



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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November 22, 2020

Thanksgiving Blessings



*"I will Praise God's name and
Glorify Him in Thanksgiving"*

- PSALM 69-30

November 22, 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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Rev. Robert Tabbert

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DeaconRich@johnxxiii.net

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday,
8:00am-Noon & 1pm-4pm
239-561-2245
239-561-3713 (Fax)

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 23

- 8:00 AM † Stephen Gagnon by The Ogan Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 8:00 AM † Jan Brinich by Linda Sayres

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 8:00 AM † Joesph Holmes by Patricia Pasden

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - THANKSGIVING

- 9:00 AM GIVING THANKS FOR ALL ST. JOHN XXIII PARISHIONERS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 8:00 AM † Godofredo Magpoc by Maria Chew

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 8:00 AM † Judith Fernandez by Marc & Lucy Bingcang
- 4:00 PM † Stephanie Melanson by Fran Ryan
- 8:00 PM † Honorable Ed Antonietti by Barbara Antonietti

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 7:15 AM † Rogers & Podolak Families by Rita
- 9:15 AM † Joan Flaharty by The Flaharty Family
- 11:15 AM † John Rossi by Lillian & Michael Rossi
- 1:30 PM - In Thanksgiving by Freddy & Glenys

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 29, 2020 - READINGS

- 1ST READING IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7
- PSALM PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
- 2ND READING 1 COR 1:3-9
- GOSPEL MK 13:33-37



You can contribute
to Deacon Francis'
family and support
Stacey and Will.

www.gofundme.com/f/for-stacey-and-willfor-francis-head

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Thanksgiving Day PRAYER

*Thank you God for this Thanksgiving Day.
God bless each of us with love, joy, hope and
memories of those that have passed away.*

*Thank you for our forefathers, for our
religious freedom, for bravely crossing
the water to a new land so that we can worship
freely as we seek God's kingdom.*

*Thank you God for my wonderful friends and
family. For the sunshine they bring to my life and
the love and support they each give to me.*

*Thank you God for Your son that died for our sins.
For Your unconditional love to each of us and for
answering our prayers again and again.*

*Father, bless us this Thanksgiving day, bless this
bounty of food, friends and family and bless each
of us with memories that time cannot take away.*

Amen



MESSAGE FROM

Father Bob

Thanksgiving Blessing

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach Thanksgiving, I want to tell you how grateful I am for each of you, the people of St. John XXIII. I am thankful for you and your families; I am thankful for the opportunity to shepherd you; I am thankful for your generous sense of giving in so many different ways. The people of this parish are an inspiration and gift to me.

I want to thank you for your contributions and pledges to our parish during the pandemic. We continue to make such huge strides as a parish family and I look forward to our journey together in the new year.

We give thanks to the parish's tremendous blessings. None of them would be possible without your continued generosity to our parish family!

I wish all of you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving in Christ Jesus.

Rev. Robert D. Tabbert

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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
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 Rescneto
Nancy Wirick
Linda Sayres
Sue & Craig Edwards
Baby Henry Patrick Koch
Anna Acini
Pauline Reid
Katie Cassidy
Tom Lange

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!
James Rohrbaugh



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Gary Gregory**
Requested by: **The Harley's**



Adoration Chapel

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





WATCH ON FACEBOOK

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday - Saturday

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 11:15am with Fr. Bob
- 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

- Benjamin Gregory & Melissa Fiorillo
- Norman & Anita Letendre
- Julio Trejo Cardenas & Maria Mendoza Vazquez
- Robert Taylor & Victoria Rodriguez

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 next **New Parishioner Orientation on Sunday, January 17, 2021 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
2LT Nicholas Meunier US Army



Faith Formation

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



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE:

The next **WEDNESDAY Faith Formation Classes** will be held **DECEMBER 2** and **16**

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 being sure of what you hope for.

ADULT FAITH

Education

Keep in TOUCH with your *Faith* ONLINE:



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 for a ZOOM VIDEO STUDY of ADVENT

Have you ever felt that when Christmas comes around that you are just not ready?

What is the deeper meaning of Advent? And how can understanding this season help us better prepare for Christmas?

In this series, Dr. Brant Pitre shows how a deeper understanding of the ancient Jewish prophecies of the Messiah can help unlock the hidden meanings of the season of Advent.

We will meet on Zoom, Tuesdays from 6-8pm on December 1, 8 and 15

Enjoy this FREE STUDY at home with no homework or fees! Study materials will be provided.

REGISTER BY EMAIL:

Linda Stanley - lindastanley.ls@gmail.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:** Christmas Party December 3.



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 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 22:** NO SESSION
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29:** Mandatory Confirmation Session

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 25:** Advent

Volunteer Opportunites

- For at home Youth Volunteer Opportunities please email Kelly Evers



Hispanic Ministry **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

INQUIRY ZOOM MEETINGS:
THURSDAY - 6:30PM

Nov. 26: NO SESSION - Thanksgiving

Dec. 3: Advent

Dec. 10: Mass (Walk Through)

Dec. 24 & 31: NO SESSION - Christmas

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



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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!
- **Daily Mass:** Due to the lighting project, the 8:00am Mass is taking place temporarily Monday-Saturday in the Parish Life Center. Please wear a mask, bring sanitizer and practice social distancing.
- **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.
- **Deacon Francis Go Fund Me:** If you would like to contribute to Deacon Francis' family in support of Will and Stacey, visit www.gofundme.com/f/for-stacey-and-willfor-francis-head
- **St. John XXIII Thrift Store:** Hours are Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. For more information email 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. For more information email: holdenbnd@gmail.com or call Dick at (239) 463-3993
- **Craftie Ladies Order Requests:** Please contact Judy Siegel at: (239) 437-4978 or email craftieladiesxxiii@gmail.com
- **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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Guardian Angels WALKWAY QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

How do the pavers benefit the parishioners of St. John XXIII?

This is a great way to honor friends/family, both past and present that served or are serving in the military, police, fire dept., or EMT etc.

Who exactly is being honored or memorialized?

In addition to past and present friends/family that served or are serving in the military, police, fire dept. etc., other essential workers can be honored such as nurses and doctors. Please view the other logo suggestions available on page 9.

What is the significance of St. Michael?

St. Michael the Archangel serves as the patron saint of people who work in dangerous conditions such as military personnel, police, security officers, paramedics, and EMT's.

Why did the Knights and the Women's Guild decide to become involved with this project?

These ministries have the manpower to staff the effort at each Mass.

How big are the pavers? How many are available for purchase?

The pavers are 12x12. There are 380 total.

When will the pavers be completed?

We are hopeful the pavers will be ready when the statue is installed in April 2021.



PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM ON PAGE 9

Guardian Angels WALKWAY

PAVER MEMORIALIZATION



St. John XXIII Parish, along with the Knights of Columbus and The Women's Guild, are excited to offer **12x12 pavers**, which will be placed on the walkway around the site for our St. Michael the Archangel statue. **The price for each paver is \$350.** This is a wonderful way to pay tribute to a loved one who has served, or is currently serving in the military or as a first responder.

Defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, Oh Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Guardian Angels WALKWAY

Name _____

Address or PO Box _____

Unit/Apt # _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Payments may be made by cash, credit card or check.

I would like to pay by:

___ CASH ___ CHECK ___ CREDIT CARD

If paying by check, please make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus.

To order, or check the status of an order, please contact
The Knights of Columbus:

LARRY EVENER: larryevener@yahoo.com or

TOM DOLAN: mtd0522@yahoo.com

The Women's Guild Contact:

SUE EDWARDS: sgedwards007@gmail.com

PAVER ORDER FORM

Please circle the graphic to be added to the stone:



Please print clearly. The 12x12 paver has 3 lines.

LINE 1 NAME _____

example: John Doe

___ Please check if the person is deceased

LINE 2 RANK _____

example: SGT. USMC

LINE 3 SERVICE _____

example: WWII

Please sign and date verifying all information is correct on the paver.

PRINT NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____



Online Giving



ST. JOHN XXIII
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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





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Weekly Financials



	11-08-20	11-10-19	Difference
Offertory	\$38,856.67	\$36,815.00	\$2,041.67
Building Fund	\$2,613.00	\$6,828.00	(\$4,215.00)
Total	\$41,469.67	\$43,643.00	(\$2,173.33)
Mass Attendance	1417	3962	
Registered Families	3632	3737	

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	\$490,205.99
% of Goal	99.64%
% of Households	21.35%
Payments	\$470,690.69

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



A LETTER FROM

Bishop Dewane

CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the Advent Season approaches, the Church anticipates and prepares for the gift of Jesus Christ, Our Incarnate Savior. Let us all be thankful for the many blessings we have received in these challenging times.

The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) is one way to show gratitude for your blessings. Outreach programs supported by the CFA provide pastoral, commitment, parishes and missions in financially challenged communities are able to continue proclaiming the good news during stressful times. Those seeking food, shelter and other basic necessities are assisted through Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Venice, Inc. Further, 97% of students who graduated from one of our Catholic High Schools, were accepted to attend college, many with substantial scholarships.

Thank you for reaching out in support of the homeless, the single mother, the youth of the Diocese, the elderly, and many more in need of help who have been impacted by the pandemic.

May the Lord reward you for your thoughtfulness towards the less fortunate among us. Be assured of my prayers for you and your family.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane

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

Christ the King Sunday

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Christ the King Sunday is celebrated on the last Sunday of Ordinary time (last Sunday after Pentecost), before the beginning of Advent that starts the new Church Year. As the last Sunday of the Christian Church Year, Christ the King Sunday is the climax and conclusion of the Church's liturgical journey through the life of Christ and the Gospel message. Its purpose is to celebrate the coming reign of Christ as King of the Earth and his completion of the renewed creation that marks the fullness of the Kingdom of God. That hope is born from the entire life of Christ and his teachings that have been celebrated in the seasons of the Church Year during the past twelve months. In celebrating the Reign of Christ the King, this Sunday also provides an appropriate bridge to the new Church Year that begins the following Sunday on the first Sunday of Advent with an emphasis on hope and expectation, the longing for the coming of the Kingdom of God amid the darkness of a sinful world (see Advent).

As such a bridge between the completed year and the beginning of a new year, Christ the King services often use Scripture and song to provide both a retrospective and introductory overview of the journey through the life of Christ and the Gospel message that the Seasons of the Church Year provides. This offers not only an opportunity for a worshipful reflection on the significance of the life of Christ, it also presents opportunity to remind people of the meaning of the various seasons of the Church Year. It is the newest day in the liturgical year across the Western Church and first added in 1925 by the Roman Catholic Church in response to increasing secularization movements worldwide, but in particular to the plight of Mexican Christians who were being told by their government that only their government was due ultimate allegiance. The Church in Mexico remained faithful, holding public parades throughout the land (with significant governmental pushback!) proclaiming "Cristo Rey!," "Christ is King!" Pope Pius XI made that declaration the basis of a Holy Day to be observed throughout the entire Roman Catholic Church, "Christ, The King of the Universe." After Vatican II, Rome moved the observance of this day from October to the final Sunday of the Christian Year, and many Protestants, including United Methodists, who adopted the Revised Common Lectionary and its calendar have followed suit.

So today our voices come alongside those persecuted for their faith in all times and places, including in Mexico in the early twentieth century and the thousands facing persecution all over the world this very day, and with them we all proclaim in many languages, "Christ is King!"

Rejoice!

"When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels are with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne."

- MATTHEW 25:31



PRAYER FOR

CHRIST THE KING

Almighty and everlasting God, through Your beloved Son, King of the whole world, You have willed to restore all things anew; grant in Your mercy that all the families of nations, held asunder by the wound of sin, may be subjected to His most gentle rule. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen



ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

Advent & Christmas **SCHEDULE 2020**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

6:00pm Vigil Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Holy Day

8:00am Mass

12:00pm Mass

8:00pm Vietnamese Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00pm Advent Reconciliation Service
with Individual Confessions

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:30am - 9:30am Individual Confessions

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGIES

4:00pm Mass

6:30pm Mass

9:00pm Mass

11:00pm Vietnamese Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

7:15am, 9:15am & 11:15am Masses

1:30pm Spanish Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

6:00pm Vigil Mass for Holy Day

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021

Feast of Mary Mother of God - HOLY DAY

8:00am Mass

12:00pm Mass

8:00pm Vietnamese Mass

BEGINNING JANUARY 2, 2021

Saturday Vigil Masses resume at 3:30pm and
5:30pm through Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

Lighting Project **UPDATE**

The lighting project is well underway. We will only have some of the lights on in the church this weekend. We have been asked to leave them on all weekend and not try to turn others on or off in the church. The lights in the Narthex and Chapel work as normal.

Our Vietnamese Mass will be held in the Parish Life Center so that they have good lighting for night time.

We will keep you posted on all updates. Thank you for your continued patience.

The Family that Prays **TOGETHER, stays TOGETHER**

St. John XXIII is excited to welcome back more and more parishioners who feel comfortable attending services in person.

With the arrival of seasonal residents, we would like to remind families to sit only at the ends of pews clearly marked with blue tape.

Only family members should sit together to provide safe distancing for all in attendance. We know that families come in all sizes. Some blue spaces will have only one or two person families. The middle section of the pew will remain empty.

We strive to provide a safe environment for all worshipers and will open the chapel and PLC as our Mass attendance grows.



Change a Life **Donate Blood**



The Lee Health Bloodmobile
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
8am-1pm
St. John XXIII Parking Lot

ONE PINT OF BLOOD SAVES 2 LIVES

For more information call **(239) 343-2333** or visit:
www.leehealth.org/bloodcenter/bloodmobile.asp

Adoration Chapel UPDATE:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - Thanksgiving Day

CHAPEL OPEN: 8:30am (following daily mass) until 12noon

* Parish Office CLOSED

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

CHAPEL OPEN: 8:30am (following daily mass) until 4:00pm

* Parish Office CLOSED

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 - Immaculate Conception Day

CHAPEL OPEN: 8:30am (following daily mass) until 9:00pm

Open extended hours with Respect Life Ministry

For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry visit:
johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/



Teams of Our Lady - Fort Myers

Teams of Our Lady was founded by Fr Henri Caffarel in France in 1947 and since then has spread to over 10,000 teams world- wide.

This Catholic lay movement is where like minded couples meet once a month to eat, pray and discuss topics to help couples deepen their faith and marriage.

For More Information

If you would like to invest in your marriage and see how Teams of Our Lady can bless your relationship, please contact:

Judy and Tony Fennell
(701) 361-8826

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

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 _____

Thanksgiving

FUN FACTS

- Approximately 46 million turkeys are eaten on Thanksgiving each year!
- Historians believe the Pilgrims served wild game and vegetables, instead of turkey at the first Thanksgiving.
- Pilgrim means foreigner or traveler from afar.
- The Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade began in 1924 with only 400 employees.
- The state of California consumes the most turkey!
- The feast celebrated in 1621 in Plymouth was the result of a good harvest.
- Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a public holiday in 1863.
- Turkey contains tryptophan which could make you sleepy; however, sleepiness is likely caused by the overconsumption of alcohol, food and desserts.
- More alcohol is consumed on Thanksgiving than any other holiday of the year. So be careful on the roadways if you're traveling Thursday evening.



SWFL'S PREMIER DINNER THEATRE
BROADWAYPALM

Support and join St. John XXIII Women's Guild
on **SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 6** for dinner
and a show at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre.

IRVING BERLIN'S

Holiday INN

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

The heart-warming story follows Jim as he leaves the bright lights of show business to settle down in a farmhouse in Connecticut. When Jim meets a spirited schoolteacher with a hidden talent to spare, they turn a farmhouse into a fabulous inn that is only open on the holidays. Based on the 1942 film starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire, hear Irving Berlin classics *Shaking the Blues Away*, *Blue Skies*, *Easter Parade* and *White Christmas*.

The Broadway Palm is adhering to all CDC guidelines. Masks are required while you are not sitting at your table and strongly recommend while not eating or drinking. Please see Broadway Palm website for all changes for social distancing at:

www.broadwaypalm.com/covid-19-safety-measures/

TICKET PRICE \$60 EACH

DINING ROOM OPENS AT 5:30PM

SHOW STARTS AT 7PM

PLEASE NOTE: As this is a fundraising event, tickets are non-refundable

For more information:

LOIS BECKER (239) 826-2558

lasftmyers@embarqmail.com

Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Adopt a Family for Christmas: Our Mother's House of Catholic Charities is looking for people to make Christmas special for single mothers and their babies by providing gifts from their wish list. If you are interested, please contact Rita Millner at (941)485-6264 or email rita.millner@catholiccharitiesdov.org. All wrapped gifts must be delivered before December 9th.

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

Livestreamed Mass from Catholic Center: Please join Bishop Frank J. Dewane at 9:15 a.m. for daily Mass from the Catholic Center at www.dioceseofvenice.org or <https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofVenice/>

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

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/>

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 on Friday, November 27th at 8:30am. Listen anywhere at RelevantRadio.com



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 - 7:00PM
FREE ZOOM EVENT

Registration Required:

www.faithandwineleecounty.com

Guest Speaker:

SUSAN POTVIN

"Never, Ever Give Up, Ladies! We Have Work To Do!" "



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 - 6PM
FREE ZOOM EVENT

Registration Required:

www.faithandale.com

Guest Speaker:

FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

(Director of Education, National Catholic Bioethics Center)

"Beginning of Life Issues:
In Vitro Fertilization, and Assisted
Reproductive Technologies"

