



Notre Dame Catholic Church

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Notre Dame Catholic Church is addressing the spiritual and the material needs of the people in Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie area. The church provides services to all regardless of race, gender, color, or religion. Notre Dame Catholic Church is a family rooted in faith, hope and love. We are trying to follow the Lord's example of the Christian stewardship: gratefully acknowledging the gifts God has given us, and shared these gifts with all people.

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Pastoral Council Chairwoman: Pauline Jean Simon

August 23, 2026



21st Sunday
in Ordinary Time

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

Matthew 16:18

Jesus Returning the Keys to St. Peter by Jean-Auguste Dominique Ingres, 1818
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Parish Programs & Schedule

Mass Schedule / Orèmèsyo

English Mass: Sunday 8:00 AM & Saturday 5 PM

Sunday English 9:30 AM from December - April
On Holidays, all English Services are at 9:30 AM

Creole Mass : Sunday 11:00 AM

Every Tuesday: 7:30 PM

Blessed Sacrament: every first Sunday
after the 11:00 AM Creole Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM

By appointment

Church Office Hours : (772) 466-9617

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Notre Dame Soup Kitchen: Friday 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Outreach Program: St Vincent de Paul (772) 465-4551

Monday 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM only by phone

Dried Food Assistance Tuesday 9:30 to 12:00 PM

Program nan Pawas la ak Orè Sèvis yo

Orè Mès yo

Mès Anglè: Dimanch 8:00 AM Mès Samdi 5:00 PM

Mès Anglè Dimanch 9:30 AM Desanm rive Avril

Nan jou fèt, tout sèvis Anglè toujou fèt a 9:30 AM

Mès Kreyòl : Dimanch 11:00 AM & Madi 7:30 PM

Ekspozisyon Sen Sakreman:

Chak Premye Dimanch aprè Mès 11è

Konfèsyon : Samdi 4:00-4:30 PM sou Randevou

Orè Biwo administrasyon Leglizla: (772) 466-9617

Lendi rive Vandredi 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Notre Dame Soup Kitchen: Vandredi 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Program Asistans: St Vincent de Paul (772) 465-4551

Lendi 9:30 AM rive 12:00 PM sou telefòn sèlman

Asistans manje kri : Madi 9:30 AM rive 12:00 PM

TWENTY-FIRST SNUDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , A

My brothers and sisters,

Who do you say Jesus is? Who a person is makes all the difference. That is why Jesus' question about himself was a great importance as he turned to his disciples and asked, "who do you say that I am?" Peter, acting as spokesman for all the disciples, did not make the mistake of some of the people who thought Jesus was John the Baptist or one of the former prophets who had returned to earth. Peter solemnly declared: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Peter's declaration was in two parts. First he acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah. This answer gratified the disciples. The hope for a Messiah became sharp and clear during the reign of the great King David, especially through the prophet Nathan in the tenth century B.C. That hope had grown so strong at the time of Jesus that some people expected the Messiah to appear at any time. The hope of the disciples now focused on Jesus. But there was a second part to Peter's declaration. To the amazement of everyone concerned, Peter proclaimed that Jesus is the Son of the living God. It was clear to Peter that Jesus is the Son of God, not in the sense which can be affirmed of everyone person of faith, but in a unique way which can apply only to Jesus. Jesus insisted that no mere man had revealed this truth to Peter, but he was not satisfied in saying simply that "God" had revealed it. He emphatically stated: "My heavenly Father has revealed this." In response to Peter's expression of faith, Jesus spoke the famous words: "You are Rock and on this Rock I will build my Church." The connection between the truth of Jesus as the Son of God and the Church as founded on rock is not coincidental. Rather it became the firm mission of the Church to clarify, to teach, and to live according to the truth that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is truly the unique Son of God, equal to the Father in all things. This true identity of Jesus is what makes his words so precious to us and his actions so invaluable. The keys Jesus said he would give Peter symbolize the authority, the position of Peter vis-à-vis the other apostles in what underlies our belief that after Christ, the Holy Father is chief shepherd and head of the Church. His role is to be the visible representative of Christ. The keys Jesus gave Peter were not buried with him and that position of authority did not end when Peter died. It was passed on to his successors.

Rev. Yves Geffrard

VENTEYINYÈM DIMANCH ÒDINÈ, ANE A

Frè m ak Sè m yo,

Kilès nou di Jezi ye? Sa yon moun ye fè anpil diferans. Se poutèt sa kesyon Jezi poze sou tèt li-a te gen yon anpil enpòtans, konsa li tounen mande patizan li yo : « Kilès nou di mwen ye ? » Pyè, ki aji kòm pòt pawòl de tout lòt disip yo pat fè erè ke anpil lòt moun ki t-ap panse ke Jezi sete Jan Batis oubyen yonu nan lòt profèt yo ki retounen sou tè-a. Pyè poukont li declare: « Ou se Mesi-a, pitit Bondye vivan-an. » Deklarasyon Pyè te gen 2 pati ladan-l. dabò, Li te rekonèt ke Jezi sete Mesi-a. Repons sa-a te satisfè patizan-l yo. Lespwa yon Mesi te te vin trè fò epi trè klè pandan rèy gran wa David la, espesyalman pa profèt Natan nan dizyèm syèk avan Jezi Kri. Lespwa sa-a te vin tèlman fò nan epòk Jezi-a ke gen moun ki te panse ke Mesi-a te t-ap parèt nenpòt kilè. Nan moman sa-a, espwa disip yo te rete sou Jezi. Men te gen yon dezyèm pati nan deklarasyon Pyè-a. Sa ki te bay tout moun sezi ankò sè ke Pyè proklame ke Jezi se pitit Bondye vivan-an. Li te klè pou Pyè ke Jezi se pitit Bondye, non pa nan yon sans ki kab afime pa tout moun ki gen lafwa, men nan yon fason inik ki te k-ab aplike sèlman a Jezi. Jezi te afime ke okenn moun pat rakonte verite sa-a ak Pyè, men li pat satisfè pou l di senpleman ke « Bondye » te revele sa. Li di ak anpil fòs : « Papa m ki nan syèl la revele sa » Kòm repons ak lafwa Pyè, Jezi prononse pawòl selèb sa yo : « Ou se yon ròch pyè e sou ròch pyè sa-a m-ap bati Legliz mwen-an » Koneksyon ant laveriten Jezi kòm pitit Bondye ak Legliz ki fonde sou yon ròch pa yon koensidans. Apre sa, li vin yon fèm misyon Legliz pou klarifye, anseye epi viv selon laverite ke Jezi se pitit Bondye. Jezi se vrèman sèl pitit Bondye, li egal ak Papa-a nan tout bagay. Idantite veritab Jezi sa-a se li ki rann pawòl li yo gen anpil enpòtans ak aksyon li yo san parèt pou nou. Kle yo ke Jezi di Li t-ap bay Pyè-a senbolize otorite, pozisyon Pyè pa rapò ak lòt Apot, dapre kwayans nou ke aprè Kris la, Papa-a ki Sen se bèje anchèf epi tèt Legliz la. Wòl li se pou-l reprezantan vizib Kris la. Kle yo ke Jezi te bay Pyè-a pat antere avèk li Epi pozisyon otorite li pat fini tou lè Pyè te mouri. Li te pase yo ak moun ki te vin aprè-l yo.

Rev. Yves Geffrard

READING FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2026

Sunday Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36;

Mt 16:13-20



Monday	Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle Rev 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Monica 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

MASS INTENTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Intentions

Messe de requiem pour Horace Emilus recommandée par Yves Emilus et Famille

Offertory Collection

The offertory collection for the weekend ending August 9th totaled \$3,243.00 and the second collection for the victims of the earthquake in Columbia totaled \$1,072.25.

Notre Dame Memorial Scholarship



The Notre Dame Memorial Scholarship provides financial assistance to students pursuing higher education at a credited college, universities, vocational schools, and trade schools. The

scholarship supports students who demonstrate academic commitment, Christian values, and service to others, but who lack the financial resources to achieve their educational goals. Special consideration is given to student experiencing financial hardship. This is a privately funded scholarship program; no Notre Dame Catholic Mission operating funds are used. For application information, contact Patrick Boney at prboney@gmail.com or call the church office at 772-466-9617

August Dedication: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

August is the month traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and once the month that held the feast day. In 1944, it was set to be celebrated on August 22nd and remained there until it was moved to the Saturday after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart in 1969. However, August remains dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and still contains three Marian feasts.

Notre Dame Community Support

Notre Dame Community Support Proverbs 19:17 'One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed'



Notre Dame Soup Kitchen served hot meals and gave out additional goods on the outside table to others in the community last Friday. Special thanks to all our volunteers who help make it work for the kitchen. From the man that drops off pastries, to the ladies cooking food from early morning until time to serve, to the servers and those who greet those who are receiving meals.

This week volunteers from Saint Vincent De Paul distributed bags of food to those that are homeless and those who are in need. They also conducted home visits as part of their rental assistance program.

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Prayer for protection from storm and illness



God our Father, Creator of the Universe and Lord over all creation, we humbly stand before you as your children in thanksgiving for your loving care and protection. We ask that you keep us safe from all hurricanes and illness which may threaten us in the coming seasons. Protect us from all fear and anxiety of storms and give us an ardent trust and hope in Your love and mercy. You alone have the power to command the sea, the wind and the rain. You alone bring peace, calm, and safety. Father, we thank you in advance, for you are our only Refuge. We ask this through Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and Patroness of our Diocese, pray for us.

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- Mail checks to Notre Dame Catholic Church, 217 N. US 1, Fort Pierce, FL 34950. Use
- credit card, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or any other online payments in our new user-friendly website.

<https://www.notredamecatholicmission.org/donate-1>

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Special thank you

Thank you all for your contribution and participation at the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Notre Dame Catholic Mission patroness. Special thanks to our Bishop Emmanuel De Jesus Rodriguez who celebrated with us for the first time.

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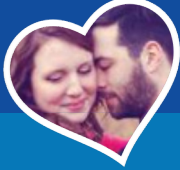

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