



# St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Church

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**REV. ERIC CHAPA  
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**PRIEST:**

Msgr. Seamus McGowan

**DEACONS:**

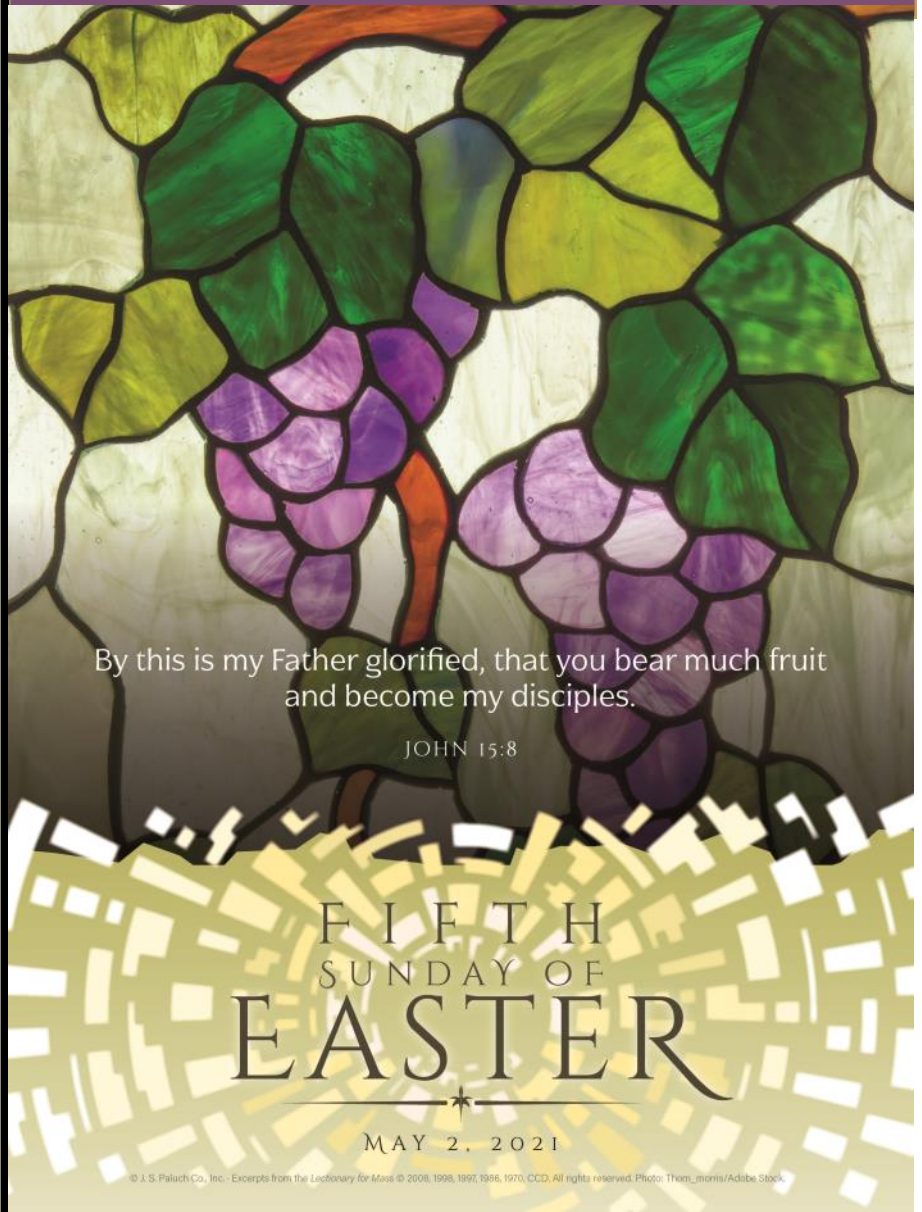
Allen Cicora  
Eluterio Farias  
Brian Holden

**WEEKEND MASSES:**

Saturday: 6:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 AM  
12:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Confessions are heard on  
Saturday from 4:30 - 5:30  
PM and by appointment.

St. Mary Mission  
Mass, 10:00 AM



By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit  
and become my disciples.

JOHN 15:8

FIFTH  
SUNDAY OF  
EASTER

MAY 2, 2021

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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Catholic Church  
is a welcoming community dedicated to promoting  
a devout life of prayer and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
through living the sacraments in a spirit of generous service.**

*Mass Intentions*

May 5-9 , 2021



- Wednesday**  
6:30 pm †Gracie Garcia - Bunco Group  
†Msgr. Morgan - Emshoff Family  
†Melvin Arnold - Brian & Carolyn Poche  
†Kathy Cicora - D. Scotka
- Thursday**  
8:00 am †Blanca Garcia - Carol Klepac
- Friday**  
8:00 am Special Intention - Margaret Boerm
- Saturday**  
6:00 pm Mother's Day Novena
- Sunday**  
8:00 am Mother's Day Novena  
10:00 am (St. Mary's) †Guadalupe Castillo - Molly Castillo  
10:00 am Mother's Day Novena  
12:00 pm Mother's Day Novena  
6:00 pm Mother's Day Novena

**St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Parish  
04/25/2021**

Envelopes .....	\$8,090.00
Loose .....	\$603.41
Retired & Infirm Priest Coll.....	\$25.00
Catholic Home Missions.....	\$574.50
Holy Land .....	\$3.00
Online.....	\$2,885.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$12,180.90</b>

**St. Mary's Mission 04/25/2021**

Envelopes .....	\$835.00
Loose .....	\$35.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$870.00</b>

MAY 2, 2021 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I am the vine,  
*you are the branches.*

Whoever remains in me and I in them will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.  
- John 15:5



**BEARING FRUIT**

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God "prunes" us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly "pruned" by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials "pruned" him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

"The largest marginalized group in the world can be found in the U.S. They are the unborn,"

Sister Deirdre Byrne

Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

—1 John 3:18



**ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 2021 OF  
ST. PETER, PRINCE OF THE APOSTLES CHURCH**

Please join us on Saturday, May 15 at the 6:00 pm Mass in your cap and gown as we celebrate your accomplishments so that we may bless you on a safe and successful Journey into your chosen path.

Please call the Parish Office and let Irene know if you are planning to attend 361-241-3249.



**4th Annual Martin and Tomasita Colunga Memorial Scholarship**

**Essay question:** In the Bible, what is your favorite parable and why?

**Requirements:** Applicant must be High School Senior and must be a registered member at St. Peter's. Deadline is Wednesday, May 12, 2021. Email essay to email address: [colungascholarship@gmail.com](mailto:colungascholarship@gmail.com)

Winner will be announced on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 6pm Senior Mass.

*Saints and Special Observances*

Monday: Ss. Philip and James  
Wednesday: Mass 6:30 pm. Cinco de Mayo  
Thursday: Mass 8:00 am. National Day of Prayer  
Friday: Mass 8:00 am. First Friday  
Saturday: Confessions 4:30 - 5:30 PM Vigil Mass 6:00 PM

**FEAST OF FAITH**  
The Second Reading

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God's word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God's word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.

*Readings for the Week*

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19  
Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

**Online** [Cityof.com/goodnews](http://Cityof.com/goodnews)

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

**The Schoenstatt Family Branch invite all married and engaged couples to follow the pilgrim pathway of your marriage through a series of stations in the prayerful setting of St. Andrew's by the Sea Catholic Church, 14238 Encantada Ave. (Padre Island) on Saturday, May 8 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., We will begin with dinner at the Island Italian Restaurant at 5 p.m.**

**The fifteen station shed light on your path through life with all its ups and downs and encourage you to focus on yourselves, each other and your marriage. Our hope is that you will enter into a dialogue about what God is calling your married life to be.**

**To register, call Roseanne at (361) 215-7299 or 991-7653. Suggested Donation is \$20/couple which will cover dinner and Marriage Camino book.**



**First Holy Communion Saturday, May 8 at 6 pm mass and Sunday, May 9 at 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm and 6 pm.**

(All candidates should be at the church 30 minutes prior to the beginning of mass. If you have any question please call the parish office at 361-241-3249)



### **MOTHERS' DAY NOVENA**

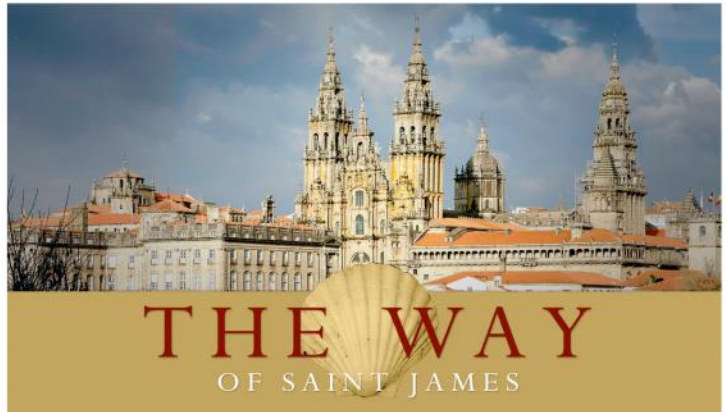
Sunday, May 9th is Mothers' Day and we Can show our appreciation to our mothers, grandmothers, mother-in laws etc. by having them enrolled in the Novena of nine Masses to begin on May 8th. There are cards and envelopes at all exits that you can fill out and return today. Our mothers will appreciate this spiritual gift and the fact that you remembered them in this special way!

May 2, 2021

### WATCH

#### THE WAY OF ST. JAMES

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.



The  
**ACTS OF THE  
APOSTLES**



#### ACTS OF THE APOSTLES WITH MARK HART

The feast day of Saints Philip and James reminds us of the impact that the Apostles made on the whole world. With Philip, James, and all the Apostles in mind, join Mark Hart in this refresher on the Book of Acts.

### LEARN

### LISTEN

#### REACHING OUT TO TODAY'S CULTURE BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Saints Philip and James each lived extraordinary lives of missionary zeal. In this insightful talk, Bishop Barron shares his advice on how to live similar lives of mission within a culture dominated by media and misconceptions about faith.



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