



# ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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**March 1, 2020**

## *Lenten Message*

RECONCILING ONESELF TO GOD LEADS TO HEALING

by: **Carol Glatz - Catholic News**

Lent is a time for deeper dialogue with God through prayer, for renewed gratitude for God's mercy and increased compassion for people whose lives are under attack, Pope Francis said in his annual Lenten message.

He stated that people must not only show generosity through charitable giving, but they should also work for a real structural change to today's "economic life".

Contemplating the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus and putting it at the center of one's life "means feeling compassion toward the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence", he said.

His message continued that wounds are "likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth's goods, human trafficking in all its forms and the unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry".

Not only are Christians called to generously share the richness of the Gospel and gifts from God, "today, too, there is a need to appeal to men and women of good will to share, by almsgiving, their goods with those most in need, as a means of personally participating in the building of a better world", in which we are called to do.

"Charitable giving makes us more human, whereas hoarding risks making us less human, imprisoned by our own selfishness." Let us embrace the true gift of giving.

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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, 3:30pm  
and 5:30pm  
Vietnamese Mass 8:00pm  
**Sunday** 7:15am, 9:15am  
and 11:15am  
Spanish Mass: Sunday 1:30pm

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 8:30-9:00am

**First Friday Adoration:**

Friday 8:30-9:00am

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**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 - Select**

2073 Lafayette St. Ft. Myers

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*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, FEBRUARY 29**

- 8:00 AM † Elijah Butcher by Robin & James Stamps
- 3:30 PM † Elizabeth A. Morris by The Widows' Pew
- 5:30 PM † John William Cabai by Larry & Arlene Schuetz
- 8:00 PM - All Souls - Vietnamese Mass

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1**

- 7:15 AM † Eileen Eusanio by Sharon Presutti
- 9:15 AM † Antonio Vaughn by Angelo
- 11:15 AM † Jiselle Prospero by her family
- 1:30 PM † Federico Collado, Jr. & Vinicio Torres by The Collado Family

**MONDAY, MARCH 2**

- 8:00 AM † James, Mark & Donald Buck by Doris Buck

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3**

- 8:00 AM † Bill Dadio by his wife, Betty

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**

- 8:00 AM † Michael Chapman by Elaine & Burke Quinn

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5**

- 8:00 AM † Don & Barbara Keister by their family

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6**

- 8:00 AM † Matt Tobin by Don & Peggy Pieper

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7**

- 8:00 AM † Robert Smolka by Therese Carmelite
- 3:30 PM † Elizabeth A. Morris by Maureen Dombrowski
- 5:30 PM † Robert Smolka by Tom & Lynn Taylor
- 8:00 PM † Teresa - Vietnamese Mass

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

- 7:15 AM † Karen Paugys by Susan & Tim Lambert
- 9:15 AM † Timothy J. O'Connor by Amy & Tim Shea
- 11:15 AM † Peggy McKinstry by Jack & Bobbie Kadash
- 1:30 PM - Spanish Mass

**THE 2020 MASS BOOK IS NOW 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.

**MARCH 8, 2020 - READINGS**

- 1ST READING GN 12:1-4A
- 2ND READING 2 TM 1:8B-10
- GOSPEL MT 17:1-9

*Spring AHEAD*

DON'T BE LATE FOR MASS next Sunday! Set your clocks 1 hour ahead on **Saturday, March 7** before you go to bed.



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# Lenten Message CONTINUED

“We can and must go even further, and consider the structural aspects of our economic life,” and be aware of our social conscience.

That is why, the pope said, he called for a meeting during Lent with “young economists, entrepreneurs and change-makers with the aim of shaping a more just and inclusive economy.” The meeting was set to take place in Assisi March 26-28.

The theme of the pope’s message, “We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God,” was taken from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (5:20), which reflects the invitation to return to God through constant conversion and reconciliation, and experience new life in Christ.

“Life is born of the love of God our father, from his desire to grant us life in abundance,” Pope Francis wrote.

“If we listen instead to the tempting voice of the ‘father of lies,’ we risk sinking into the abyss of absurdity, and experiencing hell here on earth, as all too many tragic events in the personal and collective human experience sadly bear witness,” he said.

“Despite the sometimes tragic presence of evil in our lives and in the life of the church and the world,” he wrote, “this opportunity to change our course expresses God’s unwavering will not to interrupt his dialogue of salvation with us” and his desire that people also engage in fruitful dialogue with each other.

Pope Francis believes that God’s dialogue with humanity “has nothing to do with empty chatter,” which “characterizes worldliness in every age; in our own day, it can also result in improper use of the media.”

At a news conference to present the message, Cardinal Peter Turkson further elaborated on what an improper use of media would look like.

The head of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development told reporters that different forms of communication can either promote content that is “empty” or “rich” in that it helps build up human character and society or fosters new ideas.

For example, he said, when media outlets cover certain tragic events, like the coronavirus or wars and conflict, they might actually be setting up a kind of “barrier” between the event and the people hearing about it.

“You see something is happening but at the same time you can see that you are not involved,” as if the person is above it all and untouched by others’ circumstances, the cardinal said.

Instead what is needed is a situation where after seeing and hearing about such events, people feel inspired or driven to try to get involved or do something useful to help the situation.

Pope Francis asked in his message that the Lenten season lead to people opening their hearts “to hear God’s call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him” so that everyone become “what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world.”



## LENTEN PRAYER

*Loving God, During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may rediscover the grace of a prayer-filled life. Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of my body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.*

*Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, rediscover the grace and gratitude and generosity.*

*May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for, and faith in You.*

*Amen*



## 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  
Carol Clausen  
Marlene LaRose  
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek  
Jeff Hlavacek  
Bernadette Frammarino  
Antoinette Bosco  
Gary Neubauer  
Tom Biedak  
Curtis Atkins  
Kathy Elias  
Bobby Bremmer  
Sandra Fike  
Timothy Evans  
Jennifer Miller  
Janis Kaiser

Lana Knabe  
Neil Miller  
Meaghan O.  
John Izral  
Thomas Kniaz  
Dennis Doiron  
Joanne Donches  
Jim Vogt  
John & Mary Petyo  
Ron Ouellette  
Michael Dalton  
Max Waters  
John Kopp  
Jennifer Salzman  
Lea Frazier  
Deborah Hufstедler  
Bernice Pederson  
Linda Sayres

**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](mailto: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!*

**Diane Rizzo**



### Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Lyz Morris**  
Requested by: **Linda Sayers**



### **DOWNLOAD OUR PARISH APP:**

[myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's app store for myparish. You can also text the word "APP" to 88202!





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## Weekly Calendar



### Saturday, February 29

- Blood Pressure Check by the Nurses after all Masses
- Vigil Mass - 3:30pm & 5:30pm
- Vietnamese Mass - 8pm

### Sunday, March 1

- Blood Pressure Check by the Nurses after all Masses
- Masses: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am
- RCIA Rite of Sending: Church - 11:15am
- Faith Formation Classes K-3: Classrooms - 10:30am
- Hispanic Choir: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 11am
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm followed by hospitality in the Main Hall - 2:30pm
- (RCIA) Rite of Election: Epiphany Cathedral - 2:30pm
- Confirmation Rehearsal: Church/Chapel - 3:45pm

### Monday, March 2

- Men's Gospel Forum: St. Martha & St. Mary - 7am
- Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study: Main Hall - 10am
- Craftie Ladies: Villas - 1pm
- Dr. Brant Pitre Lenten Program Bible Study: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1:30pm
- American House Communion Service: American House Senior Living in Ft. Myers - 3:30pm

### Tuesday, March 3

- Opening the Word: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 9am
- Manor Care Mass/Brookdale - 10am
- Bereavement: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- Spanish Rosary - Crying Room - 6pm
- Bible Study Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 6:30pm
- AA Meeting: St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm



### Wednesday, March 4

- Adoration Chapel open until 7:30pm
- Faith Formation 1st Session: Chapel/Classrooms - 4:15pm
- Middle School Youth Group Pizza Sales: Main Hall - 5:30pm
- Faith Formation 2nd Session: Chapel/Classrooms - 6pm
- Middle School Youth Group: Main Hall - 6pm

### Thursday, March 5

- Confirmation: Church/Chapel - 5:45pm
- Hispanic Ministry Planning Meeting: St. Martha & St. Mary - 6pm
- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: St. Michael & St. Bernadette - 7pm
- Rooted: Dowd's Pub in Ft. Myers - 7pm

### Friday, March 6

- First Friday Adoration - 8:30am
- Adoration Chapel open until 9pm (closed for Stations of the Cross & Benediction from 5-7pm)
- Stations of the Cross & Benediction: Chapel - 6pm followed by Lenten Simple Supper hosted by Social Justice in the Main Hall at 6:30pm
- Liturgy of Remembrance: Church - 6:30pm
- Hispanic Marriage Ministry: St. Michael & St. Bernadette - 7pm
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

### Saturday, March 7

- Cypress Point Mass - 9:30am
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development Event with Ralph McCloud: Main Hall - 10am
- Vigil Mass - 3:30pm & 5:30pm
- Vietnamese Mass - 8pm



### Sunday, March 8

- Masses/Hospitality: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am
- RCIA Penitential Rite: St. Martha & St. Mary - 9:15am
- Faith Formation Classes K-3: Classrooms - 10:30am
- Hispanic Choir: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 11am
- Knights of Columbus Boat Cruise: Downtown Ft. Myers 1:30pm
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm
- Confirmation Year 1&2: Main Hall - 5pm

## WELCOME

### *New Parishioners*

- Mark & Mary Joyce
- Eric & Tiffany Lawyer
- Ashlee White
- Paul & Monica Heffner
- Ramonita Rodriguez
- Maria Altuna Collado

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 is on Sunday, March 15th, 2020 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](http://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	2nd Lt. Kristen Thompson
Sean Ball	Christian Troutner, US Navy
Major Bart Boma	Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic
Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove	PFC Jordan Feil, USA
Sgt. Phil Dellibovi	Sgt. Hayden Linde, FLARNG
Staff Sgt. Chris Dominski	Aaron Crump, USCG
CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces	Sgt. Nathaniel Broemmel
Major Andrew Duguay	Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo
Sgt. Jared Gaudet	Col. Scott C. Woodward
Tech Sgt Jeffrey K. Green	Private Nicholas Loeb, ARNG
Capt. Kellyn C. Hall	Andrew Hawkinson, USN
Andrew Herman	Cavalry Scout Specialist,
1st Lt. Paige Hortman	Ryan Silva, Army
Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl	2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC
PFC Michael P Hughes	Jared Broemmel, US Navy
SPC Michael Jednak	Army 2nd Lieutenant Edward
PFC Andrew Kanopkh	Hudson Tillinghast IV
Michael Klem	Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force
Capt. Bradley D. Laux	1st Lt. Christopher Dryhurst,
Capt. Jacob Mundo, US Army	US Air Force
SSGT Anthony Padula	Com. Craig Fowler, USN
LCP James Palenik	Eric Sanchez, US Air Force
Master SGT Peter Parison	1st Lt. Colin Snook, 82nd ABN
Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army	Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army
Lt. Col. Brady Sexton	82nd ABN



# Faith Formation

Contact **Chris Biel** | 561-7499 | [chrisdre@johnxxiii.net](mailto:chrisdre@johnxxiii.net)

## March: FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE:

### WEDNESDAY FAITH FORMATION CLASSES:

- **3/4:** Faith Formation
- **3/11:** Faith Formation
- **3/18:** NO SESSION - SPRING BREAK
- **3/25:** NO SESSION - Sacrament Preparation for Year II Students & Parents

### SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION CLASSES:

- **3/1:** Faith Formation
- **3/8:** Faith Formation
- **3/15:** NO SESSION - SPRING BREAK
- **3/22:** NO SESSION - SPRING BREAK
- **3/25:** Wednesday: Sacrament Preparation for Year II Students & Parents
- **3/29:** Faith Formation

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Mark your calendars now! Vacation Bible Camp will be held June 22 to June 26th from 9am-12noon. The Camp is open to children in Kindergarten and to those entering 6th Grades. We also have a Pre K 4 program. These year's theme is Rocky Railway! Jesus pulls us through. Registration forms are in the parish office, Narthex, Church or at the Faith Formation office. The camp fills quickly. Please don't delay registering your child! Due to its popularity, the camp is only open to St. John XXIII parishioners.



### 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 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 to begin the process.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** 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. (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 to begin the process. Parents who home school their children must contact the office during Year I.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:** Celebrating this Sacrament is a two year process that begins at the start of 9th Grade and is celebrated in the Fall of 11th grade. (Older teens are welcome!). 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. 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

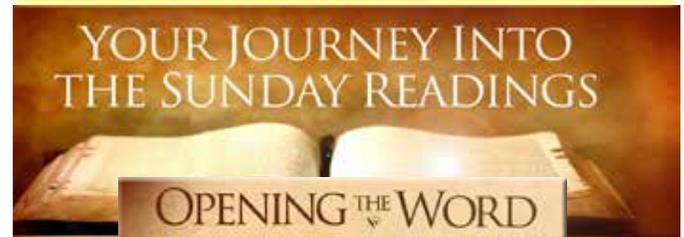
### Education

## All Are Invited to Opening The Word!

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

**Tuesday Morning:** from **9am-10am** in The Parish Life Center, rooms St. Bernadette & St. Michael.

**Next Session:** Tuesday, March 3



We will use the parish resource, **Formed.org** to prepare for the upcoming Sunday readings.

Register at: <https://johnxxiii.formed.org/> and follow the instructions to sign in and view Catholic content 24/7.

We will watch a short video, share what the readings say to us, and discuss how can apply them to our lives.



### ACTS Bible Study:

#### THROUGH MARCH 10

Tuesday evenings: 6:30pm - 8pm in Parish Life Center, rooms St. Bernadette & St. Michael

**CONTACT: Edith Trafford - lancith@aol.com**

### LENTEBIBLE STUDY:

#### with Dr. Brant Pitre

**REGISTRATION IN THE NARTHEX: THIS WEEKEND MARCH 2 - APRIL 6**

Monday afternoons: 1:30pm - 3:30pm in Parish Life Center, rooms St. Bernadette & St. Michael

**CONTACT: Linda Stanley - lindastanley.ls@gmail.com**

### LENTEPROGRAM:

#### with Dr. Edward Sri

**REGISTRATION IN THE NARTHEX: THIS WEEKEND MARCH 17 - APRIL 21**

Tuesday evenings: 6:30pm - 8pm in Parish Life Center, rooms St. Bernadette & St. Michael

**Register online:** join our study and order study pack at [www.ascensionpress.com](http://www.ascensionpress.com)

**CONTACT: Robin DySard - robindysard@icloud.com**

## Young Adult Ministry - 561-3022

Contact **Kelly Evers** | [kelly@johnxxiii.net](mailto:kelly@johnxxiii.net)



### Welcoming All Young Adults 18 -39

Rooted meets on the first Thursday of each month. Check out our Facebook page or pick up a trifold at the welcome desk for more information.

- **March 5 - 7pm-9pm:** Join us at Dowd's Pub & Grill in Fort Myers for Trivia Night.



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

## Youth Ministry - 561-3022

Contact **Kelly Evers** | [kelly@johnxxiii.net](mailto:kelly@johnxxiii.net)

### High School Youth Group

**HSYG** - Sundays 5pm to 6:30pm

- **March 1** - Confirmation interviews & rehearsal at 4pm
- **March 5** - Confirmation line up at 5:45pm/Confirmation class at 6:30pm
- **March 8:** - Second Session Confirmation Session
- **April 26:** - Session Year I & Confirmation Reflection Year II

### Middle School Youth Group

**MSYG** - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

- **March 4:** - Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Confirmation Prep
- **March 11:** - The Two Great Commandments

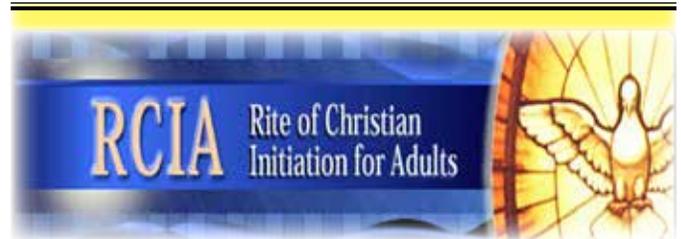
**This week:** We will learn about our individual God-given gifts and talents as well as the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation is a two-year program that we begin in 9th grade. This session will help them for future studies.



- **Catholic Heart Work Camp:** Hardeeville, SC (June 13-20) Contact Beth Benham
- **Just 5 Days Mission Trip:** Benton, TN (June 14-20) Contact Kelly Evers
- **Adults/Young Adults Chaperones** 18 and older please contact Beth Benham if you would like to volunteer at CHWC Mission trip this summer.

### Youth Volunteer Opportunities:

- **March 29:** - Silhouette Stations of the Cross Rehearsal
- **April 3:** - Stations of the Cross & Simple Supper
- **April 4:** - Easter Dance Party & Egg Hunt
- **June 22-29:** - Vacation Bible School



**Thinking about joining the Catholic Church, but feel a little lost? In the RCIA 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 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:

Sundays 10:30am - St. Martha & St. Mary

- 3/1:** - Rite of Sending at 11:15am; Rite of Election at 2:30pm: Epiphany Cathedral, Venice
- 3/8:** - Beatitudes: Holiness (Penitential Rite for Baptized with sponsor)
- 3/15:** - Social Teachings of the Church (1st Scrutiny for unbaptized with sponsor)
- 3/22:** - Grace (2nd Scrutiny for unbaptized with sponsor)
- 3/29:** - Meaning of Holy Week (3rd Scrutiny for unbaptized with sponsor)

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

## ADORATION

### CORNER

*Come Sit With Me*

### FIRST FRIDAY Adoration

**NEXT FRIDAY, MARCH 6 AND EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT:** The St. Luke Adoration Chapel will be open from **8:30AM-9PM** PLEASE NOTE: The chapel will be closed during the Stations of the Cross & Benediction.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY IN MARCH:** The Chapel will be open **8:30AM-7:30PM**

Check the calendar section on page 5 for extended hours, closings and updates.



## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.
- **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!
- **Free Mental Health Services :** Catholic Charities offers Free mental health services for adults, children and families. Counselors can help resolve with a wide variety of issues such as stress, anger, anxiety, relationship problems, trauma, depression, low self-esteem and grief. Call (239) 337-4193 (Spanish speaking is available)
- **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.
- **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 and extended hours on Wednesday night. Sign up to be an adorer by visiting the church website ministry tab or going directly to: <https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/l/enrollment/johnxxiii>
- **Journey to Hope:** We offer support and education to families with mental illness or with dual diagnosis. The meetings take place the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Parish Life Center, room St. Therese. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 10th.
- **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.**
- **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

## Hispanic Ministry ANNOUNCEMENTS



Nuestra parroquia St. John XXIII te invita a participar a nuestras misas en español y a sus eventos. Únete a nosotros.

### *Grupo de parejas con el Padre Lorenzo*

- Lugar: St. Michael & St. Bernadette PLC
- Hora: 7:00pm
- Fecha: Primer viernes del mes.
- Cuidado de niños y niñas disponible.

### *Rezo del Santo Rosario*

- Lugar: Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII
- Hora: 6:00pm
- Fecha: Todos los martes del mes.

### *Rezo del Vía Crucis*

- A partir del 3 de marzo iniciaremos la devoción del Rezo del Vía Crucis en español cada martes.
- Lugar: Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII
- Hora: 6:00pm
- Fecha: Desde el 3 de marzo hasta el 7 de abril (Semana Santa) cada martes.

### *Misas en Español*

- Lugar: Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII
- Hora: 1:30pm
- Fecha: Todos los domingos del mes.

### *Contactanos*

- Para cualquier informe o preguntas relacionado al ministerio hispano, por favor enviarlos al correo [contactohispanosjpxxiii@gmail.com](mailto:contactohispanosjpxxiii@gmail.com)





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 13624  
of St. John XXIII Catholic Church presents:

# "Cruisin' The Caloosahatchee"

ABOARD THE PADDLE-WHEELER



## SUNDAY, MARCH 8

### BOARDING AT 1:30PM - SAILING 2PM - 6PM

Cruise the tranquil Caloosahatchee River on the way to the Franklin Locks. Observe the working locks and enjoy the sights of tropical vegetation and wildlife as well as beautiful homes along the river banks. The price includes a buffet luncheon, coffee, tea, dessert and gratuity. A cash bar is available for soft and hard beverages. D.J. will provide the music for your listening pleasure.

**ADULTS ONLY - \$55 PER PERSON**  
**TICKETS ARE LIMITED AND NON-REFUNDABLE**

**TICKETS IN THE NARTHEX THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES**



● **FOR TICKETS CONTACT:**  
Ken Meyers (906) 393-0009 | email: kennethmeyers@comcast.net

● **CHECKS MADE OUT TO:**  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS via Read Sawczyn  
12681 Creekside Lane, Ft. Myers, FL 33919

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DONATE 100% OF THEIR PROCEEDS TO MUCH NEEDED CHARITIES



## Special Care MASS

### SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Please join us at St. John XXIII for a special needs Mass on **Saturday, March 21** at **10am**. All are welcome but especially those who have any special circumstances such as dementia, disability or short attention spans. This is a quiet and shorter Mass to meet the needs of those who might be overwhelmed at a regular Mass. We will have volunteers to assist you into the church if you need help. Light refreshments will be provided after Mass.





# Fasting & Regulations

The following information reminds the faithful of the regulations for fast and abstinence during the Lent and Easter season:

## REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

**All Fridays in Lent and Good Friday, April 10th** are days of fast abstinence from meat.

**Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 years and 59 years (inclusive). On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

**ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent (and Good Friday) are the days of abstinence.**

**NOTE:** If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

**FASTING, ALMSGIVING AND PRAYER** are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

*"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy."*

Pope Francis

## LENT SCHEDULE

# 2020

### FRIDAYS IN LENT: (THROUGH APRIL 3)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS/BENEDICTION - 6PM**

*(Followed by Lenten Simple Supper with a different Ministry to host)*

- **MARCH 6** - SOCIAL JUSTICE
- **MARCH 13** - WOMEN'S GUILD
- **MARCH 20** - HISPANIC MINISTRY
- **MARCH 27** - K OF C (LENTEN FISH FRY)
- **APRIL 3** - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

*(Silhouette Stations of the Cross with supper to follow)*

## SIGN UP TODAY!

# Lenten Reflections

Receive your weekly Lenten Reflections delivered right to your inbox! (contact us page)

[www.catholicsmobilizing.org](http://www.catholicsmobilizing.org)





**ST. JOHN XXIII**  
Catholic Church

## Weekly Financials



### February 23, 2020

Offertory	\$34,974.00
Building Fund	\$2,776.00
Total	\$37,750.00
Mass Attendance	4890
Registered Families	3779
Kid's Offertory	\$0.00

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

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

### 2020 Catholic Faith Appeal

2020 Goal	\$492,000.00
Pledge	\$69,672.01
% of Goal	14.16%
% of Households	7.18%
Payments	\$34,092.01

## 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](mailto: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.

## WRITING CHECKS

Please use only BLACK or BLUE ink when writing checks. PINK, PURPLE, RED, etc. does not scan well when deposited.



## ENDOWMENT FUND



## CREATE YOUR CATHOLIC LEGACY

HELP ENSURE THE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF ST. JOHN XXIII

St. John XXIII now has an endowment fund with the Catholic Community Foundation of SW Florida. The endowment fund is designed to help provide long-term support and sustainability far beyond our lifetimes, and is open to anyone wishing to contribute to the future of our Parish. Please PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER SUPPORTING the endowment fund.

For more information, contact **Michael Morse** at (941) 441-1124 or **Holly Atkins** in the Parish Office at (239) 561-2245



**ST. JOHN XXIII**  
Catholic Church

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

*Welcomes*

**Ralph McCloud**



*National Director  
of Catholic Campaign for  
Human Development*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7 - 10AM**  
PARISH LIFE CENTER

*All are Welcome!*

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR  
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

The Social Justice Committee of St John XXIII Parish is pleased to announce that Ralph McCloud, social justice advocate, will speak on the "Gospel Call to Social Justice" on March 7th at 10:00am in the Parish Life Center.

Mr. McCloud's presentation topics will address the Gospel stories that speak about the Reign of God and the struggles and systems that people in poverty face. He will speak and take questions regarding the successes of the work of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Mr. McCloud will conclude with "Taking the Gospel of Justice personally".

Ralph McCloud is the Director of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development in Washington DC. CCHD is an anti-poverty program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. CCHD seeks to address poverty by grass roots organizing, economic development and transformational education. CCHD distributes around 11 million dollars to support programs of low income community organizations around the country.

The Social Justice Committee of St John XXIII Parish coordinates many projects in the parish, the community and the world at large. Projects include the Angel Tree, Thanksgiving Food Drives, Sneakers and Backpacks, support for St Martin de Porres Mission Outreach and the people of Venezuela.



*"Stir INTO Flame"*

Annual Catholic Charismatic  
Renewal Conference

Diocese of Venice in Florida



**MARCH 13-14**  
**PARISH LIFE CENTER**

FRIDAY: 6PM - 9PM  
SATURDAY: 9AM - 8PM

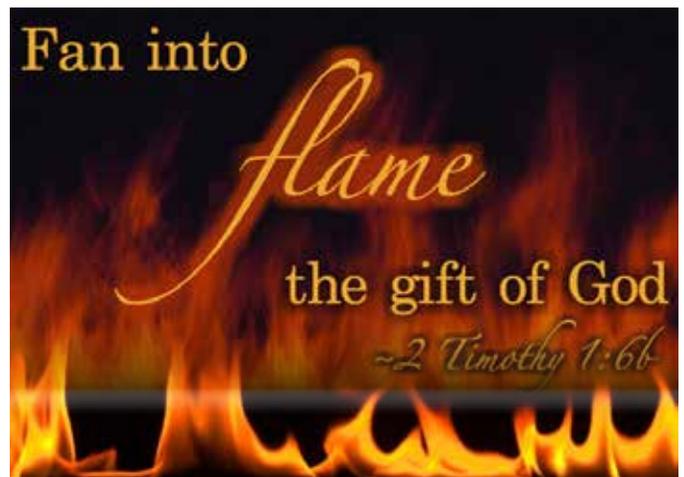
Please join us for a day of praise and worship, healing prayer, and Eucharistic Adoration. Listen to internationally renowned speakers including Jim Murphy, Sister Linda Koontz, SNJM, Father Anthony Lukka, and Auxiliary Bishop Peter L. Smith of the Archdiocese of Portland. Bishop Frank J. Dewane will celebrate Mass at 3:30pm on March 14th. Speakers will present talks about living in the Holy Spirit with courage, power, love, self-control, giving testimony to the Lord and becoming a true Disciple of Christ.

**REGISTER ONLINE/MORE INFORMATION:**  
**[www.dvccr.org](http://www.dvccr.org)**

**Registration: - \$40.00**

**REGISTRATION INCLUDES:**

Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Late Afternoon Finger Foods and Refreshments



 *Parish*  
**NURSING MINISTRY**  
**FACILITY CARE**  
**PRESENTATION**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19 - 1:30PM**  
PARISH LIFE CENTER

**WHEN IT GETS TO BE TOO MUCH!  
WHERE DO I GO NOW?**

When you or a loved one is having a difficult time living at home, or is trying to recover from a hospitalization after injury or surgery, sometimes it gets to be too much to try recover or overcome the illness while living at home.

- **There are 22 Memory Care Units in Lee County**
- **65 Assisted Living Facilities in Lee County**
- **19 Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Facilities in Lee County**

The following Professionals have agreed to come to St. John XXIII Parish to provide information on topics of interest to those who may need to make decision on long or short term care for a loved one or themselves. We are very grateful to each of them to dedicate their valuable time to share their expertise with us.

**MR. JON SEEHAWER** - *Field Manager for ACHA, the Agency for Health Care Administration:* This is the chief health policy and planning agency for the state. ACHA is responsible for licensure of 48,500 health care facilities in Florida and for sharing information through Health Information and Policy Analysis. They license or certify and regulate 40 different types of providers including hospitals, Nursing homes, assisted living facilities and home health agencies.

**MS. BARBARA BRAYTON** - *Southwest District Ombudsman Manager, Florida Department of Elder Affairs in Fort Myers:* This program works to improve the quality of life for all long term Florida residents by advocating for and protecting their health, safety, welfare and rights in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and adult family care homes.

**MR. LANCE MCKINNEY P.A.** - *Elder Law Attorney:* Lance works with those confronting issues related to illness, aging and long-term care. He can assist with Nursing Home Placement, Medicaid Planning, Asset Protection, Guardianship, Surviving spouse benefits, and Special Needs Trusts for a disabled spouse or loved one and help the disabled client maintain government benefits through a Special Needs Trust.

**RSVP by March 17th** to: [MaryAnn@johnxxiii.net](mailto:MaryAnn@johnxxiii.net) or leave a message for **Helen Tuffy** at: **(239) 826-6873**

**HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING  
PRESENTATION**

WITH  
**SCOTT SALLEY**

Serving over 30  
years in SWFL with  
the Collier County  
Sheriff's Office



**MARCH 16 - 6PM**  
**PARISH LIFE CENTER**

Join Scott Salley on Monday, March 16th for an informative presentation on the Human Trafficking epidemic. He will share his experiences, feedback and updates that he has personally gained from instructing law enforcement agencies, county jails and educating our parishes. Scott frequently meets with agents from the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI for exchanging information on human trafficking and anti-trafficking prevention programs. Learning and monitoring human trafficking crimes can be complex and confusing to a lay person; however, the trauma and other conditions that a survivor must face each and every day is a condition that needs our help for restoring dignity, respect and some level of normalcy to that victim.

*About Scott:*

Retired from the CCSO in January 2013. His last eight (8) years, he held the position of Chief of Corrections.

Served on a task force sponsored by the American Correctional Association (ACA) to travel to the Republic of South Africa to develop educational programs for law enforcement and correctional staff members in that country.

Scott currently serves on the Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Anti-human Trafficking Task Force, Charlotte, North Carolina.

*Local Information:*

**SWFL Regional Human  
Trafficking Coalition**

17595 S. Tamiami Trail, Ft. Myers, FL 33908  
**(239) 208-2088**

## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

### HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED THE LOSS OF A CHILD?

A special Liturgy is being planned on **Friday, March 6th** at **6:30pm** in the **Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel** for healing, and to celebrate the lives of those children whom we have lost due to any cause. We will remember, hear their names, and know our loved ones are not forgotten. The grief we experienced taught us how to bear our sorrow and be able to listen and comfort others that have suffered such a loss.

Please bring an unframed picture of your child that can be pinned onto a display. If no picture is available, we will have pink and blue bows for you.

**All are welcome!** There will be a social gathering after the Liturgy, so please feel free to bring friends and family members to join in the remembrance of your loved one. This Mass is planned by the Parish Nurses along with our gifted staff at St. John XXIII.

*"Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy."*

- Unknown Author



*A special prayer card will be distributed.*

# RESPECT LIFE

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE:

The Spring edition of 40 Days for Life has begun! If you wish to become more involved, or would like more information, please contact Lee County 40 Days for Life coordinator, **Maureen Nash** at **(239) 823-6800**. To learn more about this amazing movement visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)

### EVERY SATURDAY:

**12pm-1pm:** Silent Adoration Time for the Respect of All Life in the St. Luke Adoration Chapel.

### CONTACT US:

The Respect Life Ministry is open to anyone interested in learning about LIFE issues from conception to natural death. To be kept up to date, join our email list at at: [respectlifejohn23@gmail.com](mailto:respectlifejohn23@gmail.com)



**Bishop's Visit: March 12** - 8am  
Mass at Church of the Resurrection

**Youth Rally: March 21** - 11am

**Closing Ceremony: April 5** - 2pm

### OUR PRAYER VIGIL DAYS:

<b>Tuesday, March 3</b>	3pm - 6pm
<b>Friday, March 6</b>	11am - 3pm
<b>Saturday, March 14</b>	11am - 3pm
<b>Tuesday, March 17</b>	3pm - 6pm
<b>Saturday, March 21</b>	11am - 3pm
<b>Friday, March 27</b>	11am - 3pm

Planned Parenthood: 6418 Commerce Park Drive  
(1 block north of Daniels & between Metro Pkwy & Plantation) Maps are available in the Narthex on the 40 Days For Life table.

# SATURDAY, MARCH 21

PARISH LIFE CENTER • 6PM-9PM

## St. Patrick's Dance

**CORNER BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER**

**\$30 PER PERSON**

Music Provided By: **CELTIC STEW BAND**

Sponsored by The Women's Guild, The Knights of Columbus & Men's Ministry  
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE 2020 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE**

## SURVEY INSIGHTS - More from our November 2019 Results

### How Can I Grow?

The peak of the parishioner engagement pyramid helps us to better understand how effectively we are supporting and fulfilling Christ's mission. As our spiritual growth is challenged and improved upon, we become better Christians.

The table shows item ME21 decreased slightly since our 2011 survey and lags behind the results of other Catholic and Christian churches. While this item is the lowest scoring from our recent survey, there is good news. We have a solid foundation – the “What do I get?”, “What do I give?”, and “Do I belong?” pyramid levels – on which to build.

Survey #	Survey Statement	St. John XXIII 2019	St. John XXIII 2011	Catholic Overall	Christian Overall
ME21	In the last six months, someone in my parish has talked to me about the progress of my spiritual growth.	2.54	2.56	2.58	2.60
ME22	In my parish, I have opportunities to learn and grow.	4.23	3.98	4.03	4.04

*Average on 1-5 scale. Full results available on parish website*

The other item, ME22, is one of our highest scoring and reflects the success of our numerous adult faith education offerings. ME21 and ME22 are used to measure the “grow” level of the parishioner engagement pyramid.

The overall spiritual engagement of our parish is reported on page five of the 2019 survey summary available on our parish website. Of the nine items, four reflect current attitudes and the other five (shown below) are focused on personal behaviors.

Lent is an opportune time to challenge and improve upon our behaviors as followers of Christ. Consider preparing a personal action plan using the following as a guide to further grow in your spirituality.

- I spend time in worship or prayer every day.
- Because of my faith, I have forgiven people who have hurt me deeply.
- My faith has called me to develop my given strengths.
- I will take unpopular stands to defend my faith.
- I speak words of kindness to those in need of encouragement.





# Become a Knight!

Join our Worldwide Fellowship of Committed Catholic Gentlemen!

Founded in 1882 by Venerable Servant of God: FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

- Enjoy the Close Fellowship of Like-Minded Catholic Gentlemen
- Participate in the Orders Ceremonials that embody the Ancient Knightly Ideals of Spirituality, Service to the Church and Fellow Man
- Strengthen Your Faith
- Help Our Parish and the Poor

You can speak to a brother Knight about membership **after Mass on March 21-22** or call **Vince Smoral** at **(585) 278-7819**

# Joint EVENT



**THURSDAY, MARCH 19 - 6PM**

**ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church**

\$10 Donation

[www.faithandale.com](http://www.faithandale.com)

**Guest Speaker:**  
**IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA**

(Author & Survivor of the Rwandan Genocide)

"Faith, Hope & Forgiveness"



## WALK TO EMMAUS MEN'S RETREAT

**MARCH 27-29**

Presented by the men of  
EPIPHANY CATHEDRAL

Please join some of the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Perpetual Mercy Retreat Center in Venice for three days of prayer, meditation, special times of worship and celebration of the Eucharist. Many men who have attended this event report of having had a profound, deep religious experience. Consider giving yourself the gift of three days of peace and reflection.

The Emmaus Walk begins Friday afternoon March 27th and concludes Sunday afternoon March 29th. Come join us and set aside some time from the hustle of today's world to get closer to Jesus. To register, please send a check for \$200 to:

**ANDY MORAN**  
**80 Manizaks Ave.**  
**Punta Gorda, FL 33983**

For more information/questions contact:

**Andy: (941) 766-1668**  
**Chris: (941) 628-9554**

*That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles out of Jerusalem. Suddenly Jesus himself came along and began walking besides them. But they didn't know who he was because God kept them from recognizing him. "You seem to be in a deep discussion about something" he said. "What are you so concerned about?". Later that evening during the breaking of bread Jesus revealed himself and was gone.*

*We are, all of us, on the walk to Emmaus and Jesus will reveal himself to us in often surprising ways if we are prepared to receive him. It is a Gospel we should go back to from time to time and reflect on how we have met Jesus and what affect this has had on our discipleship. The retreat program is organized to help us prepare ourselves and open our hearts for our own Emmaus moments.*

**Walk to EMMAUS Men's Retreat MARCH 27-29**  
**PLEASE INCLUDE REGISTRATION FORM WITH YOUR CHECK**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

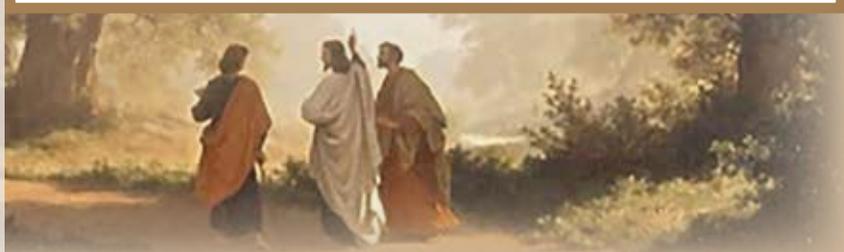
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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: (circle one) S M L XL XXL XXXL

Special Needs: (disabilities or diet) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



## Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

**Safe Environment Training:** As Christian adults, we have a moral and legal responsibility and are entrusted by God with the spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of minors and vulnerable adults. To provide a safe and nurturing environment for everyone, we ask all volunteers to attend the Safe Environment Training Class once their fingerprints have been cleared. To view the next sessions go to [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org) website, click on Offices, Programs and Safe Environment. Select Training Schedule to see the list of classes. Click on "Start Registration" at the top of the page to register for a class. All registrations must be done through the Diocese of Venice website.

**St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Open House:** Join us on Friday, March 20th from 9am-11am at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, 2055 Heitman Street, Ft. Myers. Scholarships and Financial Aid available. For more information, please call (239) 334-7707 or visit: [www.stfrancisfortmyers.org](http://www.stfrancisfortmyers.org)

**Disney Frozen Jr. Performance:** St. Francis Xavier Catholic School production of Frozen Disney on Friday, March 20th at 7pm, Saturday, March 21st at 7pm and Sunday, March 22nd at 3pm. This Takes place at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, 2055 Heitman Street Fort Myers. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Doors open 30-minutes before each show. For more information, please contact: Esther at (239)334-7707

**Project Rachel Post-Abortion:** Reconciliation and healing is available to you. For more information, please call: Sylvia at (941) 412-5860 e-mail: [project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org) or visit: [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com)

**Spiritual Adoption Program:** You are invited to register to spiritually adopt an unborn child in danger of abortion. Visit [www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/respect-life/spiritual-adoption-program](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/respect-life/spiritual-adoption-program) and receive monthly updates on the development of the child in the womb. Call (941) 441-1101 or email [Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org)

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

**Free Mental Health Counseling:** Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. is offering free mental health counseling services for adults, children and families who lived in Florida during Hurricane Irma. Counselors can help resolve a variety of issues. Visit the website at [www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org) or call Joan at (941)-355-4680 ext. 311

**Catholic Charities Tours:** Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. is offering tours of their programs located throughout Southwest Florida. Anyone interested in learning more about the work of Catholic Charities and visiting services locations, please contact Helen Rombalski at (941) 488-5581 or [rombalski@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:rombalski@dioceseofvenice.org)

**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).

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHAPEL

### Stations of the Cross

## MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE

Artist Chris Scala has designed the beautiful new Stations of the Cross in the Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel. This is an opportunity for you to memorialize a loved one for **\$5,000 each. (14 TOTAL)**

For more information please contact **Holly Atkins** at **(239) 561-2245**

Four stations have already been memorialized!  
Please inquire on availability.



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

