



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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January 3, 2021

Epiphany

“ARISE! Shine, for your light
has come, the glory of the Lord
has dawned upon you.”

ISAIAH 60:01

January 3, 2021

Please Note:

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

PASTOR

Rev. Robert Tabbert

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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, JANUARY 4

- 8:00 AM † William T. Kenny by his family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

- 8:00 AM † Ted Zizzo by The St. John XXIII Pastoral Team

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

- 8:00 AM † Ann Pavlan by her family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

- 8:00 AM † Michael Biel by Michael & Elizabeth Kane

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

- 8:00 AM † Bob Ferry by The St. Martin DePorres Board

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

- 8:00 AM † Michael Rheaume by The St. John XXIII Thrift Store
- 3:30 PM † Clifton Wharton by Bob & Gerrie Weaver
- 5:30 PM † Ruth Lizzotte by Peggy & Dan Pieper
- 8:00 PM - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

- 7:15 AM † Michael Biel by Mike & Jane Reese
- 9:15 AM † Anna Thomas by Suja Thomas
- 11:15 AM † Ted Zizzo by Curtis & Holly
- 1:30 PM † Vin & Pat Capuano by the family - Spanish Mass

THE 2021 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR

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.

JANUARY 10, 2021 - READINGS

- 1ST READING IS 42:1-4, 6-7
- PSALM PS 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
- 2ND READING ACTS 10:34-38
- GOSPEL MK 1:7-11

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



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The Feast of The Epiphany

Parish Life - Catholic News Agency

The Feast of the Epiphany, traditionally recognized on January 6th, is the day that the Magi or Three Wise Men visited the Christ Child and marks the end of the holiday season, thus bringing a close to the Twelve Days of Christmas. The well-known English Carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," was written during the era when Roman Catholics were not permitted to practice their faith openly in England. The carol was intended as a catechism song for young Catholics exposing an element of hidden meaning or a code word easily recognizable by children.

The "true love" one hears in the song is not a smitten love between a boyfriend and girlfriend, but Jesus Christ, because true Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Jesus because the bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators. Here is the meaning of the rest of the song:

- The TWO turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments.
- The THREE French hens signify faith, hope, and love.
- The FOUR calling birds are the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
- The FIVE golden rings represent the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in promising a Savior.
- The SIX geese a-laying signify the six days of creation.
- SEVEN swans a-swimming are the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit - Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
- The EIGHT maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
- NINE ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit - Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience (Forbearance), Goodness (Kindness), Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency (Chastity)
- The TEN lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.
- The ELEVEN pipers piping are the eleven faithful Apostles.
- The TWELVE drummers drumming symbolize the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.



Oh God, who by the leading of a star, manifested Your only Son to the the people of the earth. Lead us, who know You now by faith, to Your presence, where we may see Your glory face to face, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



A LETTER FROM

Bishop Dewane

Seminary Collection

THIS WEEKEND

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Diocese of Venice is blessed with many generous and dedicated priests who have followed the call of Christ to act in His person in the priesthood. The Diocese is further blessed with vocations to the priesthood, evidenced by our present number of 16 seminarians. Your support of the Annual Seminary Collection continues to be crucial as challenges increase for a proper formation environment and education of our future priests.

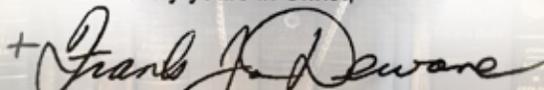
This special collection ensures that we continue to have good priests to serve you and your family. It supports the Church's mission of cultivating and fostering priestly vocations, as well as supporting the next generation of Diocesan priests. Funds are needed to assist our future priests with tuition, room and board, health care, transportation, and other expenses, including inviting more men to consider the priesthood. Your gift to the Seminarian Collection helps offset these costs.

Parishes of the Diocese of Venice will conduct this annual second collection for **Seminary Support THIS WEEKEND: January 2 and 3, 2021**. Your gift provides vital financial support for the future of the Church in Florida.

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you my blessings in this New Year.

Thank you and may God bless you and your family for the support of our seminarians.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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

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
Kevin Natella
Marilyn Kelley
Dan Pieper
James Heaney
Steven Dakin
Neil Soeder
Gene Damm
C. Tony Navy

Anthony Navy
Lou Rescimoto
Nancy Wirick
Linda Sayres
Baby Henry Patrick Koch
Anna Acini
Pauline Reid
Katie Cassidy
Denny Uhlik
Caroline Ann Toussaint
Ron Hudepohl
Donna Hart
Meaghan Onofrey
Wayne & Carol Hilson
Darlene Sardone
Bo Broemmel
William James

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: **Ann Pavlan**

Requested by: **Diane Harleyvetch**



Adoration Chapel

In Memory of: **Ann Pavlan**

Requested by: **Dan & Judi Weller**





WATCH ON FACEBOOK

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday - Saturday

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

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

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

- 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

- Jacob & Mary McDowell
- Eduardo Valdes & Diana Rodriguez
- Adriana Aristizabal Zapata
- Michele Mezzagori & Irma Perez de Mezzagori

Those who are new to our parish, or have been attending mass without being registered, we need your help in staying organized and planning for our future needs. If you have not received a welcome letter, please call the parish office to confirm your registration. All new parishioners or those interested in registering in our parish, are invited to attend the **New Parishioner Orientation on Sunday, January 17, 2021 after the 11:15am Mass**

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



Faith Formation

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



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE:

The next SUNDAY Family Faith Formation Class will be held **JANUARY 10**

The next WEDNESDAY Faith Formation Class will be held **JANUARY 13**

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:

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

Bible Study



JEFF CAVINS, SARAH CHRISTMYER, and TIM GRAY

The Bible Timeline® Study Program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins, shows you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven through Scripture.

We will meet on Zoom, Tuesdays from 6:30-8pm from January 12 through March 30, 2021 for the first 12 weeks. The next 12 weeks will be scheduled in Fall 2021.

To join our study, go to ascensionpress.com and sign in or sign up (if you don't have an account). On your Menu dropdown select Join a Study and select St. John XXIII and order your workbook.

CONTACT:
Edith Trafford - lancith@aol.com



Coordinator of Youth Ministries 561-3022 xt 107
Contact **Kelly Evers** | kelly@johnxxiii.net

Rooted at St. John XXIII

Welcoming all Young Adults 18 - 39

Rooted meets on the first Thursday of each month. Check out our trifold at the welcome desk for planned events.

- **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the current pandemic, Rooted has been cancelled until further notice.



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

Confirmation Program

Mandatory Session - Sunday 5pm to 7pm

- **January 31** is the next Confirmation session. Please check the website for more information.

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.
- **January 10** - Goal Setting

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.
- **January 6** - Goal Setting

Volunteer Opportunitites

- For at home Youth Volunteer Opportunities please email Kelly Evers



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Thinking about joining the Catholic Church but feel a little lost?

The RCIA Inquiry is the starting place for adults who are thinking about entering the Catholic Church.

INTERESTED IN MEETINGS?

For those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church or who are thinking about becoming Catholic, we have started Zoom meetings. All our welcome!

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



Join Us!

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

January

1/7: God's Kingdom

1/14: Preparation for Rite of Acceptance (RCIA Team)

1/17: Rite of Acceptance Mass at 11:15am in the Church



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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 <https://www.johnxxiii.net/e-newsletter-sign-up/> 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.
- **Online Giving:** We appreciate your donations to keep our parish running. You can enroll online through the St. John XXIII website at: <https://johnxxiii.net/giving>
- **Non-Perishable Donations:** Please consider bringing nonperishable items to church each week to be given to food pantries in our area.
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-4pm & Saturday 8:30am-3pm. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit: johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/
- **Replacing Your Appliances?:** Please consider giving your old appliances to our Thrift Store. Gently used appliances 7 years old or less that are in good working order can be sold at our Thrift Store. Please email thrift@johnxxiii.net and Cynthia, our store manager will contact you to schedule a pick-up. The Thrift Store is located at 15200 S. Tamiami Trail #110 in Ft. Myers, FL. Call (239) 433-4097 or visit www.bpjthrift.com
- **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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Hispanic Ministry ANNOUNCEMENTS



El Ministerio Hispano te invita a participar todos los domingos de nuestras misas en la iglesia. Además, la misa se transmite a través de Facebook Live. El link es:

www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1

Misas en Español

- Lugar: Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII
- Hora: 1:30pm
- Fecha: Todos los domingos del mes.

Rezo del Santo Rosario

(Antes de la misa los domingos)

- Lugar: Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII
- Hora: 12:50pm
- Fecha: Todos los domingos del mes.

Rezo del Santo Rosario (Via Zoom)

- Lugar: Video conferencia a través de Zoom
- Hora: 6:00pm
- Fecha: Todos los martes del mes.

Charlas pre Bautismales

- Lugar: Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII
- Hora: 10:00am
- Fecha: Todos primeros sabados del mes.

NOTA: Registrarse previamente enviando un email al correo: comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net

Contactanos

- Para más información sobre el link del rezo del Santo Rosario vía Zoom o preguntas relacionado al ministerio hispano, por favor dejarnos saber al correo comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net
- Visitenos en www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1

Remembering TOM TIEHEL

DECEMBER 11, 1957 - JANUARY 9, 2020

About Tom:

Thomas Tiehel was born in China Lake California and raised a cradle Roman Catholic in Spring Grove, PA. He began piano lessons at age 7 and organ lessons at age 10. Tom played Stations of the Cross and Benediction at the age of 11 and directed his first adult choir when the choir director of his home church became ill.

During school years, he sang and accompanied the school choirs and played in the various bands. He won several organ, vocal and piano competitions during his high school and college years. Tom earned a Master of Sacred Music in Organ Performance and Choral Conducting from Southern Methodist University and a Bachelor in Organ Performance from Towson University. He did postgraduate studies at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey.

In addition to church positions, Tom taught music in Catholic Schools for 30 plus years developing curriculums which included Choral, Instrumental, Drama, Music Theory, Music History, Handbells/Choir Chimes and Orff Instruments. Each summer for over three decades, he has organized Children, Youth and Adult Summer music camps or workshops for voice, handbells and musicals.

Tom joined the St. John XXIII team as music director on June 1, 2018. He was excited to develop a graded vocal and handbells program for all ages, organize concert events and expand the music repertoire to include a blend of traditional and contemporary music. He quickly became an inspiration to the children, the choir, parishioners and staff members. He motivated all of us with his enthusiasm for music and his ability to teach us how to praise God with song! His talent was a gift to us from God and we were blessed that he was such an intricate part of our parish community and family. Let us honor Tom and live our lives in perpetual song of praise to God.

"There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They are messengers of overwhelming grief and of unspeakable love!" - Washington Irving

"I will sing and make music with all my soul."

- Psalm 108:1





Online Giving



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

Dear Parishioners,

Online Giving is available for you to make contributions to St. John XXIII parish. This option makes use of current technology and security standard, and allows you to easily setup recurring contributions. It also enables our parish to take advantage of new tools to become more efficient.

ONLINE GIVING PARISHIONER BENEFITS:

- Secure and confidential. No need to share payment information with the parish office.
- Efficient. Set up direct withdrawals from your checking or savings account or a credit card.
- Simple. Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.
- Convenient. No need to write a check or have cash available.

Online Giving is intended to be a convenient tool for you to use and we strongly support both Online Giving and offering envelopes for contributions to the parish. Online Giving is the electronic way to participate in weekly offertory.

START GIVING ONLINE TODAY!

- Visit our parish website at <https://osvhub.com/st-john-xxiii-parish/funds> and click on the online giving link.
- Create an Account
- Schedule Your Recurring Gifts

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

God Bless,

Father Bob Tabbert





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Weekly Financials



| | 12-13-20 | 12-15-19 | Difference |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Offeritory | \$34,599.00 | \$43,688.00 | (\$9,089.00) |
| Building Fund | \$1,550.00 | \$4,684.00 | (\$3,134.00) |
| Total | \$36,149.00 | \$48,372.00 | (\$12,223.00) |
| Mass Attendance | 1326 | 3272 | |
| Registered Families | 3609 | 3723 | |

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

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|-----------------|--------------|
| 2020 Goal | \$492,000.00 |
| Pledge | \$535,741.99 |
| % of Goal | 108.89% |
| % of Households | 22.53% |
| Payments | \$525,874.59 |

Planning Your Will



Remember St. John XXIII

A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings! The gift you give establishes a lasting legacy of love for others by helping the Church to continue our Catholic heritage through its many ministries.

PLEASE NOTE: Leaving money to the Parish in your will is not assessed and 100% goes to the parish.

The following is possible wording for including a bequest in your will:

"I bequeath the greater of \$_____ or _____% of the residue of my estate to Bishop Frank J. Dewane, (or his successor), Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida, a corporation sole, whose principal office is located at 1000 Pinebrook Rd., Venice, FL 34285, For the benefit of St. John XXIII Catholic Parish, in Fort Myers, Inc."

The actual wording in your will should be determined by you and your attorney.

For more information, questions, or wish to consider a gift annuity or trust for St. John XXIII Catholic Church, then please email:

Holly Atkins: holly@johnxxiii.net



CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL



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

GIFT SUGGESTIONS:

- **CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD** can be used for a one-time gift or a monthly amount. Please visit www.dioceseofvenice.org and click on Catholic Faith Appeal Donate Now.
- **CHECK** made payable to Catholic Faith Appeal with St John XXIII in the memo can be placed in the white envelopes in the Narthex and the donation will be sent to the Catholic Faith Appeal.
- **GIFT OF SECURITIES** - Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of the appreciated securities on the date of your gift.
- **IRA** - In 2020 the law changed, requiring those 72 years and older to begin taking a required minimum distribution (RMD) from their individual retirement account (IRA). However, only those who will turn 70½ (born on or after July 1, 1949) in 2020 or later may wait until age 72 to begin taking required distributions. If you are currently receiving RMDs (or should be) because you are over age 70½, you must continue taking these RMDs. For traditional accounts this income is taxable! To avoid paying taxes on this income while also meeting the obligation of the RMD, you may designate the distribution as a gift directly from the IRA custodian to the CFA. You can donate up to \$100,000 and married couples can donate up to \$200,000 if the spouse has a separate IRA.

Happy Anniversary



Adoration Chapel

On January 7th, we will celebrate 2 years that the St. Luke Adoration Chapel has been open. We would like to thank everyone who has committed to spend time reflecting with God. The chapel has served as a wonderful addition to our parish community!

The chapel is open regular hours. Please continue to wear a mask, use sanitizer and social distance.

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8:30am-4pm & SATURDAY: 8:30am-3pm
For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry visit:
johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/

Adoration TESTIMONIALS

Why do you visit the Blessed Sacrament?

"I find PEACE in a chaotic world."

What Impact has it had on your Life?

"CALMNESS - Time for one on one with CHRIST."

How do you make the time?

"I put it on my calendar."

WHY ARE Votive Candles USED?

by: **Msgr. Charles E. Pope - Simply Catholic**

These are referred to as votive candles, and people purchase and light them to symbolize their prayers or devotion. The candle continues to burn for some hours or days (depending on the size) and thus signals the prayer and love of the person who lit it, long after they must go.

Biblically, the root of this practice is the notion of a "burnt offering." In the Old Testament, things of value (usually sacrificed animals) would be burned and thereby offered to God. The smoke was a symbol of the sacrifice of praise ascending to God.

Catholics who light candles are making an offering to God of prayer and praise. The fire of the candle symbolizes ardent love.

The consuming of the candle symbolizes the oblation (offering) of something of value to God: our time, our praise, our resources and so forth. The lingering quality of the candle symbolizes the fact that our prayers, praise and concerns continue in our heart even when we must leave the church. The flickering light also seems to say "Remember me, Lord, remember my prayer and those for whom I pray." Electric votive candles do not as clearly show these symbols, but the idea is still the same.



The Votive Lights of the Vine are in the Adoration Chapel. They are electric and can be lit for one hour while you pray with the Blessed Sacrament for your special intention.

A donation is requested.

Adoration PRAYER

Let the PEACE of this ADORATION CHAPEL surround you as you sit or kneel quietly.

Let the hurry and worry of your life fall away. You are GOD'S CHILD. He loves you and cares for you and is here with you NOW and ALWAYS.

Speak to Him thoughtfully. Give yourself TIME for him to bring things to MIND.

Pope Francis Proclaims 2021 YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed 2021 a “Year of St. Joseph” effective until December 2021.

“Fathers are not born, but made,” says Pope Francis. “A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child.” Unfortunately, in today’s society, children “often seem orphans, lacking fathers” who are able to introduce them “to life and reality.” Children, the Pope says, need fathers who will not try to dominate them, but instead raise them to be “capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities.”

This is the sense in which St Joseph is described as a “most chaste” father, which is the opposite of domineering possessiveness. Joseph, says Pope Francis, “knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.”

Happiness for Joseph involved a true gift of self: “In him, we never see frustration, but only trust,” writes Pope Francis. “His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust.” Joseph stands out, therefore, as an exemplary figure for our time, in a world that “needs fathers,” and not “tyrants”; a society that “rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction.”

True fathers, instead, “refuse to live the lives of their children for them,” and instead respect their freedom. In this sense, says Pope Francis, a father realizes that “he is most a father and an educator at the point when he becomes ‘useless,’ when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied.” Being a father, the Pope emphasizes, “has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a ‘sign’ pointing to a greater fatherhood”: that of the “heavenly Father”.

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

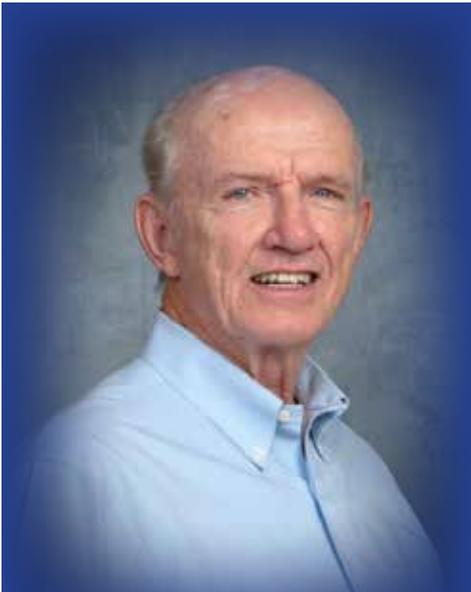
LINE 3 SERVICE _____
example: WWII

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

PRINT NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____



ABOUT TOM POWER

A HISTORY OF SUCCESS

- Professor, clinical supervisor, marriage and family therapist focusing on the prevention of family problems.
- Mentor and supervisor of therapists.
- Family therapy instructor for MSW and PhD clinicians.
- Educator teaching parents family life skills.
- Interested in enhancing and improving the quality of marital and family relationships through education and consulting services.

EDUCATION

- Family Institute of Westchester, Faculty Member and Director of Community Education
- Ackerman Family Institute
- Member and Approved Supervisor of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy and a member of the Family Therapy Academy for over 20 years.
- Masters Degrees in both Counseling and Social Work, New York University

INVEST

IN YOUR FAMILY'S WELL-BEING PARENTING PROGRAM

Parishioner Tom Power, will be offering a program to strengthen family relationships and build stronger communication skills in a 5 week workshop. The program is for all parents: single, married, divorced, or looking to start a family. Tom's experience in his professional life has gifted him the knowledge and compassion to help other parishioners work on their relationships and hopefully guide the group to stronger personal and community bonds raising their children.

PARENTING PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

Join us on **ZOOM** from **7pm to 8:15pm** starting **Thursday, January 21, 2021**

The sessions will run for 5 weeks (1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18)
We are hoping this program can be in person.

COST:

\$25.00 for the family. Scholarships are available through Faith Formation & Youth Ministry.

SIGN UP:

There is limited seating for this program and it will be on a first come basis. To sign up, please contact KELLY EVERS at kelly@johnxxiii.net



Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Safe Environment Training: As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. Visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment for further information.

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 9:15am 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

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/>

Witnessing the Faith: Listen to Bishop Dewane on Relevant Florida Radio at 8:30am the last Friday of every month. Listen anywhere at RelevantRadio.com

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

Informational Websites: Stay current with happenings in the Catholic Church: Whispers in the Loggia (whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com), Catholic News Service (www.catholicnews.com), CRUX (cruxnow.com), Bishop Barron (www.wordonfire.org), Fr. Richard Rohr (cac.org/category/daily-meditations)



THURSDAY, JANUARY 21 - 7:00PM
LIVE ON ZOOM

Registration Required:
www.faithandwineleecounty.com

Guest Speaker:
KITTY CLEVELAND

"Beloved: Finding My Identity in Christ"



THURSDAY, JANUARY 21 - 6:00PM
LIVE ON ZOOM

Advanced Registration Required
Registration Opens January 8
www.faithandale.com

Guest Speaker:
TIM STAPLES

Catholic Convert, Speaker, Apologist
and Author

"Why Be Catholic? Black & White
in a World of Gray"



Catholic Charities Offers **Free** Mental Health Counseling!

We are now actively providing **Free** Youth Tele-Mental Health Counseling Services.

Are your children:

- struggling with anxiety
- showing changed behavior
- feeling depressed

If you need help, please call to speak with Catholic Charities staff for support.

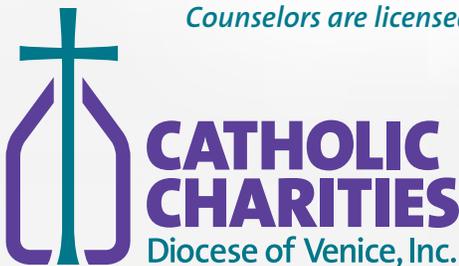
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Collier County: 844-385-2404

Counselors are licensed with 5 years of experience.



www.catholiccharitiesdov.org

**We are a licensed HIPAA compliant agency*

