



The Church of St. Peter

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What a beautiful Christmas season we have celebrated this year! The New Year is already here and along with our New Year Resolutions, it is time to think about pledges. As we have done every year, pledge cards will be distributed throughout the parish, and we ask you to prayerfully consider filling one out and returning it in the offering plate. We use pledge cards to help us set our budget for the year. Do not worry! Your pledge will be kept secret, and we will not harass you if you fail to keep your pledge. We encourage you to pledge because, again, it helps us with our budget, and it is a good spiritual “discipline.” It is a “discipline” because God expects us to tithe, and sometimes it is hard to get into the habit of giving weekly or monthly. In the Old Testament God required a tithe of ten percent of everything from the Israelites. Ten percent of the best “first fruits” was to be brought into the Temple and presented for the Lord and for His use, Today we are taught to continue this practice, holding a ten percent tithe as the Biblical gold-standard.

But we must remember that pledging is not just about our tithes or treasure but includes our time and talent too. Perhaps you have heard of the three T’s before; “time, talent, and treasure.” “Time, talent, and treasure” are three

valuables everyone has regardless of how rich or poor. After all, it’s not just about money! The Mass reminds us of this, during which we present three things to God; our tithes and offerings (our money), the oblation (the bread and wine for Holy Communion), and “ourselves, our souls, and bodies.” Do you realize that if we tithe ten percent of the 24 hours in a day, we would spend two hours and forty minutes a day in prayer or service to God? That would be nearly 17 hours a week we could devote to prayer, Bible reading, meditation, attending or serving at Mass, and volunteering to help at charities. And what of our talents? We can use our talents for cooking and baking for parish hospitality, or cooking meals for those in need. Musical talent is easily used for God’s glory in the Church, as is talent for networking, business, gardening, decorating, and crafts.

Time, Talent, and Treasure, I challenge you to pledge these three things, these areas of your lives this year. The Mass reminds us, that we are not just to put money in the plate, but to “offer and present...ourselves, our souls, and bodies, to be a holy, reasonable, and living sacrifice” unto God. God wants all of us, He wants us to pledge ourselves, our lives. This year, look at your pledge not as a marker of how much money you are making, but as symbolic of yourself, your time, and your talent.

This Month at St. Peter's

Jan. 6th, Thursday, The Epiphany, Low Mass at 6PM.

Jan. 7th, Friday, Bible Study on Samuel, David, and Saul at 11AM. Mass at Noon. Counsel and Confession from 2-4PM.

Jan. 9th, **The 1st Sunday after the Epiphany. 1928 BCP Mass at 8:30 AM. Book Study at 9:30 AM. Sung Mass with Incense at 10:30 AM.**

Jan. 12th, Wednesday, Mass at 10AM.

Jan. 14th, Friday, Bible Study on Samuel, Saul, and David at 11AM. Mass at Noon. Counsel and Confession from 2-4PM.

Jan. 16th, **The 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany. 1928 BCP Mass at 8:30 AM. Book Study at 9:30 AM. Sung Mass with Incense at 10:30 AM.**

Jan. 19th, Wednesday, Mass at 10AM.

Jan. 21st, Friday, Bible Study on Samuel, Saul, and David at 11AM. Mass at Noon. Counsel and Confession from 2-4PM.

Jan. 23rd, **The 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany. 1928 BCP Mass at 8:30 AM. Book Study at 9:30 AM. Sung Mass with Incense at 10:30 AM.**

Jan. 26th, Wednesday, Mass at 10 AM. *St. Polycarp*

Jan. 28th, Friday, Bible Study on Samuel, Saul, and David at 11AM. Mass at Noon. Counsel and Confession from 2-4PM.

Jan. 30th, **Sunday, The 4th Sunday after the Epiphany. 1928 BCP Mass at 8:30 AM. 9:30 AM Book Study. Sung Mass with Incense at 10:30 AM.**

Our Prayer List

For our Parish, for its growth in sanctity, ministry, size, and financially.

For the Unity of Christ's Church

For ArchBp. Mark and Paul our Bp. & Bps. +Juan, + Chad, +Anthony, + Ryan. Frs. Geordan+, Micah+, Jim+, Sam+, Joshua+,

Dens. David *For all Religious*: St. Benedict's Abbey

For all in Authority; Joseph our President, and Gregg our Governor.

For all servicemen and women: T.J., Andrew, Jacob, Preston, McKayla, Christoff, Kyle, Andy
For Blessings received: Birthdays: Tom's Birthday (1/3)

For all Children born and unborn & for their mothers: Nancy, Joanna, Nicole

For those in sickness or in need: Christine, Ashley, Paul, Mary, Cable, Miranda, Melvin, Christina, James, Madison, Beatrice, Michelle, Susan, Mary, Olga, Sherman, Kim, Wendy, Joe, Jennifer, Jolene, Jodi, Joanne, Sarah, Peggy, Brooke, Pat, Amy, Barbara, Faye, John, Rhett, Terry, Ava, Anna, Gabriella, Isaac, Verna, Paul, Elden, John, Diane, Jeff, Jill, Marissa, Evelyn, Joey, Ross, Chad, Catherine, Linda, Alicia, Robert+, Gene+ Michael *priest*, David *bishop*.

RIP: Earl, Julianna, Katherine, J.C., Amber, Gene, Virginia, Jimbo, Dean, Kelly.

Announcements:

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There is blessed chalk and copies of the prayer in the parish hall for you to take home if you would like to do the traditional Epiphany chalking of the doors of your home. The Epiphany season is also a traditional time of year for priests to bless parishioner's homes, if you are interested in an Epiphany house blessing please let Fr. Geddings know.

Pledge cards are available at the back of the Nave. Please place your pledge card in the offering plate or in the mite-box located at the back of the Nave.

Thank you for donating toward our canned food drive! Donations benefitted S.O.S. in Magnolia and Cypress Assistance Ministries.

Join us Fridays in the Parish Hall at 11 AM for a Bible Study on Samuel, Saul and David.

We continue our reading of C. S. Lewis's Letters to Malcolm on Sunday's at 9:30 AM. All are welcome to attend.

You may also support St. Peter's by giving online through Zelle: The Church of St Peter, saintpeterscypress@gmail.com