



ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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September 6, 2020

Labor Day BLESSINGS

YOU WILL ENJOY THE FRUIT

of your labor,

HOW

Joyful

AND

Prosperous

YOU WILL BE

- PSALM 128:2

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

September 6, 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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9:00am-Noon Only
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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 Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel. 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, SEPTEMBER 7 - LABOR DAY: Parish Office Closed

- 8:00 AM † Patrick DeLuca by The Lexington Country Club

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 8:00 AM † Robert Blair by Tlusty Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 8:00 AM † Janice Brinich by Eileen Fasola

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 8:00 AM † John Henry Ford by Jim & Stella McCaffrey

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- REMEMBERING 9/11 - WE WILL NEVER FORGET

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 8:00 AM † Gilberto Rios by his family
- 4:00 PM † Ted Pollock by Linda Hill
- 8:00 PM - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 7:15 AM † Art Benton by Christine Brodsky
- 9:15 AM † Arlene Brummer by Barbara & Bill Catineau
- 11:15 AM † Arthur Bingcang by The St. John XXIII Pastoral Team
- 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 13, 2020 - READINGS

- 1ST READING SIRACH 27:30-28:7
- PSALM PSALM 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
- 2ND READING ROMANS 14:7-9
- GOSPEL MATTHEW 18:21-35

WE HAVE A WONDERFUL

Surprise
COMING TO OUR PARISH
from a Generous Donor!

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What Does *Labor Day* Mean For CHRISTIANS?

by: Cynthia Genovese - Catholic News

THE IMPORTANCE OF WORK:



One of the most popular themes in scripture is that of work. When God created Adam, one of the first things He did was assign Adam a job. The task of naming the animals may not seem as strenuous as your 9 to 5 job, but it was work nonetheless. Even after the introduction of woman, mankind was given the command to work the soil of the ground. As a result of Adam and Eve's sin, work became an even more taxing operation. Though it may have become more difficult, we are still told that work is an important task.

No matter where you go in the Bible, work is valued. In many cases, it is a form of obedience or worship. When Noah built the ark, it was a sign of trusting God and believing that one day the rain would come (despite there never having been any before). That same trust was evident when Nehemiah oversaw the reconstruction of the city of Jerusalem.

"What if God hasn't specifically called me to a certain task?" That's a fair question, as almost none of us will ever receive clear instructions like those that Noah was given for the dimensions of the ark. The Israelites built the Tabernacle exactly according to the specifications of the Lord, but your job in insurance or marketing probably doesn't easily compare on the same level of spiritual direction. The closest we can come to assurance that our career choices and work ethic are meeting God's standards is by lining up our attitudes and practices with scripture and praying for direction.

One of the main reasons we do work is not to simply pass the time but because it enables us to provide for our loved ones and make a contribution to our communities, including the church. Even more important is that we perform to the best of our abilities. No matter what kind of job you have, the Bible tells us that we are to do the tasks given to us as well as we possibly can. That verse is found in Colossians 3:23 and it is written with slaves in mind. Imagine what that means for us as we work in cubicles!

REST VERSES LAZINESS:



As much as we value work as a society, it's important to remember that humans have limited capabilities. We cannot work ourselves 24/7 without damaging our relationships and health and hindering our potential for ministry growth. There is a troubling notion in the workforce that to take time off is to be lazy. From bosses to entry level employees, some businesses give the impression that using vacation time and holidays for personal leisure is equal to saying that your job doesn't matter to you. This is simply untrue.

On a Christian level, we need to recognize the difference between rest and laziness. The Bible condemns the latter several times in different contexts. Proverbs contains many references to those who are lazy, essentially saying that they will endure tougher times and be slaves in comparison to those who have discipline. In the New Testament we see the leaders of the early church condemning those who wanted to enjoy the fruits of others labor without contributing themselves. 2 Thessalonians 3 shows that there were those who refused to work and it was causing strife in the church. After all, it hurts the community when only some people are willing to work. Anyone who's ever been in a church where the same handful of people are relied upon for every activity knows that it isn't a healthy situation.

Rest is 100% healthy, though. It's the reason we all enjoy getting a full night's sleep. When we are willing to prioritize rest, we give ourselves the best opportunity to fully invest in the work we are doing. That's why those of us who get to enjoy a break on Labor Day should take the time to enjoy it. Whether you have special events scheduled with your family or you're just looking to take it easy, remember that there's nothing wrong with rest. The creation account even endorses a day of taking it easy and commands it to be a holy day of rest. On this Labor Day, don't check those emails from work and enjoy the time that you have with your loved ones. To do so is both in the spirit of the holiday and supported by scripture.

PRAYER FOR

Labor Day

*Lord, on this Labor Day,
we thank you for
the blessings of work.*

*We ask for the strength
to complete each day.*

*We ask for rest for
when we are weary.*

*We ask for Your guidance
for everyone seeking
employment, and we ask
that You be with those
whose faces we might
never see but who work
tirelessly each day for
the good of us all.*

Amen

Prayer List

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

Elaine Quan
Ryan Novajasky
Lynne Haughey
Carol Clausen
Marlene LaRose
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek
Jeff Hlavacek
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
Barbara Shay
Gregg Evans
Henry Martinez
Bill Becker
Carlos Martinez
Fr. Ed Przygocki
Kevin Natella
Marilyn Kelley
Dan Pieper
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 eprayer.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!*

**John E. Schramm Jr.
Angelo Marasco
Antoinette Bosco**



Tabernacle Candle

Living & Deceased Victims of 9/11



CREDIT CARD POLICY:

We MUST request that any credit card transactions made at St. John XXIII be a minimum of \$25.

Thank You!



WATCH ON FACEBOOK

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday - Saturday

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 4:00pm with Fr. Angelo
- 8:00pm Vietnamese Mass

<https://www.facebook.com/fort.myers.5454>

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 11:15am with Fr. Simon
- 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



PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING YOUR

Online Gift



<https://johnxxiii.net/giving/>

WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Alice Bierch
- Jonathan Mayer
- Oscar Prom
- Janice Hirzel
- Robert & Leilani Deianni
- Jim & Debbie Sullivan
- Edwin & Natasha Rodriguez
- Constancio & Mildred Agres

Those who are new to our Parish this year, and those who've been coming for years without being registered, we need your help in staying organized and planning for our future needs. Having an accurate database of our parishioners will help us know where and how we need to grow. Thank you to everyone who registered with our Parish. If you have not received a welcome letter, please call the Parish Office to confirm your registration. All new parishioners, and those interested in registering in our parish, are invited to attend the **New Parishioner Orientation on Sunday, September 27th after the 11:15am Mass.**

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 like WiFi: it's invisible but it has the power to connect you to what you need.

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 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, October 1
Mystery Murder Event



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

Confirmation Program

- **September 27** is the Baptismal Retreat. The celebration and retreat will be offered in person or home viewing. Please email Kelly to verify how your family will attend.

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.
- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:** We are the Church

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, SEPTEMBER 9:** Respect Our First Responders. Remembering 9/11

Volunteer Opportunities

- For at home Youth Volunteer Opportunities please email Kelly Evers



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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 9: Session Beatitudes

Sept 16: Walk Through the Mass

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"





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General Announcements

- **Have You Listened to Our Podcasts?** Listen to our weekly inspirational messages from Father Bob and homilies from Mass. Visit our site weekly at johnxxiii.podbean.com
- **Like our Facebook Page:** For all the latest happenings, 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!
- **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.
- **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 will open for Labor Day on Monday, September 7th from 8:30am-12pm. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, September 8th from 8:30am-4pm and Saturdays from 8:30am-3pm. 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
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POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

2020

SEPTEMBER: RESPECT FOR THE PLANET'S RESOURCES

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

For more information:

<https://www.jesuit.org.uk/pope-francis-2020-prayer-intentions-announced>



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



Words of Encouragement

from St. John XXIII Parishioners

St. John XXIII parishioners are providing messages of faith, hope and encouragement. If you are interested in sharing a video on Facebook, please contact **Jennifer Engelman** at jennifer@johnxxiii.net

A LETTER FROM

Bishop Dewane

COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is still a need to protect those most at risk, persons in convalescent homes or with serious health conditions as well as the elderly. For this reason, after consultation, the dispensation given to all the Faithful, from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, will be extended in the Diocese of Venice until All Saints Day, **November 1, 2020**. Also, live streaming of the Mass will continue during this time.

The continuation of this extraordinary measure allows those who are sick to feel comfortable staying home as well as helps the vulnerable avoid the risk of larger gatherings. It is hoped that those who are healthy and involved in other activities while observing the necessary precautions will, despite the dispensation, return to their Parishes for Sunday Mass. Our Parishes are safely celebrating the Holy Eucharist with a congregation. If necessary, Parishes could adjust Mass schedules to allow for the observance of Covid-19 protocols and safely accommodate those who wish to attend Sunday Mass. As Catholics, our worship is not an individual exercise. Rather, it is the way of experiencing communion with God and unity with our brothers and sisters.

Please remember the importance of being united in prayer. Your prayers bring needed comfort to those affected by Covid-19 and inspire you to practice the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love. Through prayer we manifest empathy and show solidarity with all who are engaged in a physical or spiritual battle with the Coronavirus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

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



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

Dear Parishioners,

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



Giving has never been easier!

The advertisement shows three devices displaying the Online Giving website. The laptop screen shows the main navigation menu with links for 'Home', 'Create New Account', 'About Online Giving', 'Online Giving FAQs', and 'Contact Us'. Below the navigation is a 'Welcome to Online Giving!' message and a 'Quick Give' section. The tablet and smartphone screens show the login page with fields for 'User ID' and 'Password', and a 'Sign In' button. The smartphone also shows a 'Quick Give' section with a 'Give One Time' button.



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Weekly Financials



	8-30-20	9-01-19	Difference
Offertory	\$16,729.00	\$19,205.00	(\$2,476.00)
Building Fund	\$2,680.00	\$3,536.00	(\$856.00)
Total	\$19,409.00	\$22,741.00	(\$3,332.00)
Mass Attendance	1140	2712	
Registered Families	3619	3721	

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	\$395,430.18
% of Goal	80.37%
% of Households	20.75%
Payments	\$354,109.08

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



CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL



The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) is an annual opportunity for every member of our Faith family to support the life-changing work and outreach programs of the Diocese of Venice. The programs and services assisted by the CFA, make a meaningful impact on the lives of individuals, families and communities. By supporting the CFA, you share in the work of Christ and the grace of Catholic discipleship. Remember, **"The generous will be blessed, for they share ... with the poor"** (Proverbs 22:9).

GIFT SUGGESTIONS:

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- **CHECK** made payable to Catholic Faith Appeal with St John XXIII in the memo can be placed in the white envelopes in the Narthex and the donation will be sent to the Catholic Faith Appeal.
- **GIFT OF SECURITIES** - Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of the appreciated securities on the date of your gift.
- **IRA** - In 2020 the law changed, requiring those 72 years and 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.



Daily Mass RESUMES

LABOR DAY: Monday, September 7th

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHAPEL

8:00am • Monday - Saturday



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PRAYER TO

Remember 9/11



Oh God, We remember those who lost their lives in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania. We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants who demonstrated the greatest love of all by laying down their lives for friends. We commit their souls to your eternal care and celebrate their gifts to a fallen humanity. As foundations we once thought secure have been shaken, we are reminded of the illusion of security. In commemorating this tragedy, we give you thanks for your presence in our time of need and we seek to worship you in Spirit and in truth, our guide and our guardian. Amen



*St. John XXIII Memorial Stone
in the St. Patrick's Patio Garden*

Reflection & Prayer

by: **Greg Gudorf - Catholic Exchange**

September 11 was a pivotal moment in American history. When the World Trade Center towers fell, many Americans felt their sense of security vanish as well. Before, enemies attacked on foreign soil, but Americans felt that they were safe at home. Suddenly, terrorists executed not just one, but multiple attacks, and everything changed. God's Word is a resource that provides hope when our fortresses crumble. When our perceptions are shattered and our security is revealed to be just an illusion, God is still in control. Here are ways to commemorate 9/11 this year:

Remember Our Frailty:

One of the most sobering aspects of the September 11 attacks was how the terrorists completely shattered our safety. As the most powerful and prosperous nation in the world, we felt invulnerable to attack.

Christians can take the day to examine themselves for a misplaced sense of self. We are not entitled to any power or possessions we have. They come as a gift.

Ecclesiastes 5:19 says:

"Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God." (NIV)

Pray for Lost Family Members:

It will be 19 years since 9/11. People who lost loved ones have lived without them all that time. Mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters were lost forever that fateful day. Pray for the children who grew up without a parent and are still struggling to understand why. Pray for spouses who became single parents and may still toil to make ends meet. Lift up mothers whose hearts were broken when their adult children were taken from them by terrorists.

Promote Solidarity:

In times of tragedy, people show what they're made of. On September 11, America came together regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, or religion to fight evil and support those in their community who experienced loss.

Right now, there's plenty in the news that causes division. No matter what your viewpoint, we are all Americans and children of God. Choose September 11 as a day to set aside political differences and treat others with kindness and respect, and encourage others to do the same.

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Youth SPOTLIGHT

We are proud to acknowledge **Loren Evers** and her commitment to youth ministry and the parish. Loren has volunteered at numerous parish functions, teen mentor program, Vacation Bible School, lector ministry, and has been featured in Bulletin articles for her work in the community. Loren was Confirmed last October.



Why is your Catholic faith important to you?

Because no matter what I know, I have God to turn to. I sometimes forget to pray every day but whenever a bad situation happens the first thing I do is pray. My Catholic faith has always been a big part of my life. Every Sunday is dedicated to God and going to Mass, every Wednesday is dedicated to youth group. My faith is something I will always be able to say I have even if I have nothing else.

What do you like most about St. John XXIII?

I like the unbelievable amount of support from the staff and parishioners, everybody is always welcoming with open arms. The parish is a safe place and a faith home to many. I like to think of this church as a family and a place I feel comfortable. I have grown up with all the staff and having Father Bob as a neighbor, which means I can't drive fast. But I love this church and will always call it a home away from home.

What does it mean to be a Disciple of Christ?

It is a huge honor to me, and it means that the people in my church recognize me. To be a disciple of Christ is to show compassion, grace, and love through my day to day actions. I believe Jesus treated everyone this way and would want me to do the same.

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Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

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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.justiceformigrants.org

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A Good Christian Shares the Bible

by: **Cindy Wooden**

All Christians are called to be missionaries, concerned more with sharing the Gospel than with earning money or even with being successful at winning converts, Pope Francis said.

"A baptized person who does not feel the need to proclaim the Gospel, to announce Christ, is not a good Christian."

He explains, "the apostles had nothing of their own to proclaim and none of their own abilities to demonstrate, but they spoke and acted as emissaries, as messengers of Jesus."

"This Gospel episode concerns us, too, and not only priests, but all the baptized, who are called to witness to the Gospel of Christ in all the situations of life," the pope said.

Christians fulfill their mission, he said, when their proclamation is motivated only by love for and obedience to Christ and when the only message they share is Christ's.

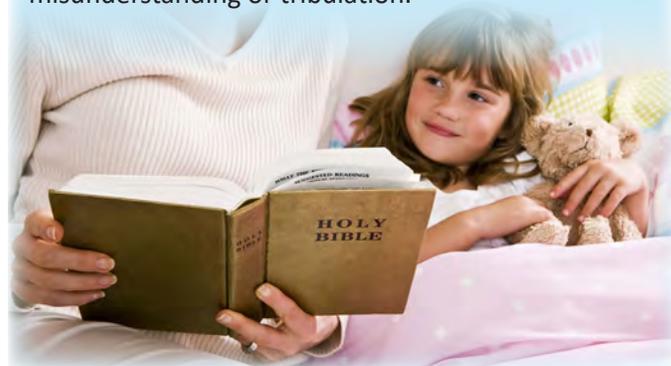
In the reading from St. Mark's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples "to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick — no food, no sack, no money in their belts."

The poverty and simplicity of lifestyle Jesus asks for, the pope said, were meant to make the disciples of yesterday and today "free and light."

Jesus, he said, calls his disciples to set out as "messengers of the kingdom of God, not powerful managers, not unmovable functionaries (and) not stars on tour."

Although all the baptized are sent out on mission by Christ, they go with no guarantee of success, the pope said. "This, too, is poverty: the experience of failure."

Pope Francis prayed that Mary, "the first disciple and missionary of the word of God, would help us bear the message of the Gospel in the world with a humble and radiant exultation that goes beyond every refusal, misunderstanding or tribulation."



LABOR DAY

FUN FACTS

- The first celebrated U.S. Labor Day was on Tuesday, September 5th, 1882 in New York City, planned by the Central Labor Union.
- The decision to make Labor Day the first Monday of September was approved on June 28, 1894.
- Labor Day started as a part of the labor union movement, to recognize the contributions of men and women in the US workforce, but currently is seen as a chance to celebrate the last weekend of summer.
- 10,000 workers marched from City Hall all the way to 42nd Street and then met with their families in Wendel's Elm Park for a picnic, concert, and speeches.
- There is disagreement about who actually proposed Labor Day as a holiday. Some say it was Peter J. McGuire, who was the cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, while others believe that it was Matthew Maguire, a machinist.
- Oregon was the first state to celebrate Labor Day as a legal holiday in 1887.
- Americans worked 12-hour days seven days a week during the 19th century!
- The "Adamson Act" was passed on September 3rd, 1916 to establish an eight-hour work day.
- Historians say the expression "no white after Labor Day" comes from when the upper class would return from their summer vacations and stow away their lightweight, white summer clothes as they returned back to school and work.

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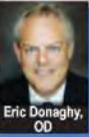
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