

Boundaries for the newest parish in the diocese, St. Peter's in Mary Esther, are shown at right. Northern and southern boundaries are the Air Force Reservation and Gulf of Mexico respectively; eastern boundary is Mary Esther city limits up to the Mary Esther Cutoff, State Road 189, north on 189 to the point it intersects Racetrack Road or State Road 20. Western boundary is along line between Range 26 West and Range 27 West, including the community of Holley.

Rev. Fr. James K. Bluett, the first pastor, is a native of Kimallock County, Limerick, Ireland and was ordained to the priesthood in 1967 at Thurles Cathedral, Ireland.

His first assignment was an assistant pastor at the Cathedral of St. Augustine. Subsequent assignments have been as an assistant pastor, St. Michael's Parish, Pensacola, the teaching staff of Pensacola Catholic High School, administrator protempore of St. Michael's.

In 1972, Fr. Bluett was granted a three year leave of absence from the Diocese of St. Augustine to serve as a military chaplain in the United States Army. His first assignment in what is now the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee was to establish St. Peter's.