul, Agnes McGinn, Allan McGinn, Darryl Mummert, Robin Murphy, Ed & Gerry Murray, John Openlander, Helen O'Connor, Charles Paisley, Don Parker, Tim Pasden, Mary Elizabeth Polumbo, John Poulos, Luisa Puerto, Shirley Puerto, Theresa Redgrave, Catherine Schaefer, Mary Schembri, Bill Shumsky, Darrell Sitton, Catherine Mary Skidmore, Stanton Sullivan, Bernadette Suppa, Joseph Suppa Jr., Phyllis Suppa, Betty Valleri, Al Veinotte, Alice Veinotte, Dorian Vicario, John Vicario, Martin Vicario, Carol Wagner, Gabriel Wagner, George Wagner, Kurt Wicker, Mary Winiarski, the Homebound and their Caregivers.

LORD,

Look upon me with eyes of mercy, may Your healing hand rest upon me, may Your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

Please remember to pray for our troops, especially:

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| Daniel Hutton | Jesse Witt | Shai Ane Belinski |
| Aran Miller | Brittany L Jones Baker | Kevin Lime |
| Jarred Taracido | Adam Baker | Patrick Jonker |
| Joseph Michalek | Cameron Trinkle | Remy Herrero |
| Juan Cruz | Zachary Trinkle | Leobardo Martinez |
| Spencer Dewey | Brandon Trinkle | Alejandro Cuesta |
| Kris Urquhart | Dan Holder | Wesley Kosierowski |
| Stefan Tyska | Jesse Doyle | Christopher Jeffers |
| Mickey Reese | Kenneth Urquhart | Jared Michael Null |
| Christopher Heacox | Aaron C. Lint | Haley Elizabeth Null |
| Ryan Levy Cruz | Lawrence Morgan Null | Donovan O'Connor |
| Jeff Calvani | John Andrew Marple | Anna Jeffers |
| Ryan Hurley | James E. Desaulniers | Jaiden Andrus |
| J.P. Zotomayor | Brennan Tyska | Tony Cuesta |
| Helen Castillo | James Kropp | |
| Derrick M. Shea | Robin Brown | |
| Nathan Berry | Josh Silva | |
| Devon M. Callicoa | Charles Laing III | |
| Matt Daniels | Mario Perez | |
| Jack Vine | Joshua Eicholz | |



Eternal rest, grant unto them,
 O Lord, and let perpetual
 light shine upon them.
 May the souls of the faithful
 departed through the mercy
 of God rest in peace. Amen.

Rest In Peace

Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi!

We extend a special welcome to all our visitors and new parishioners who have come to celebrate Mass with us today! If you are new to our community, please introduce yourself to our clergy. If you live in this area and attend regularly, we invite you to join our parish of St. Francis of Assisi. Registration is necessary for better care of souls, more effective administration of sick calls, and matters pertaining to baptism, education, marriage and burial.

Registration is very easy, and the green "Parish Registration" cards can be found in the pamphlet holder above the table in the lobby. After completing, please place in the Parish Drop Box, located in the door by the water fountain in the lobby.



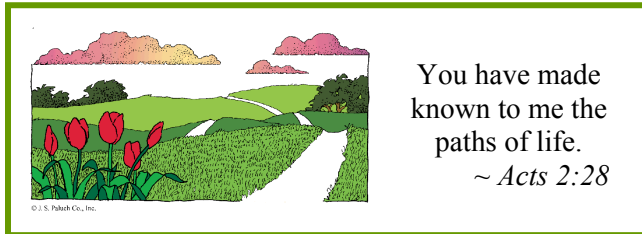
Today's Readings

First Reading—God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

Psalm—Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psalm 16).

Second Reading—Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel—Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).



On the Road

One central metaphor employed to describe the Christian life is a journey. In today's second reading, Peter addresses the early Christian community: "Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning" (1 Peter 1:17). When we think of a journey, we normally think of some kind of movement from point A to point B. The Christian journey, begun in the waters of baptism (point A) has as its ultimate destination eternal life with God in heaven (point B). Unfortunately we find ourselves on all kinds of detours along the way. Because of sin, we make foolish turns and sometimes seem unable to detect the presence of the Lord. Today's story of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus illustrates for us the fact that, even when we are dejected or on one of our many detours, the Lord is there, walking right beside us.

Emmaus Amazement

Today's Gospel has some surprises for the disciples going to Emmaus. The first is that Luke tells us Jesus appeared to them, "but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him" (Luke 24:16). Now I don't think Jesus was wearing glasses like Clark Kent. More likely, they were prevented by their lack of faith. They knew that Jesus had died, so this man who looked familiar couldn't be Him. All they had heard was that Jesus' body was missing from the tomb. Luke says they were debating, as if they couldn't decide what to believe.

That leads to the second point. No, they were not surprised that the stranger could quote scripture. Most Jewish men were familiar with the scriptures, but they were amazed at how Jesus explained them. Even the disciples had not thought of them as predicting Jesus' suffering and death. Yet they seem to know the truth of what Jesus was saying. Their hearts were burning with the fire of the Holy Spirit, who helped them to understand the new meaning of scripture. Their story can help us, too.

If you find you are not always able to see Jesus in the people or events of your life, you may need to stretch your faith. One way to do that is to discuss it with others. The two disciples were stretching their faith as they discussed what they had heard. Even better, debate it with someone who doesn't believe. (Remember to keep it friendly.) You may not convince them to change, but your faith will grow as you learn to express it. Another way to stretch your faith is to read and pray over the scriptures. Ask what God is trying to tell you in them. The disciples on the way to Emmaus began to see how Jesus fulfilled the promises found there. Passages that may have been mysterious before began to become clear when applied to Jesus.

Ask God to help you see Jesus in other people. Receive Jesus in Communion as often as you can (at least once a week). Trust Him and expect to see Jesus both in the people around you and in the changes that come into your life.

The more you look for Jesus, the easier it is to see Him.
~Tom Schmidt

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. Joseph the Worker
Tuesday: St. Athanasius
Wednesday: Ss. Philip and James
Thursday: National Day of Prayer
Friday: First Friday; Cinco de Mayo
Saturday: First Saturday

Effects

The effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.

~ Pope Saint Leo the Great

Ministries Schedule — May 6 & 7

Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: Deidre Bristol
Altar Servers: Adult Volunteers
Lector: Maria Lopes
E.M.H.C.: Benn; Lanctot; Bristol; Subko; Lyons; Silva

Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: Henri Plourde
Altar Servers: Adult Volunteers
Lector: Keysha Figueroa
E.M.H.C.: Mazur; Boucher; Mularoni; Leone; Plourde; Shoemaker

Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: Marilyn Oliu
Altar Servers: Erlendsson, K.; Berhie, S.
Lector: Paul Nunes
E.M.H.C.: Klosterman; Quintas; Carr; Mussenden; Vazquez; Zawlocki

Sunday - 4:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: Theresa Redgrave
Altar Servers: Cortes, A.; Mai, Y.
Lector: Bob Winiarski
E.M.H.C.: Hazzard; Redgrave; Whitehead; Byerley; Murray; Harper, B. & J.

Homebound E.M.H.C.

May 5: First Friday
Priests visit the homebound

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday - Friday..... 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Legion of Mary

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Novena to Our Lady, Queen of Peace

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday..... 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

First Friday:..... 7:30 a.m.
 or anytime by appointment with priest.

Anointing of the Sick

For all those threatened by serious illness: available anytime, but particularly during daily Mass.

Baptisms

After required instruction, contact parish office.

Marriage

Contact office at least six months before desired date and before setting date.

Business Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This Week at St. Francis

April 30 — May 6, 2017

Sunday April 30	BUNCO Faith Formation	1:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
Monday May 1	Emaus Prayer Group Baptism Class	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday May 2	Legion of Mary Boy Scouts Women's Guild Meeting Pope John XXIII Prayer Group	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday May 3	Dinner for the Needy MDS	4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Thursday May 4	Bible Study KC Council Meeting Choir Practice	8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Saturday May 5	Hispanic Faith Formation Hispanic Youth Group Hispanic Choir Practice	4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

ARE YOU A DRIVER OVER FIFTY YEARS OF AGE?

If you are, you might want to refresh your driving skills and stay safe on today's roads. Why not take the *Driver Safety Classroom Course*, especially designed for drivers age 50 and over, presented by AARP. The class will take place **Monday, May 8, 2017** in the Dinner Hall, **beginning at 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** You may qualify for a decrease in car insurance, but check with your insurance company. To register for the class please contact the parish office during business hours, 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.



Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards



Remember a loved one this Mother's Day by a **Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Card**. Cards are available on the table in the lobby. Simply complete the outer envelope and place in the Parish Drop Box and send the Spiritual Bouquet Card to the person whom you would like to remember.

Ordination of Deacon Xavy Castro

Deacon Xavy, from St. Francis, will be Ordained to the Priesthood on **Saturday, May 20th at 11 a.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Jude in St. Petersburg. **Fr. Xavy** will celebrate his first Mass here at St. Francis on **Sunday, May 21st at 10:30 a.m.**, with a reception to follow. God Bless Deacon Xavy!

Baptism Class



The next scheduled baptism class for those parents wishing to have their children baptized here at St. Francis will be Monday evening, **May 1st at 7:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room. **Parents need to complete our series of three classes prior to having their child baptized.**

Help Needed!!



Our *Helping Hands* Ministry is in need of volunteers! The ministry involves helping those parishioners who need assistance in going to doctor's visits, grocery store or to church. If you have a small amount of free time and would like to help in this invaluable ministry, please call Dottie Mabe at 813-681-2421. Please leave a message if she is unable to take your call.

Women's Guild Meeting

The Women's Guild cordially invites all the women of the parish to the next monthly meeting to be held Tuesday, **May 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** in the Dinner Hall. This will be the last meeting until September. Come with a friend and join us for spiritual enrichment and fellowship!

The Rosary

Please join us in praying the Rosary to END ABORTION every First Friday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Jesus Protect and Save the Unborn

Italy Pilgrimage

Greetings! How would you like to go on a pilgrimage with other Catholics that you know, and experience the history and grandeur of Rome, including walking under Saint Peter's Basilica, to view St. Peter's tomb? How about strolling along the streets of Assisi, or celebrating Mass in Padre Pio's church in San Giovanni Rotundo? We will be on Pilgrimage from **September 13-23, 2017**, in the fall of Italy. If you are interested, please attend an **informational meeting on Sunday, April 30, at 9:30 a.m., in Rooms 2 & 3 at Saint Francis of Assisi.** We would love to have you with us. If you have questions, you can contact Deacon Mark at 813-220-5759 (call or text) or email Deacon Mark at DcnDrMT@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!



Diaper & Wipe Drive

The *Respect Life Committee of St. Francis* is holding a **Diaper & Wipe Drive** for the entire month of May. All sizes of diapers, especially sizes 3—6, and wipes are welcome! Please deposit your donations in the "Pack-n-Play", located in the narthex. All donations benefit *LifeCare Network of Brandon*. Please help us Pamper(s) and Hug(gies) the babies! Thank you and God bless!



Have You Invited A Neighbor To Join You For Mass Lately?

St. Francis Chronicle



Blue Jay: Dear Francis, I notice that the provincial superior of the Rosminians, our priests, was here over the Easter weekend.

Francis: I presume, Bluey, he was just here on a courtesy visit to his brother-priests.....he's been here before.

Blue Jay: This time is different though, dear saint, he came to change some of the personnel, there will be comings and goings among the priests.

Francis: Mamma mia, that will cause some upsets, I guess, that is unless all the changes are for the good of everyone, and that would be a miracle indeed!

Blue Jay: I'm sure you would like to hear the changes that affect us here in St Francis?

Francis: Please, Bluey, don't keep me in suspense!

Blue Jay: Well, our pastor, Fr. Mick, is retiring but is staying on in the parish. Our new pastor is Fr. Edison, from St Theresa, Springhill.

Francis: And what about Fr. Henri and Fr. Jim—and Moses?

Blue Jay: I believe Fr. Henri stays on as assistant pastor, and Fr. Jim & Co. returns to his old parish in Springhill, his home from home....

Francis: Well, Bluey, it looks like a good deal all around, may God bless the provincial superior, Fr. Joe O'Reilly, for his worthwhile visit.

Blue Jay: Amen to that, dear saint, and we pray that the changes are blessed by the Lord's wisdom and peace as July 1st rolls around.

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers	
Judy Erendsson.....	244-2853
Church Musicians	
Ramon Martos.....	334-3454
Clothing Pantry	
Contact the Parish Office.....	681-9115
Eucharistic Adoration	
Susan Soleau.....	689-6914
Faith Formation	
Judy Erendsson.....	244-2853
Eucharistic Ministers	
Pam Caskey.....	651-1165
Helping Hands	
Dottie Mabe.....	681-2421
Hispanic Religious Education	
Sr. Evelia.....	305-9242
Hispanic Baptism Classes	
Maria Elena Parilla.....	657-0218
HomeBound/Nursing Home Visitation	
Janet Ganske.....	943-9928
Knights of Columbus	
Joe Halle.....	334-9526
Lectors	
Alice Murray.....	315-9613
Legion of Mary	
Sharon Belinski.....	951-0146
Respect Life	
Carl Francis Kosierowski.....	546-9440
Rosary Leader	
Dawn Silva.....	649-8957
RCIA	
Fr. Henry Konnoth Sebastian.....	681-9115
Sacristans	
Maria Ocampo.....	653-3011
Scouts	
Kathy & Ted Domey.....	685-8242
Tender Care/Food Pantry	
John Familetti.....	681-9115
Ushers	
Ron Mullen.....	661-5983
Women's Guild	
Sharon Belinski.....	951-0146
Youth Group	
Steve Jarosz.....	404-9658

Stewardship of Time & Talent Salute

In gratitude of God's gifts of time and talent to our parish, we wish to acknowledge and salute, *Grace Alfonso*, Lector.
Thank you, Grace!!

Stewardship Reflection

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" ~ Luke 24:32
How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. **Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus.** Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. **Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.**

Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

Sunday, April 16, 2017

Offertory Collection.....	\$8,550.55
Children's & Youth Collection.....	\$0.00
On Line Giving/Offertory.....	\$1,730.00
Total Offertory for this week.....	\$10,280.55
Total Offertory, week of 2016.....	\$9,497.66
Increase.....	\$782.89
Envelopes Issued/Used.....	652/206(31%)
Total Easter Collection this week.....	\$9,024.00
<i>Building Fund Collection for this week.....</i>	<i>\$155.00</i>
Budgeted Expense This Month.....	\$55,000.00
Total Receipts Month to Date.....	\$43,797.30
Total 2017 APA this week.....	\$347.50

~ Give Generously From Your Heart ~

MASS ATTENDANCE

8:00 p.m.	325	7:00 a.m.	270
8:30 a.m.	298	10:30 a.m.	463
		1:00 p.m.	450

Total Attendance: 1,806

~ For the Week of April 16, 2017 ~

POOR BOX DONATIONS

\$310.88

DINNER MINISTRY BOX DONATIONS

\$228.16

Thanks to all who so generously support our Poor Box & Dinner Ministry Collections. Because of *your support*, we are able to help those in need. *Thank you and God bless!!*

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Vocation View

We can feel the Lord's call at the strangest places and times. The call can haunt us and pursue us until we say, *"Lord, what will you have me do?"*

WINNING OFFER ANNOUNCED FRIDAY, JUNE 2nd AT 5 P.M.

MAKE AN OFFER TO WIN A
\$975 Value

Week at the Beach

At an Ocean Front Condo on the Gulf of Mexico
on Treasure Island, Pinellas County,
Voyager Beach Club
(www.libertemanagement.com/vacation-rentals)

July 8th to 15th, 2017

One Bedroom with a Queen Size Bed and Sofa Bed (sleeps two)
Full Kitchen with Microwave
Swimming Pool and Free On-sight Parking
Completely Furnished—Just bring Food and Bathing Suits!

How do I make an Offer?

Fill out the Offer Form below and return to the Parish Office **no later than June 2, 2017 at 3 p.m.**
The highest Offer will be accepted. **The *Winning Offer* will be announced on June 2, 2017 at 5 p.m.**
Winner need not be present.

NO REASONABLE OFFER WILL BE REFUSED!!

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Name _____	Offer Amount _____		
Address _____			
STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP
Phone # (H) _____	(C) _____	(W) _____	
Email _____			