



# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Pastor**

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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

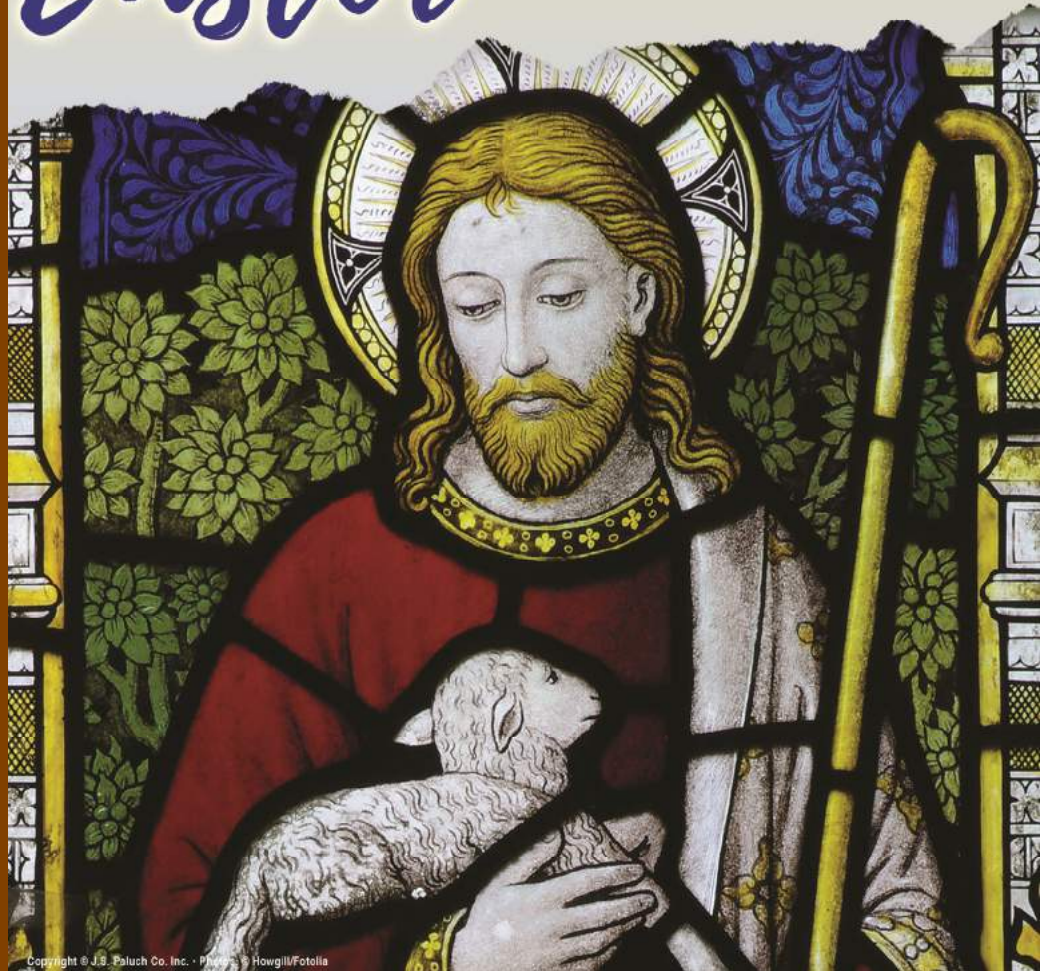
May 7  
2017

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF

# Easter

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD;  
THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.

**Psalms 23:1**



# Mass Intentions for the Week



- 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
- Monday May 8**  
8:00 a.m. Intention of Fr. Jim by Mary Revere
- Tuesday May 9**  
8:00 a.m. Intention of Eucharistic Ministers &  
Homebound Visitors  
by Mary Revere
- Wednesday May 10**  
8:00 a.m. †Elena Cabalan  
by Ardick & Gisela Cabalan
- Thursday May 11**  
8:00 a.m. †David F. Arguelles, Jr. by Vergelina
- 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
- Friday May 12**  
8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Blessings  
Do Nhan & All Moms  
by the Tran Family
- Saturday May 13**  
4:30 p.m. †Dixie Townsend by Marion Usher
- 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
- Sunday May 14**  
8:30 a.m. †Estelle, Florence & Santa  
by Billie
- 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
- 4:30 p.m. †Pierre & Josette Casagrande  
by Anne & Jose DeLaFuente  
& Michael Casagrande

**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, Larry Fields, Paul Gabriel, Philip Gabriel, Rosemarie Gabriel, Debbie & Jerry Gargiulo, Pat & Dee Gaskell, Kenny Gay, George Giles, Scott Gill, Paul Guthrie, Charles Hall, Rachel Harlor, John Heenan, Coleman & Marlene Hill, Patricia Koch, Mary Little, Aliceia Marrone, John & Charlotte McFaul, Agnes 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 and the repose of the soul of Betty Hearne.

**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.

## 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.



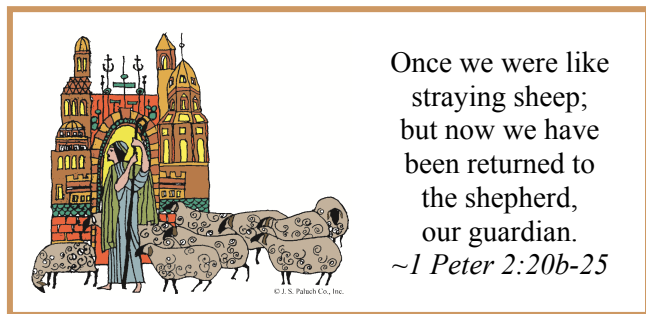
## Today's Readings

**First Reading**—All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

**Psalm**—The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading**—Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

**Gospel**—The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).



## The Call of the Good Shepherd

The Twenty-third Psalm, today's responsorial psalm, is arguably the best known of all the psalms. The line that reads "*Even though I walk in the dark valley / I fear no evil; for you are at my side / with your rod and your staff / that give me courage*" (Psalm 23:4) connects this week's scriptures to the wonderful story of the road to Emmaus, which we heard last week. The Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is constantly at our side. He calls us each by name, beckoning us into a deeper relationship with Him. That call, issued to each of us at the moment of our baptism, carries with it the promise of the Good Shepherd: "*I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly*" (John 10:10).

## A Lot of Nerve

The first reading from Acts of the Apostles takes place right after the disciples received the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Peter, the apostle who had denied knowing Jesus before He died, now comes out and accuses the crowd of killing Jesus, "*using lawless men to crucify Him*" (Acts 2:23). Considering that he was outnumbered three thousand to one, it took a lot of nerve. So the Spirit gave him the courage to face that crowd. But he did more than just stand up to the people. He offered them forgiveness and hope. He asked them to repent, but not just profess a rejection of sin. What we call repentance, in Peter's time meant a change of heart away from sin and toward a new way of acting or believing. He offered them the same gift of the Spirit that he and the disciples had received. As Peter says in our second reading, "*free from sin, [they] might live for righteousness*" (1 Peter 2:24). **We too can make a change of heart. We can turn away from selfishness and begin to love as Jesus did. We can relinquish anger and begin to forgive. We can put aside fear and boldly proclaim our faith.**

Peter also shows us another gift of the Spirit—the **ability to suffer for doing good**. That also takes a lot of nerve. It's hard enough to suffer for our sins; who wants to suffer for doing good? **Yet that is just what Jesus did for us.** It is what all disciples are called to do. Following the example of Jesus on the cross, we accept the suffering that comes to us. It may be ridicule for expressing our faith, the pain of losing someone we love, or the eventual pain of dying ourselves. We accept pain because we love the Lord and so love others enough to bear the pain of helping them.

As Jesus became flesh through the power of the Holy Spirit, so the same Spirit shows us that Jesus is present today in His disciples, in the poor, the homeless, the sick and dying. Let us ask the Spirit to help us repent from selfishness to a new life of love for God and our neighbor.

~Tom Schmidt

## Listen For Your Name

The emphasis in John's Gospel is not on the leadership of the shepherd. The focus is specifically on the voice of the shepherd. We listen for the shepherd who calls us by name. We are not called to follow passively. We are called to recognize our name when it is spoken. We are to listen so that we can hear the voice of the One who knows who we truly are—not the external, transient realities like "I am a doctor" or "I am a mother." **Our real name known to our Creator is much more than the roles we fill or the work we do.** If my name is who I truly am, then I must listen for the One who calls me "forgiven" and "merciful" and "beloved." For this is my true name. This is my true nature.

## Heaven

The goal of religion is not to get us into heaven—but to get heaven into us.

Anonymous

**Ministries Schedule — May 13 & 14**

**Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Mass**

**Rosary Leader:** Dawn Silva

**Altar Servers:** Adult Volunteers

**Lector:** John Wilbur

**E.M.H.C.:** Bristol; Subko; Lyons; Angelo, J. & J.; Toles; Caskey

**Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Rosary Leader:** Henri Plourde

**Altar Servers:** Adult Volunteers

**Lector:** Sharon Belinski

**E.M.H.C.:** Mularoni; Leone; Claypoole, J. & C.; Boucher; Bull

**Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass**

**Rosary Leader:** John Mabe

**Altar Servers:** Brown, G.; Brown, C.

**Lector:** Stu Martin

**E.M.H.C.:** Erlendsson; Mabe; Monaldi, F. & J.; DiRisio; Quintas

**Sunday - 4:30 p.m. Mass**

**Rosary Leader:** Joan Miller

**Altar Servers:** Wayne, K.; Ray, G.

**Lector:** Sally Hazzard

**E.M.H.C.:** Whitehead; Redgrave; Byerley; Murray; Harper, B. & J.; Sweeney

**Homebound E.M.H.C.**

**First Group:** Veronica Everett & John Wasyluk

**Second Group:** Ray & Aggi Mularoni

**Third Group:** Chito & Maria Ocampo

**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**

**May 7—13, 2017**

<b>Sunday May 7</b>	Legion of Mary Curia Faith Formation	2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
<b>Monday May 8</b>	AARP Drivers Safety Class Emaus Prayer Group	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday May 9</b>	Legion of Mary Boy Scouts Pope John XXIII Prayer Group	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday May 10</b>	Dinner for the Needy MDS	4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday May 11</b>	Bible Study Choir Practice	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday May 12</b>	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 with 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m.**, with a reception to follow. God Bless Deacon Xavy!



### 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.

### Happily Married Couples



Ever wonder why the Church makes such a big deal about Marriage? Jesus performed His 1<sup>st</sup> miracle at the wedding at Cana, even though it wasn't His time. **Maybe the Church cares so much about marriage because Jesus does.** Come find out more about God's plan for your Joy, Romance and Love in YOUR marriage. You'll be glad you did! The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in this area is The next weekend is **July 7-9 at the Franciscan Center**. Space IS limited, so please apply early! For more information about taking a private time away, call 813-270-7832 or check out [flwc-wwme.org](http://flwc-wwme.org).

### Vocation View

As a contrast to people declaring war, condemning and holding grudges, we need people speaking of peace, being less judgmental and offering forgiveness. **Follow Jesus.**

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE

June 19, 2017

Join Fr. Bill Swengros, from St. Paul Catholic Church in Tampa, June 19<sup>th</sup>—25<sup>th</sup> for a *Celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Year of Dedication of the Basilica of Our Lady in Mexico*, venerate the Sacred Tilma of St. Juan Diego, Tlaxcala, Tlatelolco, Pyramids of the Sun and Moon, Tlaxcala, Tlatelolco, Puebla, and more for \$2,548 inclusive from Tampa. For a brochure or more information call Pilgrimage Coordinator Margie at 1-800-644-4659.



### 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!

### Follow the Holy Father on Twitter!

**Pope Francis is on Twitter!** The Vatican uses Twitter as a way for the faithful to interact more closely with the Holy Father and is available in several different languages. Follow him at [www.twitter.com/pontifex](http://www.twitter.com/pontifex) as he shares his wisdom, thoughts, and blessings!

## St. Francis Chronicle



**Francis:** Bluey, you know I have a great view of everyone who enters the church, from my perch here in the lobby.

**Blue Jay:** I imagine you have, dear saint, but you obviously have some comment to make on something... so go ahead, I'm listening.

**Francis:** You know, sometimes you can be so annoying, the way you try to read my mind!

**Blue Jay:** Sorry, dear saint, but I still think you have a point to make.

**Francis:** Okay, you're right as usual. Well, it's about the way some people dress for church.

**Blue Jay:** A-ah, I was wondering when you would comment on the dress code.

**Francis:** Well, honestly, I am amazed how disrespectfully some people dress in coming to Mass, I mean, they are coming into Jesus' presence, even receiving Him in Holy Communion!

**Blue Jay:** I presume you are referring to the ladies, the way they expose parts of their bodies?

**Francis:** That certainly, but some of the men, too, dressed more for a cross-country race than to meet the Lord of Creation.

**Blue Jay:** But, dear saint, this is Florida, where beachwear and football shorts are common clothing especially among the young people.

**Francis:** Bluey, don't make me mad, we're neither on the beach nor on the playing field when we attend church - in fact we, Catholics, have not a good name when it comes to dressing-up for Sunday service, we who believe in the Eucharistic presence of Jesus among us.

**Blue Jay:** You've made the point, dear saint. If we really had faith in Jesus' presence during Mass we would take extra, extra care in looking our best for Him.

**Francis:** Bluey, for a little bird-brain, you really have a gift for words.

**Parish Ministries**

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

**Stewardship Reflection**

*"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...' --Acts 2:38*

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. When it comes to change, do we take responsibility for change or do we think that others have to change instead? Change that is permanent comes from within, we must take control and be disciplined. Remember though that we are not alone, Jesus is there to help lighten the load.

**Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving**

Sunday, April 23, 2017

Offertory Collection.....	\$9,214.26
Children's & Youth Collection.....	\$85.94
On Line Giving/Offertory.....	\$1,445.00
<b>Total Offertory for this week.....</b>	<b>\$10,745.20</b>
Total Offertory, week of 2016.....	\$10,400.11
<b>Increase.....</b>	<b>\$345.09</b>
Envelopes Issued/Used.....	652/227(34%)
<i>Building Fund Collection for this week.....</i>	<i>\$110.00</i>
Budgeted Expense This Month.....	\$55,000.00
<b>Total Receipts Month to Date.....</b>	<b>\$43,797.30</b>
Total 2017 APA this week.....	\$317.50

~ Give Generously From Your Heart ~

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

4:30 p.m. 175	6:30 p.m. 327
8:30 a.m. 186	10:30 a.m. 215
4:30 p.m. 246	

**Total Attendance: 1,149**

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~ For the Week of April 23, 2017 ~

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**\$191.35**

**DINNER MINISTRY BOX DONATIONS**

**\$171.01**

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!!*

**Stewardship by the Book**

Jesus says "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.

WINNING OFFER ANNOUNCED FRIDAY, JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.libertemanagement.com/vacation-rentals))

July 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

One Bedroom with a Queen Size Bed and Sofa Bed (sleeps two)  
Full Kitchen with Microwave  
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### 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 _____		
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Email _____			