



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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March 8, 2020

Lenten Healing



by: **Kathleen Beckman - Catholic Exchange**

Lent's forty days of prayer and fasting offer a process of healing and liberation. In Lent we place ourselves nearer to the suffering servant, Jesus Christ. We ponder the Redeemer's suffering. We remember that Christ's Passion sanctified all human suffering. We relate to His pain because we are touched by the corporate weight of sin and evil in the world. It rubs against us in ordinary life. The Christian is called to push back the tsunami of sin and evil.

Demons are liars and not to be listened to but as Fr. Bamonte, a Rome exorcist, teaches, there are times when, in the midst of the rite of exorcism, a demon is forced by God to say something absolutely true to glorify the Father and torment the demon.

We were praying the rosary silently as the mandated priest began to pray from the "Rite". Suddenly a guttural voice burst forth from the tormented person, "I hate Lent! We hate Lent! You believers do what you're supposed to do! Hate!"

Why does Lent pose a real threat to the kingdom of darkness? Its focus is on prayer, penance and almsgiving. This foundational tripod has the intentional purpose of formation for Love. We attempt to reorder our lives to the Gospel.

Through His suffering, Christ enters into our hearts anew; into that part of us that longs for encounter and healing.

On the Cross, divine love is revealed. His Passion, the bridge to Easter, tenderizes our heart; challenges our mind. The Paschal mystery is a unique love story; it's our story. It's personal. Christ saw you and me from the Cross. With our sin we echo, "Crucify Him".

Christ freely gives his life to save us. The demons hate Lent because the faithful remember our dignity in light of His passion. We recall the price He paid to heal and liberate us. Calvary is a matter of life and death. Through His wounds we receive healing as understood in scripture, "He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed (1 Peter 2:24)."

The following are 7 keys to healing liberation:

AWARENESS

"Stay awake, alert", scripture tells us. Lent invites us to keen awareness of God's abiding presence. We examine our consciousness, and conscience to repent and gain freedom to know, love and serve God. We are always aware of what or who we love. Once I heard a priest retreat master challenge the audience of clergy, "Fathers, if you are not aware of the angelic presence that is filling this room presently, then your spiritual antenna is not tuned in."

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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

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, 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

MONDAY, MARCH 9

- 8:00 AM † Joseph & Mary Percacciolo by JoAnn Gair-Wilson

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- 8:00 AM † Mary Carioto by her husband

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- 8:00 AM † Al Schleinz by Paula Vreeke

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 8:00 AM † Lelio DeSantis by his family

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

- 8:00 AM † David Elias by his mom

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- 8:00 AM † Mike Trevino by Tim & Amy Shea
- 3:30 PM † Robert Smolka by James & Bonita Dooley
- 5:30 PM † James Bender by Chuck & Wanda McCallum
- 8:00 PM - All Souls - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- 7:15 AM † Pauline Maison by Bruce Maison
- 9:15 AM † Salvatore Falivene by Uncle Jerry & Aunt Nettie
- 11:15 AM † Dusty Kehoe 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 15, 2020 - READINGS

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| • 1ST READING | EX 17:3-7 |
| • 2ND READING | ROM 5:1-2, 5-8 |
| • GOSPEL | JN 4:5-42 |

REQUESTING EGGS NEXT WEEKEND

We will be requesting stuffed Easter Eggs starting next weekend through March 29th for our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** that will take place on **Saturday, April 4th.**

Parishioners can drop off "Stuffed Eggs" in a box in the Narthex. Please No Chocolate because it melts!



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Lenten Healing CONTINUED

ACCOUNTABILITY

During Lent the Church intentionally increases opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is one of two sacraments categorized as “healing”. Accountability to a confessor is healthy for the soul, offering relief from shame and guilt, releasing the weight of sin-sickness. Confession is a healing encounter with Christ who quickly embraces us with His tender mercies.

REVELATION

The Paschal mystery is the revelation of Trinitarian love. Inexhaustible is the contemplation of the Father’s revelation in His Son Jesus. During Lent we can grow deeper in love with God and more able to imitate Christ’s life.

REPARATION

Lent is a time to offer reparation for the sins of the world. In Roman Catholic tradition, an act of reparation is a prayer or devotion with the intent to expiate the “sins of others”, e.g. for the repair of the sin of blasphemy, or the sufferings of Jesus Christ. The opportunity to offer reparation on behalf of the sins of others is a powerful act of mercy. If I can offer to God my act of reparation for the sins of any family (mine included), it is a privilege to do so. If you have loved ones living who left the Church (who doesn’t?), you can offer reparation to the heart of Jesus. The Sacred Heart never ceases to be pierced by our sin. The evil spirits will tempt and discourage you away from offering reparation. Resist and they will flee.

SIMPLICITY

Lenten practices encourage us to simplify our lives. Most of us strive for increased austerity during the 40 days of penitential practice. Prayer simplifies the heart. Fasting purifies the soul. Almsgiving magnifies the Lord. Interior and exterior simplicity exemplifies purity of heart. To be content with less is to make more room for God. We can ponder Mother Mary’s simplicity to see it’s genius and beauty. Even during her Son’s Passion, Mary models the simplicity of desiring only God’s will. Anyone who’s read the C.S. Lewis classic, *The Screwtape Letters* (a good lesson on spiritual warfare), learns how the evil spirits try to complicate our lives to distract us away from God.

OBEDIENCE

Obedience is a willed response to faith in God. We obey because we believe and love our Creator. One third of the angels were cast out of Heaven because they decided to disobey, and rebel against God’s will. During exorcisms, we witness how very legalistic the demons are. Obedience is a protective armor. Scripture reveals that God loves obedience. Obedience of faith is sometimes difficult but grace makes it very possible.

HUMILITY

Humility is truth; the moral virtue that prevents a person from reaching beyond himself. Pride does the opposite. Adam and Eve demonstrate pride through their disobedience in the Garden. Humility restrains the unruly desire for selfish greatness and lead us to true esteem with respect to God and others. Religious humility recognizes one’s total dependence on God. Moral humility recognizes one’s creaturely equality with others. Humility is not only the opposite of pride. It’s opposed to immoderate self-abjection, which fails to recognize God’s gifts and use them according to his will. Humility in Latin means humus, or ground.

Lent affords a special opportunity to consider Christ’s humility and imitate it. Pride can hide in corners of our heart. On Ash Wednesday the Church reminds us, “You are dust”, but we need to be aware that it is in His Blood that has sanctified, saved and healed the dust that we are.

How does Lent lead to healing? Accompanying Christ into the tomb, we arise with Him on Easter, a new creation.

Celebrating 100 years OF LIFE

Peter Della-Luna

We would like to recognize **Peter Della-Luna, Sr.**, who turned 100 on March 5th, 2020. Peter has been a parishioner since 2011 when he moved to Florida to be near his great-grandchildren and their parents.

Peter grew up in Westfield, MA with his three brothers and one sister. He attended the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA where he received his undergraduate degree in 1940 and his Master of Science in 1941.

His first job was in 1924 selling papers with his brothers on a street corner. During his youth, Peter delivered ice, groceries, mail as well as working in the tobacco fields to help with the family finances. Peter spent his adult life working in the paper industry, retiring in 1989 as president of Rising Paper Company.

Peter resides in Gateway with his son and daughter. His grandson's family also resides in Gateway. Peter greatly enjoys his Sunday family dinners, is an avid sports fan and regularly attends Sunday Mass with all four generations of his family!

Peter is pictured with his twin great grandchildren, Charlie & Kaelie Della-Luna



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
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 Hufstedler
Bernice Pederson
Linda Sayres
Richard Butler
Patty Heilman Normile
Patty Ruth

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!*

**Thomas P. O'Brien
Josee Engelhardt**



Tabernacle Candle

In Honor of: **Peter Della-Luna
100th Birthday**
Requested by: **his family**



Adoration Chapel

In Memory of: **Rose Verruto**
Requested by: **Claire & John**





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Weekly Calendar

Saturday, March 7

- 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: Main Hall - 5pm

Monday, March 9

- 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
- Knights of Columbus: St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Tuesday, March 10

- Opening the Word: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 9am
- Bereavement: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- Journey to Hope: St. Theresa - 6pm
- 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 11

- 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 12

- Parish Advisory Council Meeting: St. Martha & St. Mary - 8:45am
- Hispanic Growing in Faith: St. Martha & St. Mary - 6pm
- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: St. Michael & St. Bernadette - 7pm

Friday, March 13

- Adoration Chapel open until 9pm (closed for Stations of the Cross & Benediction from 6-7pm)
- Charismatic Renewal Annual Conference: Main Hall - 6pm
- Stations of the Cross & Benediction: Chapel - 6pm followed by Lenten Simple Supper hosted by The Women's Guild in the Classrooms at 6:30pm
- Hispanic Marriage Ministry: St. Michael & St. Bernadette - 7pm
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

Saturday, March 14

- Charismatic Renewal Annual Conference: Main Hall - 8:30am
- Vigil Mass - (3:30pm Bishop to Celebrate) & 5:30pm
- Vietnamese Mass - 8pm

Sunday, March 15

- Masses: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am
- RCIA 1st Scrutiny: St. Martha & St. Mary - 9:15am
- Faith Formation Classes K-3: Classrooms - 10:30am
- Hispanic Choir: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 11am
- New Family Orientation: Chapel - 12:30pm
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- John & Louise DeJuidice
- Ronald & Kim Ouellette
- Louis Lira & Ana Barrantes
- Miguel & Mabel Diaz Rosas

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 next 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

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
Major Andrew Duguay
Sgt. Jared Gaudet
Tech Sgt Jeffrey K. Green
Capt. Kellyn C. 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
Capt. Jacob Mundo, US Army
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
Sgt. Hayden Linde, FLARNG
Aaron Crump, USCG
Sgt. 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
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US Air Force
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Eric Sanchez, US Air Force
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Faith Formation

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

March: FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE:

WEDNESDAY FAITH FORMATION CLASSES:

- **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:

- **3/8:** 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 Grade. 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 10



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

LENTEN BIBLE 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

LENTEN PROGRAM:

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

CONTACT: Robin DySard - robindysard@icloud.com

Young Adult Ministry - 561-3022

Contact **Kelly Evers** | 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.

- **April 2 - 7pm-9pm:** Join us for miniature Golf at Alico Family Golf. Thank you to Kraig Flaherty and family for being generous hosts!



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

Youth Ministry - 561-3022

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

High School Youth Group

HSYG - Sundays 5pm to 6:30pm

- **March 8:** - Second Session Confirmation Session
- **April 26:** - Session Year I & Confirmation Reflection Year II
- **May 3:** - End of the Year celebration

Middle School Youth Group

MSYG - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

- **March 11:** - The Two Great Commandments
- **March 18:** - Spring Break - No Session

This week: And Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.



- **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

- 3/8:** - 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

The Rite of Election at Epiphany Cathedral March 1, 2020



Please pray for our Elect and Candidates as they enter the Period of Purification and Enlightenment and continue on their journey to Easter Vigil.



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.
- **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 by going directly to: <https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/l/enrollment/johnxxiii>
- **FREE Rosary Repair:** Send broken rosaries in a padded envelope to: Betty & Dick Holden, 7930 Estero Blvd., #502, Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931. Rosaries will be returned within a week of receipt. Old or broken rosaries may also be donated, repaired and sent to the missions. For more information email: holdenbnd@gmail.com or call Dick at (239) 463-3993
- **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



SOLES FOR SOULS

13th Annual Sneaker Drive

Sponsored by the Women's Guild of St. John XXIII
(In support of Social Justice Ministry)

The Sneaker Display in the Narthex signals the start of our Annual Sneaker Drive which takes place **NOW through March 31, 2020.**

With your help, needy children receive Sneakers, Backpacks, & School Supplies in time for their return to school. Please help us raise sufficient funds again this year to help these kids.

Take an envelope from the Sneaker Display, enclose your donation, & return it by mail or in the collection basket at Mass.

Active Registered Parishioners in need of help outfitting their child for return to school may complete the Request Form below and return it to the Parish Office by March 31. Return-addressed envelopes are available on the Sneaker Display Table.

Thank You!

STELLA MCCAFFREY
Coordinator, Soles for Souls
(239) 303-1935



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| <u>PARENT'S NAME:</u> | <u>Phone #:</u> | | <u>Email:</u> | | |
| Child's First Name | Gender <i>Boy/Girl</i> | AGE | <u>Shoe Size</u> <i>Specify: Kid or Adult</i> | Need Backpack? | |
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"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

Registration: - \$40.00

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Late Afternoon Finger Foods and Refreshments



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 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)*

LENTEN COLLECTIONS SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

WEEK 1: SOLES FOR SOULS

February 27 - March 4

WEEK 2: YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

March 5 - March 11

WEEK 3: FOOD PANTRIES - SOCIAL JUSTICE

March 12 - March 18

WEEK 4: HOPE HEALTH CARE

March 19 - March 25

WEEK 5: SOCIAL JUSTICE GENERAL FUND

March 26 - April 2

WEEK 6: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

April 3 - April 8



ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

Weekly Financials



March 1, 2020

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| Offertory | \$40,789.50 |
| Building Fund | \$3,626.00 |
| Total | \$44,415.50 |
| Mass Attendance | 5003 |
| Registered Families | 3754 |
| 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

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|-----------------|--------------|
| 2020 Goal | \$492,000.00 |
| Pledge | \$109,177.01 |
| % of Goal | 22.19% |
| % of Households | 10.10% |
| Payments | \$56,607.01 |

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** 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.

Help Keep 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.



*Thank you for helping us save time
and help keep our records accurate.*

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



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 a 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 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.

About the Coalition:

"The SWFL Regional Human Trafficking Coalition collaborates with over 40 local partner agencies and organizations to prevent and combat human trafficking through community education and direct services to trafficking survivors."

St. Patrick's Dance

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

PARISH LIFE CENTER • 6PM-9PM

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

**\$30
PER
PERSON**

**CORNERED BEEF &
CABBAGE DINNER**

Music Provided By:
CELTIC STEW BAND



**TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE
AND IN THE NARTHEX THIS WEEKEND**



PARISH LIFE CENTER

GUIDELINES

*Treat Our **PLC** with **TLC***

REGISTRATION:

- Submit a registration form and have it approved by authorized staff to reserve a requested space and be added to the parish calendar as early as possible.

SAFETY:

- Take care of yourself and be respectful of others. Document and report all accidents or injuries to a parish staff member.
- At least one authorized, trained kitchen user must be present. You must be at least 15 years old to be in the kitchen, unless special permission has been granted by authorized staff.
- All spills or trip hazards are to be contained and corrected. Report maintenance or repair needs.
- The stages are reserved for speakers, performers, and authorized personnel. Always keep children safe and off the stage.

CLEAN UP:

- Return the PLC to pristine condition after your event. Clean up after yourself and assist others. All trash must be removed.
- Tables and chairs must be returned to original placement.
- Storage space is minimal and will be allocated by the business manager. Do not leave extra items without staff approval.

BEAUTY:

- Keep walls, windows, and doors free of decorations. Free-standing banners, easels, and portable walls are available for approved requests.
- Table decorations are allowed, including weighted balloons. All decorations must be removed during event clean-up.
- Only floor cord protectors, not tape, are to be used for extension cords.
- Classrooms are food-free zones. No food or drinks are allowed in the five stand-alone classrooms.
- Refrain from placing feet on walls.

TECHNOLOGY:

- Air conditioning and heating will be controlled only by authorized staff.
- Audio/visual equipment is to be operated by authorized and properly trained personnel.
- Flex room walls are to be moved only by authorized and properly trained personnel.



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**

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**



Bishop's Visit: March 12 - 8am
Mass at Church of the Resurrection
(SEE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS)

Youth Rally: March 21 - 11am
Closing Ceremony: April 5 - 2pm

OUR PRAYER VIGIL DAYS:

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| Saturday, March 14 | 11am - 3pm |
| Tuesday, March 17 | 3pm - 6pm |
| Saturday, March 21 | 11am - 3pm |
| Friday, March 27 | 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.

Ft. Myers

PRAYER Walk

FOR



40
DAYS
FOR
LIFE™

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 8:00 a.m. Mass with **Bishop Frank J. Dewane**, Celebrant
Resurrection of our Lord Church 8121 Cypress
Lake Dr., Fort Myers
- 9:00 a.m. **Exposition and Adoration** of the Blessed
Sacrament for those not participating at the
abortion site
- 9:00 a.m. Shuttle bus provided from church to new
abortion facility at 6418 Commerce Park Dr.
for rosary.
- 10:45 a.m. **Closing Benediction** at Resurrection of our
Lord Church

The Prayer Walk is part of *40 Days for Life*
which runs through April 5th

40daysforlife.com/fortmyers

In memory of more than 61 million
unborn babies who have died since the
1973 U.S. Supreme Court decisions
legalizing abortion for any reason.

For more information:

(941) 441-1101

Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org

Respect
LIFE

Sponsored by:

The Diocese of Venice Respect Life Office

www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife



ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

Presents a Joint Event with:



visit faithandale.com to register

\$10 Donation

MARCH 19 • 6:30PM
FEATURING: IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA

Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat: You are invited to our monthly "Come to the Water" Day of Prayer on Wednesday, March 11th. The day begins at 9:30am and includes breakfast, lunch, two conferences, and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, private meditation and prayer. The day concludes with Mass at 2:30pm.

FREE Aging Seniors Seminar: Thursday, March 19th from 11:30am-2pm. Hosted by Peace Lutheran Church, South Ft. Myers Senior Center, located at 15840 McGregor Blvd. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited, RSVP is required. For more information or to RSVP call (239) 437-2599

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

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. For more information, please contact: Esther at (239)334-7707

Venetian Charity Ball: Saturday, March 21st at 6pm at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa in Bonita Springs. The evening will include a cocktail hour, auctions, dinner and dancing. Tickets are \$250. For information call (239) 337-4193, visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org or email janet.pavelack@catholiccharitiesdov.org

Charity Golf Classic: The AFCAAM of Catholic Charities Charity Golf Classic will be held on Friday, April 17th, at the Forest Country Club, 6100 Partridge Club Rd. in Ft. Myers. Registration is at noon and play begins at 1pm. The golf tournament will include dinner and prizes. For more information, please contact Ted Duffy at (239) 728-4571 or email tduffy1942@gmail.com

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 or visit: 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 and receive monthly updates on the development of the child in the womb. Call (941) 441-1101 or email Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org

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

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 or call Joan at (941)-355-4680 ext. 311

Treatment Center for Teens: Newly opened treatment center for teen substance abuse at the Vince Smith Center. Located at 2450 Prince St. in Ft. Myers. They offer a therapeutic environment for teens ages 13-17. Education is provided by the Lee County School District. For more information call (239) 338-2306



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.



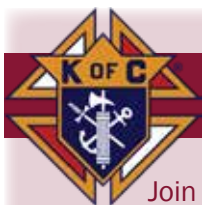
JOURNEY TO hope

People with mental illness and their families often feel isolated from their faith community and thus isolated from God. Isolation is often caused by the stigma of the disease, or fear of being judged as inadequate or weak-willed; or the misperception that God is punishing them, or from the communities misperception of what mental illness is and how it affects the individual and their families. As a healing community we offer support and education at our Journey to Hope monthly meeting to families dealing with mental illness or with the dual diagnosis of substance abuse and mental illness.

NEXT MEETING: **MARCH 10 • 6pm**

PARISH LIFE CENTER
Room St. Therese

Joanne Halt: joanne.halt@gmail.com



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- 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**

BEREAVEMENT AND BEYOND

If you lost a loved one, we offer a safe, supportive place to deal with this life changing event.

We invite you to join us as you journey to find new meaning and purpose in your life. You will be warmly welcomed.

The Bereavement and Beyond Group meets each Tuesday from 1pm-3pm in the Parish Life Center. in rooms: St. Bernadette and St. Michael.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact the Parish office at **(239) 561-2245**

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: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

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

Special Needs: (disabilities or diet) _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number: _____

