

PETER'S EYES OF REVERENCE

One of the things that has always made me smile is the perceptible difference of how someone can treat me when I'm "in uniform" in my clerics versus when I'm "out of uniform" in street clothes or civvies. While walking around in clerics garners curiosity, I find it more entertaining when I'm in my "normal" cloths, and someone does a double-take when they see me. I'm just one amongst many, and yet, every once in a while, while I am incognito, someone has a moment of shock when they recognize who I am and are almost embarrassed that they didn't see me like they thought they would!

In the Gospel today we see that, in Peter's eyes, Jesus as Peter thought He was, and then as Jesus revealed Himself to Peter. First, He is there in the initial phase before Peter is called. Peter sees the Lord, and perhaps has even heard whisperings or rumors about who He is, and the Lord calls out to Him to put out his nets. Peter has been out all evening, is likely tired, and has nothing to show for it. Yet, he takes a leap of faith, and by that dare to hope, he catches so many fish that it reveals to him something life-changing; he is in the presence of His Lord, and His God! He is almost terrified that he has just now realized whose presence he is in!

Peter's sense of reverence when he sees Jesus's power is remarkable. He is in such shock that he tells the Lord that He really shouldn't be around him! He's a sinful man. Peter has a great amount of respect for Jesus, and by that respect, He wants to push Jesus away. Jesus of course knows who He is dealing with, and calls Peter up higher, no matter what he has done before. Jesus has great plans for Him now.

We too should have a great amount of respect for our Lord as well. We can treat Him as less than God at times, even accidentally, in our actions or even in our speech (taking His name in vain for example). We should seek after Peter's example in this episode, though, because, when He sees His Lord, He responds in all respect- and reverence. *-Fr. Belken*

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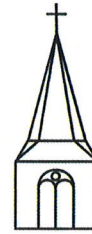
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Readings for Next Sunday

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

February 16, 2025

Jeremiah 17:5-8
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Luke 6:17, 20-26



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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9-15, 2025
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Mass Schedule

Sat. Feb 8 4PM	Parish Family	Thu. Feb 13 7AM	Carol & Jerry Dirnberger
Sun. Feb 9 8:30AM	Mike Ward	Fri. Feb 14 7AM	Patrick Shelton
Mon. Feb 10	No Mass	Sat. Feb 15 4PM	Alex Jr. & Vera Burger
Tue. Feb 11 6PM	Patricia Schott	Sun. Feb 16 8:30AM	Parish Family
Wed. Feb 12 7AM	Alex Powderly		

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. FEB 9-Terri Stuckey, FEB 16-Norma Seyer, FEB 23-Jackie Griffith.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

February 2, 2025: Loose \$258, Envelopes \$2807, Total: \$3065.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, ST. DENIS MEN'S BREAKFAST. In the St. Denis Parish Center from 7:30-11:30AM. Homemade pork sausage, ham, eggs, biscuits & gravy. Fruit salad and drinks. All you can eat for a goodwill donation. All are welcome!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Justin & Kristina Vetter
Randy & Lisa Vetter, Trent & Amber Walter, Carolyn Ward.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM

SATURDAY, MARCH 8th, DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE. St. Anne's Sodality is hosting a Daddy/Daughter dance from 6PM to 9PM in the Parish Center. Flyers and registration forms are in the vestibule of church. Please contact Ashley Laster or Ashley Dirnberger for more information.

ST. DENIS DINNER AUCTION "THE SDS PRICE IS RIGHT". Held on Saturday, March 1st. Doors will open at 4PM with dinner being served at 6PM. Ticket prices are \$40 per person and include dinner, drinks, and lots of fun. Meals are catered for by 2 Chef's Catering. **Tickets will go on sale Saturday, February 1st. Tickets may be purchased online at <https://auctria.events/SDSdinnerauction2025>.**

GUARDIAN ANGEL SCHOOL AUCTION. Guardian Angel School dinner auction tickets for "Survivor" can be purchased online beginning January 19 on the Auctria website www.charityauction.bid/GUARDIANANGEL2025. You can get your seat assignments after Mass on Jan 19 (10:30AM Mass) in the school library. The cost is \$40 per ticket for meal, drinks, and all auction purchasing (online and oral). For \$10, you can do online bidding for silent and certificate auctions. After the 19th, you can get seat assignments by contacting Taylor Pharris at 887-1637.

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sat. Feb 15 4PM	Cindy Glueck
Organist/Cantor:	Sat. Feb 15 4PM	Linda Essner/Mary B. Glastetter
Gift Bearers:	Sat. Feb 15 4PM	Mr/Mrs. Greg Riley
Servers:	Sat. Feb 15 4PM	Logan Jackson/Tyler Jackson/Wyatt Farrow
Ushers:	Sat. Feb 15 4PM	Norman Kluesner/Kyle Koepp/Kerry Wayne Lasters/Ethan Lee

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun. Feb 16 8:30AM	Gary Reischman
Organist/Cantor:	Sun. Feb 16 8:30AM	Linda Essner/Jamie Essner
Gift Bearers:	Sun. Feb 16 8:30AM	Mr/Mrs. Richard Reeves
Servers:	Sun. Feb 16 8:30AM	Mila Burger/Tucker Dirnberger/Saylor Dirnberger/Bennett Essner
Ushers:	Sun. Feb 16 8:30AM	William Kluesner/Tim Landewee/David Lape/ Kerry Lasters

CALL FOR PALMS! Ash Wednesday is about a month away- and Father needs your palms to prepare for the distribution of ashes. You may place your palms from last year in the back of church in the collection basket in the next few weeks, to be burned for ashes. Thank you!

THIS WEEK IS THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR "THE MIRROR".

POINSETTAS. Please feel free to take a poinsettia home with you after Mass. Free for the taking.

THANK YOU. To everyone who helped with the St. Joseph Euchre Tournament. It was a huge success.

THANK YOU. To all who helped take down the Christmas decorations. It was indeed a beautiful sight seeing our PSR religion students helping hand in hand with our great parishioners. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. To everyone who helped with this year's annual butchering and Men's Club breakfast. It was a great success, fellowship, and fantastic fundraiser for the Men's Club and is greatly appreciated.

Requirements for all diocesan personnel—clergy, employees and adult volunteers

The mission and ministry of creating a safe environment for all to flourish and thrive is a responsibility we all share.

Before regularly working or volunteering with minors or vulnerable adults, all diocesan personnel are required to first complete 1) the Safe Environment Training; 2) have a Background Screening conducted; and, 3) submit the current and signed Code of Conduct. The Safe Environment training is now available online after creating an account in the VIRTUS system (through the VIRTUS webpage <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>). The Code of Conduct, which is required annually and made available at the beginning of every school year, the Background Disclosure and Authorization, as well as all other required Safe Environment Policies and forms are available on the Diocese website, under the Office of Child and Youth Protection <https://dioscg.org/child-youth-protection/>.

Questions about these requirements may be directed to the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 417-866-0841 or by email: childandyouthprotection@dioscg.org