



ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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November 29, 2020



Hope

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"May the God of Hope fill you with all the joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with Hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

- ROMANS 15:13

November 29, 2020

Please Note:

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

PASTOR

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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 30

- 8:00 AM † Molly O'Toole by Joan Dalpe & Betty Yablonicky

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 8:00 AM † Francesco Pace by Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 8:00 AM † Joe Villa by Judy & Paul Cook

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 8:00 AM † Mary Gatto by Tom Waddell

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 8:00 AM † Nick Burnett by his wife, Linda

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 8:00 AM † Ted Zizzo by Marc & Lucy Bingcang
- 4:00 PM † Stephanie Melanson by Fran Ryan
- 8:00 PM - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 7:15 AM † Dori Hudak by Rita Rogers
- 9:15 AM † Rev. Joseph Grosko by The St. John XXIII Pastoral Team
- 11:15 AM † Gary Gregory by The St. John XXIII Pastoral Team
- 1:30 PM ♥ Jolybett Mendes - Happy Birthday

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.

DECEMBER 6, 2020 - READINGS

- 1ST READING IS 40:1-5, 9-11
- PSALM PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14
- 2ND READING 2 PT 3:8-14
- GOSPEL MK 1:1-8

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

During the Advent season, families should spend time together preparing for the approaching celebration of the birth of Christ. An Advent wreath can be a great focal point for family prayers and holiday celebrations.

An Advent wreath is a wreath of laurel, spruce or similar foliage with four candles that are lighted successively in weeks of Advent to symbolize the light that the birth of Christ brought to the world. Traditionally three of the candles are purple, the color of kings and of penance. A rose-colored candle is used to mark the Third Sunday of Advent as a time to rejoice over the closeness of Christmas and the coming of Christ.

Children love the beauty of the simple traditional ceremony. Lighting candles in an Advent wreath is a simple way to start a tradition of family worship in the home. Those who participate will cherish the experience all their lives.

Prayer:

Each day your family should gather around the Advent wreath, generally before the evening meal. The proper number of candles are then lighted and a prayer is said.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath:

It starts at the evening meal on the Saturday before the first Sunday in Advent with the blessing of the wreath. (The head of the household is the one designated to say the prayer, following which various members of his family light the candles. If the group is not a family, then a leader may be selected to say the prayers and other appointed to light the candles.) The following prayer can be used:

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: O God, by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming Christ and may receive from You abundant graces. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The wreath would then be sprinkled with water.

The following prayer which is said before the evening meal each night of the first week of Advent:

Leader: O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, That by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The candle is allowed to burn during evening meals for the first week.

“Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.”

- Pope Francis

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

Prayer List

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

Elaine Quan	Marilyn Kelley
Ryan Novajasky	Dan Pieper
Lynne Haughey	James Heaney
Carol Clausen	Steven Dakin
Marlene LaRose	Neil Soeder
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek	Gene Damm
Jeff Hlavacek	C. Tony Navy
Gary Neubauer	Anthony Navy
Tom Biedak	Lou Rescimoto
Jim Heron	Nancy Wirick
Barbara Shay	Linda Sayres
Gregg Evans	Sue & Craig Edwards
Henry Martinez	Baby Henry Patrick Koch
Bill Becker	Anna Acini
Carlos Martinez	Pauline Reid
Fr. Ed Przygocki	Katie Cassidy
Kevin Natella	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!*

Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Nick Burnett**
Requested by: **his wife, Linda**



Adoration Chapel

For all essential workers sacrificing their health for the good of others.





WATCH ON FACEBOOK

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday - Saturday

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 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

- Roberto Hernandez & Susan Polo
- Gabriel Contreras & Jennifer Rodriguez
- Camilo Herrera & Paula Hoyos
- Federico & Crammily Aristizabal

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

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



Faith Formation

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



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE:

The next **WEDNESDAY Faith Formation Class** will be held **DECEMBER 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 like WiFi: it's invisible but it has the power to connect you to what you need.

ADULT FAITH

Education

Keep in TOUCH with your *Faith* ONLINE:

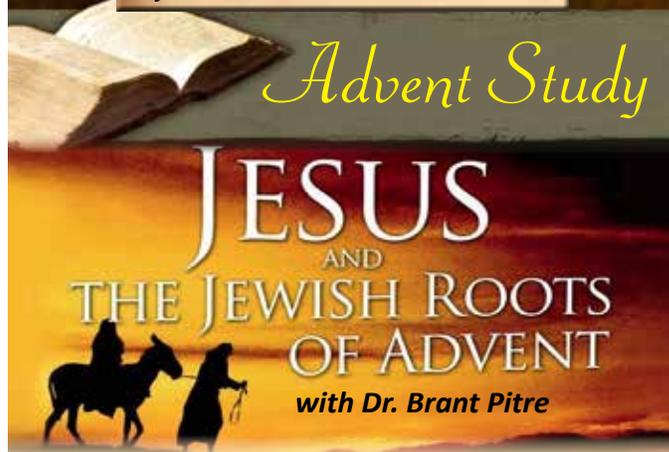
OPENING THE WORD

YOUR JOURNEY INTO THE SUNDAY READINGS



Watch a short video each week on **Formed.org** to help prepare you for the upcoming Sunday Readings. Register at <https://johnxxiii.formed.org/> and follow the instructions to sign in and watch Opening the Word. View all of the Catholic content 24/7. Please join our weekly Zoom meeting. Email **Linda Stanley** at: lindastanley.ls@gmail.com for more information.

JOIN US ONLINE



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 29:** Mandatory Confirmation Session
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6:** Season of Giving

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, DECEMBER 2** : Celebrating baby Jesus

Volunteer Opportunitites

- 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



INQUIRY ZOOM MEETINGS:
THURSDAY - 6:30PM

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



ST. JOHN XXIII
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General Announcements

- **Have You Listened to Our Podcasts?** Listen to our weekly inspirational messages from Father Bob and homilies from Mass. Visit our site weekly at johnxxiii.podbean.com
- **Like our Facebook Page:** For all the latest happenings, search "St. John XXIII Catholic Church" and "like" our page.
- **Our Weekly Newsletter:** Visit our website, johnxxiii.net, scroll down to "Stay Connected" and enter your email address.
- **Download Our Parish App:** Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish. You can also text the word "APP" to 88202!
- **Follow us on Instagram:** St. John XXIII is now on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/stjohnxxiiichurch/>
- **St. John XXIII Catholic Church Mass Times:** Stay up to date and visit: <http://johnxxiii.net/info/new-mass-schedule/>
- **Interested in Serving our Parish Family During Mass?** Men, women and teens may serve as a Greeter, Usher, Lector, or Eucharistic Minister. Please contact the parish office at (239) 561-2245, if you feel called to serve in any of these areas, we can use your time and talent!
- **Low Gluten Hosts:** If you are interested in receiving low gluten hosts at Mass, 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. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-4pm & Saturday 8:30am-4pm. The Chapel will be open 8:30am-9pm on Tuesday, December 8th. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit: johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/
- **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

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





ST. JOHN XXIII
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Weekly Financials



	11-15-20	11-17-19	Difference
Offertory	\$26,537.00	\$30,837.00	(\$4,300.00)
Building Fund	\$2,292.00	\$3,587.00	(\$1,295.00)
Total	\$28,829.00	\$34,424.00	(\$5,595.00)
Mass Attendance	1465	3749	
Registered Families	3635	3727	

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	\$495,561.99
% of Goal	100.72%
% of Households	21.52%
Payments	\$476,321.69

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



GIVING TO THE CFA Through a Qualified Charitable Distribution

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

FOR TRADITIONAL ACCOUNTS THIS INCOME IS TAXABLE!

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

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

DOUBLE YOUR GIFT

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



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

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

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

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

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 _____

THE JOURNEY OF

Advent

Advent couldn't arrive at a more appropriate time of year. Just when we're getting geared up for special parties, homemade dishes to complement fine feasts, gift shopping, and lavish decorating, the Church reminds us to be still. To listen. To wait with God, and for Him.

It can be agonizing to wait in silence when we're used to bustling activity. Maybe we've set lofty expectations of what "must" be done, because it's a family tradition: getting that perfect photo for our Christmas cards, finding expensive gifts for our hard-to-please relatives, making grandma's pecan pie from scratch. To eliminate or substitute seems like utter failure, or at the very least, disappointment.

So we are, once again, a countercultural people as we attempt to retreat inward, slow down, and ponder the treasure nestled within Mary's womb. We don't like to wait, but wait we must. Only this time, during Advent, our waiting is intentional. Expectant. Anticipatory.

Most people are flippant when they have to wait. It's not about exercising charity in our demeanor and language. We don't always consider how we respond in situations that test our patience. Instead, we lash out at the poor cashier, construction manager, sales clerk, or receptionist. No, the world does not appreciate the value of waiting, certainly not this time of year.

But Advent waiting accesses a less primal part of us, namely, our souls. We're invited into a pregnant waiting instead of the "hurry up and wait" mentality of the current cultural climate. This spiritual expectancy differs from the secular understanding of its desire to eschew any opportunity, self-imposed or otherwise – to pause and ponder.

We can grow during our spiritual hiatuses. These include patience, practice, and perseverance: three very key virtues and disciplines (as in the case of practice) that will aid you in your Advent journey.



Rejoice

Thank You

FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

A special thank you to all of the people that support our poor box. The poor box has been able to help many of our own families that have extra needs.

Thank you for your support of our parish community!

*"for it is in
giving
that we receive."*

St. Francis of Assisi



RESPECT LIFE

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED:

"Walking with Moms in Need" is designed to educate parishes about community resources for pregnant moms. If you would like more information please visit: www.walkingwithmoms.com

FEDERAL EXECUTIONS:

The Federal government has resumed Federal executions due to many prisoners on death row. This is still a very difficult subject for many Catholics. To learn more information, please visit www.catholicismobilizingnetwork.org

MENTAL HEALTH:

Drug addiction and mental health issues have steadily increased as a result of Covid, especially among young adults and the elderly. If you or someone you know is suffering, please call **1-800-950-NAMI(6264)** or text NAMI to 741741. More information is available at www.nami.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



The Knights of Columbus are having a poster contest again this year! It is called **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**. Below are the links to the advertising poster and entry form.

POSTER: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/5026-kcic-poster.pdf>

ENTRY FORM: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/5025-kcic-entry-score-sheet-fillable.pdf>

FORMS/CARDSTOCK: Forms and cardstock will be available in the Narthex, parish office, and in the Faith Formation hallway.

AGE DIVISIONS:
Kindergarten-2nd / 3rd-5th / 6th- 8th / 9th -12th

All entries must be turned in by SUNDAY DECEMBER 20 by noon. Prizes are \$100 per grade level.



Bereavement Outreach

"THERE IS HOPE"

A workshop focusing on surviving the holidays without your loved one and difficulties of isolation during the pandemic with:
Deacon Henry deMena

DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA



Sunday, Dec. 6 | Epiphany Cathedral
3 pm - 4:30 pm
310 Sarasota St, Venice, FL 34285



Sunday, Dec. 13 | San Marco Parish
3 pm - 4:30 pm
851 San Marco Rd, Marco Island, FL 34145

NO COST OR NO REGISTRATION NEEDED
For more information, please contact **Carrie Harkey Harkey@dioceseofvenice.org** or call **(941) 484-9543**

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Craftie Ladies

UPDATE

Comfort Blankets:

We got a call from Nancy at Gulf Coast Hospital that they were completely out of comfort blankets! This is no surprise so Norma, Fran and Judy met her in the parking lot outside the Adoration Chapel. Fran took all the bolts home, and did all the cutting. That's a huge job! Norma, Judy, Janet C. and Barb S, began sewing. A few weeks later, we delivered 55 blankets back to Nancy and the hospital! Since then, we are on round two, making and delivering another 26 blankets! So far, we have made and delivered 86 blankets! We would like to thank all the Craftie Ladies who participated in this project.



Welcome to the Team:

The Craftie Ladies snowbirds are slowly coming back and we are excited! What we would give to be able to hug each other! Since we all went into hiding, Judi B, Trudy F, and Judy have been honored to welcome 3 new ladies to breakfast at Skinny Dogs. Wow, we all had some fun!

In the picture, Cathy C, next to Judy S. On the end of the table, next to Trudy, is Debbie S. We also welcomed Beth G. the next day!



Place an Order:

Take that Covid! You can't keep the Craftie Ladies down! As always, we have many items for sale, such as aprons, kids stuff, and our usual assortment of household items. If you are interested in placing an order, 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.

For other questions or inquiries, please email us at: craftieladiesxxiii@gmail.com





PARISH NURSING MINISTRY

TALKING BOOKS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



SWFL'S PREMIER DINNER THEATRE
BROADWAY PALM

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



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.faiithandwineleecounty.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.faiithandale.com

Guest Speaker:

FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

(Director of Education, National Catholic Bioethics Center)

"Vaccines, Ventilators & other Ethical Challenges of COVID-19"

