



ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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August 30, 2020

grow IN HOLINESS

by: **Fr. Philip Dion - Catholic Exchange**

Too often a person looks at the past year and beholds only the shambles of the good resolutions he made last year concerning his predominant fault or some virtue he wanted to acquire. Appalled at his lack of success at another year's end, he says once again to himself or to his director, "Why don't I do some-thing about getting that virtue? After all, I want to."

Sometimes, with God's help, the scene a person sees in retrospect is not quite so devastated. But neither is it a picture of magnificent triumph or prodigious progress in virtue. Last year, he had hoped this year would find him quite proficient in the practice of his particular virtue, or considerably more advanced toward victory over his predominant fault or faults. But such is not the case, as it was not the case last year. Yet, both these persons — the complete failure and the doubtfully successful — sincerely believe that they want to have this or that virtue or to overcome their predominant fault.

Why this pitiful progress toward perfection that

tends to discourage too many good people? As they so often ask themselves: "Why don't I do something practical about getting that virtue or overcoming that fault?" Dismiss immediately as the cause of this failure the lack of God's grace in a soul seeking to advance in perfection. True, without His grace, there can be no progress: "Without me, you can do nothing." But sufficient grace is always present. Failure to advance, then, should be ascribed to a deficiency in personal efforts, which must cooperate with the motions of grace in all supernatural activity, whether it be overcoming faults or practicing virtue.

YOU MUST MOTIVATE YOURSELF

The responsibility for motivation rests squarely on the shoulders of each individual. Only we ourselves can penetrate our own will and motivate it to act. Motives can be pointed out to us, but unless our own intellect assimilates them and presents the goal to our own will as a desirable good for us, it will all be "sounding brass and tinkling cymbals."

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St. John XXIII Catholic Parish in Fort Myers, Inc. a Florida non-profit corporation

August 30, 2020

Please Note:

**There will be
CONFESSIONS
outside the church
Every Saturday
8:30am-9:00am
LIVE streaming
MASSES on
Facebook/Website**

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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

PLEASE NOTE: You are welcome to attend 8:00am Daily Mass in the Parish Life Center. Weekend Holy Masses with a congregation present continues in the Church. Please wear a mask, bring sanitizer and practice social distancing. We will continue to livestream Masses on Facebook and the Website.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

- 8:00 AM † Katherine Frene by Jacques & Simone Bernier

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 8:00 AM † Mary Bissailon by Jim & Stella McCaffrey

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- 8:00 AM † Rick Leonardos by his family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 8:00 AM † Mary Bissailon by Jo Anne Walsh

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 8:00 AM † Joe Krahling by Dennis & Margaret Solon

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 8:00 AM ♥ Natalie Factora - Happy Birthday from the family
- 4:00 PM † Ed & Julia Pasden by Patricia Pasden
- 8:00 PM - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 7:15 AM † Patrick Fahey by his family
- 9:15 AM † Jan Brinich by The St. John XXIII Women's Guild
- 11:15 AM † Albert & Fernand Catineau by
Bill & Barbara Catineau
- 1:30 PM - Spanish Mass

THE 2021 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR JANUARY-JUNE

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.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 - READINGS

- 1ST READING EZEKIEL 33:7-9
- PSALM PSALM 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
- 2ND READING ROMANS 13:8-10
- GOSPEL MATTHEW 18:15-20

*Low Gluten
HOSTS*

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



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Grow CONTINUED

Motivation and determination must come ultimately from within the individual. Until it does, until it is present, little progress will be made in acquiring virtue or overcoming faults.

Since motivation looms so large in the process of overcoming a predominant fault, we should be clear on how to achieve it. How do we motivate ourselves in a practical way, so that our will might spring into action in seeking any particular good?

CONSIDER THE VIRTUE OR VICE

Obviously, before the intellect can present cogent motives to the will, it must itself be convinced of the goodness and desirability of the object in question. Such conviction comes only from the operation of the mind on the truth of the matter at hand, since the proper object of the mind is truth.

The intellect, then, must perform its threefold operation of apprehension, judgment, and reasoning on the truth about the particular virtue to be acquired or the particular vice to be uprooted. To express it more plainly, although perhaps more painfully, we must meditate! We must meditate on the nature of the vice or virtue and the various motives that would impel us to attack the vice or embrace the virtue. We must mull over, ruminate, and think about all the compelling reasons for and benefits of having the virtue or not having the vice, until the result becomes appealing and beautiful enough to trigger our will into action to get it.

These motives or reasons can be drawn, first, from faith, by examining our Lord's teaching and example on the subject in question; by examining the example of the saints and perhaps even of our companions. Reason can likewise furnish motives, such as the difficult or absurd or undesirable consequences that would follow taking the opposite course. But for a practice aimed at overcoming a predominant fault or acquiring a particularly needed virtue, the realm of faith will provide the most fruitful supernatural motives to move the will to action.

THINK ABOUT THE LOVE OF GOD

No human act is ever performed without a motive. But there is a hierarchy of motives. The more powerful the motive is, the more energetically we will work to achieve the envisioned goal. But of all the possible motives that can account for our actions, the most powerful of all is the motive of love. Love is God's own motive. He does all things for love.

Therefore, if we are truly serious about overcoming a predominant fault, the most powerful motive we should try to arouse is the love of God. If we will not undertake the battle against a predominant fault or the seeking of a particular virtue for the love of God, then certainly there is no other worthy motive strong enough to sustain us in that persevering struggle.

The motive of the love of God can be aroused only by persistent and conscientious meditation on the goodness and love that God has first shown toward us. Once we begin to come to the realization of the extent of God's love for us, we cannot help wanting to love God in return.

PRAY

Add to meditation unceasing, earnest prayer to beg God for the grace to love Him enough to want to combat your predominant fault.

TIME TO TO *Grow* IN FAITH

Isn't it time?

Isn't it the perfect time?

To grow?

*Why do we keep playing "adult"
while still being infants inside?*

*And when the trial comes,
you don't know how to defend yourself.*

Grow up!

But how?

Go to God....like a little child.

Let Him teach you and make you strong.

Let Him mold your character.

Let Him show you the reasons why.

Let Him make you like His Son.

*Trust in God's love for you....as if you were
a child.*

For you are his.

Think about it. You are God's child.

*Let this make you bold and confident,
no matter what you face every day.*

Then go back to him again.

Let him hold you tight.

His love gives you rest.

*Restore your courage and strength
in the sweet embrace of Christ!*

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
Antoinette Bosco
Gary Neubauer
Tom Biedak
Curtis Atkins
Bill Acini
Maria Josephson
Eileen Maguire
Robert Jarlenski
Linda Hill
Kathleen Nelson
Andrea Ledhardy

Deacon Francis Head
Angela Blinkiewicz
Liane Paul
Skip Vandover
Arthur Senegal
Jim Heron
Janet Cahill
Barbara Shay
Gregg Evans
Henry Martinez
Bill Becker
Carlos Martinez
Fr. Ed Przygocki
Kevin Natella
Marilyn Kelley
Dan Peiper
James Heaney
Steven Dakin

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 epayer.stjohn23@gmail.com

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 call the parish office at: (239) 561-2245

Prayers for Eternal Life

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

**Donald Giordano
Michael Rheume
Linda Kircher
Teresa Hebb**



Tabernacle Candle

**For all victims of the Coronavirus.
We pray for worldwide healing.**



DOWNLOAD OUR PARISH APP:

myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish. You can also text the word "APP" to 88202!





WATCH ON FACEBOOK

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday - Saturday

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

- 4:00pm with Fr. Angelo
 - 8:00pm Vietnamese Mass
- <https://www.facebook.com/fort.myers.5454>

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

- 11:15am with Fr. Saji
 - 1:30pm Spanish Mass
- <https://www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1>



WATCH AT HOME:

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

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



<https://osvhub.com/st-john-xxiii-parish/funds>

WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Giang Ngo
- Sandra Lee
- Felicia Rivera
- Valerie Paul
- Alicia Madden
- Joan M. Irons
- Clifford & Celia Myers
- Victoria Hafford

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

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



Faith Formation

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



For information on our different Faith Formation programs for the 2020-2021 school year, please visit our website at www.johnxxiii.net

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.

Faith is being sure of what you hope for.

ADULT FAITH

Education

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 **Linda Stanley** at: lindastanley.ls@gmail.com for more information.

JOIN US ONLINE



Revelation

The Kingdom Yet to Come



JEFF CAVINS and THOMAS SMITH

Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied the book, especially from a Catholic perspective.

We will meet on Zoom, Tuesdays from **6:30-8pm** starting on **September 8 through November 17**

To join our study, go to ascensionpress.com and sign in or sign up (if you don't have an account). On your Menu dropdown select **Join a Study**, and select St. John XXIII and order your workbook.

CONTACT:

Edith Trafford - lancith@aol.com



Coordinator of Youth Ministries 561-3022 xt 107
Contact **Kelly Evers** | kelly@johnxxiii.net

Rooted at St. John XXIII

Welcoming all Young Adults 18 - 39

Rooted meets on the first Thursday of each month. Check out our trifold at the welcome desk for planned events.

- **EVENT CANCELLED:** Thursday, September 3rd at Rusty's Raw Bar & Grill



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

Confirmation Program

- Parent meeting is this weekend August 30 at 5pm through the Zoom conference website. Please check your email for invitation link. You will need a copy of the program Overview booklet found on our website under Sacraments, in the Confirmation page.

High School Youth Group

HSYG Social Sessions - Sundays 5pm to 6:30pm

- REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED. Our first session is scheduled **September 13**. The sessions will be on the Zoom app. Please email Kelly for invitation link.

Middle School Youth Group

MSYG Sessions - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

- REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED at this time. We will host this program on **Wednesday evenings at 6pm** via the Zoom app. Please check the website under the education tab in the Middle school Youth ministry for more information and email Kelly for link to the Zoom invitation.
- **Wednesday August 2:** Topic - Why Catholic?

Volunteer Opportunites

- For at home Youth Volunteer Opportunities please email Kelly Evers



Thinking about joining the Catholic Church but feel a little lost?

The RCIA Inquiry is the starting place for adults who are thinking about entering the Catholic Church.

INTERESTED IN MEETINGS?

For those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church or who are thinking about becoming Catholic, we have started Zoom meetings. All our welcome!

For more information, please call or text **GINNY WHELAN** at (239) 634-3239 or email: vwhelan99@gmail.com



Join Us!

INQUIRY ZOOM MEETINGS: WEDNESDAY - 7:30PM

Sept 2: Catholic Tradition

Sept 9: Sacraments

Sept 16: The Rites

Sept 23: Sacraments of the Catholic Church, Historical Roots and Traditions

Sept 30: God's Revelation: Human Beings are Created "In the Image of God"





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, search "St. John XXIII Catholic Church" and "like" our page.
- **Our Weekly Newsletter:** Visit our website, johnxxiii.net, scroll down to "Stay Connected" and enter your email address.
- **Download Our Parish App:** 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!
- **Follow us on Instagram:** St. John XXIII is now on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/stjohnxxiiichurch/>
- **St. John XXIII Catholic Church Mass Times:** Stay up to date and visit: <http://johnxxiii.net/info/new-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!
- **Non-Perishable Donations:** Please consider donating items to St. Martin DePorres or The St. John XXIII Villas to help people in need during this pandemic.
- **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. If you wish to contribute to the future of our Parish, contact Michael Morse at (941) 441-1124 or Holly Atkins at (239) 561-2245
- **Making a Stock Transfer:** When making a stock transfer 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.
- **Thrift Store Open:** Monday-Saturday from 10am-4pm. Please consider purchasing home furnishings and furniture at our Thrift Store. Email questions to: thrift@johnxxiii.net
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** The Chapel remains CLOSED. We will keep you updated with any changes. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry visit: <https://johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/>
- **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
- **Yarn Needed:** The Craftie Ladies appreciate all your generous donations in the past, and now we are in need of more yarn to make projects. You may drop off the donations in the church Narthex. Thank you in helping us do for others.
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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHAPEL



OPEN WEEKLY
for Silent PRAYER
and MEDITATION
10:00am to 1:00pm
MONDAY - FRIDAY

WEEKLY Confession

Confession continues
OUTSIDE the CHURCH
EVERY SATURDAY
8:30AM - 9AM



PARISH LIFE CENTER

8:00am DAILY MASS
MONDAY - SATURDAY



- You MUST wear a Mask at all times
- Bring your own Hand Sanitizer
- Practice 6ft Social Distancing



Parish

NURSING MINISTRY

TALKING BOOKS

Do you or a loved one have a visual difficulty or physical difficulty that prevents you from enjoying a book?

In these days when it seems safer to stay home, perhaps some of the time you may enjoy listening to a book!

The Lee County Talking Books Library provides recorded books and magazines to people who need to hear their reading. It is a division of the National Library Service. We have a division on Lee Street downtown Fort Myers.

There are over 2.5 million titles available in many languages. They have braille materials as well. These books are for people who need to “hear” their reading because of a visual disability or physical disability that prevents them from holding a book or turning a page. These books are played on special players provided free by the Library service, a division of the Library of Commerce.

The Parish Nurses at St. John XXIII can help get you or a loved one that service by filling out an application after answering a few questions.

It must be certified by a medical professional. The books and equipment are mailed postage free to eligible readers from a digital collection that appeals to readers of all ages.

Please call the parish office at **(239) 561-2245** and leave your name and phone number and a Parish Nurse will get back to you.

More information to follow in another bulletin publication on Books by Mail for those who prefer large print.



Hispanic Ministry ANNOUNCEMENTS



El Ministerio Hispano te invita a participar todos los domingos de nuestras misas en la iglesia. Además, la misa se transmite a través de Facebook Live. El link es:

www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1

Misas en Español

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

Rezo del Santo Rosario

(Antes de la misa los domingos)

- Lugar: Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII
- Hora: 12:50pm
- Fecha: Todos los domingos del mes.

Rezo del Santo Rosario (Via Zoom)

- Lugar: Video conferencia a través de Zoom
- Hora: 6:00pm
- Fecha: Todos los martes del mes.

Charlas pre Bautismales

- Lugar: Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII
- Hora: 10:00am
- Fecha: Todos primeros sabados del mes.

NOTA: Registrarse previamente enviando un email al correo: comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net

Contactanos

- Para más información sobre el link del rezo del Santo Rosario vía Zoom o preguntas relacionado al ministerio hispano, por favor dejarnos saber al correo comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net
- Visitenos en www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1



Online Giving



ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

13060 Palomino Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33912
<https://osvhub.com/st-john-xxiii-parish/funds>

Dear Parishioners,

We are pleased to announce that Online Giving is available for you to make contributions to St. John XXIII parish. This option makes use of current technology and security standard, and allows you to easily setup recurring contributions. It also enables our parish to take advantage of new tools to become more efficient.

ONLINE GIVING PARISHIONER BENEFITS:

- Secure and confidential. No need to share payment information with the parish office.
- Efficient. Set up direct withdrawals from your checking or savings account or a credit card.
- Simple. Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.
- Convenient. No need to write a check or have cash available.

Online Giving is intended to be a convenient tool for you to use and we strongly support both Online Giving and offering envelopes for contributions to the parish. Online Giving is the electronic way to participate in weekly offertory.

START GIVING ONLINE TODAY!

- Visit our parish website at <https://osvhub.com/st-john-xxiii-parish/funds> and click on the online giving link.
- Create an Account
- Schedule Your Recurring Gifts

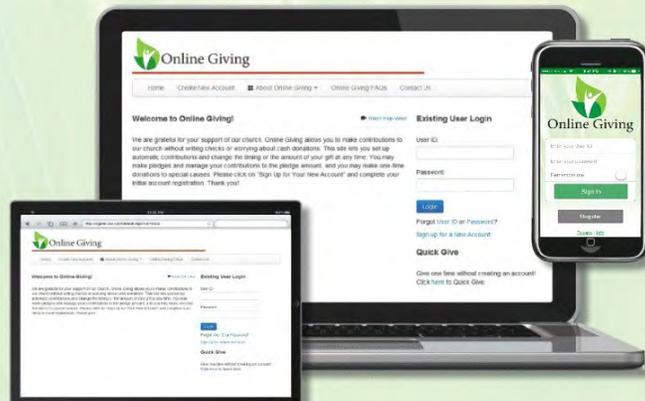
Please prayerfully consider giving online. If you have any questions, email the parish office at: info@johnxxiii.net

God Bless,

Father Bob Tabbert



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Weekly Financials



	8-23-20	8-25-19	Difference
Offertory	\$17,880.00	\$17,034.25	\$845.75
Building Fund	\$990.00	\$3,850.25	(\$2,860.25)
Total	\$18,870.00	\$20,884.50	(\$2,014.50)
Mass Attendance	1019	2606	
Registered Families	3619	3704	

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	\$389,898.18
% of Goal	79.25%
% of Households	20.36%
Payments	\$348,042.08

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



GIVING TO THE CFA Through a Qualified Charitable Distribution

In 2020 the law changed, requiring those 72 years old or older to begin taking a required minimum distribution (RMD) from their individual retirement account (IRA). However, only those who will turn 70½ (born on or after July 1, 1949) in 2020 or later may wait until age 72 to begin taking required distributions. If you are currently receiving RMDs (or should be) because you are over age 70½, you must continue taking these RMDs.

FOR TRADITIONAL ACCOUNTS THIS INCOME IS TAXABLE!

To avoid paying taxes on this income while also meeting the obligation of the RMD, you may designate the distribution as a gift directly from the IRA custodian to the CFA. You can donate up to \$100,000 and married couples can donate up to \$200,000 if the spouse has a separate IRA.

Help lower your tax burden while making a **GIFT OF HOPE** to those in your community!

DOUBLE YOUR GIFT

Matching gifts are a type of corporate philanthropy that allows donors giving smaller donations the opportunity to maximize the impact of their donation on an organization.



In a matching gifts program, a company donates to a nonprofit organization in response to one of their employees giving a gift.

These gifts can range in maximum sizes and ratio, but many companies will match an employee's donation at a 1:1 ration, starting at \$25. Retirees and/or spouses may also qualify.

To find out if your company offers a matching gift program, please visit:

<https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/stewardship-and-development/matching-gifts/>



MASK REQUIREMENTS

by: **Joann Andrews, RN** - *St. John XXIII Parish Nurse*

The CDC (Centers for Disease Control) recommends that people wear masks in public and when around other people who don't live in the same household. A mask, worn correctly is essential to help keep others safe from transmitting the Covid-19 virus. Duke Health recently tested 14 different types of masks and found that cotton masks with several layers of fabric performed well at preventing spread of the virus. Bandanas and neck gaiters were not found to be sufficient to prevent particles from going through the fabric as it is thinner and there is only one layer of material.

Without question, masks reduce the spread of the virus, but it is also important to wear it correctly. The CDC) recommends the following:

WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT OTHERS

Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect others in case you're infected with COVID-19 but don't have symptoms. Wear a mask in public settings when around people who don't live in your household, especially when it may be difficult for you to stay six feet apart. Wear a mask correctly for maximum protection. Don't put the mask around your neck or up on your forehead. Don't touch the mask, and, if you do, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer to disinfect.

WEAR YOUR MASK CORRECTLY

Wash your hands before putting on your mask. Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin. Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face. Make sure you can breathe easily. CDC does not recommend use of masks or cloth masks if they have an exhalation valve or vent.

FOLLOW EVERYDAY HEALTH HABITS

- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds each time. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available



Craftie Ladies

ORDER REQUESTS

Craft Sale Cancelled:

Due to the current pandemic, The Craftie Ladies will be unable to have the annual October craft fair this year. We are disappointed but we have been busy crafting our usual items in preparation.

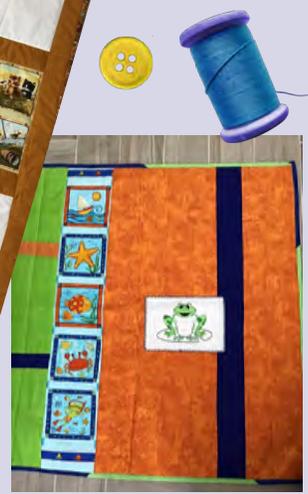
We know there are many parishioners who buy from us every year and we are very appreciative to all of you so we would like to give you the opportunity to still purchase items from us.

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SUICIDE PREVENTION awareness

WARNING SIGNS

- Excessive sadness or moodiness: Long-lasting sadness, mood swings, and unexpected rage.
- Hopelessness: Feeling a deep sense of hopelessness about the future, with little expectation that circumstances can improve.
- Sleep problems.
- Sudden calmness: Suddenly becoming calm after a period of depression or moodiness can be a sign that the person has made a decision to end his or her life.
- Withdrawal: Choosing to be alone and avoiding friends or social activities also are possible symptoms of depression, a leading cause of suicide. This includes the loss of interest or pleasure in activities the person previously enjoyed.
- Changes in personality and/or appearance: A person who is considering suicide might exhibit a change in attitude or behavior, such as speaking or moving with unusual speed or slowness. In addition, the person might suddenly become less concerned about his or her personal appearance.
- Dangerous or self-harmful behavior: Potentially dangerous behavior, such as reckless driving, engaging in unsafe sex, and increased use of drugs and/or alcohol might indicate that the person no longer values his or her life.
- Recent trauma or life crisis: A major life crisis might trigger a suicide attempt. Crises include the death of a loved one or pet, divorce or break-up of a relationship, diagnosis of a major illness, loss of a job, or serious financial problems.
- Making preparations: Often, a person considering suicide will begin to put his or her personal business in order. This might include visiting friends and family members, giving away personal possessions, making a will, and cleaning up his or her room or home. Some people will write a note before committing suicide. Some will buy a firearm or other means like poison.
- Threatening suicide: From 50% to 75% of those considering suicide will give someone -- a friend or relative -- a warning sign. However, not everyone who is considering suicide will say so, and not everyone who threatens suicide will follow through with it. Every threat of suicide should be taken seriously.

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RESPECT LIFE

We are so blessed to have a pastor that keeps up on LIFE news throughout the world. We share his request and ask you to prayerfully consider how you may get more involved or know someone who “wants to do something”. Prayer of course is ALWAYS the first place to start in discerning where God is calling us to be involved. Please pass this information along to anyone you know who may be considering becoming more involved in life issues and invite them to subscribe to our email list.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED:

Our diocese is going to offer USCCB program called “**Walking with Moms in Need**”. It is designed to educate parishes about community resources for pregnant moms. If you would like more information please visit: www.walkingwithmoms.com

FEDERAL EXECUTIONS:

Most are aware that the Federal government has resumed Federal executions due to many prisoners on death row who have committed heinous crimes. It is still a very difficult subject for many Catholics. To learn more please visit www.catholicmobilizingnetwork.org

CONTINUING TO PRAY:

As we continue to move through uncertain times, please keep all those experiencing increased difficulties in your prayers. The elderly, lonely, mentally ill, those without jobs, the unborn, the abused, victims of human trafficking and all those marginalized by society. We pray for a greater respect for ALL human life from conception to natural death.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE:

The Fall campaign will go on as scheduled from **September 23 - November 1**

CONTACT US:

The Respect Life Ministry is open to all who are interested in learning about LIFE issues from conception to natural death. If you would like to be kept up to date please join our email list at at: respectlifejohn23@gmail.com

20 Ways for Busy People to Connect with God

by: **Cynthia Genovese - Catholic News Service**

1.) **Start the Day Right:** Set yourself on the right course by beginning your day with some spiritual reading alongside your bowl of cereal.

2.) **Set an Alarm:** You use an alarm clock to wake up. Why not take the same approach to your spiritual health that you take with your physical health? Set alarms throughout the day to remind yourself to pray.

3.) **Use Your Commute:** Speak to God in the car. If you can talk to a passenger while you're driving, why not talk aloud to God? If you take public transit, use the opportunity to engage in silent conversation with your savior.

4.) **Take Advantage of Audio:** Listen to audio recordings of the Bible or a daily devotional. Fill your ears with the sound of God's word.

5.) **Open Your Email:** Many websites offer to send you a daily email containing a meditation, saint story, prayer or text of the day's Mass readings. The technology that can so easily distract you will now alert you to the day's prayer.

6.) **Use Your Lunch Break:** Eat while reading the day's readings, listen to a Catholic podcasts or an online video. Keep a Bible or religious book in your desk to pull out at the beginning of each lunch.

7.) **Keep Your Bible on Your Nightstand:** Reach for it first thing in the morning or right before you go to bed to take in as much of God's word as you can in that moment. Choose a chapter or pick a verse on which to meditate throughout your day.

8.) **Create a Mental Association:** Place a sticky note on your bathroom mirror to remind yourself to pray every time you brush your teeth. Hang a sign at the base of your home's stairs encouraging you to walk in prayer with God as you ascend the stairs. Soon, you will have established a habit of prayer.

9.) **Stay 5 Minutes after Mass:** If you don't have the time or opportunity to make a special trip for Eucharistic adoration, stay after the recessional hymn to enjoy one on one time with the Blessed Sacrament.

10.) **Make an Appointment with God:** Our relationship with God is precious. If there's no such thing as "free time" in your world, set up one more appointment - this time with God. Carve out time for daily prayer, weekly adoration or online Bible study.

11.) **Pray Before Meals:** There's always time for gratitude. Before digging in to a meal at home or on the go, pause to thank God for his many blessings and offer prayer for those in need.

12.) **Make it a Family Affair:** Sit around the table and read a short devotional after each dinner or each Kneel down together for bedtime prayers. Establish a daily rotation so that each family member can choose a prayer intention.

13.) **Create Traditions Around Prayer:** Celebrate your family's patron saints' feast days with intercessory prayers. Light Advent candles with a short prayer. Place a bowl of holy water by the front door so that your family members can bless themselves when they come and go.

14.) **Pray on the Road:** Consider the good you can do over time for your brothers and sisters waiting to enter heaven. Or remind yourself to pray whenever you pass a church.

15.) **Say a Morning Offering Prayer:** Pledge your day's activities to God in your own words or memorize an existing prayer. By dedicating your day to the intentions of Jesus, the salvation of our souls, the reunification of Christians, and more, you infuse purpose into your experiences.

16.) **Offer it Up:** Sometimes life hands us trials that we must bear. Offer them up, even the small frustrations in life as prayer.

17.) **Pick up Some Prayer Cards:** Use some prayer cards of saints to whom you feel connected or who are patrons of a cause near and dear to you and your family. Keep the cards in your wallet or purse and pray the prayers while standing in line at the grocery store or stopped at a traffic light.

18.) **Tap into Ready-Made Prayers:** Use a prayer book or search engine to find a prayer that suits your mood or your spiritual need. Take advantage of the words that others have crafted in guiding you toward your own conversation with God.

19.) **Take a Walk:** Even if you're just walking the perimeter of your house with a baby monitor, create some quiet time for yourself in the presence of God's creation. Let him speak to your heart and share your thoughts with him.

20.) **Change Your Tune:** Instead of opting for the latest hits, try a hymn. Singing the glory of the Nativity is never out of season.



Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Prayer for Safety During Hurricane Season: All are encouraged to pray for protection from the storms that often threaten Southwest Florida. The devastation of recent hurricanes reinforce the fact that we need to pray for God's protection and care.

Do You Need Help? If you need assistance from Catholic Charities for food, financial assistance or tele-mental health counseling, please call the number for your area listed below between the hours of 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday:

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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)

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.

Treatment Center for Teens: This treatment center is 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

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

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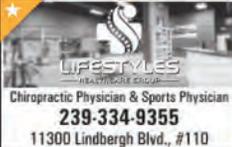
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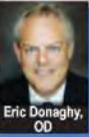
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