



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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October 18, 2020



MISSION SUNDAY

"Here I am, send me."

- ISAIAH 6:8

October 18, 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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Monday-Friday,
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 as well as weekend Holy Masses in the Church. We ask that you please wear a mask, bring sanitizer and practice social distancing. We will continue to livestream Masses on Facebook and the Website.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 8:00 AM † Susanna & William Yates by Ray & Vilma Yates

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 8:00 AM † Marge Harrington by JoAnne Walsh

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 8:00 AM † William Schulte by MaryJo

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 8:00 AM † Tom Lodato by Dodie & Tom Cooper

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 8:00 AM † David Preuss by The St. John XXIII Thrift Store

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 8:00 AM † Terry Noel by Sara Noel
- 4:00 PM † Stephanie Melanson by Fran Ryan
- 8:00 PM - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 7:15 AM † Stephen Gagnon by The Ogan Family
- 9:15 AM ♥ Felix Joseph Family
- 11:15 AM † Carlo Hornsby by Rose
- 1:30 PM † Vin & Pat Capuano by the family

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.

OCTOBER 25, 2020 - READINGS

- 1ST READING Exodus 22:20-26
- PSALM Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
- 2ND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:5C-10
- GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-40



DEACON FRANCIS HEAD has been hospitalized multiple times in the past months. He has returned for the last ten days. His wife Stacey and Francis and their 16 year old son, would sincerely appreciate your prayers for strength on their journey.



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ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

by: **Marcellino D'Ambrosio, PH.D - Catholic Exchange**

Nothing about the grammar contained in Scripture makes missions sound optional. Throughout the Bible we are directed by God to participate in the global spread of His gospel. Look at the commands associated with missions texts: declare His glory among the nations (Ps 96:3), go and make disciples of all nations (Mat 28:19), you will be My witnesses to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8), go into the world and proclaim (Ma 16:15), say among the nations (Ps 96:10), go to the land I will show you (Acts 12:1), and go from your country (Gen 12:1). What part of those passages sounds optional? Might you be called to missions? No, you are commanded to participate in missions.

The shepherd's sheep have been scattered throughout the world. He has called us to find them and tell them it is time to come home. David Sitton stated, "Nowhere in Scripture is a mysterious (supernatural) call a prerequisite before we can respond to the Great Commission." Christians worship a God who requires unwavering obedience and calls us to participate in a mission that warrants extreme commitment.

Christ started His earthly ministry by calling His disciples to be fishers of men and ended with the instruction to go, and make disciples. Evangelism and global missions were never intended only for disciples who are seminary trained or exceptional orators. All disciples of Christ are called to make disciples for Christ who make disciples for Christ.

Discerning Your Call:

Must then all Christians sell all they own and move to a faraway land? No. Do not interpret this article as an attempt to guilt all Christian disciples onto the mission field. Missions is indeed a compulsory activity for all Christians, done out of a desire to glorify our Lord. How that is acted out in your life is between you and your Savior.

David Platt said, "As followers of Christ, we are all called to be a part of a grand, global mission." Are you called to go, send, or pray? That is the question you must answer. Praying for missionaries, financially supporting missions, or sharing the gospel cross-culturally, that is how we obey our Father.

You may not be called to go, but you are certainly called to pray for or support God's Great Commission. Every Christian is a participant. If God is not currently calling you to serve Him as a cross-cultural missionary please pray fervently for those He has called. Those who are called to pray provide the fuel on the bonfire that is lit by those who are called to go.

Not every Christian is called to leave the country. There are poor, sick, and unsaved everywhere. Service is mandatory, location varies. R.C. Sproul tells us, "We are called to be children of the light, to set forth the light of Christ to this dying world around us." The call to missions has more to do with the condition of our heart than it does the location of our feet.

Obedying Your Call:

Doctor, teacher, or janitor is not your calling. Those are the means God has given to provide His mercy and love to others. That's your calling. Our talent is less relevant than how we use it when called upon by the One who gave it to us.

If you are sitting around and waiting for God's "call" to figure out how you were intended to serve the Lord, wait no longer. You have already been called, and commanded to aid in the spread of God's eternal truth to all nations. Read your Bible and obey that which God has already commanded.

Every person who calls themselves a disciple of Christ is commanded to participate in God's mission to call the nations to Himself. Our objective in the church is to make disciples for Jesus Christ and teach them to make disciples.

Too frequently we give Jesus our unenthusiastic affiliation and token obedience. It is our absolute devotion and complete sacrifice He merits. God is worthy of sacrifice and He is calling His people to give all they have, even lay down their lives, so His gospel can reach the world.

PRAYER FOR

A Spirit OF Service

*Dear Loving Lord,
You sent Your Son to serve.*

*You sent Him to give
his life for me.*

*Let your Spirit awaken
in me the same
Spirit of service.*

*Let me not look for a
position of gain, instead
show me how to let
others go before me.*

*Make me meek and humble
so I too can give my life
willfully, obediently, and
faithfully. In Jesus' name,
Amen.*

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" **"Here I am, I said; 'send me!'" - Isaiah 6:8**

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
Andrea Ledhardy
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
Neil Soeder
Gene Damm
C. Tony Navy
Anthony Navy
Lou Rescigno
Nancy Wirick
Deacon Francis Head

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!*

Nancy Waddell



Mass Dispensation EXTENSION November 27th





WATCH ON FACEBOOK

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday - Saturday

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 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/tvmass/>

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



PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING YOUR

Online Gift



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

WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Kevin & Nancy Murray
- Edward Hamerlinck
- Elviss Hernandez & Eniuska Nava
- Armando Vasquez Morin

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. 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, November 15th after the 11:15am Mass.**

This is your opportunity to become informed and active members of the parish. 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
Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army
82nd ABN
Lt. Ross Walker, US Navy
PFC Eric Lyons, USMC



Faith Formation

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

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE:

The next **Faith Formation WEDNESDAY Class** will be held **October 21**

The next **Family Faith Formation Sunday Class** will be held **Sunday, November 1**. If you have not done so already, please pick up your family packet.

Home Study packets should be picked up this week. If you have not done so already, please contact Chris or Trish in the Faith Formation office.

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 seeing light in your heart when
all your eyes can see is darkness.*

ADULT FAITH

Education

Keep in TOUCH with your *Faith* ONLINE:

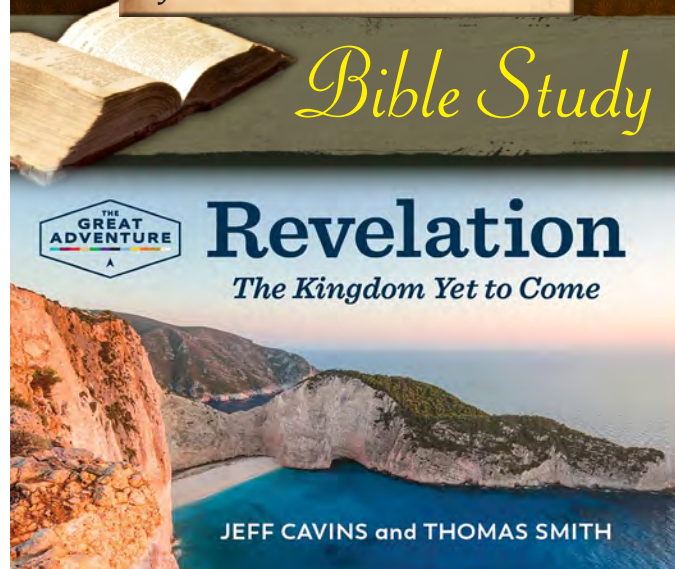
OPENING THE WORD

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



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, November 5
Friendsgiving Dinner



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

Confirmation Program

- **October 25** is the the next Confirmation preparation class. Year 1 will be studying the Catholic Faith and our Creed. Year two will be working on how to choose a Saint name. Please watch your email for parent and sponsor at home discussion questions as well as in person and zoom offering choices.

High School Youth Group

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

- **REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED.** All High school students are welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope to move this offering to an in-person ministry as soon as it is safe to do so. The sessions will be on the Zoom app. Please email Kelly for invitation link.
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18:** All Hallows Eve
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25:** Mandatory Confirmation Classes

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, OCTOBER 21:** Catholic Response to Racism

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:

THURSDAY - 6:30PM

Oct. 22: Sacred Teaching

Oct. 29: Liturgical Year

Bake^(NO) Sale

St. John XXIII Women's Guild is asking for your help in a fundraiser to help fund the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for those in need. We normally have a bake sale to raise money but, because of COVID we are unable to do so. Instead we are asking those who normally bake, to donate the amount that it would cost them to make their items. Also, those who normally purchase items might donate what they would normally spend at the bake sale. Checks should be made out to St. John XXIII and on the envelope designate WG and put bake sale in memo line. Donations may be mailed to the office or put in an envelope and placed in the offertory as long as it is marked. Thank you for your help!



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!
- **Online Giving:** We appreciate your donations to keep our parish running. You can enroll online through the St. John XXIII website at: <https://johnxxiii.net/giving/>
- **Low Gluten Hosts:** If you are interested in receiving low gluten hosts at Mass, then please see a Sacristan to make a request.
- **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.
- **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
- **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.
- **Free Mental Health Services:** Catholic Charities offers free mental health services for adults, children and families. Counselors can help resolve a wide variety of issues such as stress, anger, anxiety, relationship problems, trauma, depression, low self-esteem and grief. Call (239) 337-4193
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WEEKLY Confession

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



Welcome
to Church

8:00am DAILY MASS
MONDAY - SATURDAY

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

Adoration Chapel

The St. Luke Adoration Chapel is OPEN
REGULAR HOURS. Please wear a mask,
use sanitizer and social distance.

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8:30am-4pm
SATURDAY: 8:30am-3pm

For information on The Adoration Chapel
Ministry please visit:

johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/



Parish

NURSING MINISTRY

BOOKS BY MAIL

CAN'T GET TO THE LIBRARY OR STORE TO GET A GOOD BOOK TO READ?

If you have a temporary or long-term condition physical or medical disability, the Books-by-Mail System through the Lee County Library System is a great solution.

You can receive books, CD books, DVDs and Blue Ray items at home. The rich collection of the Lee County Library System is as close as your mailbox. Your items will be sent to you through the mail in nylon zippered bags.

To return them, place them in the same bag in which they came, attach postage, and send them back. Call **(239) 533-4444 to apply**. Caregivers are also eligible for this service.

If you need large print or audio books because of a visual or physical impairment, you can be certified by one of our Parish Nurses and you will be qualified for postage FREE DELIVERY. For more information, please call the parish office at **(239) 561-2245** and a Parish Nurse will return your call.

You may request new materials by phone or by using the request cards enclosed when you receive your first shipment.

The Books by Mail office is located at:
1651 Lee Street in Fort Myers, FL



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
- Visítenos en www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1



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Online Giving CHALLENGE



Online Giving
Recurring Account
Registration

+

\$100
Matching Gift
Fund

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IMPACT!

For the MONTH OF OCTOBER, we are excited to announce a Gift Fund Challenge dedicated to promote Online Giving! A team of anonymous donors have generously offered to contribute \$100 to our parish Catholic Faith Appeal for every NEW Recurring registration.

- Online Giving is the Easy Way to Support your Church!
- Parishioners DO NOT have to Bring Envelopes to Mass.
- May Receive Points on Credit Cards.
- Manage Your own Donations and Print your Statements.

This is an EXCITING OPPORTUNITY!

You can give to the Catholic Faith Appeal through our Diocese or to our parish offertory. If you are interested in participating as a donor to the Online Giving Challenge, visit:

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





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Weekly Financials



	10-11-20	10-13-19	Difference
Offertory	\$24,690.00	\$26,595.00	(\$1,905.00)
Building Fund	\$1,998.00	\$3,900.00	(\$1,902.00)
Total	\$26,688.00	\$30,495.00	(\$3,807.00)
Mass Attendance	1286	3024	
Registered Families	3620	3722	

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 - NO UPDATE

2020 Goal	\$492,000.00
Pledge	\$460,628.25
% of Goal	93.62%
% of Households	21.20%
Payments	\$431,336.55

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:

- **CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD** can be used for a one-time gift or a monthly amount. Please visit www.dioceseofvenice.org and click on Catholic Faith Appeal Donate Now.
- **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.

A LETTER FROM

Bishop Dewane



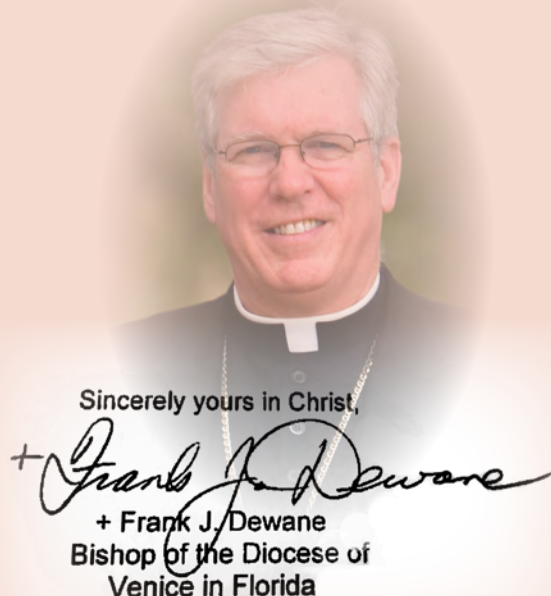
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and our Diocese have embarked upon a program called Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service. The goal is to educate parishes about community resources for pregnant moms. This Year of Service is a response to Pope Francis' repeated challenge to go to the margins and bring hope and aid to those less fortunate.

Please consider joining our Diocese and around the country in this nationwide effort to support pregnant and parenting women. Implementation of this program will make sure everyone knows where to go for help!

More Information:

Please visit: www.walkingwithmoms.com



Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane

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Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

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ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

PLANNED PARENTHOOD
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Wednesdays in October

OCTOBER 21: 11:30AM - 6:00PM

OCTOBER 28: 11:30AM - 6:00PM

RESPECT LIFE

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE:

The Catholic Church in Florida is offering a conference on life issues, hosted by one of the seven dioceses. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the Diocese of Palm Beach is organizing a virtual conference on **Saturday, October 24th**. Suggested \$25.00 donation per person to defray costs, however, no one will be turned away. You can register at: www.ccdpb.org/respectlife2020

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 information, please visit www.catholicmobilizingnetwork.org

CONTACT US:

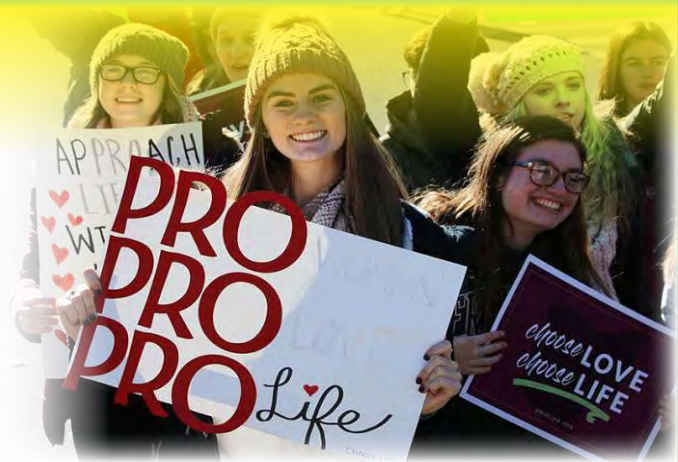
The Respect Life Ministry is open to all who are interested in learning about LIFE issues from conception to natural death. If you would like to be kept up to date please join our email list at at: respectlifejohn23@gmail.com

ABORTION

IS “PRE-EMINENT” HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE:

St. Augustine Bishop
says as Election Nears

by: **Kevin J. Jones - Catholic News Agency**



Abortion is a “fundamental threat to the beginning of life itself” and Catholics can’t be passive on the “pre-eminent” human rights issue, the right to life, Bishop Felipe Estevez of St. Augustine has said in a pre-election letter to his diocese’s Catholics about the importance of conscientious political participation.

“Pope Francis has made it clear that if we fail to protect life, no other rights matter. He also said that abortion is not primarily a Catholic or even a religious issue: it is first and foremost a human rights issue,” Bishop Estevez said in his October 7th letter.

He rejected the claim of those who say, “as a matter of faith, I am against abortion, but I cannot impose my belief on others.” Such claims reflect a commitment to the “false belief” that some human beings don’t deserve legal protection, said the bishop.

“It is not a matter of imposing a belief, but of being committed to the truth about human life, which, as biological science confirms, begins at conception,” he said.

Citing the Declaration of Independence, Estevez said the Founding Fathers knew that the right to life “surpassed all others in importance” because “without the right to life, none of the other rights could be protected.”

“The right to life was, and is, preeminent,” said the bishop.

He said the bishops are praying for Catholics who seek to be educated voters with well-formed consciences.

“This is a difficult time in our nation and a critical time to not only exercise your right to vote but to do so with the utmost integrity,” he said.

Discussing the importance of participation in public life, Estevez said that politics is about “securing justice in society” and is thus “a fundamentally moral activity.”

“While the Church and its clergy cannot endorse a particular candidate or political party, we do have a responsibility to encourage you to understand the issues in the context of Church teaching and to help you in this area of the ‘proper formation of your conscience’,” he said.

“As Catholics, our belief is that there are fundamental truths about the human person and society that are accessible to both faith and reason,” he continued. “We, therefore, have a right and a duty to participate in the public square in a way that reflects these truths, both for the good of our community and for the glory of the God who created us.”

He cited the words of the Our Father, when Christians pray to fulfill God’s will “on earth as it is in heaven.”

“We cannot with integrity pray the words of the Our Father or say ‘Amen’ when receiving the Eucharist, and then be passive on the issues that destroy God’s creation,” he said. “This is true for all people of faith, elector, and elected officials.”

“Some would prefer that Catholics and others of faith remain silent, or they will say that such beliefs have no place in the public square,” Estevez said. “Such views run contrary to our fraternal bonds and commitment to the common good as equal and valued citizens.”

He rejected the claim that focusing on “the preeminent issue of abortion” means the Church promotes “single-issue voting that will tend to support a particular candidate or party.”

“The Church will always act to promote the dignity and value of every human life from conception to natural death. We care about both mothers and their children, born and unborn, as well as the poor, the immigrant, the sick, the disabled, the elderly, those who are marginalized, and those on death row. We seek to promote a Culture of Life through our teaching and through our ministries, some of which are threatened by the extreme positions taken by some on issues of life and the family.”

“The political parties and their candidates have provided you with information that they believe will help you to understand their positions on issues that are important to you and for the good of the country,” he explained. “The Church engages in this political process by providing you with the faith context to judge some of these positions.”

ROSARY RALLY Crusade

Thank You to everyone who joined the Women's Guild for the Rosary Rally Crusade on Saturday, October 10th. Over 40 people were in attendance!



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Friday, October 30

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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:

- Sarasota/Manatee/DeSoto/Hardee/Highlands Counties: (844) 385-2407
- Charlotte/Lee/Hendry/Glades Counties: (844) 385-2423
- Collier County: (844) 385-240

Help Your Parish: Parishes face increased risk of financial shortfalls due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and its effects on everyday life. Please prayerfully consider an online donation to your parish by visiting <https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/parish-donations-online/>

Catholic Charities Support: Financial support is needed during its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. To help, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org/donate or send a check to: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice Inc., 5824 Bee Ridge Road, PMB 409, Sarasota, FL 34233-5065

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

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

Sign Up Now: The Florida Catholic e-Edition will be FREE for the next year! Keep up to date on the latest news from across the Diocese by signing up now for the weekly digital paper to be sent directly to your inbox at <https://dioceseofvenice.org/news/>

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



VIRTUAL EVENT LIVE-STREAMED

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
7:00PM - 8:30PM**

[https://www.facebook.com/
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**PRESENTER:
LIZ LARSON**

**"Lessons from Emma:
A Walk in Faith"**

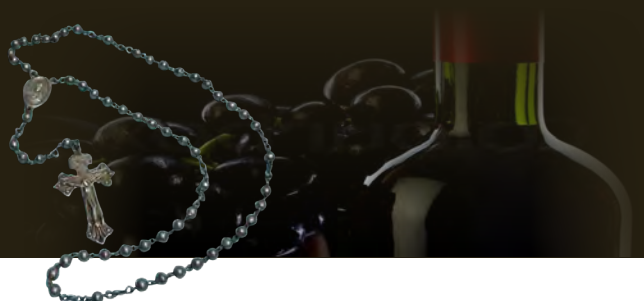
Liz Larson will share her life-changing experience following the devastating diagnosis of her unborn child.

**Registration
NOW OPEN**

Registration is NOT NECESSARY to watch live-stream. However, we will keep track of our attendees and those who register will be automatically entered to win door prizes!

*For more information on
upcoming events visit:*

faithandwineleecounty.com



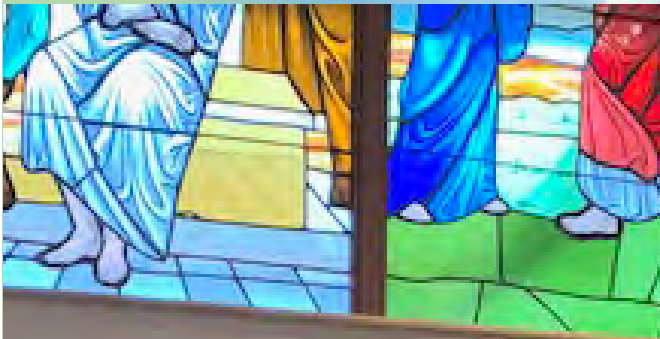
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Stations of the Cross

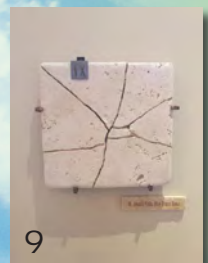
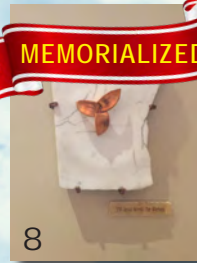
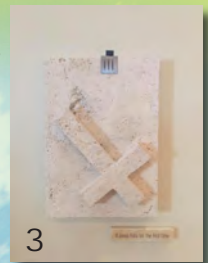
MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE

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



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commemorating
the lives of
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