



ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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May 19, 2019

The Eucharist: PREVIEW OF HEAVEN

by: **Sr. Mary Ann Fatula, O.P. - Catholic Exchange**

Our loving reception of the Lord in the Eucharist is the most intimate way in which the Trinity allows us to taste heaven on earth. This precious sacrament truly is the "pledge of future glory."

In writing about her first Holy Communion, St. Therese tells us that "all the joy of Heaven" entered her heart when she received the Lord. Unable to hold back her tears, she realized that when she received the Lord in the Eucharist, "heaven itself" was in her soul.

Because Jesus is "the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:25), the Eucharist is the very cause of our eternal life in heaven: "Whoever eats of this Bread will live forever" (John 6:51).

Since the Lord is the font of all grace (John 1:16), devoutly receiving the Eucharist also deepens sanctifying grace and charity within us, "inebriating" us with heavenly delight.

Meditating on the Scriptural words that "blood and water came out" of the pierced side of the crucified Lord (John 19:34), St. Thomas Aquinas reiterates the sentiments of St. John Chrysostom: "When you draw near to the awe-inspiring chalice, approach as if you were going to drink from Christ's own side."

Closeness with Jesus:

St. Thomas Aquinas loved the Lord's beautiful words at the Last Supper, at which He instituted the sacrament of the Eucharist: "I do not call you servants any longer . . . but I have called you friends" (John 15:15).

We naturally want to spend time with a beloved friend, and only our friend's physical presence is enough to content our heart. In a special way, we treasure deeply

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses:

Monday-Saturday, 8:00am
Rosary-7:20am (Mon.-Sat.)
followed by Divine Mercy

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 8:00am, 4:00pm
Vietnamese Mass 8:00pm
Sunday, 7:15am, 9:15am
and 11:15am
Spanish Mass: 1:30pm every
Sunday

Reconciliation:

Saturday 8:30-9:00am

First Friday Adoration:

Friday 8:30-9:00am

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Monday-Friday,
8:00am-Noon | 1:00-4:00pm
239-561-2245
239-561-3713 (Fax)

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 encouraged 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

239-693-0818

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, MAY 18

- 8:00 AM † Antonio Fagel by his family
- 4:00 PM † Diane Fisher by The Collins Family
- 8:00 PM † Unborn Children - Vietnamese Mas

SUNDAY, MAY 19

- 7:15 AM † Ron Lowery by Amy Shea
- 9:15 AM † William Frazer by Terry & Jim Wallace
- 11:15 AM † Jacob Woodby by Jennifer & Rex Moonshower
- 1:30 PM - Spanish Mass

MONDAY, MAY 20

- 8:00 AM † Ron Rogers by Jane Connor

TUESDAY, MAY 21

- 8:00 AM † Jill Blackwood by Ken & MaryAnn

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

- 8:00 AM † Jim Anthony by Bill & Diann Ford

THURSDAY, MAY 23

- 8:00 AM † Ruth Konkowski by her husband, Leonard

FRIDAY, MAY 24

- 8:00 AM † Carolyn Silay by Fred & Gingy Quinn

SATURDAY, MAY 25

- 8:00 AM † Genara Maramara by Joyce Verdi
- 4:00 PM † Lloyd Kollasch by Marianne Kollasch
- 8:00 PM All Souls - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 26

- 7:15 AM † Julia Dimaio by Yvonne & Len Lucas
- 9:15 AM † Robert & Linda Rost by their family
- 11:15 AM † Carol Martek by Ted & Mickey Veenhuis
- 1:30 PM - Spanish Mass

THE 2019 MASS BOOK IS OPEN FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR

To ensure 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.

MAY 26, 2019 - READINGS

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| • 1ST READING | ACTS 15:1-2, 22-29 |
| • 2ND READING | REV 21:10-14, 22-23 |
| • GOSPEL | JN 14:23-29 |

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.

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The Eucharist CONTINUED

the presence and final words of a beloved friend. It is at this precious time, when a loved one is about to die, that his or her words are seared into our memory, and our most profound affection is enkindled deep in our soul.

This is why the Lord chose to give us the sacrament of His most sacred Body and Blood at the Last Supper, before He was about to suffer His Passion and death for us. "Those who eat my flesh, and drink my blood, abide in me, and I in them." (John 6:56).

Sharing a Heavenly Communion:

In the Eucharist, the Lord unites us to the faithful here on earth as well as to those in heaven. St. John Chrysostom urges us to come with profound faith and love to the Table of the Eucharist, where the gifts are not only joy but also "harmony, peace, and union of soul." When we devoutly receive the Lord in the Eucharist, we receive also the grace to be more closely united to those we love here on earth, in a love that is itself a foretaste of heaven. This precious sacrament is thus the sacrament of the Church's unity, for "the common spiritual good" of the entire Church is contained in the Lord given to us in the Eucharist. The more lovingly we receive the Lord Jesus, the more united we become to those dear to us here on earth, especially to those with whom we are blessed to share the Eucharist. Our receiving of the Lord in this sacrament also unites us more deeply with all the members of the one Mystical Body of the Lord, in a foreshadowing of the loving union that will be ours in heaven.

Taste of Heavenly Joy:

Another wonderful effect of the Eucharist is a deepening in our souls of a profound spiritual delight and "sweetness" that allow us to taste heavenly joy even now: "Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Ps. 34:8). This deep contentment, even in the midst of trials, continues after we receive the Eucharist and especially can be savored when we spend time in adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

St. John Paul II tells us of his own intimate experience: "It is pleasant to spend time with him, to lie close to his breast like the beloved disciple (John 13:25) and to feel the infinite love present in his heart." The pope reminds us of how much every one of us truly needs this time in adoration and love before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. "How often, dear brothers and sisters, have I experienced this, and drawn from it strength, consolation and support!"

Presence of the Trinity:

Still another wondrous fruit of devoutly receiving the Lord in the Eucharist is a deepening of the presence of the entire Trinity within us. "I am in the Father and the Father is in me" (John 14:10). And where the Father and the Son are, there also is the Holy Spirit.

Although it is the Lord Jesus who comes to us sacramentally, the presence of the entire Trinity thus deepens in our souls when we receive the Eucharist. The power of this sacrament is so great that even when we are unable to receive it but long to do so, grace is increased in our souls, and we become even more dearly the home and heaven of the Trinity.

St. Catherine of Siena recounts how, during the Consecration at Mass, she "tasted the depths of the Trinity." Surely this was the grace given to her every time she desired to receive the Lord, which was daily. She assures us that this blessing can be ours. So, too, when we receive the Eucharist, the "power" of this sacrament, which is the "warmth of divine charity," remains deep within our souls.

Receiving

HOLY COMMUNION

Submitted by: Catherine Vaughn

Parishioner, Eucharistic Ministry Trainer and Team Leader

As Catholics, we have the wonderful opportunity to participate at Mass and receive the body, blood, soul and divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. We are encouraged to prepare for this tremendous gift by being attentive to the readings and prayers, singing the hymns, and dismissing distractions that vie for our attention. The reception of Holy Communion renders thought and reflection.

Below are procedures that will guide us in receiving the Precious Body and Blood of our Lord reverently.

1. Prepare yourself by focusing on the reality that you are about to receive our Lord.
2. Make a fervent act of contrition (you can add acts of faith, hope and love too.)
3. Approach the Priest or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion with hands folded or finger tips pointed towards Heaven.
4. When ready to receive:
 - You will hear the Priest or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion say, "The Body of Christ."
 - Your response is "Amen." This is to confirm your belief that you are receiving Christ himself.
 - If you receive on the tongue, stick your tongue out as far as it is comfortable, so your intention is known.
 - If you receive in the hand, hold out your hands, left on top of right.
 - Do NOT grasp or reach for the host, but rather let the host be placed into your hand.
 - Once the host is placed in your hand, take it and place it on your tongue for immediate consumption.
 - To keep the reception as safe as possible, please refrain from kneeling while receiving.
 - Once you return to your pew, spend time reflecting and praising God for the gift of Himself. Thank Him for the opportunity to receive Him. Renew your love for Him. Acknowledge His blessings upon you and your family. Ask Him for grace that He alone can provide.
 - Allow the Holy Spirit to fill you and guide you until you receive Holy Eucharist again.

Watch the following video titled:

SACRAMENTS 101: EUCHARIST

(how we receive) from Busted Halo
(Paulist Fathers)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdGkTdv4Dt4

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
Lynne Haughey
Linda Sayres
Carol Clausen
Marlene LaRose
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek
Jeff Hlavacek
Bernadette Frammarino
Antoinette Bosco
Michael Assante
Cornelius Lewis
Chris Sullivan
Candy Foehl
Elizabeth Lawton
Virginia Lochner
Carol Wesch
Debbie Anderson & Family
Robert Smolka

John Mangione Jr.
Janet Fernandez
Bess Manderfeld
Clark Gordon
Walter & Jeanne Stobb
Rudy Stobb
Tony Stobb
Patricia Mannion
Lola Arena
Nick Piccoli
Mary Lou Tedeschi
Anthony Bosch
Michaud Family
Gail King
Mike Rheaume
Patrick DeLuca
Caryl Eddy
Mary Lou Tedeschi
Jim Tatum

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: **Lloyd Kollasch**

Requested by: **his wife, Marianne**



Adoration Chapel

In Honor of: **All Graduates**





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Weekly Calendar

Saturday, May 18

- Women's Guild Morning with Mary: Main Hall - 10am
- Vigil Mass - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass/Hospitality - 8pm

Sunday, May 19

- Masses/Hospitality: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am
- Sing/Ring Choir Rehearsal: Choir Loft - 8:45am
- RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Mystagogy Deepening the Practice of their Catholic Faith: St. Martha & St. Mary - 10:30am
- Hispanic Choir: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 11am
- Spanish Mass/Hospitality - 1:30pm
- High School Youth Group Mass: Chapel - 4pm
- Confirmation Yr 1 & Yr 2 End of Year Party: Outside 5pm

Monday, May 20

- Men's Gospel Forum: St. Martha & St. Mary - 7am
- Craftie Ladies: Villas - 1pm
- Women's Guild: St. Martha & St. Mary - 6:30pm

Tuesday, May 21

- Opening the Word: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 9am
- Bereavement: Rooms St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- Spanish Rosary: Cry Room - 6pm
- AA Meeting (Alcoholics Anonymous): Rooms St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Wednesday, May 22

- Blessed Little Angels: IMAG History & Science Center - 10am
- Children's/Middle School Choir Practice: Choir Loft - 5pm

Thursday, May 23

- Choir Practice: Church - 6:30pm
- Hispanic Choir: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 7pm

Friday, May 24

- Bishop Verot Baccalaureate Mass: Church - 5pm

Saturday, May 25

- Prayer Walk/Abortion Clinic: Meets after 9:15am Mass
- Vigil Mass - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass/Hospitality - 8pm

Sunday, May 26

- Masses/7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am
- Blood Pressure Check by the Nurses: Narthex - after the 9:15am & 11:15am Masses Only
- RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Mystagogy Evangelization: St. Martha & St. Mary - 10:15am
- Children's/Youth Choir Recognition: Choir Loft - 10:45am
- Hispanic Choir: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 11am
- New Family Orientation: Chapel - 12:30pm
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm
- Vietnamese Rosary: Chapel - 5pm

WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Tony & Pamela D'Elia
- Jonathan Greene & Thi Hoang
- James & Michele Squadrito
- Michael & Marie Spittler

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 on Sunday, May 26th, 2019 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
Sean Ball
Major Bart Boma
Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove
Sgt. Phil Dellibovi
Staff Sgt. Chris Dominski
CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces
Captain Andrew Duguay
Sgt. Jared Gaudet
Tech Sgt Jeffrey K. Green
1st Lt. Kellyn Hall
Andrew Herman
1st Lt. Paige Hortman
Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl
PFC Michael P Hughes
SPC Michael Jednak
PFC Andrew Kanopkh
Michael Klem
Capt. Bradley D. Laux
Lt. Jacob Mundo, US Army
Sgt. Nicholas Mundo, USMC
SSGT Anthony Padula
LCP James Palenik
Master SGT Peter Parison

Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army
Lt. Col. Brady Sexton
2nd Lt. Kristen Thompson
Christian Troutner, US Navy
Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic
PFC Jordan Feil, USA
Hayden Linde
Aaron Crump, USCG
PFC Nathaniel Broemmel
Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo
Col. Scott C. Woodward
Private Nicholas Loeb, ARNG
Andrew Hawkinson, USN
Cavalry Scout Specialist,
Ryan Silva, Army
2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC
Jared Broemmel, US Navy
Army 2nd Lieutenant Edward
Hudson Tillinghast IV
Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force
1st Lt. Christopher Dryhurst,
US Air Force
Com. Craig Fowler, USN

Faith Formation

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

THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION:

Faith Formation classes have ended for the 2018-2019 school year. Registration will begin in July for the 2019-2020 school year. If your child has completed Year I for First Holy Communion, you receive information on the schedule and registration in June.

Sunday Faith Formation:

We are hoping to start a Sunday Faith Formation Program for grades 1,2, and 3 but we need catechists and volunteers in order to make this happen. There is ongoing training and support. The time commitment would be 2 to 3 times a month from 10:30am to 11:45am. Please contact Chris Biel for more information. (239) 561-7499

First Communion Thank You!

On Saturday May 11th, 90 children celebrated their First Holy Communion. A sincere thank you to all the parents and families for supporting your child's faith journey. You are the first teachers of your child's faith. Live God's peace and love. Thank you to all The **Catechists** and **Assistants** for helping to prepare the children for First Communion this past year. To the **Priests** of St. John XXIII and to all who served in ministry for this Liturgy; The **Sacristans**, **Ushers**, **Lectors**, **Ministers of Communion**, and **Altar Servers**; to **Tom Tiehel**, the **Children's Choir**, and the **Cantors** for providing the beautiful music. To our photographer, **Tony Gravatte** for capturing the moments of this special day. To the **Rosary Group** who made rosary beads for each of the First Communicants, the **Knights of Columbus** for funding the project, the **Hospitality Ministry** for serving lunch to the catechists and volunteers, and to all those who helped with all the behind the scenes work.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION:

BAPTISM: Congratulations on your decision to baptize your child! At St. 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. Please 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 (239) 561-7499 to begin the process.

ADULT FAITH

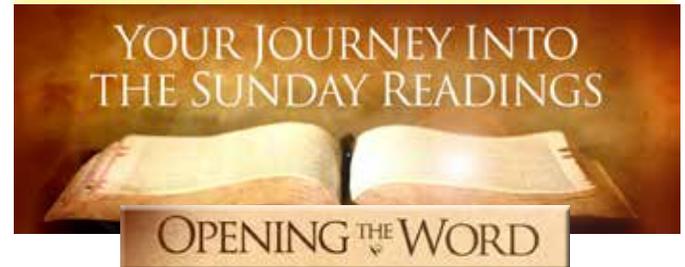
Education

All Are Invited to Opening The Word!

Opening the Word is a weekly Bible Study exploring the upcoming Sunday Readings. All are Welcome!

When? Tuesday Mornings from **9am-10am**

Next Session: Tuesday, May 21st



We will use the parish resource, Formed.org to prepare for the Readings that we hear each Sunday.

To register go to <https://johnxxiii.formed.org/> and follow the instructions to sign in and view Catholic content 24/7. We will watch a short video (7-10 minutes), share what the Readings say to us, and discuss how we can apply them to our lives.

This Bible Study meets every Tuesday morning in the **PARISH LIFE CENTER FROM 9AM-10AM IN ROOMS ST. BERNADETTE & ST. MICHAEL.**



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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

- **June 6** - The next Rooted session at 7pm (TBD)

We Need You!

We are continuing the Youth and Young Adult Masses during the summer. They will take place once a month on the 4th Sunday at 4pm. Dates: June 23, July 28 and August 25.

We hope to have it led by the "Rooted/Young Adult Ministry". If you are interested in helping as a Lector, EM, Greeter or Usher please contact Beth or Kelly in the Youth Ministry Office. If you would like to serve as a musician or sing in the choir at this Mass please email Tom, our music director at: tom@johnxxiii.net

If there is an interest by the Rooted Group to have a social after Mass outside on the patio, we can add that as well. We would love to hear from you!



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 5pm to 6:30pm ***NOTE NEW TIME**

- **May 19** - Summer End of Year Celebration **All High School Teens are welcome!**
- **June 17** - VBS Volunteer Mandatory Meeting - 6pm
- **July 14-20** - Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission

Save the Dates:

- **Sunday Youth Mass:** May 19 in Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel at 4pm.
- **September 29:** Pam Stenzel International Speaker

Middle School Youth Group

MSYG - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

- **Summer Break** - Sessions Resume in September
- **2019-2020 Session Trifold/Event Calendar** - Out in late July. Check the Narthex welcome desk to pick one up. It will also be posted on our parish website.

THIS WEEK: Have a safe and fun summer break and please consider volunteering for Vacation Bible School, Music Ministry Events, and/or the Mission Trip.



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.

DOCTRINE SESSIONS

May

5/19: - Mystagogy: Deepening the Practice of their Catholic faith

5/26: - Mystagogy: Evangelization

June

6/2: - Pentecost

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



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.

MUSIC MINISTRY



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Contact **Tom Tiehel** | tom@johnxxiii.net

SUMMER CONCERTS

JUNE 30 - (4:00pm)
PATROTIC CONCERT

JULY 7 - (4:00pm)
PIANO & ORGAN

JULY 14 - (4:00pm)
BROADWAY & BEYOND (Main Hall) with Supper

JULY 15- 19 - (12:00pm - 3:30pm)
Children's Music Week: "Oh Jonah" (Main Hall)

JULY 21 - (4:00pm)
Children's Music Week Musical: "Oh Jonah!"
(with Reception)

*"I will sing and make
music with all my soul."*
- Psalm 108:1

ATTENTION

On Saturdays after the 8:00am Mass and Confessions, the church will be LOCKED at 9:00am. If you would like to pray, please visit the Adoration Chapel.

Hispanic Ministry ANNOUNCEMENTS



Un Matrimonio con Dios

- Con el paso del tiempo, nos damos cuenta que amar no es solo un sentimiento bonito y cálido, amar también implica sacrificio. Es por eso que muchas veces vemos familias separadas viviendo bajo el mismo techo, indiferentes unos de otros. Esposos compartiendo sus vidas, pero no sus sueños ni sus metas. El sacrificio en el matrimonio no es sufrimiento, es fortaleza. Por que las metas de tu cónyuge se convierten en tus metas, sus triunfos en tus triunfos, sus caídas y derrotas en tus caídas y tus derrotas, y viceversa.
- Un matrimonio en Dios lo conforman tres: esposo, esposa y Dios como pilar. Los esposos no son perfectos y no están libre de dificultades, pero teniendo a Dios como pilar y buscando amar a la manera que Cristo nos ha enseñado; las dificultades se convierten en trampolines para ser mejores y amar mejor y no en trampas para alejarse los unos de los otros y dejar crecer el resentimiento y la rabia.

Unirse a Nosotros

- Te invitamos a asistir al grupo abierto de parejas de la parroquia San Juan XXIII. Para mayor información llamar al teléfono: (239) 878-1460

Misa Española

- No olviden que nuestra misa hispana es cada domingo a las 1:30 pm con nuestro querido padre Lorenzo González, los esperamos junto a sus familiares, vecinos y amigos.



ORDINATION

Anniversary



Fr. Bob Tabbert

May, 19th 1979

40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Advertise in our Bulletin

As much as you enjoy reading our bulletin, we'd love for you to be in it! Grow your business and create strong connections with your target audience by advertising in the back of our church bulletin.



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GOOD STEWARD OF INFLUENCE

by: **Rick Warren - Charisma News Daily**

Everything you have is a gift from God; your health, your life, your salvation, your freedom, your friends, your family, your opportunities. God expects you to make the most of the things He gives you. The word for that in the Bible is called "stewardship."

Stewardship is the Old English word for "management." And just as you manage your time and your money, you also manage your influence.

God expects you to use your influence to help other people. What is influence? The Cambridge Dictionary defines influence as, "the power to affect how someone develops, acts or thinks." God expects you to be an influence.

You should want to be influential. In fact, it's quite selfish to say, "I don't really care about the rest of the world. I don't care about helping anybody else. I'm just thinking about little ol' me." In fact, Jesus commands that you use your influence for good in this world. You were put here to be an influence for good. God wants you to do that.

What we need in this world is a lot more positive influence. There are problems that need to be fixed and causes that need to be advanced, especially the cause of telling the whole world about Jesus, and we need every Christian to be influencing the world on Jesus' behalf. Here are some tips:

Recognize Your Influence: Stop and think about who you influence, and how you best influence them. Take inventory of your experiences, your talents and abilities, your passions and interests. And think about the people you seem to connect with the best. Realize that you do have influence and you simply need to recognize it.

Exercise Your Influence: Influence is like a muscle—use it or lose it. Most of us have far more influence than we've ever imagined. The influence that you have can be incredibly more powerful if you and I would just take the simple step of being a little more intentional about our influence.

Maximize Your Influence: There are only two legitimate reasons for expanding your influence. One is ministry and the other is mission. In other words, you expand your influence in order to help more people and to bring more people to Jesus. Any other reason for expanding your influence is illegitimate, self-centered, and selfish. On the other hand, there is almost nothing that God will not do for the person whose ultimate goal is the glory of God.



God has given of us
A GIFT
from His great variety of
SPIRITUAL GIFTS
Use them well to serve one another.
1 Peter 4:10

RESPECT LIFE

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, MAY 23

5:30pm-6:30pm: Death Penalty Prayer Vigil
(All are Welcome) Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

SATURDAY, MAY 25

9:15am-9:45am: Monthly Prayer Walk at Ft. Myers
Abortion Clinic - 3900 Broadway Avenue

12pm-1pm: Silent Adoration for an End to Abortion
(All are Welcome) St. Luke Adoration Chapel

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

12pm-1pm: Silent Adoration for an End to Abortion
(All are Welcome) St. Luke Adoration Chapel

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

12pm-1pm: Silent Adoration for an End to Abortion
(All are Welcome) St. Luke Adoration Chapel

If you would like more information, be updated or become more involved on Pro-life issues please send an email request to: respectlife@popejohn23.net

65+
SINGLES
**SUNDAY
BRUNCH**

JUNE 2ND
11:00am

BONEFISH

14261 S. Tamiami Trail
Ft. Myers, FL 33912

- - - MENU SELECTIONS - - -

Please RSVP to:
Joann Hanak (239) 277-9886
by Friday, May 31st



ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

Weekly Financials



May 12, 2019

Offertory	\$23,026.00
Building Fund	\$4,434.00
Total	\$27,460.00
Mass Attendance	3003
Registered Families	3602
Kid's Offertory Envelopes	\$2.00

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

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

2019 Catholic Faith Appeal

2019 Goal	\$347,000
Pledge	\$447,700.99
% of Goal	129.02%
% of Households	23.48%
Total	\$352,368.02

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



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.

RECYCLING EQUALS MONEY

Here at St. John XXIII, we encourage you to recycle!

Our recycle bin is located to the far right of the Vietnamese Statue near the other side of the parking lot.

Items such as cardboard, newspapers, office paper and aluminum cans can be deposited in the recycle bin.

With your diligent help, we are able to receive money from the recycling company, Garden St. Paper Products, which in return, goes back to help the church.

Thank you for your support of our common home and the Parish community!



MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE

Here at St. John XXIII, we have several ways to memorialize your loved one.

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

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



Craftie Ladies

WHAT'S NEW?

Plarn for the Homeless:

What is plarn? Plarn is simply plastic grocery/store bags that are cut into strips and tied together. These strips are then crocheted together to form rows. When finished, they are approximately the size of a twin bed, and requires 700 bags to finish one. We have been getting our bags from recycled bags from Publix, (with the store managers permission). Craftie Lady, Jean, (our resident "bag" lady), has made 4 already. She really enjoys making these mats. They are great because they are surprisingly comfortable, helps get the person up off the ground, when wet, will not mold, dries quickly and is lightweight to carry around. Plarn is sweeping the country at the moment. Thousands are making plarn mats and ours have been donated to Blankets and Blessings. We'd like to thank Jean for all her time devoted to making plarn.



Next Craft Sales:

We have confirmed the dates for our next craft sales. They are: October 12th & 13th, and December 7th & 8th. This year, we are teaming up with the Knights of Columbus, and have some fun events on the planning board! There will be much more information about this at a later date so read the bulletin for upcoming details.

Join Us!

The Craftie Ladies meet every Monday at the Villas from 1-3 pm. We would love for you to check us out sometime! We have many talented ladies who are always willing to help someone learn a new skill. For more information please email us at: craftieladiesxxiii@aol.com

The
**NEWMAN
CONNECTION**



KEEP OUR YOUTH *Connected* TO THE CHURCH

GRADUATES AND PARENTS - FIND YOUR CENTER

Did you know that 80% of students stop practicing their faith at some point during college, while only 15% look for a campus ministry on their own?

The Diocese of Venice would like to support our incoming college freshmen by connecting them to catholic organizations at the Universities they will be attending.

The **Newman Connection** is a data entry program that assists in this effort at the national level. We will have Newman Connection cards available at the Welcome Desk for those parents and/or grandparents who wish to fill out the card. The only information needed is the student's name, college choice and the college's city. The Campus Ministry will welcome the students and reach out to them when they arrive.

For more information visit the Newman Connection at: www.newmanconnection.com



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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.
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-4pm & Saturday 8:30am-3pm. The Chapel will be open every 1st Friday until 9pm through the summer. Sign up to be an adoror by visiting the church website ministry tab or going directly to: <https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/l/enrollment/johnxxiii>
- **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!
- **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.
- **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.**
- **Journey to Hope:** We offer support and education to families with mental illness or with dual diagnosis. The next meeting will take place Friday, June 7th. at St. John XXIII in rooms St. Martha & St. Mary. Please note: There will be no meetings in July and August.
- **We need your help with keeping our database current:** Have you moved, changed email addresses, dropped a landline or changed your cell number? Please email maryann@johnxxiii.net with any changes or additions to your contact information.
- **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
- **YARN Needed:** The Craftie Ladies appreciate all your generous donations in the past, and now we are in need of more yarn to make projects. You may drop off the donations in the church Narthex. Thank you in helping us do for others.

Information Websites

Below are suggested websites to stay current on what is happening in the Catholic church:

WHISPERS IN THE LOGGIA: whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com

CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE www.catholicnews.com

CRUX: cruxnow.com

BISHOP BARRON: www.wordonfire.org

FR. RICHARD ROHR: cac.org/category/daily-meditations



Knights of Columbus

WHAT'S NEW?

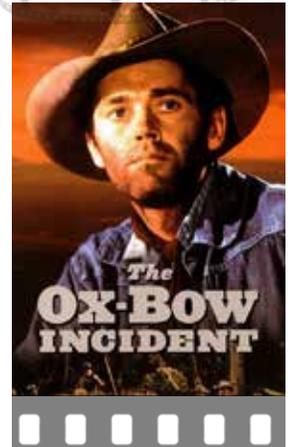
MOVIE NIGHT RECAP

Knights of Columbus hosted Faith and Film Movie Night on Friday, May 10th, as part of the Adult Faith Formation Ministry.

The movie, “*The Ox-Bow Incident*” was shown, followed by a lively discussion of the movie.

Thank you to Brother Knights: **Vince Smoral, Ken Meyers, Larry Evener, Deacon Klish, and Mike Cocolicho**, who served FREE pizza and drinks.

This is the last of the adult movie for the Spring but the children’s movie program will start June 29th. Plan to bring your family to the show for pizza and a good time!



YES, your kid

by: Dr. Mark Goulston

*A*s a psychiatrist specializing in suicide prevention, it's deeply troubling to me that suicide rates keep climbing, especially for teens. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the suicide rate for white children between 10 and 17 years old was up 70 percent between 2006 and 2016, and up 77 percent for black children. Every time it happens, their bereaved parents say, "I had no idea." Other parents hear this and wonder how anyone could miss the signs. They often say, "That would never happen to my kid."

The truth is it could happen to your child...and you too may miss the warning signs. Suicide can affect any family at any time, and all parents should be on the lookout for behavioral indicators or suicidality.

Before you jump to judgment, there are a few things parents should know. The warning signs of suicide might be easier to piece together in retrospect, when you are looking for them. But in the moment, they can be much harder to detect. That's why it's so important to help everyone understand the suffering and isolation impacting the at-risk community. In *Stay Alive*, a new 75-minute video/podcast documentary (available here on YouTube), featuring myself, suicide survivor Kevin Hines and suicide prevention advocate Rayko, we have an honest conversation about what it feels like to be suicidal, and provide some insight into what parents and at risk teens need to understand about how to address these thoughts before they become fatal (#StayAliveNow).

To really move the needle, we need to remove the societal stigma surrounding suicide. This begins with helping the loved ones of those at risk gain understanding and offer support. The next step is helping society recognize what it really feels like to be suicidal. When everyone understands how much suffering is really going on, we have a real chance to reach out and save lives.

Meanwhile, parents need to be on the lookout for anything out of the ordinary in their children's behavior. It's crucial for them to learn to recognize the early warning signs of despair that could lead to suicide and break through at a time when their children need them the most.

A Few Insights:

FIRST, ACCEPT THAT ANYONE CAN BECOME SUICIDAL:

Prevention starts with understanding that suicidal thinking can strike anyone (yes, even your high-performing, seemingly confident, and happy child) at any time.

KNOW THAT YOUR KIDS PROBABLY WON'T OPEN UP TO YOU:

They aren't going to come to you in despair, like you might imagine. They may feel that you won't understand, or that there's nothing you can do. They also might think that what they're going through is a "failure," and worry that you'll be disappointed in them.

LOOK FOR CHANGES, EVEN SUBTLE ONES:

Be aware of any changes in your child's demeanor. Keep in mind, though, that these changes can be more difficult to spot among naturally moody teens who tend to isolate themselves even in the best of circumstances. Teens are moody—that's to be expected—but don't write it off as just moodiness. When it crosses over into physiological disturbances of sleep, appetite, sexual desire, or just an unshakable dark feeling, and stays stuck there, it has then crossed over into a mood disorder and can be incredibly destructive.

KNOW THAT LITTLE THINGS CAN CAUSE BIGGER PROBLEMS:

Something seemingly insignificant could be more impactful than it looks. So be aware of possible catalysts, whether it's the stress of starting a new school year, changes in their medicine, or even problems in their social

INITIATE THE CONVERSATION:

Most importantly, parents must ask their teens how they are feeling. It's not enough to rely on indicators that you may or may not spot. If you suspect your child may be struggling, or even if you don't, here are five questions that might get the conversation flowing:

1. "At the worst that you feel, how bad does it get?"
2. "When you've felt how bad it could get, how often did you feel alone?"

3. "When you were feeling that horrible and alone with it, what did it make you think, feel and want to do?"
4. "And what did you do?"
5. "I don't want you to be alone with those thoughts and feelings. So I'm asking you to call me when you are feeling that way and I will do my best to listen to you, hear you and keep you company. I promise not to give you advice or solutions, unless you ask me for them. So would you be willing to call me when you're feeling like that? And by the way, if you think you're a burden, you're not. I can see and feel the good person you are - the person can't see or feel when you're feeling so awful."

LET THEM KNOW THEY ARE LOVED AND THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE:

Pain is pain; suffering is feeling alone in pain. When you eliminate the aloneness, suffering that people can't live with becomes pain that they can live with.

Even if your child doesn't show it, they need you to be there to support them. Don't wait for them to ask for help. Reach out—even if your child appears to be thriving—and show them that you are here no matter what. Your compassion could truly be lifesaving.

About the Author:

Dr. Mark Goulston is a former UCLA professor of psychiatry, a suicide and violence prevention expert and one of the world's foremost experts on listening. He is the author of the best selling **"Just Listen: Discover the Secret to Getting Through to Absolutely Anyone"** and the host of the "My Wakeup Call" podcast. He is the 2019 recipient of the Dr. W. Mark Warfel Resilient Heart Award.

If you or someone you know needs help, dial 911 or call **1-800-273-TALK (8255)**

For more information visit:
www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org



According to the CDC, suicide is the 2nd cause of death in persons age 10-34!

Survivors of suicide don't need the answers to incomprehensible questions. They need our loving presence to help them continue living their lives. They don't need you to minimize their pain, just be there.



THINGS NOT TO SAY:

- She/he is in a better place now
- I know how you feel
- Every thing happens for a reason
- What doesn't kill you makes you stronger
- God never gives you more than you can handle
- Let me know if there is anything I can do. Just do it! Make dinner, run errands, clean their house)

THINGS TO SAY:

- NOTHING (just be there)
- I am so sorry
- I don't know what to say
- Do you want to go get a cup of coffee, lunch?
- Tell me your favorite story about him/her.
- Tell me your story



VETERAN'S SUICIDE HOTLINE: **1-800-273-8255**
(Press 1 as message begins)



Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: The next encounter weekend in this area is May 31st-June 2nd at the Franciscan Center in Tampa, FL. Space is limited. For more information visit flwc-wwme.org or call (813) 270-7832

Cruise for Christ 2020: Join us on the HAL Ms. New Amsterdam for a 7-Day Tropical cruise to the Caribbean, Bahamas, Grand Turk, Dominican Republic and Key West from November 28 - December 5, 2020. Book by May 31, 2019 with a \$175 deposit per person. (balance due August 30, 2020) This will hold a space for you and includes a free beverage card (15 drinks per day per person) plus dinner at the Pinnacle Grill. Don't miss out on this early booking bonus. Book by May 31, 2019. For more information contact Alice at alicehof3@gmail.com or (239) 980-8211.

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 9:30am 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).

Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane: Join Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, for his monthly radio program on Relevant Radio. "Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane" can be heard at 8:30am, Friday, April 26h on 1660 AM in Naples as well as 1410 AM and 106.7 FM in Fort Myers. Listen anywhere online at RelevantRadio.com. The program airs on the last Friday of each month.

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.

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.

Catholic Charities: Provide support, shelter, food and education to families and individuals in your community. Build up the people of Southwest Florida with the courage them 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

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

St. Martin DePorres Needs Volunteers: The Outreach Café needs volunteers to help Elementary School Children with their homework. No special training or background required! No need to speak Spanish! Grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade, Monday-Thursday from 3:30pm-5:30pm. To volunteer, email amzeder@gmail.com or go to <https://signup.com/cl.../invitation2/6775657374/1821743/false...> and fill in the day you can help. The Café is located at 4711 Palm Beach Blvd, Fort Myers 33905

TRAVELING

Mary Ministry

St. John XXIII will begin a "Traveling Mary Ministry". The goal of the ministry is to promote family prayer time at home throughout the week. Please stop in the Narthex after Mass to see the Traveling Mary and pick up a pamphlet explaining how this ministry will work.

MINISTRY HEAD:
Kelly Evers - kelly@johnxxiii.net



Blood Pressure Check SUNDAY MAY 26TH



FYI

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

**In the Narthex on Sunday after the
9:15am & 11:15am Masses Only**

You may want to bring your digital blood pressure cuff to church this weekend and we can compare readings to evaluate the accuracy of the cuff you are using at home.



Anyone who may be interested in assisting with blood pressure checks after Mass on the last weekend of every month, please call 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 you get fingerprinted and attend Safet Environment Training. We will provide you with information on the process.

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

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