

St. Clare

236 S. Beach Boulevard



Catholic Church

Waveland, MS 39576

Sunday, February 18, 2024

“The kingdom of God is at hand.”



Can you imagine the excitement that Jesus must have generated as he began healing people, performing works of wonder, and preaching the good news of the kingdom? Can you picture the hope and expectation evident in the faces of the people who flocked to him? Maybe the time really had been “fulfilled.” Maybe the kingdom really was “at hand” (Mark 1:15).

It certainly was a dramatic way for Jesus to begin his ministry. But today, on the First Sunday of Lent, the Lord reminds us that this exciting new beginning came at the *end* of something not quite so exciting.. Just before he burst on the scene, Jesus had endured a grueling forty-day fast and a host of demonic temptations.

This sequence of events wasn't just a coincidence. It was that very fast that helped launch the new kingdom Jesus was announcing.

By staying faithful to his Father

throughout this ordeal, Jesus began his work of disarming the devil. As the first man who didn't bend to temptation, he reversed the sin of Adam and opened a path for us to follow. Beginning with his time in the wilderness, Jesus demonstrated that his kingdom was indeed at hand—and that the devil's reign was coming to a decisive end.

As your own Lenten journey unfolds this year, keep the story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness close to your heart. Especially when life gets hard or temptations arise, remind yourself that every desert experience can result in new life as you try your best to stay faithful to the Lord. Even if you fall, remember that you can stand up again and keep moving forward because of Jesus' triumph over the devil. Sin no longer has the final word in your life; Jesus, your Redeemer, does!

~ *The Word Among Us*

Our Mission:

To live a Gospel way of life

***Simply *With Humility *Out of Love of God and Neighbor**

Readings for the 1st Sunday in Lent

- ◆ 1st Reading— Genesis 9: 8-15
- ◆ 2nd Reading— 1 Peter 25: 4-9
- ◆ Gospel Reading— Mark 1: 12-15

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Church Office Hours:.....
 Monday through Friday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Holidays change these days and hours.)

CONFESSION: Saturdays - 1 hour before 4:00 PM
 Vigil Mass, by appointment, or anytime during office hours.
 Call the office ahead to schedule a time.

*In the spirit of giving,
 we thank you for
 your generosity!* **Last week's collection was:**
Regular Offertory:
\$4,294.00

Pope Francis gives 3 reasons to pray the rosary.

- ✠ First, he said that the Rosary is a “compendium of the entire history of our salvation.”
- ✠ Then, the Pope noted, the “Holy Rosary is a powerful weapon against evil.”
- ✠ Finally, the Pope said, it is “an effective means of obtaining true peace in our hearts.”

All are welcome to stay and pray the Rosary after morning Mass and after the 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Weekend Masses, the Rosary will be recited 30 minutes before Mass.



The Altar Flowers are a great way to honor and remember loved ones.

Gayle Probus is the contact person to have your special arrangement done.
 228-342-3025

Intentions available for the living (SP) or Deceased (+). Check with the office for date availability.



Monday, February 19	8:30 a.m.	John V Baus +
Tuesday, February 20	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Bill Bradford +
Wednesday, February 21	6:00 p.m.	Emile Babin, Sr. +
Thursday, February 22	8:30 a.m.	Madonna Boos +
Friday February 23	8:30 a.m.	Christopher & Timothy Proulx +
Saturday, February 24	4:00 p.m.	Isabelle Hill +
Sunday, February 25	8:30 a.m.	Pam & Paul Brown (SP)
	11:00 a.m.	Allan & Marilyn Murphey (SP)
	5:30 p.m.	Sick of the Parish



February 18	Father Truong Q Trinh
February 19	Father Joe Uko
February 20	Father Adam Urbaniak
February 21	Father Peter Varghese C.M.I.
February 22	Father Khoa Phi Vo
February 23	Father Marcin Wiktor
February 24	Our Seminarians



Abby Theriot, Alan & Lana Noonan, Alice Rosemann, Allan & Marilyn Murphey, Ann Vandeslice, Annette Haas, Ava Hirstius, Betty Youngblood, Beverly Ermerick, Bill & Mary Gillen, Bill Boyd, Bill Bradford +, Bill Kane, Blondine Duval, Bob & Donna Martin, Bradford family, Brandon Butera, Brenda Scianna, Brian Roe, Bruce Cranmer, Bruce Necaise, Carmencita Baker, Cathy Smith, Celino family, Charles & Emily Piazza, Sr., Charlotte & John Johnson, Chelsea Copeland, Cheri Monic Hubbard, Christen Maddox, Christy Westbrook, Cindy Russell, Clara Bonvillian +, Cody Smith, Dan Richards family, Dana L Parker, Danny & Daren Reinhart, David Otero + and family, Deb Cranmer, Debbie Lee, Dennia & Bonnie Bates, Desiree J Dubois, Diane Perkins, Dieckhaus family, Dominic Marino +, Don Eskine, Donna & Ken Kennedy, Donna Day Scianna, Eddie Favre +, Edward Harrison, Elaine Favre, Eleanor Lott & family, Eleanor Otero, Elyssa Favre, Erick Joseph Chamberlin, Erica Palmer, Eric Cranmer, Esther Otero, Ethan Wynn, Evelyn Sellers, Fay Monti, Gail France, Gayle & Rex Probus, Gilbert & Sharon Tosso, Gloria Duveilh, Gurule family, Harrington family, Harry Roy +, Heinz family, Helen Centanni, Hope Reos, Janeal McKee, Janet Palmer, Janette Gurule, Jean Dubuisson, Jessie Abalos, Jillian Frommeyer, Jim Ferry, Joan Hentz, SFO, Joe Newman; John James, Joseph & Michael, Johnny Kersanac, Jolene Joachim & family, Judy Gomila, Julie Celino, Julie Cranmer, Kami Wert, Kathie Harris, SFO, Kathleen Asher, Kathleen Westbrook, Kathy Martinolich, Kay Wingate, Ken & Nikie Martin, Kenneth R Dubois, Kenny Delcambre, Kevin Nicosia & family, Kevin Schriber, Kristen Istre Orndoff +, Laura F White, Layla Harrison, Linda Villere, Liz Lirette, Lola & Tiffany Schriber, Lou Samuels, Louie Otero, Louis Bourgeois, Louis Smolensky, Lydia LeBlanc Thibodeaux, Maz Piazza, Marcia Rheinorcker, Margie Schmitt, Margo Frommeyer, Marie Beaugez, Marilyn Grillo, Marilyn Smith, Mary Ann Ferry, Mary Ann Gambino & family, Mary Lou & Gene Ferry, Mary Anne Pagano, Matthew Gill, Melissa Gill, Michael Carney, Michelle Fleming, Michelle Harrison, Mike Cunningham, Mike Fatzgerald, Miller Piazza, Muriel Waguespack, Nancy, Nancy Lewis, Nicholas Eirich +, Nona Mumme, Pam Brown, Pat Hille, Pat Morris, Patty Steele, Paul Delmar +, Pauline Otero, Payton Piazza, Peggy Parker, Phillip Haas family, R. Gill, Ralph Nix, Randall Shanks, Rebekah Arrington, Ricky Manieri, Jr., Rose Marie Ginn, Rosetta Bonadona, Roxanne Colson; Russel, Donna, Rusty & Lanie Bodin, Rusty & Gwen Price, Rusty & Mary Waldrep, Ruth Ann Ragusa, Sam Celino, Sara S Ford; Shawn, Arden & Addie Quigley, Sheila & Jay Poolson, Shirley Noonan, Shirley Piazza, Stacy Stanek, Susan Otero Cordova, Tanya Walker, Tara Vest, Tom & Darlene Lundin, Tyler Reos, Vanessa Gambino, William Caddell, Wyatt, Xavier & Xander Harrinton, Zimmerman family, Zoey Reos.

PARISH MINISTRIES

ALTAR SOCIETY: Open to men and women; envelopes are available to pay \$5.00 membership.

BAPTISM: To schedule an appointment to setup a Baptism date, please call the Church Office at (228) 467-9275. Parents and godparents should also attend a Baptism class.

CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY: Meets each Friday at 10:00 a.m., a group meeting to study the Diary of St. Faustina & incorporate with Scripture and the Catechism. Contact Suzan Cox at (601) 209-6811 or suzan713@gmail.com.

GRIEF MINISTRY: Meets to support, encourage and equip those grieving the death of a loved one. For more information, leave a message at the Parish Office or contact Sherry at (228) 332-0256.

HOME BOUND: Volunteers bring Communion to the Home Bound. Volunteers must be trained as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Contact Paul Pitts, Jr. for more information (228) 216-0091.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/LADIES AUXILIARY: Meet every 2nd Tuesday in the Parish Center—6:30 meeting. The Assembly meet on the 2nd Tuesday after the council meeting. **Ladies Auxiliary** meet every 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE PREP: Please contact Leslie and Terry Asher (228) 467-9275 if you are engaged and wish to be married at St. Clare. Marriages must be scheduled 6 months in advance.

OVER 50'S GROUP: All parishioners over 50 are invited to join (no charge). Luncheons 2nd Wednesday & Bunco 3rd Tuesday. Call Janis for details (228) 324-8715.

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WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: We invite all parishioners to join St. Clare as we embark on this journey together. For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact: Linda Walden, OFS at (228) 304-2305 or lwalden855@gmail.com.

PARISH NEWS



The Lenten Fish Fry Season is here!!!
Volunteer sign-up sheets are available on a table in the hallway! We always need volunteers to set-up, take orders, fill orders, run the orders over to the cooking section, clean up and more!



We are still accepting blessed palms. You may drop them off in the box outside of the office.



♥ **BUNCO—Tuesday, February 20 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Clare.**

Lenten Movie nights have begun!!

Saturday, February 17—Mother Teresa

Monday, February 19—The Shoes of the Fisherman

Saturday, February 24—The Reluctant Saint

Join us at 6:00 pm! Snacks to include popcorn, hotdogs, candy, chips and cold drinks will be available (donations accepted) each movie night.



In observance of
Presidents' Day
We will be closed
**Monday,
February 19th**

Fr. Jacob-Matthew will celebrate Mass on Monday, February 19th at 8:30 am. The Church and office will close for the remainder of the day and reopen Tuesday, February 20 for the 8:30 a.m. Mass and regular office hours.



T-Shirts are available for purchase for the Eucharistic

Revival. The cost is \$20.00. The Diocese of Biloxi is sponsoring this sale for the upcoming Pilgrimage activities from June 10—14, 2024.

**HAPPY
Birthday**

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Gigi Gaillot

Lisa Ladner

Paula Carlomagno

Elizabeth Garcia

Tina Musacchia

Brad Reinhart

Athena Augilar



PART-TIME COOK - Immediate position available for a small group of Priests and Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis.

Must be available for approx. 30 hours, bi-weekly, includes every other weekend. Salary based on experience.

Please email: SocietyDivineWord@Outlook.com with questions or Resumes.



St. Clare Grief Support Series continues on Monday, 2/19 at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Classroom.



We will meet weekly for a total of 9 sessions. February 12th marks session 3. Please share with anyone who needs or wants support on the often lonely journey of grief. Points of contact are Sherry Ponder 228-332-0256 or Suzan Cox at 601-209-6811.



Letter of annual donations for tax purposes are available by request. All requests should be emailed to finance@stclare-catholic.com.

St. Joseph Altar

Preparation plans for St. Clare St. Joseph Altar are beginning. There are many opportunities to be part of making the altar beautiful. For example: helping bake cakes, decorating cakes, the initial setup of tables and table cloths, selling candles after Masses, cleanup after the closing of the altar, purchasing items like vegetables and fruit, even baking items at home and bringing them. If you are interested in volunteering in any way or need more information, please call or text Suzan Cox, 601-209-6811 or suzan713@gmail.com.



St. Joseph Altar Candles will be sold at all Masses the weekends of March 2/3 and March 9/10. Candles will be \$5 a piece. All candles will be blessed on Tuesday, March 19th after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. If you would like to help sell candles at any Mass please contact Suzan Cox: suzan713@gmail.com or call/text 601-209-6811.



COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES, PLEASE

Do you have a favorite Italian cookie recipe? The St. Joseph altar need Italian cookies to put in the "goodie" bags. Cookies should be small to fit in the bag. They do not need to be wrapped. If you would like to donate Italian cookies, please contact Suzan Cox: suzan713@gmail.com or call/text 601-209-6811.



Bestselling author, Mr. George Weigel, to deliver a compelling talk on Saint Pope John Paul II.

Join us for an enlightening evening with George Weigel, esteemed Catholic theologian and author of the *New York Times* bestsellers "Witness to Hope" and "The End and the Beginning". Mr. Weigel will be delivering a compelling talk on the theme of the new evangelization and the legacy of Saint Pope John Paul II.

Date: February 21, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Victories Church in Pascagoula

In his presentation titled "The Achievement of Saint John Paul II— A Look Back and a Look Ahead," Mr. Weigel will delve into the profound impact of Saint John Paul II's contributions to the Catholic Church and the world.

This event is open to everyone and admission is free of charge. Please, spread the word by sharing this announcement. Join us for an inspiring evening of reflection and insight.

Pope Francis Lenten message 2024: 'Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom'

Pope Francis has centered his Lenten message for 2024 on the Book of Exodus, choosing "Through the Desert God Leads Us to Freedom" as its main theme to encourage the faithful that the season is a journey from bondage to spiritual renewal and freedom.

The following provides an overview of Pope Francis' message. The full message can be read at <https://www.catholicworldreport.com>.

Recalling that the departure of the Israelites from Egypt, a story that not only represents the journey from bondage to emancipation, but also of revelation and spiritual freedom. "When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom," the pope said. Journeying through the Lenten desert "is a demanding one" and that "it is not answered straight away. It has to mature as part of a journey."

The desert lends itself to giving us a feeling of hopelessness as we wander in search of the promised land. "Lent is the season of grace in which the desert can become one more—in the words of Hosea—the place of our first love," the pope observed.

"The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery."

The Lenten season, according to the pope, is a time that is characterized by personal struggle as we suffer from myriad temptations, but it is the recognition of this that calls us to "pause in prayer, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan in the presence of a wounded brother or sister."

Highlighting the three pillars of Lent—prayer, almsgiving, and fasting—the pope noted that they are not disparate acts but form a symbiotic "movement of openness and self-emptying in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us."

During Lent 2024, the pope has encouraged the faithful to undertake an interior examination by asking: "Do we hear that cry? Does it trouble us? Does it move us?"

"All too many things keep us apart from each other, denying the fraternity that, from the beginning, binds us to one another," the pope continued.

The pope closed his Lenten message by highlighting the communal aspect of the season, noting "the contemplative dimension of life that Lent helps us to rediscover will release new energies."

~by Matthew Santucci



Lenten
Dinners

LENT DINNER MENU-DRIVE THRU ONLY

St Clare Church-236 S Beach Blvd. -Waveland, MS

February 23, 2024-- 5 until 7:00pm

Plates- \$12- includes 1 Entrée, 2 Sides, Hushpuppies and Dessert

Entrees- Choose 1

Fried Catfish

Fried Shrimp

Italian Shrimp Spaghetti (Red Sauce)

Seafood Gumbo

Sides- Choose 2

French Fries

Cole Slaw

Potato Salad

Italian Green Beans

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Fried Shrimp Dinner Salad \$10

Temptation is tricky and the devil is the trickster!

The devil appeared to three monks and said to them: If I gave you the power to change something in the past, what would you change?

The first of them, with great apostolic fervor, answered: "I would prevent you from causing Adam and Eve to fall into sin, so that mankind would not be separated from God."

The second, a man full of mercy, said to him: "I would keep you from turning away from God and condemning yourself forever."

The third of them was the simplest and instead of answering the tempter, he knelt down, made the Sign of the Cross and prayed, saying, "Lord, deliver me from the temptation of what could have been and wasn't."

The demon, yelling loud and trembling in pain, the third monk told the demon to be gone.

The other two, surprised, said to him, "Brother,

why did you react like that?" "


He answered them:


- "First: We should NEVER dialogue with the enemy.
- Second: NOBODY in the world has the power to change the past.
- Third: Satan's INTEREST was not to prove our virtue, but to hold us in the past, so that we neglect the present, the only time God gives us His grace and we can cooperate with it to do His will.

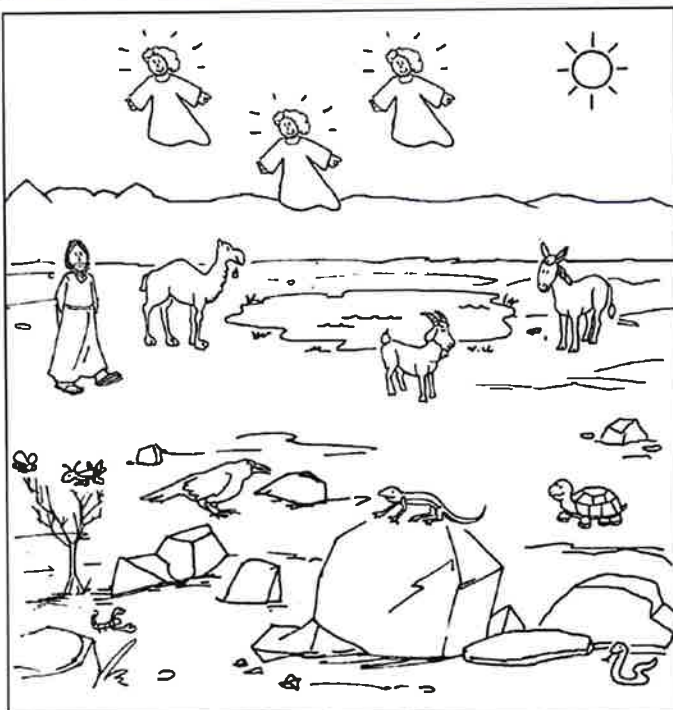
Of all the devils, the one that most detains men and prevents them from being happy is "what could have been and wasn't". The past is left to the Mercy of God and the future to His Providence. But the present is in His love. Live today loving God with all the strength of your heart and those God has given you.

Jesus was with wild animals.
Angels were also with Him.

Count and **circle** the number of animals and angels.






 animals — 8 9 10 or 11 ?

 angels — 2 3 4 or 5 ?



What happened to Jesus after He was baptized?

Use this code to fill in the blanks.

F		= O	pp = M	= W	♪ = Y	♪ = J
D		= I	# = S	♪ = C	♪ = U	o = V
B		= E	b = R	♪ = D	♪ = F	
G		= N	z = A	♪ = L	♪ = B	
E		= T	h = H	β = P	♪ = G	

Musical notation for a song. The notation consists of ten staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef. The notes and rests are represented by various symbols from the code table above, such as quarter notes with flats, quarter notes with sharps, and rests. The melody is simple and repetitive, typical of a children's song.



Each time you receive the Eucharist, Jesus gives you extraordinary gifts to help you live the life you were made for. Here is a short list of some of the fruits and gifts that flow into your soul each time you receive the Eucharist: Friendship with Jesus. Desire to know and do the Will of God. Cleansing of venial sin. Hunger for virtue. Grace to avoid sin in the future. A heart that listens to the Holy Spirit. Desire to know and love God.”
 ~~ Matthew Kelly [Thirty Three Days to Eucharistic Glory]

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church every Wednesday 10:00 – 5:00 PM and in the Adoration Chapel 10:00 – 3:00 PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

The Wisdom of the Saints—365 Days of Inspiration

February 18—“A servant is not holy if she is not busy.”
 ~ St. Zita

February 19—“A saint was once asked, while playing happily with his companions, what he would do if an angel told him that in a quarter of an hour he would die and have to appear before the judgment seat of God. The saint promptly replied that he would continue playing because he was certain these games were pleasing to God.”
 ~ St. John Bosco

February 20—“You cannot be half a saint; you must be a whole saint or no saint at all.” ~ St. Therese of Lisieux

February 21—“I was born poor, I have lived poor, I wish to die poor.”
 ~ St. Pope Pius X

February 22—“Crosses release us from this world, and by doing so, bid us to God.” ~ St. Charles de Foucauld

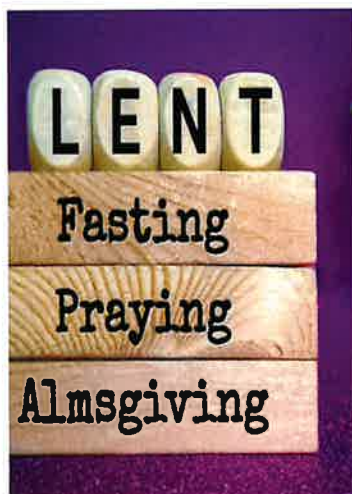
February 23—“The success of your morning meditation will largely depend on what you have eaten the night before.”
 ~ St. Alphonsus Liguori

February 24—“Resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die.”
 ~ St. Augustine

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Saint

Of the Week

St. Peter Damian

Doctor of the Church

Feast Day: February 21

After Peter lost his parents as a child, he lived with an older brother who treated Peter like a slave and forced him to work as a swineherd. When his other brother Damian rescued him and provided a good education, Peter was so grateful that he took his brother's name. Eventually, Peter became a respected teacher.

Peter lived austere and often invited the poor to eat at his table. In pursuit of a simpler life, he joined the Camaldolese Benedictine monastery. Sharing a bare cell with another hermit, Peter began a regimen of prayer, study and fasting. In fact, it was so uncompromising that Peter made himself ill at first. In 1043, he was elected abbot. Eventually, Peter founded five more hermitages and his reputation as a strict but benevolent leader grew.

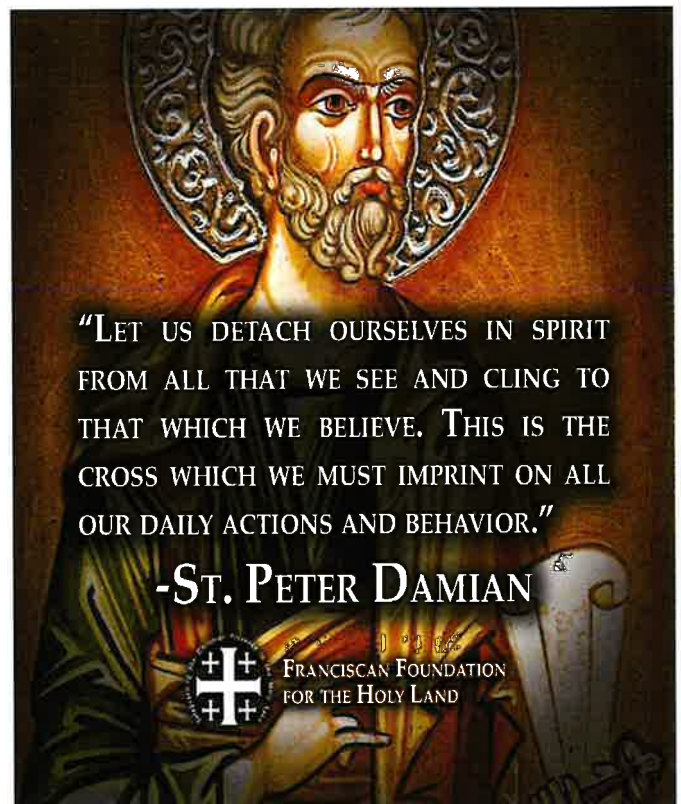
The Church's Diplomat

It was a turbulent era for the Church, and Peter's help was solicited from Rome. He spoke persuasively on such issues as the cardinals' right to elect popes and the corrupt practice of buying and selling Church offices. When the Pope named him Cardinal-Bishop of Ostia against his wishes, Peter found himself traveling on diplomatic missions, fighting against various antipopes and writing countless letters and sermons to encourage reform.

Monastic Life

Peter eventually returned to the monastery, although he was still called to serve the Church from time to time. In old age, he kept up his disciplined practice of prayer, reading and writing, while he happily spent his free time making wooden spoons and other useful items.

Peter died on February 22, 1072. In 1828, he was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church for his preaching, writing and reforms.

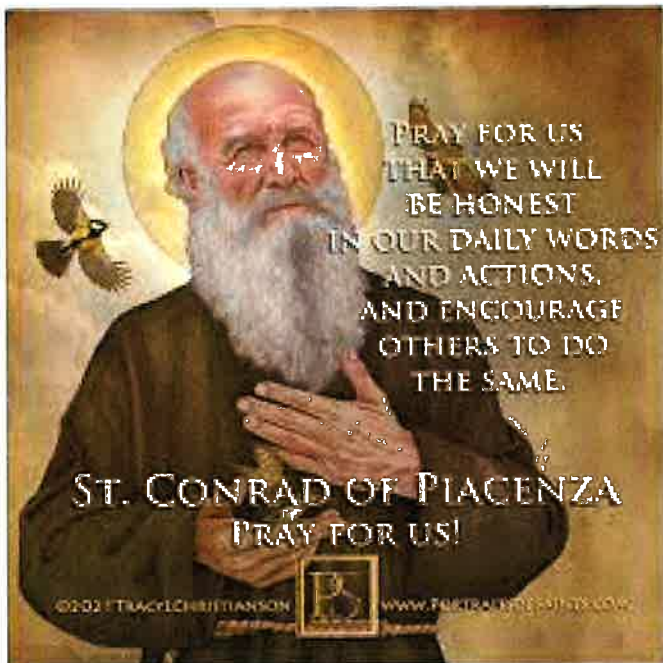


"LET US DETACH OURSELVES IN SPIRIT FROM ALL THAT WE SEE AND CLING TO THAT WHICH WE BELIEVE. THIS IS THE CROSS WHICH WE MUST IMPRINT ON ALL OUR DAILY ACTIONS AND BEHAVIOR."

-ST. PETER DAMIAN



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Diocese of Biloxi

Message From the Bishop

Jesus said, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, telling His disciples to leave where they were, go find others, and invite them to follow Him.

This passage from Matthew emphasizes our theme for the 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal of “Missionary Discipleship” which further calls all of us into a deeper relationship with Christ as His disciple.

Today, I ask you to join me in an act of discipleship by making the decision to support the work and the ministries of the Church by giving a generous gift to the 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal.

We are constantly asked to donate to many different organizations. Today, I would like to share with you why the Catholic Sharing Appeal is a cause that you should participate in and contribute to this year.

It is quite simple, the Appeal impacts and enriches our lives, the lives of our brothers and sisters in our communities, and it greatly helps bring the message of Christ and Salvation to those in the most need.

Today and every day, our gratitude for the blessings that God has given us, call us to action, by extending care, not just in our words, but in our deeds. We need not look any further than our own community to identify those in need of help.

There are many needs in our diocese:

- Married couples who crave spiritual development in their vocation;
- Seminarians who need pastoral formation to prepare for a life of service to the Church. Parishes in the diocese who need financial support to bring the Word of God and the sacraments to their parishioners;
- Children who need a faith-filled education so that they may go out in to the world in the future as disciples of Christ; and the list goes on.

We are called now, this weekend through giving to the CSA, to show our gratitude to God by our actions, and by sharing what God has blessed us with in our lives.

If you have never made a gift before to the Appeal, there are several easy options for making your gift—by credit card, by check or by cash, or by a one time gift or a monthly gift. Take the CSA form home with you and pray about how you can help, then place the pledge in the collection basket next weekend, or if you are sure what you can pledge, put the pledge card in the collection basket today.

Please participate today, no matter how much you offer, and help us make our parish goal at St. Clare 100% participation.

Thank you for your prayers and your support and know that I am remember each of you and St. Clare in the Masses that I offer today.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop Kihneman