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Jesus, I Trust in You



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Please Note:

There will be NO CONFESSIONS until further notice. We will be LIVE streaming MASS on Facebook

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RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT:

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

PLEASE NOTE:

The following Masses are being celebrated privately by one of our priests. We will be streaming Masses on Facebook.

MONDAY, APRIL 20

- † Cira Golins by her daughter, Carolina

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

- † Ramon Cabella by Margaret & Henry Cassi

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

- † Henry Cassi by Margaret & Henry Cassi

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

- † Adolph & Laura Balcuk by Ken & Mary Ann Luczaj

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

- † John & Elsie Luczaj by Ken & Mary Ann Luczaj

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

- † Esther Mineo by Elizabeth & Michael Kan
- † Barbara Olds by Dick & Candy Foehl
- - All Souls

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

- † Pedro Liong by Wilfred & Marcia Lee
- † Thomas Stankowski by The St. John XXIII Thrift Store
- † Christine Saliga Sullivan by The St. John XXIII Pastoral Team

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.

APRIL 26, 2020 - READINGS

- 1ST READING ACTS 2:14, 22-33
- 2ND READING 1 PT 1:17-21
- GOSPEL LK 24:13-35

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DEVOTION OF *Divine Mercy*

by: **Mike Navarro**

DIVINE MERCY BACKGROUND IN THE CHURCH

To open the millennium, Pope John Paul II declared that the Second Sunday of Easter would become the Feast of Divine Mercy, and he exhorted the faithful to participate in the Divine Mercy Devotion.

On the first Feast of Divine Mercy, celebrated on April 30, 2000, he canonized St. Faustina.

St. Faustina, a Sister from Poland, lived from 1905-1938 (33 years old). She entered the Apostolic Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy at the age of 20.

She mystically received over 17 extraordinary private revelations from Jesus, the Divine Mercy chaplet prayer, and the Divine Mercy Image.

Since the year 2000, every pope (JP II, BXVI, and Francis) has celebrated the Vatican's Divine Mercy Mass, and the Divine Mercy Service at 3:00 from the Chair of Peter. In so doing, our Holy Fathers have put their imprimatur on this powerful devotion.

Another true sign was on April 2, 2005, after the Divine Mercy Vigil Mass celebrated in St. Peter's Cathedral, JP II passed away.

Last year Pope Francis culminated the Year of Mercy when he celebrated the Vatican's Divine Mercy Service.

Divine Mercy Devotion (Pray the Chaplet, Participate in the Novena, and Attend Divine Mercy Celebration Service)

Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a five minute prayer.

The Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday and ends the following Saturday. Each day the chaplet is prayed for certain souls:

- **Day 1:** All sinners
- **Day 2:** Priest and Religious
- **Day 3:** Devout and Faithful Souls
- **Day 4:** Those Who Do Not Believe in God
- **Day 5:** Those Who Have Separated Themselves from the Church
- **Day 6:** Meek and Humble Souls and the Souls of Little Children
- **Day 7:** Souls Who Venerate and Glorify My Mercy
- **Day 8:** Those Detained in Purgatory
- **Day 9:** Those Who Have Become Lukewarm in Faith

Jesus' special promise to those who complete the Divine Mercy Novena, go to confession, and receive communion on Divine Mercy Sunday: "...shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow."

Attend the Divine Mercy Celebration Service. At the service the Image is Displayed, Blessed, and Venerated, and personal articles are also blessed.

The image has the five wounds of Jesus. Emanating from the heart of Jesus is a pale ray and a red ray. The pale ray symbolizes the water which cleanses and purifies and the red ray represents the blood which gives new life to souls.

Words inscribed on the image are "Jesus, I Trust in You."

Jesus' Promises to People who recite and spread the Devotion of Divine Mercy:

"Souls who spread the honor of my mercy I shield through their entire life and at the hour of death will receive great mercy."

When you pray the chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the Just Judge, but as the Merciful Savior."

CLOSING

Our Holy Fathers have told us that Divine Mercy is the greatest attribute of God, and it is especially needed in our modern, secular times.

All are invited to attend our Divine Mercy Service to receive these powerful graces and blessings of Mercy.

PRAYER FOR DIVINE MERCY

April 19th, 2020

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is love and mercy itself.

Amen



Jesus, I Trust in You

Prayer List

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

Elaine Quan	Max Waters
Ryan Novajasky	John Kopp
Lynne Haughey	Jennifer Salzman
Carol Clausen	Lea Frazier
Marlene LaRose	Deborah Hufstedler
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek	Bernice Pederson
Jeff Hlavacek	Linda Sayres
Bernadette Frammarino	Richard Butler
Antoinette Bosco	Patty Heilman Normile
Gary Neubauer	Patty Ruth
Tom Biedak	Michael Smith
Curtis Atkins	Mike Foy
Thomas Kniaz	Lynn Graper Bowman
Dennis Doiron	John Walker
Joanne Donches	Henry Ramirez
Jim Vogt	Evelyn Williams
John & Mary Petyo	Marilyn Brummer
Ron Ouellette	Bill Barrett
Michael Dalton	Scott Geiger

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, please email the parish office at: info@johnxxiii.net

Prayers for Eternal Life

*Life is changed, not ended.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*

**Margie Genovese
Robert Antle
Don Blockel
Terry Narduzzi
Mary Connolly
Rev. Dennis Cooney
John Walker**



Adoration Chapel

In Memory of: **Charles Henry Springer, Jr.**
Requested by: **The Glowacki Family**





WATCH ON FACEBOOK

DAILY MASS:

8:00am Monday - Saturday

SATURDAY, APRIL 18:

- 4:00pm with Fr. Angelo

SUNDAY, APRIL 19:

- 11:15am with Fr. Bob
- 3:00pm Divine Mercy Celebration with Fr. Saji



WATCH AT HOME:

<https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/communications/tvmass/>

WFTX-TV FOX 4 - Sundays at 10:30am



Thank you to all the priests, our staff and volunteers who helped make Holy Week a true blessing. During this difficult time it is important to stay connected as a parish community.

WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Francisco & Vilma Villaverde
- Richard & Michelle Stalnaker
- Glenn & Jane Gettelfinger
- Robert & Patricia Rachan

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

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
 1st Lt. Christopher Dryhurst,
 US Air Force
 Com. Craig Fowler, USN
 Eric Sanchez, US Air Force
 1st Lt. Colin Snook, 82nd ABN
 Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army
 82nd ABN



Faith Formation

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

As a precaution to Corona Virus outbreak, Faith Formation classes for both Wednesday and Sunday continue to be cancelled until further notice. Please check your weekly Faith Formation emails, the online bulletin or Facebook for updates. In addition, weekly emails will have activities and resources to keep your children connected to class and the parish.

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. This year's theme is Rocky Railway! Jesus pulls us through. Registration forms are available online. 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 of Saint John XXIII and are scheduled only after the preparation process is completed by the parents. Please do not make arrangements for family members until you have actually received a date. Contact the office at (239) 561-2245 for more information or to begin the process.

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

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation is a two year process that begins at the start of 9th Grade and is celebrated in the Fall of 11th grade. (Older teens are certainly 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. Please note: Students from Bishop Verot must register and attend the preparation classes at the beginning of 9th grade. If you are entering the 9th grade or would like more information on our program, contact Chris at (239) 561-7499 to begin the process.

ADULT FAITH

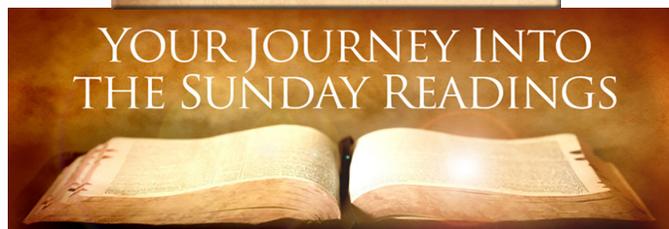
Education

ALL IN-PERSON CLASSES
ARE POSTPONED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE

Keep in TOUCH with your *Faith* ONLINE:

OPENING THE WORD

YOUR JOURNEY INTO
THE SUNDAY READINGS



Watch a short video each week on **Formed.org** to help prepare you for the upcoming Sunday Readings. Register at <https://johnxxiii.formed.org/> and follow the instructions to sign in and watch Opening the Word. View all of the Catholic content 24/7. Please join our weekly Zoom meeting. Email **Terry Penza** at: terry@terrypenza.com for more information.



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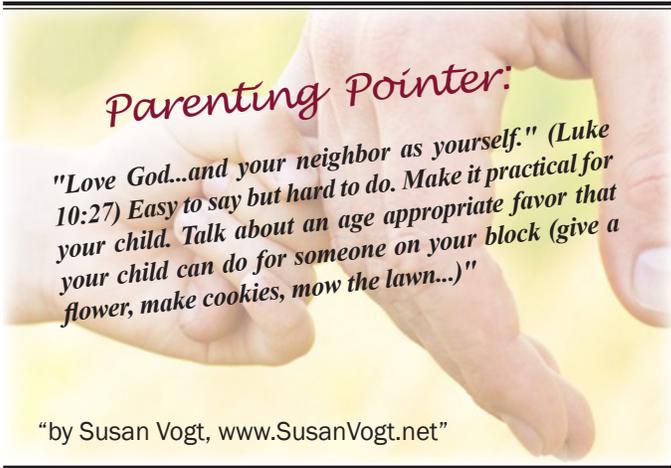
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Contact: **Lisa Sreeton** | musicdirector@johnxxiii.net



Second Sunday of Easter *Divine Mercy Sunday*

The Second Sunday of Easter is now known as Divine Mercy Sunday. In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward, the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905-1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. Her contemplation on the mercy of God led to a call to make His mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, which consists of a cycle of prayers using the rosary.



Parenting Pointer:

"Love God...and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27) Easy to say but hard to do. Make it practical for your child. Talk about an age appropriate favor that your child can do for someone on your block (give a flower, make cookies, mow the lawn...)"

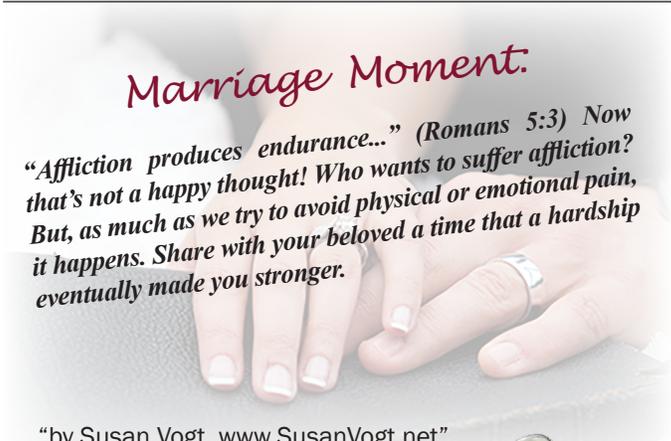
"by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net"

Reflections by: **J. Conroy**

Luke 24:13-35 - When Jesus was "Recognized"

This is a critical Lucan post-Resurrection story. We note that the disciples did not recognize Jesus. We then see a description of how the disciples understood Jesus prior to his death: as a prophet, with power, in whom they had faith as the Messiah of Israel. But his death had thwarted their hopes. Jesus, however, uses Scripture to demonstrate that it was he who was being referred to. Still, they did not see. But when he blessed, broke and gave them bread, when he celebrated a Eucharist in their midst, their eyes were opened. Now his "vanishing" may conceivably meant that they looked at each other, in the midst of the Eucharist, and saw Jesus in each other. He was palpable, present, real and living. He was "made known to them in the breaking of the bread," as He would be made known to millions over 2,000 years in the continuation of the deepest mystery of Christianity. Christ died, rose and remained present to us in the Church. May we see the Lord in each other at each and every Mass.

Reflections on Scripture
Jack Conroy, Ph.D.



Marriage Moment:

"Affliction produces endurance..." (Romans 5:3) Now that's not a happy thought! Who wants to suffer affliction? But, as much as we try to avoid physical or emotional pain, it happens. Share with your beloved a time that a hardship eventually made you stronger.

"by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net"



WHY CHRISTIANS SHOULD SUPPORT

*Earth Day*by: **Andrew Spencer - The Gospel Coalition**

The first Earth Day celebration occurred in 1970 amid social turmoil in the United States. Protests over the war in Vietnam were growing, Woodstock was in the rearview mirror, and “Let It Be” was at the top of the Billboard charts. Richard Nixon was in the White House and was the first American president to make improving the environment a policy goal.

Events of April 22, 1970, were supported by both Democrats and Republicans, intended to build awareness of real environmental problems. Environmental catastrophes like the fire on the Cuyahoga River in June 1969 and the deadening of the Great Lakes were public problems that required public responses. Earth Day was an attempt to raise awareness about legitimate concerns for the ecological welfare of the nation.

Unfortunately, like many good social causes, Earth Day and the environmental movement became identified with misanthropic and overtly anti-Christian ideologies. In 1967, Lynn White published a famous essay in the journal *Science* that blamed environmental degradation on Christianity. In 1968, Paul Ehrlich’s book *The Population Bomb* predicted famines and revolutions because of overpopulation. Ehrlich’s solutions included government regulation of family size and abortion on demand. Some within the environmental movement alienated theological conservatives.

When the Commission on Population Growth and the American Future published a 1972 report calling for population control using government-provided contraceptives for minors, abortion on demand, and voluntary sterilization, conservative Christians understandably reacted negatively to a form of environmentalism hostile to scriptural ideals. Environmentalism and Christian ethics were set at odds due to irreconcilable differences about human worth.

While we continue to disagree with some voices within contemporary environmental movements, there are strong reasons for theologically conservative Christians to participate in activities surrounding Earth Day and, more broadly, in environmentalism.

GOSPEL ENGAGEMENT

Our churches spend vast amounts of time and money on outreach programs to engage our communities outside the church. We have a strong interest in engaging our neighbors with the gospel. Participating in Earth Day activities is one way we can meet with fellow citizens—many of whom need to hear the gospel—by engaging in activities for the common good and building meaningful relationships.

As people of the cross living in a world that needs to hear and see the message of the gospel, becoming cobelligerents for the common good through certain forms of environmentalism may provide opportunity to connect to our communities by being good neighbors.

When we use resources wisely, pick up trash, and maintain the landscaping in our parks, we demonstrate thankfulness for God’s work in creating the world around us. We also point forward to a future state of flourishing when a frustrated creation will be set free from “its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God” (Rom 8:21). Caring for creation can powerfully demonstrate God’s love.

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

However we understand climate change data, we should still feel an ethical pull to care for the environment. Creation itself testifies to God’s glory (Ps. 19: 1–6). Adam and Eve were given responsibility to cultivate and keep the earth (Gen. 2:15), and proper stewardship of the environment remains a primary human function as sub-creators made in the image of God.

EARTH DAY

FUN FACTS

- Earth Day was founded by Senator Gaylord Nelson on April 22, 1970.
- 20 million people participated in the very first Earth Day.
- More than 100 billion pieces of junk mail are delivered in the United States each year.
- The U.S. buried or burned more than 166 million tons of resources – paper, plastic, metals, glass and organic materials – in landfills and incinerators last year.
- It only takes 6 weeks to manufacture, fill, sell, recycle, and then remanufacture an aluminum beverage can.
- Half of the world's tropical and temperate forests are now gone.
- Every year in the U.S. 200 billion beverage containers are sold, two-thirds of which are landfilled, incinerated or littered.
- Recycling and remanufacturing accounts for 3.1 million jobs in the U.S.
- Recycling saves 3 to 5 times the energy that waste incinerator power plants generate.
- By reducing our waste 1% per year and recycling and composting 90% of our discards by 2030, we could save 406 megatons of carbon dioxide equivalent every year. This is the equivalent to shutting down 21% of our nation's coal-fired power plants.
- More than 76% of cardboard boxes and 72% of newspaper were recycled in 2006 but less than 50% of printing and writing paper was recycled.

for more information
about recycling, visit:
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A MESSAGE FROM BLESSED EARTH CARETAKERS



In the beginning,



created the heavens and the earth

Genesis 1:1

THE EARTH

GOD'S CREATION AND REVELATION

“Creation is the primary revelation and each being reveals something of the Divine. Everything, from the giant sequoia to the tiny wren, to the water in our wells, lakes and streams, to the air we breathe and the soil that grows our food is sacred. Every person—the child in the womb, the young, the elderly, laborers and unemployed, those who are vulnerable, economically poor, disempowered, or imprisoned—is to be revered and protected. Decisions concerning how we live our private and public lives and acquire and use resources are to reflect our care and concern for the well-being of the whole of creation.”

From the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, Milwaukee, WI

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

WITH THE FT. MYERS COMMUNITY

Participate in events such as the cleaning of the local beaches or attend educational programs for all ages at the “Calusa Nature and Planetarium Center” located at 3450 Ortiz Avenue in Ft. Myers.

PRACTICE CARE

FOR THE EARTH IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Are any of the cleaning products, pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers that are being used in your home harmful to the environment? If so, what alternatives can be found?

EVERY DAY IS EARTH DAY!



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Personal Information for your checking account payment

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 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Banking Information

Bank Name: _____
 Bank Account: _____ Transit #: _____
 Type of Account: Checking Savings Debit Weekly (Monday) Monthly (5th)
 Debit Amount: Offertory Contribution \$ _____ Building Fund \$ _____

Signature _____ Date _____

OPTION 2: Recurring Charge Authorization
Personal Information for your credit card payment

Your Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____

Credit Card Information

Credit Card # _____ EXP _____
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Order Information

Transaction Amount: _____ Purpose: _____

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Monthly on the 5th Monthly on the 15th Monthly on the 30th
 Start Date: _____ Term (number of payments) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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for **Catholic Faith Appeal**

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General FAQs

I would like to sign up on line, how do I go about that?

You can enroll online through the St. John XXIII website at: www.johnxxiii.net/give but only for a ONE-TIME donation. For recurring payments, please use this form.

Can I still receive my envelopes if I choose to donate online?

You can still request to receive envelopes at no charge, However, you can help us save money by opting out.

What if I receive tuition assistance for Catholic Schools?

Please continue to use your weekly envelopes, as this is the way we maintain our records for this program.

Are my donations tax deductible? YES!

But if I donate online and don't receive envelopes, what can I put in the collection? Electronic giving cards are available at the welcome desk in the Narthex. Please pick one up before Mass! They look like this (below), only bigger.

I'm an



giver



BLESSED BUCKS

We are happy to support St. John XXIII through electronic giving.

Let us more and more insist on raising funds of love, of kindness, of understanding, of peace. Money will come if we seek first the Kingdom of God - the rest will be given. - Saint Teresa



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Weekly Financials



April 12, 2020

Offertory	\$35,433.00
Building Fund	\$16,469.00
Total	\$51,902.00
Mass Attendance	0
Registered Families	3713

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	\$256,920.93
% of Goal	52.22%
% of Households	16.58%
Payments	\$180,185.33

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 email:

Holly Atkins: holly@johnxxiii.net



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.

Thank You!

ELECTRONIC GIVING

We are so grateful for your prayerful and continued financial support during this pandemic. We appreciate your on-line donations to keep our parish running. You can enroll online through the St. John XXIII website at: **www.johnxxiii.net/give**

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 email **Holly Atkins** in the Parish Office at **info@johnxxiii.net**



ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

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
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** The Chapel will be remain CLOSED until MASSES resume. We will keep you updated with any changes.
- **Thrift Store Closed:** The Thrift Store is closed and is not accepting drop off donations, nor picking up at this time. All questions may be emailed to thrift@johnxxiii.net during the shut-down.
- **Non-Perishable Donations:** Please consider donating items to St. Martin DePorres to help people in need during this pandemic.
- **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.
- **Endowment Fund:** This fund with the Catholic Community Foundation of SW Florida is designed to help provide long-term support and sustainability far beyond our lifetimes. Anyone wishing to contribute to the future of our Parish, contact Michael Morse at (941) 441-1124 or Holly Atkins at (239) 561-2245
- **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



ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

Please bring your donations directly to 4711 Palm Beach Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33905 Monday-Thursday from 10am to 5pm. They are in need of:

- **canned meats/tuna/sardines**
- **canned beans**
- **noodles**
- **canned vegetables**

Information Websites

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

WHISPERS IN THE LOGGIA: whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com

CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE www.catholicnews.com

CRUX: cruxnow.com

BISHOP BARRON: www.wordonfire.org

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

<http://Faith...>

INFORMATION & RESOURCES



NAMI HelpLine
Monday - Friday
10:00am to 6:00pm
(800) 950-6264

CORONAVIRUS

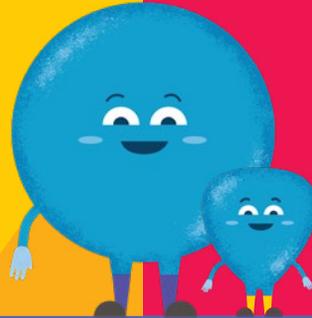
TIP 1 COVID-19 PARENTING One-on-One Time

Can't go to work? Schools closed? Worried about money? It is normal to feel stressed and overwhelmed.

School shutdown is also a chance to make better relationships with our children and teenagers. One-on-One time is free and fun. It makes children feel loved and secure, and shows them that they are important.

Set aside time to spend with each child

It can be for just 20 minutes, or longer – it's up to us. It can be at the same time each day so children or teenagers can look forward to it.



Ask your child what they would like to do

Choosing builds their self confidence. If they want to do something that isn't OK with physical distancing, then this is a chance to talk with them about this.

Ideas with your baby/toddler



- > Copy their facial expression and sounds
- > Sing songs, make music with pots and spoons
- > Stack cups or blocks
- > Tell a story, read a book, or share pictures

Switch off the TV and phone. This is virus-free time

Ideas with your teenager

- > Talk about something they like: sports, music, celebrities, friends
- > Cook a favorite meal together
- > Exercise together to their favorite music

Ideas with your young child

- > Read a book or look at pictures
- > Make drawings with crayons or pencils
- > Dance to music or sing songs
- > Do a chore together – make cleaning and cooking a game
- > Help with school work

**Listen to them, look at them.
Give them your full attention.
Have fun!**

For more information click below links:

[Parenting tips from WHO](#)

[Parenting tips from UNICEF](#)

[In worldwide languages](#)

[EVIDENCE-BASE](#)



Parish
NURSING MINISTRY
WALKING FOR HEALTH

For most people, walking is a simple form of exercise. Weather permitting, walkers can be outside on nature paths, sidewalks, or tracks. They can also be inside malls, large stores or fitness centers. Individuals can choose the length of time and pace of walking.

HEALTH BENEFITS:

- Weight Loss
- Lowered Blood Pressure
- Stress Management
- Restorative Sleep
- Improved Mental Health
- Cardiovascular Health

SPIRITUAL BENEFITS:

- Time For Prayer
- Marveling in The Body God Created
- Giving Thanks for Creation
- Sharing With a Companion Walker
- Sense of Stewardship for God's Gift of Life

DEVOTIONAL WALKS:

A walk can take a variety of forms such as exercise while praying for the neighborhood. It doesn't have to be complicated: walk by yourself and reflect, choose a safe route, and keep track of your progress are the basics. Walking as a spiritual practice invites you to enter into the lands of the Bible, bring your body and spirit together, and experience greater well-being.

If you would like help or guidance contact:
HELEN TUFFY at: helengtuffy@gmail.com



The Parish Nurse Team:

- Joann Andrews, RN, FCN
- Judy Balyeat, RN, FCN
- Toni Granchi, RN, FCN
- Helen Tuffy, RN, FCN

**WAYS YOU CAN
 STRENGTHEN
 YOUR CATHOLIC**

FAITH

Most of us fall into a bit of a spiritual rut every now and then. It happens. But no matter what time of the month or year it is, it's always a good time to expand our horizons in a way that shakes things up and strengthens our Christian faith. As Catholics, there are many opportunities to do so. Here are seven that can help us all.

ADORATION:

Experience Christ's love. What better gift can we give Jesus (and ourselves) than to spend time adoring Our Savior?

GIVE OF YOURSELF/VOLUNTEER:

God gives us all unique gifts. Sharing them with our people them with the Church and people in need is an excellent way to show God our appreciation.

PRAY THE ROSARY:

You can learn how to pray the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. It's a beautiful way to draw closer to Jesus.

HELP PEOPLE IN NEED:

Volunteering and joyfully giving what we can to assist them is a wonderful way to fulfill your callings.

RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

It's a powerful way to ask God's forgiveness for our sins and a powerful way to receive that mercy.

SPEND TIME READING AND/OR MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD:

If we hope to understand God's teachings and let them guide us, spending quality time with The Bible will help us accomplish this goal.

Faith is taking the first step even when you can't see the whole staircase.



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. You may want to memorialize one of the stations. The cost is **\$5,000** per station.

This would be a great way to memorialize a loved one. For more information contact **Holly Atkins** in the Parish Office at holly@johnxxx.net



ARTIST: CHRIS SCALA



Please watch the video of the artist's design process on our facebook page.



Memorialization

The art of commemorating the lives of those we love.



Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

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

Witnessing the Faith: Listen to Bishop Dewane on Relevant Florida Radio the last Friday of every month at 8:30am. Listen anywhere at RelevantRadio.com

A Disciple of Christ : To celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Diocese of Venice, Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane launched an initiative for all to become "A Disciple of Christ." The campaign will continue through Lent, Easter, and conclude with Pentecost. Disciple of Christ prayer cards have been mailed to all Parishes and Missions. For additional cards contact Gail at ardy@dioceseofvenice.org

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

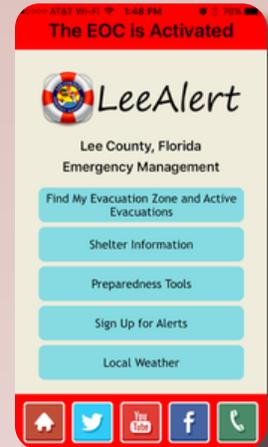
Treatment Center for Teens: Newly opened treatment center for teen substance abuse at the Vince Smith Center. Located at 2450 Prince St. in Ft. Myers. They offer a therapeutic environment for teens ages 13-17. Education is provided by the Lee County School District. For more information call (239) 338-2306

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, contact Helen Rombalski at (941) 488-5581 or rombalski@dioceseofvenice.org

Informational Websites: Stay current with what is happening in the Catholic Church: Whispers in the Loggia (whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com), Catholic News Service (www.catholicnews.com), CRUX (cruxnow.com), Bishop Barron (www.wordonfire.org), Fr. Richard Rohr (cac.org/category/daily-meditations)



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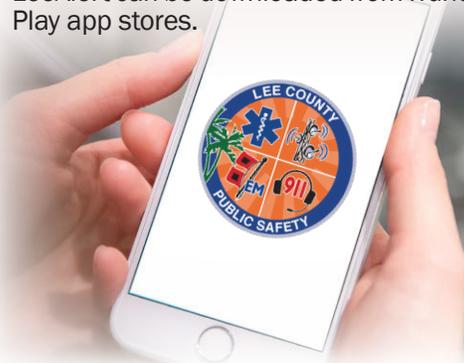
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- Frequently Asked Questions
- Links to Special Needs Registration for those with Special Medical Needs and/or transportation needs During an Evacuation
- Family Disaster Plan and Emergency Supply List
- American Sign Language Disaster Preparedness Videos
- Current Local Weather and Hazardous Weather Outlooks

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For more information please contact:

Jennifer Baumgardner at: jennb@johnxxiii.net

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