



ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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July 29, 2018

Praying WITH Angels

by: **Fr. John Horgan - Catholic Exchange**

*I*f we want to benefit from the companionship and guardianship of the angels — if we want our minds, our hearts, and our memories to be purified and sanctified — we must look to the angelic way of adoration. Remember: Mankind, too, was created to adore and to love God above all else. We can adore Him here with these bodies on this earth, but we can view Him only with the eyes of faith; as St. Paul wrote, “For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face” (1 Cor. 13:12). Even so, our worship is, by the grace of God, true and good and worthy.

*T*he angels, though, can amplify our praise by reflecting it directly to God, “face to face.” This is what we call upon them to do in every Mass when we pray the Gloria, adapted from the angelic praise the Shepherds heard on Christmas night and found again in the book of Revelation: “Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!” (Rev. 7:12).

*I*t is precisely because the angels never turn their faces from the Lord that they can carry out His missions for them

on earth. In the same way, if we want to grow in the spiritual life; if we want to become holy; if we want to be divinized, as the Fathers of the Church describe the life of grace, then we should ask the angels to help us never to turn our faces away from the face of God and to be mindful of Him always and in everything, just as they are. In loving our neighbor, we love God; in loving our God, we learn to love our neighbor. Let us ask the angels, therefore, for three gifts: First, to pray always; second, never to withdraw our face from the face of God; and third, to live, to act, to move, and to choose always in the presence of God. Whenever we pray the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy), we can remember these three angelic characteristics and order our prayer of petition in union with their praise.

*W*e learn how to pray always by remaining united to the will of God, by asking that the Lord’s will be done in us and through us in our every action. One way to make this possible is to offer up short prayers throughout the day. Every time we finish something — whether it’s writing a work memo, finishing class preparations, correcting a law brief, washing the dishes, or changing a diaper —

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses:

Monday-Saturday, 8:00am
Rosary-7:30am (Mon.-Sat.)
Divine Mercy after 8am Mass

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Mass 8:00am, 4:00pm,
Vietnamese Mass 8:00pm

Sunday, 7:15am, 9:15am, &
11:15am

Spanish Mass: 1:15pm first
Sunday each month

Reconciliation:

Saturday 8:30-9:00am

First Friday Adoration:

Friday 8:30-9:00am

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239-561-2245

MINISTRY TO THE SICK:

A priest is on call 7 days a week,
24hrs a day for these hospitals:

**Health Park - St. Columbkille
Church** 239-489-3973

Lee Memorial - St. Francis

Xavier Church 239-334-2161

Gulf Coast - St. John XXIII

239-561-2245

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT:

You are able to receive the
Sacrament of the Sick before
being admitted to a facility.

St. Columbkille - Hope Hospice

239-489-3973

9470 Health Park Circle,
Ft. Myers, FL

St. Raphael - Lehigh Acres

Health & Rehab Center

239-369-2194

1550 Lee Blvd, Lehigh Acres, FL

Hope Hospice 239-369-1831

1201 Wings Way, Lehigh Acres, FL

St. Leo - Hope Hospice

239-992-0901

27200 Imperial Pkwy,
Bonita Springs, FL

St. Vincent de Paul - Discovery

Village 239-693-0818

2073 Lafayette St, Ft. Myers, FL

St. Vincent de Paul - Promise

Hospital 239-693-0818

2073 Lafayette St, Ft. Myers, FL

The Mission of St. John XXIII Catholic Church is to actively engage all those who desire to more fully accept and live out the message of Christ, welcoming and respecting all people regardless of background, history, race or color, as we strive to nurture spiritual growth and personal holiness on our journey to become more responsible stewards of God's gifts.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 28th

8:00 AM + Anita Verderber by Cliff Verderber
4:00 PM + Florence Nash by Dave & Jeri Bremer
8:00 PM + Teresa & In Thanksgiving

Sunday, July 29th

7:15 AM + John Kulig by his family
9:15 AM + Kitty Pusateri by her daughter, Diane
11:15 AM + Thomas Hudson by Hubert Hudson

Monday, July 30th

8:00 AM + Steven Eveker by the St. John XXIII Villa Volunteers

Tuesday, July 31st

8:00 AM + Ron Szweda by Carol Szweda

Wednesday, August 1st

8:00 AM + Anna Palumbo by her husband, Eugene

Thursday, August 2nd

8:00 AM + Florence Nash by Dennis & Laura Ford

Friday, August 3rd

8:00 AM + Donald A. Naftel by Barbara M. Pizzolato

Saturday, August 4th

8:00 AM + Emma Quid by Jan Hoffert
4:00 PM Damuta & Zbigniew Glowacki by Renata Bushko
(Happy 61st Anniversary)
8:00 PM + Teresa & In Thanksgiving

Sunday, August 5th

7:15 AM + Joan, Gerald & Tom Brichacek by their family
9:15 AM + Joanne, Marie & Ammom by the Doyle family
11:15 AM + Kenneth Ozinga by Robert & Patricia Ryan
1:15 PM + Francisca Marte & Domingo DeJesus by Maria DeJesus

THE 2019 MASS BOOK WILL OPEN IN JULY FOR THE FIRST 6 MONTHS

To insure availability throughout the year, we must limit requests for the English speaking Masses to no more than (2) weekend Masses and (2) weekday Masses for the entire year. Other options will remain available: Tabernacle Candle \$15 per week, Eucharistic Host \$15 per week.

AUGUST 5TH, 2018 - READINGS

- 1ST READING Ex 16:2-4, 12-15
- 2ND READING EPH 4:17, 20-24
- GOSPEL JN 6:24-35

Minister Schedule

August 4th & August 5th

Saturday 4:00 PM

LECTORS: E. Schultz, E. Andrews, N. Burke

SERVERS: D. Disuanco, K. Disuanco

Sunday, 7:15 AM

LECTORS: S. Jose, F. Carroll, L. Izral

SERVERS: N. Wheeler, A. Villiers, N. Villiers

Sunday, 9:15 AM

LECTORS: M. Cerniglia, J. Zylik, Z. Zylik

SERVERS: J. Evers, E. Venglar

Sunday, 11:15 AM

LECTORS: J. Glowacki, D. Thomas, J. Glowacki

SERVERS: R. Leslie, S. Leslie, M. Polsinelli

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■ **Saturday, July 28th**

Blood Pressure Check by Nurses in the Narthex after all Masses
Registration Table for Presence:
The Mystery of the Eucharist
Women's Guild Table for Broadway
Palm Ticket Sales
Prayer Walk/Abortion Clinic
9:15am (Meets after Mass)
Vigil Mass 4pm
Vietnamese Mass 8pm

■ **Sunday, July 29th**

7:15am, 9:15am & 11:15am
Masses/No Hospitality
Blood Pressure Check by Nurses in the Narthex after all Masses
Blood Mobile 8am-1pm
Registration Table for Presence:
The Mystery of the Eucharist
Women's Guild Table for Broadway
Palm Ticket Sales

■ **Monday, July 30th**

Men's Gospel Forum/CCR 7am
Craftie Ladies/Villas 1pm

■ **Tuesday, July 31st**

Opening the Word/CCR 9am
Bereavement 1pm
Spanish Rosary/Cry Room 6pm
Boy Scouts/Villa 7pm

■ **Wednesday, August 1st**

Blessed Little Angels/IMAG
History & Science Center
(formerly Imaginarium Science Center) 10am

■ **Thursday, August 2nd**

Thursday Morning Friends/
CCR 8:30am
Presence - The Mystery of the Eucharist/CCR 1:30pm
Choir/Choir Loft 6pm
Rooted/CCR 7:15pm

■ **Friday, August 3rd**

1st Friday Adoration 8:30am

■ **Saturday, August 4th**

Cypress Point Mass 9:30am
Vigil Mass 4pm
Vietnamese Mass 8pm

■ **Sunday, August 5th**

7:15am, 9:15am & 11:15am
Masses/Hospitality
Spanish Mass/Hospitality 1:15pm

Download Our Parish App!

Help foster a stronger parish life at St. John XXIII and better engage the New Evangelization. Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish. You can also text the word "APP" to 88202!



Praying with Angels continued:

we can offer up our efforts to the Lord with a little prayer: "For the love of You, my God." Or: "Jesus, I offer You this work for Your glory and that I may be transformed and changed." And when we have this spirit of prayer, addressing the Lord with little aspirations throughout the day, we will also learn to offer up to the Lord the crosses and the hardships of daily life.

One of the most powerful and thought-provoking prayers that we can say is the very simple, "Jesus, I want what You want for me." It is a prayer that little children can learn in just a moment and that we can pray until the very last moment of our lives. To say these words means that we believe and trust that Jesus not only wills what is the best for us but that He knows better than we do what is best for us. It is a prayer that expresses dogmatic faith and personal loving trust.

Of course, in a very real sense it is no different from repeating the words of the Our Father, "Thy will be done," or the Blessed Mother's reply to St. Gabriel, "Behold the handmaid (or, for a man, servant) of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to thy word." However, sometimes we need to take the words of Scripture or the formal prayers of others and make them our own by repeating them in simple, short, and direct language that is adapted to our needs and our stage in the spiritual life. Even the saints did this; for example, one holy Italian priest and famous spiritual writer, Father Dolindo Ruotolo (1882–1970), used to say in moments of anxiety or frustration, "O Jesus, I surrender myself to you; take care of everything!"

"I want" is an expression that we hear our children say constantly; but if we are honest, it is even more often repeated, even if silently or subtly, by adults. We grown-ups also mistake wants for needs and are thus drawn to things that may satisfy us for a moment but soon leave us empty and hurting. Overcoming our selfishness, bending our pride, submitting our will to that of another out of love — these are lessons that we must learn and live in our family life, in our human loves, and in our friendships as well as in our relationship with Almighty God. Yet, because we do not always realize the full consequences of our actions for ourselves and others and because our previous sins (even if they are forgiven) and our unexamined emotions often influence our decisions, such learning may take an entire lifetime.

The holy angels, unlike ourselves, have an intelligence and a way of understanding that sees a decision in all its dimensions, as well as the potential consequences of each possible choice. They are not influenced by past sins, since they remained faithful to the Lord in their moment of trial, and they are not subject to emotions as we experience them. If we turn to them in our moments of choice and decision, asking for their clarity, strength of purpose, and obedience to the will of God, our minds will become ever clearer and our wills shall become ever freer as we pray, "Jesus, I want what You want for me."

There will be times when it will be difficult to say this little prayer because it is not always easy to let go and to let God act. And there may be moments when we clearly know that what we want is not what Jesus wants for us or from us. Love and obedience begin in the will before they are expressed in our actions. If we do our best to will what He wills and to ask for His grace with humble and trusting hearts, He will not refuse us. And our little prayer, however weak, will be magnified by our angel's presence and his joyful shout, "Here I am Lord, I come to do Your will."

The angels will always watch over us with wonder and awe if we give ourselves to Our Lord, remaining in His presence and uniting our daily crosses to His. As we do so, we'll find that we will make Him present to others. Other people will find in us a magnetically attractive beauty — the beauty of holiness, the beauty of Christ shining through us. And we will find that the Lord makes use of us to be messengers to others, to collaborate with His holy angels, and to bring our brothers and sisters closer to Him, the Source of love and life.

20 WAYS

GUARDIAN ANGELS HELP US

by: **Stephen Beale - Catholic Exchange**

Imagine you had a bodyguard who was always with you. He did all the usual bodyguard things like protecting you from danger, warding off assailants, and generally keeping you safe in all situations. But he also did more than this: he offered you moral guidance, helped you become a stronger person, and led you to your ultimate calling in life.

We don't have to imagine it. We already have such a bodyguard. Christian tradition calls them guardian angels. Their existence is supported by Scripture and Catholics believe in them

But too often we neglect to tap this great spiritual resource. In order to better enlist the aid of guardian angels, it might help to have a better appreciation of they can do for us. Here are 20 ways:

1. **Ward off Demons**
2. **Protect Us From Harm**
3. **Strengthen us Against Temptation**
4. **Give Us Courage and Confidence**
5. **Intervene Miraculously to Save us From Trouble**
6. **Guard Us Beginning at Our Birth**
7. **Guard All of Us - Including Unbelievers**
9. **Remind Us of God's Care for All**
10. **Bring our Needs to God**
11. **Bring us Closer to God**
12. **Move us to the Good**
13. **Reinforce God's Commands**
14. **Illuminate the Truth**
15. **Strengthen our Minds**
16. **Communicate Through our Imagination**
17. **Influence our Wills**
18. **Aid in our Salvation**
19. **Remind us of our Ultimate Goal**
20. **Never Leave Us**



Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers all of our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually, especially:

Elaine Quan
 Ryan Novajasky
 Jan Smith
 Lynne Haughey
 Linda Sayres
 Carol Clausen
 Erika Arquilla Hlavacek
 Linda Kircher
 Marlene LaRose
 Rose Schmigle
 Chris Savvas
 Molly Boudreault
 Sherry Anderson
 Ron Rogers
 June Shea
 Beverly Loo
 Jean Silvestri
 Geof Davies
 Lori Izral

Michael Assante
 Bob Manolatos
 Monica Najera
 Raymond Mancke
 Sonia Czajkowski
 Casey Marsh
 Agnes Boller
 Patricia Esposito
 Barbara Waigand
 Mario Leno
 Logan Belisle
 Rafael Boluda
 Michael Mazzilli
 Dick Fitzpatrick
 Kate Taylor
 Adam Jobbers-Miller
 Jacob Snyder
 Sue Gotsch
 Joyce Ferranti

These names are kept in the bulletin for one month. If you would like continual prayer, please add your name to the prayer book in the Narthex.

The best way to ensure your loved ones are consistently prayed for within our greater E-Prayer Community - email Betsy Engelbrecht at e-prayer@popejohn23.net

Their names will be circulated to an ever-growing list of people who will pray for them by name!



Ways to Memorialize

For requests to memorialize a loved one, you may call or stop in our Parish office.

Prayers for Eternal Life

*Life is changed, not ended.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*
Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Frances Riley**
Requested by: **The Harley's**



CREDIT CARD POLICY:

We **MUST** request that any credit card transactions made at St. John XXIII be a minimum of \$25.

Thank You!

General Announcements

- **Have You Listened to Our Podcasts?** Listen to our weekly inspirational messages from Father Bob and homilies from Mass. Visit our site weekly at johnxxiii.podbean.com
- **“Like” our Facebook Page!** For all the latest happenings and inspirational messages “Like” us on Facebook. Just search “St. John XXIII Catholic Church”.
- **Our Weekly Newsletter:** Visit our website, johnxxiii.net, scroll down to “Stay Connected” and enter your email address.
- **Download Our Parish App:** Foster a stronger parish life at St. John XXIII and better engage the New Evangelization. Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone’s app store for myparish. You can also text the word “APP” to 88202!
- **St. John XXIII Catholic Church Mass Times:** Stay up to date and visit: <http://johnxxiii.net/info/new-mass-schedule/> for our Mass schedule.
- **Directory of Perpetual Adoration Chapels:** If you are visiting, vacationing or away from home, you can find churches that provide Adoration by visiting <http://www.therealpresence.org/states/perp.htm>
- **Interested in Serving our Parish Family During Mass?** Men, women and teens may serve as a Greeter, Usher, Lector, or Eucharistic Minister. Please contact the parish office at (239) 561-2245, if you feel called to serve in any of these areas, we can use your time and talent!
- **Salvation Army Food Pantry:** The Salvation Army is confronted with over 150 families who are in need this week and beyond but the amount of non perishables collected, only provides for 40 or so families at this time. If you would like to help, contact Shannon Cherizier at (239) 219-7207 or email: Shannon.Cherizier@uss.salvationarmy.org
- **Coffee & Donuts Hospitality:** Additional people needed after the 7:15am, 9:15am, 11:15am Sunday Masses, to help with coffee and donuts hospitality. You would be part of a team that would rotate on a monthly basis. You must go through the volunteer process. For information contact Jennifer Baumgardner in the office at (239) 561-2245
- **Bereavement & Beyond:** If you have lost a loved one, we offer a safe, supportive place to deal with this life changing event. The Bereavement and Beyond Group meets each Tuesday from 1pm-3pm in the Community Room. For more information contact the Parish office at (239) 561-2245
- **People Asking For Money Outside of Church:** We remind you that if there is anyone asking for money around the Church outside of Mass at our exits, ignore them. We have been contacted by the police regarding a group of professionals who travel to various churches. Be generous in giving to our Poor Boxes. That is where and how we can assist those who are truly in need. **Be sure to take your purses with you to Communion.**
- **FREE Rosary Repair:** Send broken rosaries in a padded envelope to: Betty & Dick Holden, 7930 Estero Blvd., #502, Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931. Rosaries will be returned within a week of receipt. Old or broken rosaries may also be donated, repaired and sent to the missions. For more information email: holdenbnd@gmail.com or call Dick at (239) 463-3993
- **If you are hospitalized at Gulf Coast Hospital** and would like to be visited by one of our Eucharistic Ministers or our Parish nurses, please let the Hospital Admissions Office know you are from our parish and contact our parish office, as well. Once you go home, if you are unable to attend Mass and would like to have the Eucharist brought to you, please call the parish office. (239) 561-2245

WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Brian & Terri Avery
- Casey & Laura Ayars
- Mora Lecorchick
- Madalena Medic
- Joseph & Christina Patti
- Patricia R. Perrella
- Alan & Carol Podbesek
- Roger & Cheryl Rajotte
- Jacob & Maria Bryant

Those who are new to our Parish this year, and those who’ve been coming for years without being registered, we need your help in staying organized and planning for our future needs. Having an accurate database of our parishioners will help us know where and how we need to grow. Thank you to everyone who registered with our Parish. If you have not received a welcome letter, please call the Parish Office to confirm your registration. All new parishioners, and those interested in registering in our Parish, are invited to attend **The New Parishioner Orientation will take place on Sunday, September 16th, 2018 at 12:30pm.**

This is your opportunity to become informed and active members of the Parish and participate in our various ministries. Registering at St. John XXIII is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community. Please let the parish office know your email address OR you can even update it on the Parish Website! www.johnxxiii.net

Frequently, those seeking to celebrate Marriage, Baptisms or serve as sponsors for Confirmation or Baptism request a letter stating that they are parishioners. To receive such a letter, one must be registered in the parish, attend Mass regularly, and be committed to stewardship of time, talent and treasure. One means of verifying participation is through the use of parish offertory envelopes. If you choose not to participate in the support of the parish or are unable to contribute at this time, please at least note your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the weekly offertory basket.

PRAYERS FOR

Our Military Personnel

PFC Bryan Bard	SRA Anthony Padula
Sean Ball	LCP James Palenik
Major Bart Boma	Master SGT Peter Parison
Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove	Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army
Sgt. Phil Dellibovi	Lt. Col. Brady Sexton
Staff Sgt. Chris Dominski	2nd Lt. Kristen Thompson
2nd Lt. Andrew Dugan, Army	Christian Troutner, US Navy
Captain Andrew Duguay	Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic
Sgt. Jared Gaudet	PFC Jordan Feil, USA
Tech Sgt Jeffrey K. Green	Hayden Linde
1st Lt. Kellyn Hall	Aaron Crump, USCG
Andrew Herman	PFC Nathaniel Broemmel
1st Lt. Paige Hortman	Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo
Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl	Col. Scott C. Woodward
PFC Michael P Hughes	Private Nicholas Loeb, ARNG
SPC Michael Jednak	Staff Sgt. Alec DeLuca
PFC Andrew Kanopkh	Andrew Hawkinson, USN
Michael Klem	Cavalry Scout Specialist,
Capt. Bradley D. Laux	Ryan Silva, Army
2nd Lt. Jacob Mundo, Army	2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC
LCPL Nick Mundo	

Lord God, Almighty Father,

Creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces.

Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen

Faith Formation

Contact **Chris Biel** | 561-7499 | chrisdre@johnxxiii.net



REGISTER NOW

2018 - 2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Forms are available in the main office or at the welcome desk in the Church building or download the form at <http://johnxxiii.net/faith-formation/>

THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION:

Registration forms and information for Year II students preparing for First Holy Communion and First Eucharist were mailed in early June. Registration materials for Year II and Year I Confirmation candidates were mailed July 1st. Please see our policies on Sacrament Preparation.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION: Baptism: Congratulations on your decision to baptize your child! At Saint John XXIII we are happy to help your family prepare for the celebration. Baptisms are offered for registered members of Saint John XXIII and are scheduled only after the preparation process is completed by the parents. Please do not make arrangements for family members until you have actually received a date. Contact the office at (239) 561-2245 for more information or to begin the process.

FIRST COMMUNION: (also called First Eucharist) and First Reconciliation: Children in First grade or above, who have expressed a desire and willingness and are attending Mass, are welcome to begin the two year process of preparing for these Sacraments. The first year consists of regular attendance at Faith Formation classes or through a Diocesan Catholic school. (Either St. Francis Xavier or St. Andrew) The second year continues those classes, but also adds in direct Sacramental Preparation (Reconciliation and Communion) sessions. Contact Chris at 561-7499 for more information or to begin the process. Parents who Home school their children must contact the office during Year I.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation is a two year process that now begins at the start of 9th Grade and is celebrated in the Fall of 11th grade. (Older teens are certainly welcome also!). Each year consists of Faith Formation through the parish Youth Group or a Diocesan Catholic school (Bishop Verot) as well as scheduled Confirmation classes and a retreat. Please note: Students from Bishop Verot must register and attend the preparation classes at the beginning of 9th grade. If you are entering the 9th grade or would like more information on our program, Contact Chris at 561-7499 for more information or to begin the process.

ADORATION

CORNER

Do you wish to deepen your prayer life?

The same Jesus who taught his disciples how to pray, is there to help you as well. What better place to contemplate Jesus – the highest form of prayer – than in His presence?

Join the Upcoming Session on Presence:

The Mystery of the Eucharist from **1:30-3:00pm** in the Church Community Room. If you cannot attend, watch the series on www.formed.org and sign up with our Parish Code: **1823ee**

JOIN US

Registration Table in the Narthex
THIS WEEKEND

Presence
THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presence explores the truth and beauty of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members. You will be taken on a journey to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist in a personal and profound way.

Week One: AUGUST 2, 1:30pm - 3pm

- **Episode 1: God is With Us**

Week Two: AUGUST 9, 1:30pm - 3pm

- **Episode 2: The Story of the Eucharist**

Week Three: AUGUST 16, 1:30pm - 3pm

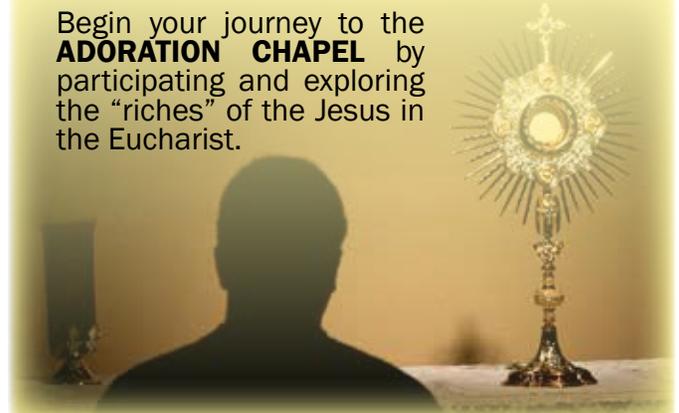
- **Episode 3: Bread for the Journey**

Week Four: AUGUST 23, 1:30pm - 3pm

- **Episode 4: Biblical Foundations**

Come Sit With Me

Begin your journey to the **ADORATION CHAPEL** by participating and exploring the "riches" of the Jesus in the Eucharist.



Young Adult Ministry - 561-3022 xt 107

Contact **Beth Benham** | beth@johnxxiii.net

Contact **Kelly Evers** | kelly@johnxxiii.net



Welcoming All Young Adults 18 -39



- **August 2** - Rooted will meet at 7pm for Miracle Baseball Game (Thirsty Thursday Promotion)



Join Our Facebook Group: *Rooted at St. John XXIII* for updates and local happenings.

Youth Ministry - 561-3022 xt 107

HSYG Contact **Beth Benham** | beth@johnxxiii.net

MSYG Contact **Kelly Evers** | kelly@johnxxiii.net

High School Youth Group

HSYG - Sundays 6pm to 7:30pm

- **September 30** - Classes resume with a Kick off Celebration!

MISSION NEWS:

On the weekend of August 11-12, you will hear from some of the youth that went on the St. John XXIII Mission trips this past summer. They did great works and spread the Good News. We are so proud of all of them!



Middle School Youth Group

MSYG - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

- **September 26** - Classes resume with a Kick off Celebration!

Words of Inspiration: Contest entry by **Lizzy Baran** (Teen Mentor) "MSYG is a fun and social place. It connects the youth of the church through educational learning, and fun activities."



Thinking about joining the Catholic Church, but feel a little lost? The RCIA inquiry stage is the starting place for adults who are thinking about entering the Catholic Church.

"Be still, and know that I am God." — Psalm 46:10

In the inquiry stage, you're just finding out about Jesus, Christianity, and the Catholic Church. Talk to people, walk around in our shoes for a bit and get a feel for the place. As an inquirer, you're not yet sure exactly what you think about the Catholic Church. Your main task here is to develop your faith a little bit, get to know Christ, prayer, the Catholic Church, and how Christians live. That's the only way you can make an informed decision about entering the Catholic Church.

Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Just as bodies and minds grow, Catholics believe that the soul also needs to grow in the life of grace. The Sacrament of Confirmation builds on the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Holy Communion, completing the process of initiation into the Catholic community.

Want to Hear More?

Please call the parish office at **(239) 561-2245** and make an appointment to meet with Father Bob.

For questions please contact **Ginny Whelan** at: **(239) 362-1283** or email: vwhelan99@gmail.com

Low Gluten HOSTS

If you are interested in receiving **LOW GLUTEN** hosts at Mass, then please go to the Sacristy before Mass starts to make your request with a Sacristan.



In the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, you share in the life of God. Live on in God's love!



Thank You!

Back to School



BACKPACK DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who participated in making the 2018 backpack drive a huge success! The backpacks for St. Martin De Porres were distributed on Saturday, July 28th.

We have extra backpacks filled with supplies. If you know of a parishioner who may be in need, please contact **Kelly Evers** at (239) 561-3022 extension 107. The backpacks are available for pick up during regular office hours. (8am-4pm)



Hispanic Ministry ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Nuestra siguiente misa en español será el Domingo 5 de Agosto a la 1:15pm.
- Los invitamos a que nos acompañen al rezo del Rosario todos los Martes a las 6:00pm dentro de la Iglesia.
- Quien desee participar en la misa como lector u otras actividades pueden contactarnos también a nuestra dirección de correo.
- Dirija todas sus inquietudes, peticiones y preguntas Nuestro correo electrónico para cualquier información o petición que deseen: contactohispanosjpxiii@gmail.com
- Visite nuestro Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/HispanosJPXXIII>



Knights of Columbus

WHAT'S NEW?

Brother Knight **Nick Piccoli** presents a check for **\$1,000** to Bishop Verot Principal, **Dr. Denny Denisen**. The Knights of Columbus make this annual donation to support needy students from our Parish. If you would like to give back to the Parish and join the Knights, contact: **Mike Cocolichio** at (239) 274-3416



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

P R E S E N T S

ILLUMINATION'S

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THIS IS OUR
5th YEAR!

THIS IS A NICE NIGHT FOR
CHILDREN AND PARENTS!

- *Bring Your Children!*
- *Enjoy a Movie and Food!*
- *Meet Other Parents!*

NO CHARGE!

Please RSVP by August 6th so we know how much food to prepare.

Food provided by:

The Knights of Columbus

Sign up in the Parish Office or RSVP via email: deaconrich@johnxxiii.net

IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8 - 6PM TO 8PM



A Good Christian Shares the Bible

by: **Cindy Wooden**

All Christians are called to be missionaries, concerned more with sharing the Gospel than with earning money or even with being successful at winning converts, Pope Francis said.

“A baptized person who does not feel the need to proclaim the Gospel, to announce Christ, is not a good Christian,” the pope said July 15 before reciting the Angelus prayer with an estimated 15,000 people gathered in St. Peter’s Square.

Pope Francis was commenting on the day’s Gospel reading, which told about how Jesus sent the disciples out two-by-two to preach and to heal in his name.

“It was a kind of apprenticeship for what they would be called to do with the power of the Holy Spirit after the resurrection of the Lord,” the pope explained.

Speaking only in the name of Jesus, he said, “the apostles had nothing of their own to proclaim and none of their own abilities to demonstrate, but they spoke and acted as emissaries, as messengers of Jesus.”

“This Gospel episode concerns us, too, and not only priests, but all the baptized, who are called to witness to the Gospel of Christ in all the situations of life,” the pope said.

Christians fulfill their mission, he said, when their proclamation is motivated only by love for and obedience to Christ and when the only message they share is Christ’s.

In the reading from St. Mark’s Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples “to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts.”

The poverty and simplicity of lifestyle Jesus asks for, the pope said, were meant to make the disciples of yesterday and today “free and light.”

Jesus, he said, calls his disciples to set out as “messengers of the kingdom of God, not powerful managers, not unmovable functionaries (and) not stars on tour.”

Although all the baptized are sent out on mission by Christ, they go with no guarantee of success, the pope said. “This, too, is poverty: the experience of failure.”

Pope Francis prayed that Mary, “the first disciple and missionary of the word of God, would help us bear the message of the Gospel in the world with a humble and radiant exultation that goes beyond every refusal, misunderstanding or tribulation.”



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

YOUR LETTERS ARE NEEDED

I want to thank all of you for helping us raise the money needed for the capital campaign. The generosity of this parish is amazing.

A Memorial Wall in our new Parish Life Center will list the names of members who have completed their pledge of \$3,000 or more. Letters have been mailed to you requesting you to print your name(s) as you would like them to appear on the plaque. The plaque will list **FIRST AND LAST NAMES ONLY** of the individual or couple. Please sign the form to confirm your request. If your spouse has passed since the beginning of the campaign you may include both names.

Please return your letters as soon as possible so we can begin this project. If you feel you should have received a letter, but have not, please contact the Parish Office.

Gratefully yours in Christ,
Fr. Bob Tabbert



Parish NURSING MINISTRY



Nurse's Notes

- 1)** The Parish Nurses try to visit every St. John XXIII parishioner admitted to any of the Lee Health hospitals. In order for us to be aware of your admission, you **MUST** identify yourself as a St. John XXIII member.
- 2)** If we see you or miss you in the hospital and you have questions, concerns or needs when you return home please call the parish office to request a call and/or visit by a parish nurse. If your concern is urgent please call your doctor’s office. The parish nurses can possibly make your recovery at home safer and smoother.

The Parish Nurse Team:

Joanne Andrews, RN	Nancie Burke, RN
Helen Tuffy, RN	Judy Balyeat, RN



ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

Weekly Financials

July 22, 2018

Offertory	\$14,229.00
Building Fund	\$8,864.36
Total	\$23,093.36
Mass Attendance	2129
Registered Families	3544
Kid's Offertory Envelopes	\$4.00

No money is kept on Church property. Thank you for your continued generosity!

***Please make your checks payable to "St. John XXIII"**

2018 Catholic Faith Appeal

2018 Goal	\$339,000
Pledge	\$416,956.11
% of Goal	123.00%
% of Households	26.66%
Total	\$346,165.23

MAKING A STOCK TRANSFER

When making a stock transfer to the Diocese of Venice on behalf of **St. John XXIII**, please email holly@johnxxiii.net to let us know you made the request. Sometimes a transfer comes to the Diocese with no name or no parish name. This will help us track the transaction. Thank you.

PLANNING YOUR WILL

REMEMBER ST. JOHN XXIII

A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings! The gift you give establishes a lasting legacy of love for others by helping the Church to continue our Catholic heritage through its many ministries. **PLEASE NOTE:** Leaving money to the Parish in your will is not assessed and 100% goes to the parish.

The following is possible wording for including a bequest in your will:

"I bequeath the greater of \$_____ or _____% of the residue of my estate to Bishop Frank J. Dewane, (or his successor), Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida, a corporation sole, whose principal office is located at 1000 Pinebrook Rd., Venice, FL 34285, For the benefit of St. John XXIII Catholic Parish, in Fort Myers, Inc."

The actual wording in your will should be determined by you and your attorney. For more information, questions, or wish to consider a gift annuity or trust for St. John XXIII Catholic Church, then please contact: **Holly Atkins** at **(239) 561-2245**

PARISH LIFE CENTER

Building Status

Cabinetry is being installed in all of the classrooms!



ADORATION CHAPEL

Update

The dry wall is now complete within the chapel!



Don't Rock the Ark!

Children's Summer Music Week 2018

Thank You

Thank you to all 27 children who attended the first annual Children's Music Week: July 16th-22nd! The children's day included vocal production, praise/worship, drama, arts/crafts and instrumental presentations. We thank everyone who helped and participated in this fun summer event! We look forward to Children's Music Week 2019 - "Oh, Jonah!"



MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE

NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER!

We want to thank everyone who memorialized the Stations of the Cross in the Memorial Garden and the Church, as well as the classrooms in the Parish Life Center.

We are offering new opportunities for you to memorialize! Your generous donation of **\$3,000** will go towards new tables, chairs and office furniture in the new building!

If you are interested please call our Business Manager, **Holly Atkins** at **(239) 561-2245**

New Furniture!



Memorialization
The art of commemorating the lives of those we love.



BROADWAYPALM

Southwest Florida's Premier Dinner Theatre

October 28th

42ND STREET



Dinner and a Show

\$65 PER PERSON
(NON-REFUNDABLE)

Dinner - 5:30pm

Show Time - 7:00pm

THE WOMEN'S GUILD

will be selling tickets in the NARTHEX
THIS WEEKEND After All Masses

For Reservations Contact:

Lois Becker (239) 826-2558
lasftmyers@embarqmail.com

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On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you will need to search for and select Saint John XXIII to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Our parish will be listed as *Saint John XXIII Parish in Fort Myers, FL*. **(PLEASE TYPE THE WORD SAINT)** Please be sure that the parish, along with city & state are correct, as there are many listings. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

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THURSDAY

MORNING FRIENDS



Join us the **1ST THURSDAY** of **EVERY MONTH** in the Community Room from **8:30am-10am**. Our next meeting will take place on **Thursday, August 2nd**.

Thank You

We are thankful for the sincere generosity of our parishioners!

A special thank you to all of the people who support our poor box on a weekly basis.

The poor box has been able to help so many families that may have extra needs.

Thank you for your continued support of our growing parish community!

*"for it is in giving
that we receive."*

- St. Francis of Assisi

**SENIOR
65+
SINGLES**

SUNDAY BRUNCH

AUGUST 5TH

11:30am

BONEFISH

**14261 S. Tamiami Trail
Fort Myers. FL 33912**

Please RSVP to:
Joann Hanak (239) 277-9886
by Friday, August 3rd



HEARING LOOP INSTALLED

IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER

St. John XXIII has installed a Hearing Loop in the new Parish Life Center to assist those with hearing loss in order to hear more clearly during events, activities, and meetings. A Hearing Loop is an assistive listening system that transmits sound directly into one's hearing aids or cochlear implants rather than depending on sound coming from the loudspeakers. To receive the Loop signal and hear more clearly, manually activate your T-coil or telephone setting on your hearing aid or cochlear implant. If you don't know if you have a T-coil or whether yours is properly programmed, consult your audiologist or hearing aid professional. If you don't wear hearing aids, ask to use a Loop receiver to receive the sound.



If you have further questions about Looping, please contact the installation company, **Complete Hearing Solutions** at www.CompleteHearingSolutions.org or call (727) 260-3488



HEARING LOOP BASICS:

How Does a Hearing Loop Work?

A Hearing Loop, through the use of a Loop amplifier and strategically placed wire around the room, transmits a signal (electromagnetically) that is received directly by and into a hearing aid or cochlear implant that has a T-coil installed in it or a special receiver for those who don't wear hearing devices.

What are the benefits of a Loop System?

Loop Systems help eliminate bothersome background noise and reverberation/echo. Additionally, Loops transmit sound directly into hearing aids and cochlear implants utilizing the prescriptive corrections that are programmed for that individual. No external receivers are required but are available for those without hearing devices.

What is a T-Coil?

A T-coil or Telecoil, is a small metal rod with metal wire wrapped around it that is installed in a hearing aid or cochlear implant which is necessary to receive the Loop signal. The other purpose of the T-coil is to make using the telephone easier by eliminating the high pitched interference you may hear when putting the phone to your ear.

How do I know if I have a T-Coil?

The T-coil program necessary for use with the Loop System is one that is manually activated by the user. This is done by either pressing a button on the hearing aid or cochlear implant itself or by use of a remote control. You may presently be pressing this button to use the telephone - It is the same program. If you are uncertain if you have a manual T-coil program, consult with your hearing professional as you may have one but it may not be activated.

Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Protect Life Rule: New regulations have been proposed to help ensure that abortion is separated from federal Title X family planning. The administration has opened a 60-day comment period ending on July 31st. It is very important that the pro-life community write to the administration to show support for these regulations. You can submit your comments by going to www.humanlifeaction.org (Select the "Take Action" Tab)

Know Your Immigration Rights: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has numerous resources outlining the rights of immigrants located on the website www.justiceformigrants.org

Catholic Charities: Empower your neighbors in need by donating to the Catholic Charities "Summertime and the Giving is Easy Appeal". In a world of ordinary mortals, you can be extraordinary this summer and provide support, shelter, food and education to families and individuals in your community. Catholic Charities builds up the people of Southwest Florida with the courage to move beyond poverty and achieve self-sufficiency. A total of 92 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to clients. To donate, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org

Novena of Masses for Life: Participate in a Mass near you and pray for life! Visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife for the monthly schedule of Novena of Masses for Life.

Televised Mass for the Homebound: For those who are unable to attend Mass due to medical or physical limitations, the Diocese of Venice offers a Televised Mass each Sunday. For viewers in the northern portions of the Diocese, the Mass airs at 9:30 a.m. on the CW Network; and for those in the southern portions of the Diocese, the Mass is at 10:30am on WFTX-TV (FOX-4). Check your local listings for channel information.

Prayer for Safety During Hurricane Season: The 2018 "Hurricane Season" is underway and already there have been named tropical storms. The season will continue through November 30 and all are encouraged to pray for protection from the storms that often threaten Southwest Florida. The devastation brought by Hurricane Irma in 2017 reinforces the fact that we need to pray for God's protection and care.

Prison Ministry Volunteers Needed: Join a team of volunteers who share God's love and mercy with those incarcerated in any of the 23 jails/prisons throughout the Diocese. No previous experience required; newcomers are paired with experienced volunteers. Contact Robert Hiniker at (863) 558-0407 or hinbob5@hotmail.com

SWFL Catholic Moms: Join other moms for coffee, brunch, childcare and fellowship the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, from 9:30-11:30am at Church of the Resurrection's Parish Hall, 8121 Cypress Lake Drive, Ft. Myers. For more information contact Amanda Gavini at (239) 222-0452

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing: Are you suffering after an abortion? There is hope and healing for you. For confidential information, contact Fonda at (239) 719-7210 or email Fonda.rachel@gmail.com

Spiritual Adoption Program: You are invited to register to spiritually adopt an unborn child in danger of abortion. To register, visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/respect-life/spiritual-adoption-program and receive monthly updates on the development of the child in the womb. For information, questions or prayer cards, please contact Jeanne Berdeaux at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or call (941) 441-1101

Save a Life

Donate Blood in Your Community!

THE LEE HEALTH BLOODMOBILE IS COMING BACK

THIS SUNDAY • 8AM-1PM

Permanent donation locations are in Bonita Springs, Cape Coral and Ft. Myers.

Blood donated at the Lee Memorial Blood Center locations and on the purple bloodmobile helps the Lee County community!



OUR GOAL
20+
PINTS

For locations and schedule information, call (239) 343-2333 or visit

www.leehealth.org/bloodcenter/bloodmobile.asp

Blood Pressure Check

THIS WEEKEND
After All Masses
in the Narthex



Anyone who may be interested in assisting with blood pressure checks after Mass on the last weekend of every month, please contact the Parish office at (239) 561-2245 and leave your name and phone number. One of our parish nurses will get back to you.

It is required that you get fingerprinted and attend Safe Environment Training. We will provide you with information on the process.

We do provide cuff and stethoscope. Join us as we perform a service to our parishioners that, thus far, has been very beneficial! Thank you.






The 2019 Parish Calendar Claim Your Spot Today!

Youth Ministry will be selling ads for the 2019 calendar. If you would like to commemorate a special date for a loved one or yourself, you can now reserve your special day starting now! Days are **\$20/EACH** or **6 FOR \$100**

There are TWO ways this can happen:

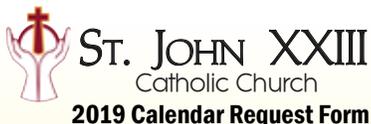
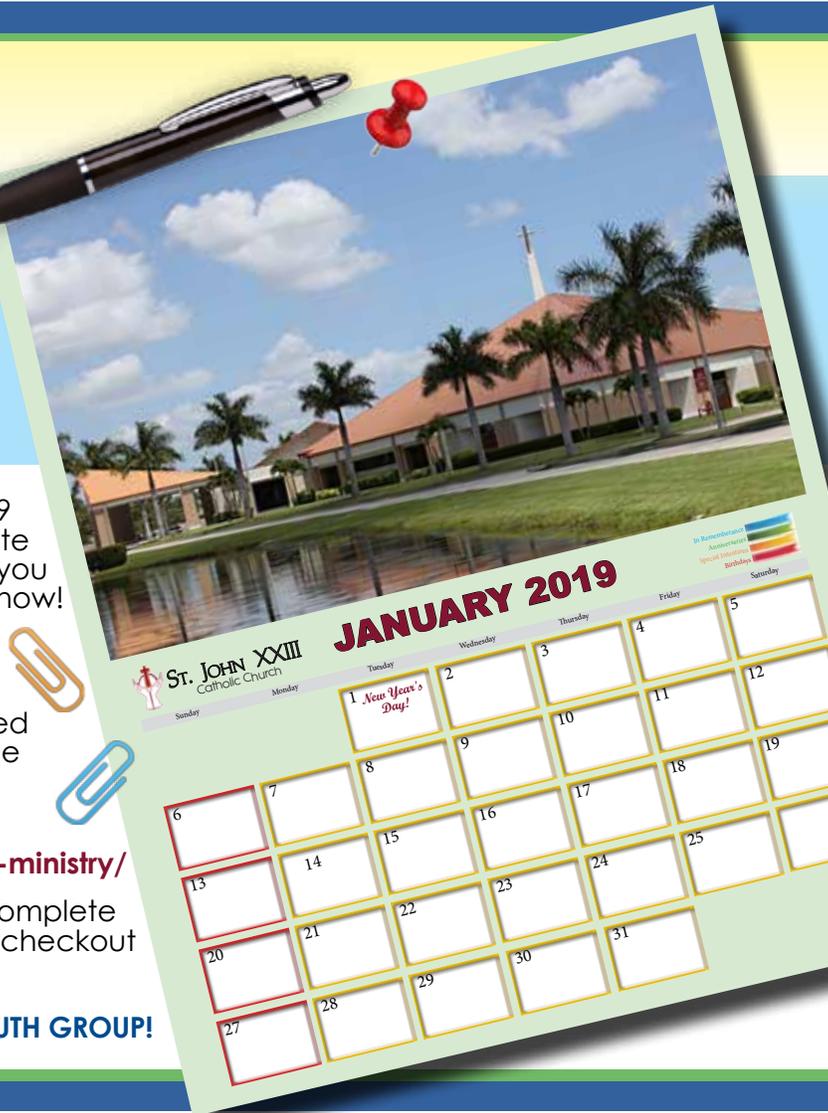
1. Tell us who you are, which dates you need reserved, the names for each date, and the reason for the reservation. OR:

2. Go online and sign up at:

<http://johnxxiii.net/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/>

You'll find a form to fill out and once you complete it, you'll be re-directed to a secure Paypal checkout screen.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ST. JOHN XXIII YOUTH GROUP!



Please tear off and return to the parish office or place in the collection basket.

Your Name: _____

Name as it would appear on the Calendar: _____

Date: _____

Type of Occasion:

_____ Birthday _____ Anniversary _____ Memorial _____ Special Wishes _____ Other

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

_____ Check # _____ _____ Cash _____ Credit Card (Online Only)