



# ST. JOHN XXIII

## Catholic Church

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**November 8, 2020**



# NOVEMBER

## Walking with the Church in: *Joy & Sorrow*

by: **Constance T. Hull - Catholic Exchange**

November is a fitting month for the Church to remember the dead. The illumination of October has given way to naked trees, scattered dead leaves, and rather gray skies. The Church truly grasps the contemplative nature of human beings as they live the seasons. It is in this time when darkness falls earlier and earlier in the evening, and temperatures begin to drop, paving the way for winter. It is here the Church meets our grief.

There are few who live unscathed by loss. The Church understands why a mother grieving three lost babies from miscarriages, would sit outside in the darkness on the Feast of All Souls. Drizzle falling, while three candles illuminate the darkness under the only memorial she has: three rose bushes, one for each baby. The Church empathizes with our grief. She devotes an entire month

each year in which we embrace and pray through that pain.

This time of year is a time of waiting. The Church waits for Advent and for the coming of the Incarnate Son. In that waiting her members must grapple with the pain, grief, and loss they live with in their lives. It may not be purely conscious grief, as it was in the beginning, or as Lewis' was in this account. It may just be an oppressive feeling that comes on suddenly and then vanishes quickly. No matter how we live with our grief, we are not to walk alone in that suffering. The Church directs us in our grief. She tells us to pray. To pray for the dead, no matter how tiny they were when they died. She tells us to remember the souls in Purgatory, for our prayers lighten their load. She reminds us of our eschatological

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## 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 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, NOVEMBER 9

- 8:00 AM † Joseph & Maria Veenhuis by Ted & Mickey Veenhuis

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 8:00 AM † Maynard Lee Black by Liz Schulte

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 8:00 AM † Timothy Amata by his parents

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 8:00 AM † Joan Bell by Catherine

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 8:00 AM † Al Pantuso by Sara Noel

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 8:00 AM † Mary & Bill Pieper by Peggy & Dan Pieper
- 4:00 PM † Thomas Richards by MaryJane & Ray Loudis
- 8:00 PM - Vietnamese Mass

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 7:15 AM † Peter Rutkowski by Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford
- 9:15 AM † Rosamond Verruto by John & Claire
- 11:15 AM † Carlo Hornsby by Rose
- 1:30 PM † Luis Gilberto Maldonado & Gilberto Maldonado by Elsie Serrano - 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.

### NOVEMBER 15, 2020 - READINGS

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|---------------|----------------------------|
| • 1ST READING | PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 |
| • PSALM       | PS128:1-2, 3, 4-5          |
| • 2ND READING | 1 THES 5:1-6               |
| • GOSPEL      | MT 25:14-30                |

## Thank You!

We would like to thank  
**JOE & PEGGY HASAK** for  
donating the new flag in  
front of our church that  
honors all the Veterans of  
St. John XXIII.

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## Joy & Sorrow CONTINUED



end in the celebration of the Communion of Saints, the Church Triumphant, at the beginning of the month. She reminds us that our death will come much sooner than we think.

The Month of Praying for the Dead is something we must embrace as the Mystical Body. We live in a culture that runs from death. There is an illusion of busyness that masks the deep fear our culture feels towards the inevitability of death. The Church reminds us of this reality for our own good, so that we can confront the pain of our own losses and our own mortality. The Church is our mother. She guides us on this path and that includes in moments of grief and sorrow. Even though we suffer, she tells us to fix our eyes on Christ:

*"Just as the maternal function of Mary is to give the God-Man to the world, so the maternal function of the Church, which culminates, as we have seen, in the celebration of the Eucharist, is to give us Christ, the Head, Sacrifice and Food of his mystical body."*  
- Henri de Lubac, *The Splendor of the Church*, 329

In fact, it is in our sense of grief and suffering for the loved ones we have lost, that the joy of the Resurrection is most profound. We are able to live our lives with joy and sorrow in our hearts, but in knowing that this grief is a temporal experience. We can sit in misty graveyards, sobbing tears of agony, and then rest in the knowledge and joy that Christ has conquered sin and death. The Christian journey is this mingling of joy and sorrow. Suffering, pain, and loss are a part of the journey. In her intuitive manner, the Church seeks to reach our grief in the dying of November.

We are called to give our grief and suffering over to Christ, but that does not mean that we do not live through the pain. Death was not in the original design God had for us. Christ himself knew the agony death causes for loved ones and for all human beings who must die. That is why He came for us; to free us from sin and death. He came to restore our relationship with God that we may be united with Him. He came that we may stand before the Beatific Vision; that there would be an end to our grief. He knows we must first walk our own Calvary. He wept at Lazarus' tomb to show us how grief is a part of this side of eternity. Our tears are a visible sign of our love for another.

November is not about dwelling in the past. It is about looking to our ultimate end. It is to acknowledge that we must suffer now, but the journey ends with God. We must suffer now. It isn't something we can opt out of. Christ told us to pick up our Cross and follow Him. So we must cry tears of pain and feel the agony of loss in the death of a loved one, and even in the knowledge of our own death. We must cry because this was not how God created us to be, but there is always hope. Our agony is not out of despair. It is because we love. Our pain is the result of this Fallen world, but we are comforted in the arms of Christ. We can embrace the pain of death and remember the dead every November because we know the ultimate victory is in Christ. This is how we must live in the face of death. This is what Holy Mother Church teaches us every year. This month teaches us to pray for the dead, to grieve, and to look to the hope of Christ in all things.



*"...in everything give thanks;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus  
for you."* 1 THESSALONIANS 5:18





## 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  
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 Rescine  
Nancy Wirick  
Diane Distler  
Linda Sayres  
Sue & Craig Edwards  
Baby Henry Patrick Koch  
Anna Acini

**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](mailto: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!*

**Mary Ellen Walker  
George Renaud**



### Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Sylvia Gravatte**  
Requested by: **The Harley's**



### 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, NOVEMBER 7

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

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

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 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*

- Pawel & Mirosława Zimny
- James & Maalisa Langton
- Lawrence & Dolores Wallen
- Frank & Jacki Scarpino

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](http://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  
2LT Nicholas Meunier US Army





## Faith Formation

Contact **Chris Biel** | 561-7499 | [chrisdre@johnxxiii.net](mailto:chrisdre@johnxxiii.net)



### FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE:

The next **WEDNESDAY Faith Formation Class** will be held **NOVEMBER 18**

The next **SUNDAY Family Faith Formation Class** will be held **DECEMBER 6**

### 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 taking the first step even when  
you can't see the whole staircase.*

## ADULT FAITH

### Education

Keep in TOUCH with your *Faith* ONLINE:

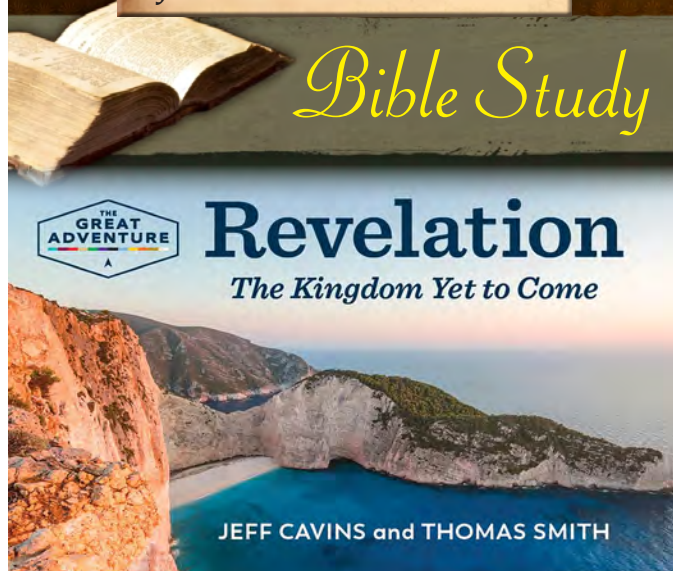
### OPENING THE WORD

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:lancith@aol.com)



Coordinator of Youth Ministries **561-3022 xt 107**  
Contact **Kelly Evers** | [kelly@johnxxiii.net](mailto: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.



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

### Confirmation Program

- **November 29** is the the next Confirmation preparation class. Year 1 will be studying Church History. Year two will be working on how to "Share Our faith with Others". 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, NOVEMBER 8:** NO SESSION
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15:** Attitude of Gratitude

### 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, NOVEMBER 11:** World Religions

### 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](mailto:vwhelan99@gmail.com)

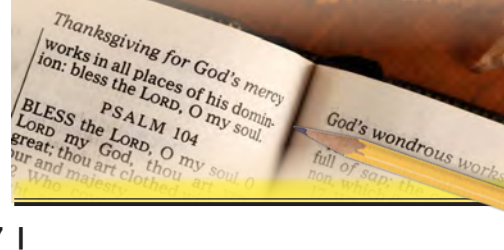
*Join Us!*

**INQUIRY ZOOM MEETINGS:**  
**THURSDAY - 6:30PM**

**Nov 12:** Catholics Belief: Nicene Creed

**Nov. 19:** The Blessed Trinity

**Nov. 26:** NO SESSION - Thanksgiving







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Catholic Church

## General Announcements

- **Have You Listened to Our Podcasts?** Listen to our weekly inspirational messages from Father Bob and homilies from Mass. Visit our site weekly at [johnxxiii.podbean.com](http://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](http://johnxxiii.net), scroll down to "Stay Connected" and enter your email address.
- **Download Our Parish App:** Download our app today at [myparishapp.com](http://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, 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.
- **Craftie Ladies Order Requests:** Please contact Judy Siegel at: (239) 437-4978 or (414) 529-4978 and she will channel your request to the right Craftie Lady who makes the item. They will then contact you and set up a meet time. ONLY CASH will be accepted. Email: [craftieladiesxxiii@gmail.com](mailto:craftieladiesxxiii@gmail.com)
- **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](mailto:holdenbnd@gmail.com) or call Dick at (239) 463-3993
- **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
- **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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## New Lighting UPDATE

The lighting project will begin **NOVEMBER 9TH** in the main church. **DAILY MASS** will take place in the **Parish Life Center** until further notice starting on Monday the 9th.

We hope to have the lighting project completed before the end of November. This will be a great savings to the parish in years to come. Thank you for your patience.



The NEW STORE HOURS are **MONDAY-FRIDAY 10AM to 5PM** and **SATURDAY 10AM to 4PM**.

The dressing rooms are now open and we have lots of clothing, jewelry, footwear, high-end furniture and home furnishings! Please consider buying your Thanksgiving bakeware, china, crystal, linens and dining items from us instead of retail. [thrift@johnxxiii.net](mailto:thrift@johnxxiii.net)

## 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/](http://johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/)





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!

## ORDER A PIZZA and *HELP* those in *NEED!*



Order a pizza from TWO MEATBALLS IN THE KITCHEN, located at **8880 Salrose Lane in Ft. Myers**, on November 9th through November 12th and mention The St. John XXIII Women's Guild. Two Meatballs will donate 20% of the sale to the Women's Guild to be used for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for those in need. Please take advantage of this offer and help others.

## *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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto:comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net)
- Visítenos en [www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1](https://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,

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

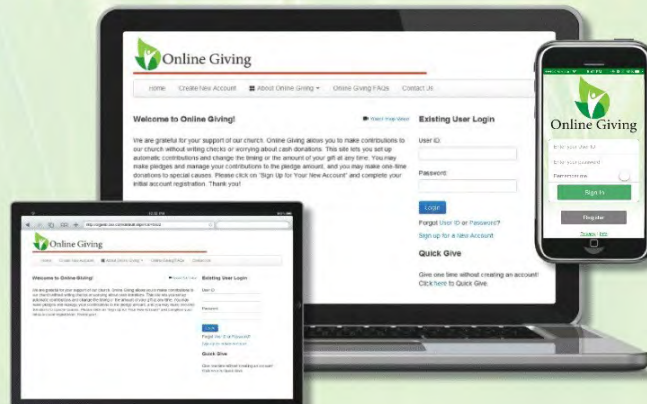
Please prayerfully consider giving online. If you have any questions, email the parish office at: [info@johnxxiii.net](mailto:info@johnxxiii.net)

God Bless,

Father Bob Tabbert



## Giving has never been easier!







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## Weekly Financials



	11-01-20	11-03-19	Difference
Offertory	\$25,040.00	\$35,416.00	(\$10,376.00)
Building Fund	\$1,861.00	\$6,153.00	(\$4,292.00)
Total	\$26,901.00	\$41,569.00	(\$14,668.00)
Mass Attendance	1571	3421	
Registered Families	3625	3719	

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	\$482,200.99
% of Goal	98.01%
% of Households	21.35%
Payments	\$460,822.69

## 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](mailto:holly@johnxxiii.net)**



# Online Giving CHALLENGE



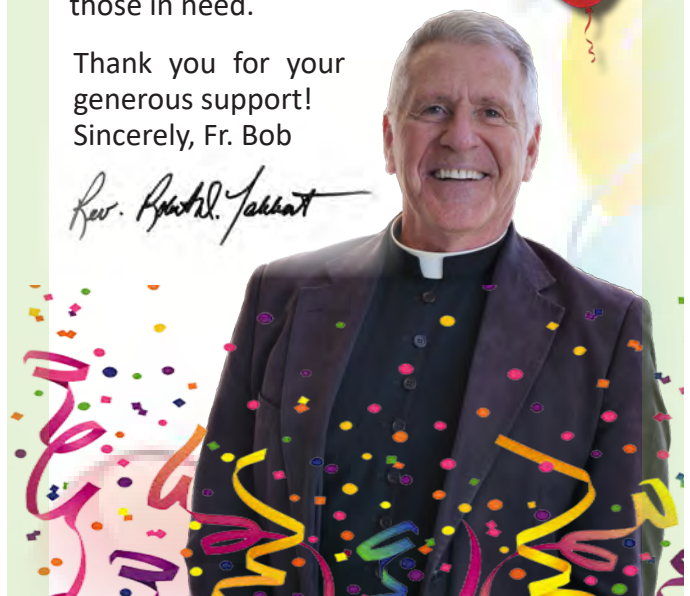
## UPDATE

The first enrollment for recurring donations for the parish and/or the Diocese of Venice for the Catholic Faith Appeal was a success! We had **17 families** sign up in the month of October. Our anonymous donor offered to give **\$100.00** per family and **\$1,700.00** will also be donated to the CFA. We are getting closer to our goal and if you have not yet donated to the Catholic Faith Appeal, please consider a gift. If all of us contribute something we will reach our goal. Help support the good work that our Diocese provides to those in need.

Thank you for your generous support!

Sincerely, Fr. Bob

*Rev. Robert J. Jankovics*



The Knights of Columbus and The Women's Guild will be collecting non-perishable items for **Thanksgiving** and **canned vegetables** are needed.

The food collection will take place on **Saturday, November 14** from **1-3pm** at the Church.

Donations are greatly appreciated during the holiday season.



# FOOD

## COLLECTION

*at the church*

### NON-PERISHABLE

NOVEMBER 14 • 1-3PM



## Download our PARISH APP

Foster a **STRONGER PARISH LIFE** at **St. John XXIII** and better engage the New Evangelization.

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

# Welcome to Church

## New Parishioner Orientation

Sunday, November 15th after the 11:15am Mass





# ANGEL TREE

## 2020 GIFT/FOOD REQUESTS

Hundreds of needy children, as well as veterans, seniors and homebound, have nothing at Christmas if not for the gifts provided them by our Angel Tree Program.

Our low in-person Mass attendance simply cannot support our traditional Angel Tree Program that provides 1000+ Christmas gifts. Rather than disappoint the people who depend on us, we have modified our 2020 Angel Tree Program to reflect the following giving opportunity:

### CHECK OR CASH DONATIONS: Please Submit by December 1

- Parishioners may make a donation in any amount that they can afford to support the 600+ children from St. Martin de Porres Outreach, as well as many families in need.
- Please make Checks payable to St. John XXIII Church (with "Angel Tree" in the Memo portion). They may be placed in the Box in the Narthex, or mailed to St. John XXIII Church, 13060 Palomino Lane, Ft. Myers, FL 33912, to be **received by December 1, 2020**
- Your donations will be converted into a \$25 Gift Card for each child or needy adult, to the store of their choice.

### ONE ANGEL TREE FOR VETERANS & ELDERLY

- One Traditional Angel Tree will be in the Narthex. It will be limited to gift requests from veterans in retirement homes, seniors from Catholic Charities, and our parish homebound. These are individuals who are unable to shop for themselves.

These are unprecedented times for all of us, and we rely on the generosity of those who can afford to do so, to help the less fortunate among us. We also recognize that we have registered Parishioners who are unemployed and in need of assistance themselves. If you are in this group, please complete the request form below.

### ACTIVE REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

To EXPEDITE: Please email request to [Stellamccaffrey@aol.com](mailto:Stellamccaffrey@aol.com)

### ST. JOHN XXIII - 2020 GIFT/FOOD REQUEST FORM

Last/First Name:	Phone #	E-mail:

**(Please check ALL that apply):**

☐ **Food for Thanksgiving** (Pick-up at Parish Life Center on Monday, November 23 from 1-3pm)  
☐ **Food for Christmas** (Pick-up at Parish Life Center on Monday, December 21 from 1-3pm)  
☐ **Christmas Gifts** (Pick-up at Parish Life Center on Monday, December 21 from 1-3pm)

**Total Number in my Family** \_\_\_\_\_

# The Venetian UN Ball

## STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7pm



Visit our Auction today at: <https://ccdov.afrogs.org/>  
to bid on these and other great items.



Join us virtually to raise awareness and stop **MODERN DAY SLAVERY**.  
Listen to a survivor-leader share her inspirational story and learn how  
**YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT.**



### PRIVATE SOUTH ITALY VILLA VACATION

Enjoy a stay at the private Italian Villa Casa di Gasperi, located in Altomonte, Calabria.



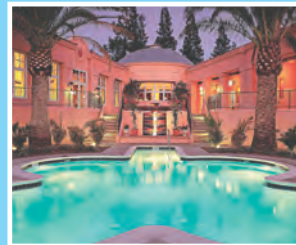
### WINE PULL

Take your pick at a bottle of wine, valued up to \$160. It's the luck of the draw for a delicious bottle of wine.



### ATTEND THE 2021 FINAL FOUR

Be there as the best two remaining teams tip-off for what's sure to be an action packed thriller which the whole nation will be watching.



### 5 STAR GETAWAY TO WINE COUNTRY

Visit Napa Valley and enjoy a 3 day/2 night stay at the 5 Star Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn Resort and Spa for 2 people.



### SING-A-LONG ZOOM WITH A BROADWAY STAR

Experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have a private Zoom session with a starring cast member from one of your favorite musicals.



TO DONATE or for more information please visit: [www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org)  
or contact Janet Pavelack at [janet.pavelack@catholiccharitiesdov.org](mailto:janet.pavelack@catholiccharitiesdov.org) or 239-334-4007 ext. 2101



# *Honoring Veterans Day*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

VETERANS DAY BLESSING IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN AT 8:45AM



*Thank You for Your Service*

DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA



*Virtual Catholic  
Concert!*

*Live-Streamed*

**NOVEMBER 13 & 20 • 12:00PM-12:30PM**

[www.facebook.com/DioceseofVenice/videos/](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofVenice/videos/)

## Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

**Maritn DePorres Help Needed:** St. Martin DePorres has just achieved something they were praying for. They just bought the building where they have been providing food to so many desperate people for more than 6 years! Now that they have the building, they are looking for someone with building engineering expertise to help them with the planning for the renovation and upgrades. If you know of someone who can help, please contact Barbara Durkin at [admin@smdpministry.org](mailto:admin@smdpministry.org)

**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

**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/>

**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](http://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](mailto:project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org) or visit: [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org)

**Novena of Masses for Life:** Participate in a Mass near you and pray for life! Visit [www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife](http://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](http://RelevantRadio.com)



GUEST SPEAKER: ROSE SWEET

**SURVIVING DIVORCE FACILITATOR TRAINING:**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20** (10:30am - 2:30pm)

This training session is for priests, deacons and parish staff/volunteers. **COST: \$10**

**SURVIVING DIVORCE RETREAT:**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21** (9am - 3pm)

This retreat is open to all, but especially beneficial for separated and divorced Catholics. **COST: \$15**

Both programs will be held at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish, 8121 Cypress Lake Drive in Ft. Myers. Lunch is included as well as a continental breakfast for Saturday's Retreat.

**REGISTER ONLINE:** [www.dioceseofvenice.org/divorce](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/divorce)  
For more information: Carrie Harkey (941) 484-9543 ext. 3019 or email: [harkey@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:harkey@dioceseofvenice.org)



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - 6PM**

Join our VIRTUAL EVENT to hear Bill Eggers share the story of his son, Captain Daniel Eggers, KIA in Afghanistan in his talk titled, "Teach Your Children Well." Bill served in Vietnam as a U.S. Army door gunner and flew in over 150 combat missions. Captain Daniel Eggers served as a U.S. Army Green Beret and was killed in action in 2004.

The program begins at 6PM ON ZOOM. This event is FREE, however, REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Reserve online at [www.faithandale.com](http://www.faithandale.com)

**Guest Speaker: BILL EGGERS**

"Teach Your Children Well"





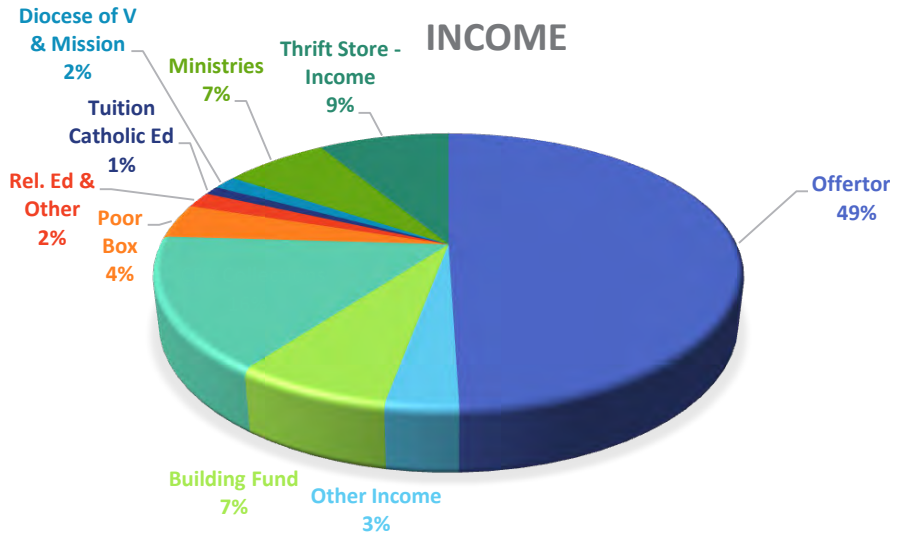
# ST. JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Annual Overview

Fiscal Year JULY 2019- JUNE 2020

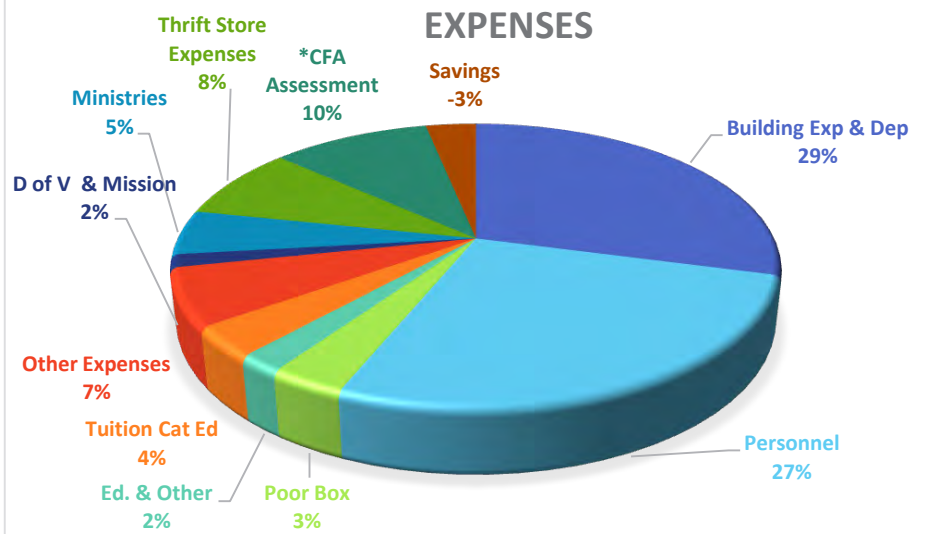
### Income

Offertory	1,584,216.08
Other Income	108,377.86
Building Fund	233,326.10
*CFA Collections	503,928.68
Poor Box	128,381.70
Rel. Ed & Other	59,056.61
Tuition Catholic Ed	32,631.00
Diocese of V & Mission	49,969.00
Ministries	222,194.77
Thrift Store - Income	277,324.29
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,199,406.09</b>



### Expenses

Building Exp & Dep	995,639.49
Personnel	925,948.37
Poor Box	118,047.64
Ed. & Other	69,603.55
Tuition Cat Ed	119,451.67
Other Expenses	223,654.01
D of V & Mission	49,919.00
Ministries	174,581.42
Thrift Store Expenses	285,422.21
*CFA Assessment	347,000.00
Savings	(109,861.27)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,199,406.09</b>



### BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

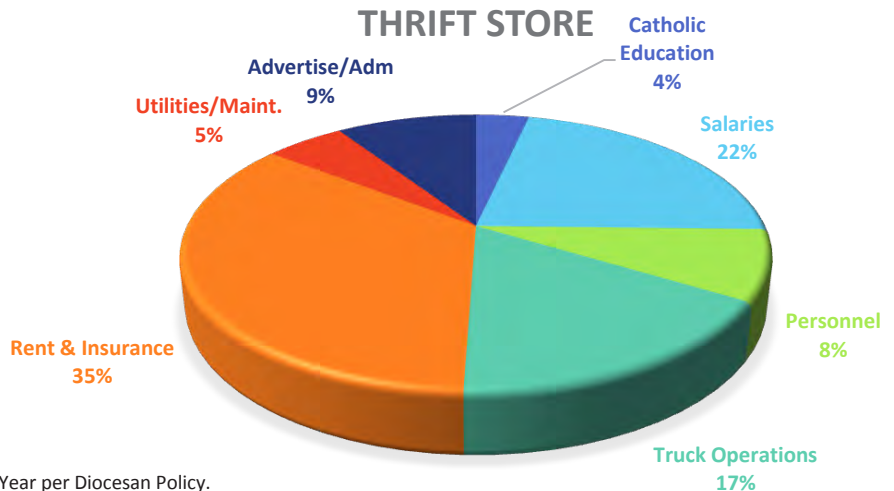
#### Assets

Current Assets	1,145,692.63
Prepaid CFA & Liab Ins.	367,345.63
Fixed Assets	13,309,133.47
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>14,822,171.73</b>

#### Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities	65,912.78
Retained Earnings & Equities	14,756,258.95
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>14,822,171.73</b>

### THRIFT STORE



\*CFA numbers reflect the Calendar year instead of the Fiscal Year per Diocesan Policy.