



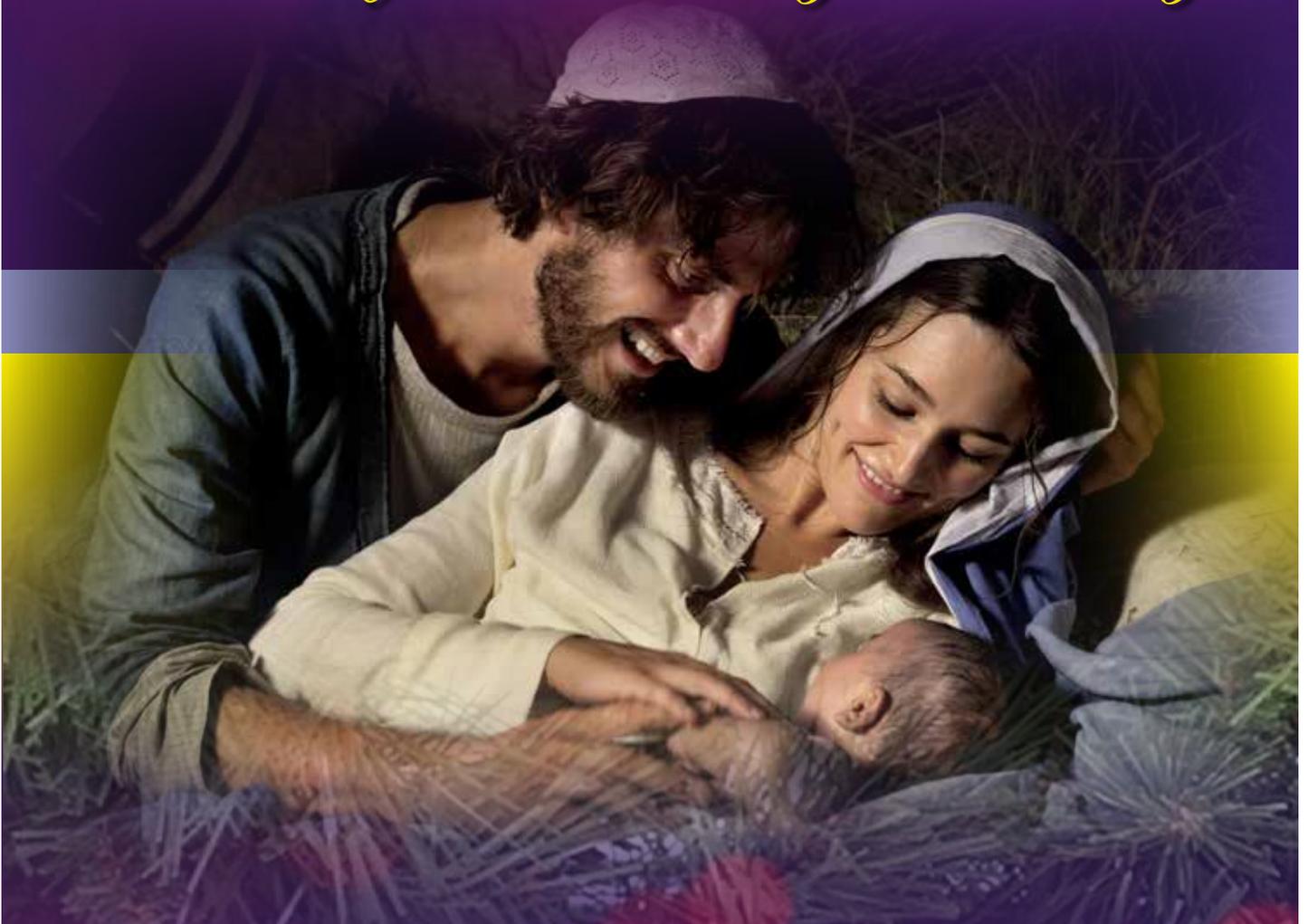
# ST. JOHN XXIII

## Catholic Church

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**December 27, 2020**

# *Feast of the Holy Family*



THE NEW YEAR JOURNEY BEGINS

St. John XXIII Catholic Parish in Fort Myers, Inc. a Florida non-profit corporation

**December 27, 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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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

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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, DECEMBER 28**

- 8:00 AM † George Prajza by The St. John XXIII Pastoral Team

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29**

- 8:00 AM † Joseph Birska by his family

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30**

- 8:00 AM † Stephanie Melanson by Fran Ryan

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 - HOLY DAY**

- 8:00 AM † Arlene Brummer by Linda Sayres
- 6:00 PM † Lisa Battaglia-Schwartz by her family

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 - HOLY DAY**

- 8:00 AM † James Bishop by his wife, Mary
- 12:00 PM † Christine Harper by Paul Theberge and Fran

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 2**

- 8:00 AM † Anthony Parise by Michael Welch
- 3:30 PM † Linda Kircher by Joyce & James Verdi
- 5:30 PM † Deceased Members of St. John XXIII
- 8:00 PM - Vietnamese Mass

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3**

- 7:15 AM † Michael Biel by Julie Richards
- 9:15 AM † Thomas E. Moore by Tim & Sue Lambert
- 11:15 AM † Pablo H. Clavijo by Diane & Jim
- 1:30 PM - Spanish Mass

**THE 2021 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR JANUARY-JUNE**

To ensure availability throughout the year, we must limit requests for the English speaking Masses to no more than (2) weekend Masses and (2) weekday Masses for the entire year. Other options will remain available: Tabernacle Candle \$15 per week, Eucharistic Host \$15 per week.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY 1/1/21 SUNDAY 1/3/21**

1ST READING	NM 6:22-27	1ST READING	IS 60:1-6
PSALM	PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8	PSALM	PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
2ND READING	GAL 4:4-7	2ND READING	EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6
GOSPEL	LK 2:16-21	GOSPEL	MT 2:1-12

**MASS TIME CHANGE**

**FYI**  
**Beginning January 2  
FOR SATURDAYS ONLY  
3:30pm & 5:30pm Masses**

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## About The Holy Family

From: **The Congregation for the Clergy - Catholic Culture**

The devotion to the Holy Family was born in Bethlehem, together with the Baby Jesus. The shepherds went to adore the Child and, at the same time, they gave honor to His family. Later, in a similar way, the three wise men came from the East to adore and give honor to the newborn King with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that would be safeguarded by His family.

We can go further to affirm that in a certain sense Christ, Himself, was the first devotee of His family. He showed His devotion to His mother and foster father by submitting Himself, with infinite humility, to the duty of filial obedience towards them. This is what St Bernard of Clairvaux said in this regard, 'God, to whom angels submit themselves and who principalities and powers obey, was subject to Mary; and not only to Mary but Joseph also for Mary's sake. God obeyed a human creature; this is humility without precedent. A human creature commands God; it is sublime beyond measure.' (First Homily on the 'Missus Est').

Today's celebration demonstrates Christ's humility and obedience with respect to the fourth commandment, whilst also highlighting the loving care that His parents exercised in His keeping. The servant of God, Pope John Paul II, in 1989, entitled his Apostolic Exhortation, 'Redemptoris Custos' (Guardian of the Redeemer) which was dedicated to the person and the mission of Saint Joseph in the life of Christ and of the Church. After exactly a century, he resumed the teaching of Pope Leo XIII, for whom Saint Joseph '... shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men' (Encyclical Quamquam Pluries [1889] n. 3). Pope Leo XIII continued, '... Joseph became the guardian, the administrator, and the legal defender of the divine house whose chief he was.[...] It is, then, natural and worthy that as the Blessed Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and girt it about with his protection, he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ.' Not many years before, blessed Pope Pius IX had proclaimed Saint Joseph, 'Patron of the Catholic Church' (1870)

Almost intuitively, one can recognize that the mysterious, exemplary, guardianship enacted by Joseph was conducted firstly, in a yet more intimate way, by Mary. Consequently, the liturgical feast of the Holy Family speaks to us of the fond and loving care that we must render to the Body of Christ. We can understand this in a mystical sense, as guardians of the Church, and also in the Eucharistic sense. Mary and Joseph took great care of Jesus' physical body. Following their example, we can and must take great care of His Mystical Body, the Church, and the Eucharist which He has entrusted to us. If Mary was, in some way, 'the first tabernacle in history' (John Paul II Ecclesia de Eucharistia, n. 55) then we the Tabernacle in which Our Lord chose to reside in person, in His Real Presence, was also entrusted to us. We can learn from Mary and Joseph! What would they ever have overlooked in the care of Jesus' physical body? Is there something, therefore, that we can withhold for the right and adoring care of His Eucharistic Body? No amount of attention, no sane act of love and adoring respect will ever be too much! On the contrary, our adoration and respect will always be inferior to the great gift that comes to us in the Holy Eucharist.

Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection, and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer. We can not fail to feel uneasiness, perhaps a shameful thought, for the times in which we have not rendered the appropriate care and attention to the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask for forgiveness and do penance for all the sacrilegious acts and the lack of respect that are committed in front of the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, for a greater love for their Son Incarnate, who has decided to remain here on earth with us every day until the end of time.

***“Pray for us, Oh Holy Family. May we be made worthy of the promises of Christ.”***

## Prayer List

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

Elaine Quan	C. Tony Navy
Ryan Novajasky	Anthony Navy
Lynne Haughey	Lou Rescimoto
Carol Clausen	Nancy Wirick
Marlene LaRose	Linda Sayres
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek	Sue & Craig Edwards
Jeff Hlavacek	Baby Henry Patrick Koch
Gary Neubauer	Anna Acini
Tom Biedak	Pauline Reid
Kevin Natella	Katie Cassidy
Marilyn Kelley	Denny Uhlik
Dan Pieper	Caroline Ann Toussaint
James Heaney	Ron Hudepohl
Steven Dakin	Donna Hart
Neil Soeder	Meaghan Onofrey
Gene Damm	Wayne & Carol Hilson

**These names are kept in the bulletin for one month. If you would like continual prayer, please add your name to the prayer book in the Narthex.**

The best way to ensure your loved ones are consistently prayed for within our greater E-Prayer Community - email **Betsy Engelbrecht** at [epayer.stjohn23@gmail.com](mailto:epayer.stjohn23@gmail.com)

Their names will be circulated to an ever-growing list of people who will pray for them by name!



## Ways to Memorialize

For requests to memorialize a loved one, please call the parish office at: (239) 561-2245

### Prayers for Eternal Life

*Life is changed, not ended.*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*

**Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII**



### Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Arlene Brummer**  
Requested by: **The Harley's**



### Adoration Chapel

In Memory of: **Blessings & Thanksgiving for 2021**



# 2021

## Happy NEW YEAR

*You crown the year with Your goodness,  
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

PSALM 65:11

*Thank you Lord for giving me the brand new year ahead. Help me live the way I should. As each new day I tread, give me gentle wisdom that I might help a friend. Give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend. The year ahead is empty. Help me fill it with good things. That each new day is filled with joy and happiness.*

*Amen*



## WATCH ON FACEBOOK

### DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday - Saturday

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

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

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

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

- 11:15am with Fr. Bill
- 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*

- Sarah Whiteside
- James & Andrea Buczek
- James & Veronica Bynum
- Robert & Jannifer Parks
- Carolyn Farhet

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](http://www.johnxxiii.net)

Frequently, those seeking to celebrate marriage, baptisms or serve as sponsors for confirmation or baptism, request a letter stating that they are parishioners. To receive such a letter, 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](mailto:chrisdre@johnxxiii.net)



## FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE:

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

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

## 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](mailto: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](http://ascensionpress.com) and sign in or sign up (if you don't have an account). On your Menu dropdown select Join a Study and select St. John XXIII and order your workbook.

**CONTACT:**  
**Edith Trafford - [lancith@aol.com](mailto:lancith@aol.com)**



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

### Rooted at St. John XXIII

#### **Welcoming all Young Adults 18 - 39**

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

- **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.
- **Classes will resume January 10 through Zoom.**

### 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.
- **Classes will resume January 6 through Zoom.**

### 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**

**12/31:** NO SESSION - New Year's Eve

## *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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Catholic Church

## General Announcements

- **Have You Listened to Our Podcasts?** Listen to our weekly inspirational messages from Father Bob and homilies from Mass. Visit our site weekly at [johnxxiii.podbean.com](http://johnxxiii.podbean.com)
- **Like our Facebook Page:** For all the latest happenings, search "St. John XXIII Catholic Church" and "like" our page.
- **Our Weekly Newsletter:** Visit <https://www.johnxxiii.net/e-newsletter-sign-up/> and enter your email address.
- **Download Our Parish App:** Download our app today at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's app store for myparish. You can also text the word "APP" to 88202!
- **Follow us on Instagram:** St. John XXIII is now on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/stjohnxxiiichurch/>
- **St. John XXIII Catholic Church Mass Times:** Stay up to date and visit: <http://johnxxiii.net/info/new-mass-schedule/>
- **Interested in Serving our Parish Family During Mass?** Men, women and teens may serve as a Greeter, Usher, Lector, or Eucharistic Minister. Please contact the parish office at (239) 561-2245, if you feel called to serve in any of these areas, we can use your time and talent!
- **Low Gluten Hosts:** If you are interested in receiving low gluten hosts at Mass, please see a Sacristan to make a request.
- **Non-Perishable Donations:** Please consider 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. Please Note: The Chapel will be open New Year's Eve from 8:30am-6pm and New Year's Day from 8:30am-12pm. Regular hours resume on Saturday, January 2 from 8:30am-3pm.
- **St. John XXIII Thrift Store:** Hours are Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. Please Note: The store will be CLOSED New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. For more information email [thrift@johnxxiii.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

# 2021

### JANUARY: HUMAN FRATERNITY

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

For more information:

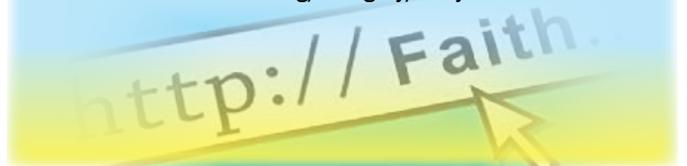
[www.popesprayerusa.net/popes-intentions/](http://www.popesprayerusa.net/popes-intentions/)



## Information Websites

Below are suggested websites to stay current on what is happening in the Catholic church:

- WHISPERS IN THE LOGGIA: [whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com](http://whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com)
- CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE [www.catholicnews.com](http://www.catholicnews.com)
- CRUX: [cruxnow.com](http://cruxnow.com)
- BISHOP BARRON: [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)
- FR. RICHARD ROHR: [cac.org/category/daily-meditations](http://cac.org/category/daily-meditations)



# Words of Encouragement

from St. John XXIII Parishioners

St. John XXIII parishioners have provided messages of faith, hope and encouragement. If you are interested in sharing a video on Facebook, contact **Jennifer Engelman** at [jennifer@johnxxiii.net](mailto:jennifer@johnxxiii.net)



Thank  
you!

We would like to thank all of our friends and parishioners that brought cookies, breads and gifts for the priests and staff!

Also, on behalf of Fr. Bob, Fr. Saji and Fr. Simon, we want to thank you, the members and volunteers, that helped with all the Christmas Masses. It was a beautiful season of faith and worship!

## New Year's Eve/Day

### MASS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31  
6:00pm Vigil Mass for Holy Day

# 2021

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021  
Feast of Mary Mother of God - HOLY DAY  
8:00am Mass  
12:00pm Mass  
8:00pm Vietnamese Mass

REMINDER: JANUARY 2, 2021  
Saturday Vigil Masses resume at 3:30pm and 5:30pm through Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

## 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](mailto:comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net)

### Contactanos

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

Feliz  
Año  
Nuevo



# 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](mailto:larryevener@yahoo.com) or

TOM DOLAN: [mtd0522@yahoo.com](mailto:mtd0522@yahoo.com)

The Women's Guild Contact:

SUE EDWARDS: [sgedwards007@gmail.com](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_



ST. JOHN XXIII  
Catholic Church

## Weekly Financials



	12-13-20	12-15-19	Difference
Offertory	\$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

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**



## 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/>

# 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](http://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.catholicsmobilizingnetwork.org](http://www.catholicsmobilizingnetwork.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](http://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](mailto:respectlifejohn23@gmail.com)



THANK YOU  
from the  
*Women  
Guild*

The St. John XXIII Women’s Guild would like to thank all our members and parishioners for their contributions to the No Bake/Bake Sale. With your generous contributions we were able to raise **\$3,125** to help with holiday baskets for those in need. In a time of pandemic, you are amazing!

## DONATION DEADLINE

### End of Year Donation Notice:

All donations for the **2020 Tax Year** must be received by the parish office by **December 31, 2020** to be included in your tax statement. In addition, all CFA donations must be received by the Diocese of Venice by **December 31, 2020**



## Adoration Chapel

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

**MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8:30am-4pm**

**SATURDAY: 8:30am-3pm**

**PLEASE NOTE EXCEPTIONS:**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 (New Year’s Eve)**

8:30am-6:00pm

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 (New Year’s Day)**

8:30am-12pm

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 2**

Resumes regular hours 8:30am-3pm

# The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

## JANUARY 1, 2021 - HOLY DAY



**SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PRAYER:**  
*Pray for us, Oh Holy Mother of God. May we  
be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

We celebrate the liturgical feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary on January 1st, which is the Octave of Christmas. Only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an octave, which is an eight day extension of the feast.

The honoring of Mary as the Mother of God can be traced back to the Council of Ephesus in 431. By the 7th century, January 1st was observed as a celebration of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the 13th century, the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ had come to replace the feast honoring Mary; however in 1751, after a push in Portugal for an official feast day celebrating Mary's divine maternity, Pope Benedict XIV allowed Portugal's churches to devote a feast to Mary on the first Sunday in May. Eventually, the feast extended to other countries, and in 1914 began to be observed on October 11. In 1931, Pope Pius XI extended the feast to the entire church, and in 1974, Pope Paul VI removed the feast of the Circumcision of Christ from the liturgical calendar and replaced it with the feast of the "Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God", bringing Mary's feast day back to the first day of the year.

The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer". On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, or sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace". New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace", further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.

# Epiphany

## HOUSE BLESSING

**Materials:** A piece of chalk and a small container of holy water. Gather with family, friends, and neighbors at the front door.

**Leader:** In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray: *Christus mansionem Benedict.* May Christ bless this house!

**ALL:** Amen

We sign this doorway with four crosses and the numerals of the new year. {20 + C + M + B + 17}

**Materials:** (or other Reader)

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

We look forward to the new heavens and the new earth God has promised, a dwelling place of righteousness. The Word of the Lord

**ALL:** Thanks be to God!

*Each room of the house is sprinkled with holy water.*

### LIVING ROOM:

You are present where two or three are gathered. Bless this room, O Lord. ALL: Amen!

### KITCHEN:

Give us this day our daily bread. Bless this room, O Lord. ALL: Amen!

### DINING ROOM:

May we be seated at the heavenly banquet. Bless this room, O Lord. ALL: Amen!

### BEDROOMS:

Protect us, stay with us through the night. Bless this room, O Lord. ALL: Amen!

### BATHROOM:

You cleanse us always from sin. Bless this room, O Lord. ALL: Amen!  
*All return to the front door to pray together.*

**Leader:** Let us pray as Jesus taught us: Our Father....

The leader sprinkles all present with holy water and concludes:

Bless this household through all days to come, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

**ALL:** Amen!



## 5 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS All Catholics Should Aspire To



Each year people firmly believe that this will be the year, the year they lose weight, the year they make more of an impression at work, the year something is better than the previous. But how many of us make New Year's resolutions to follow Christ?

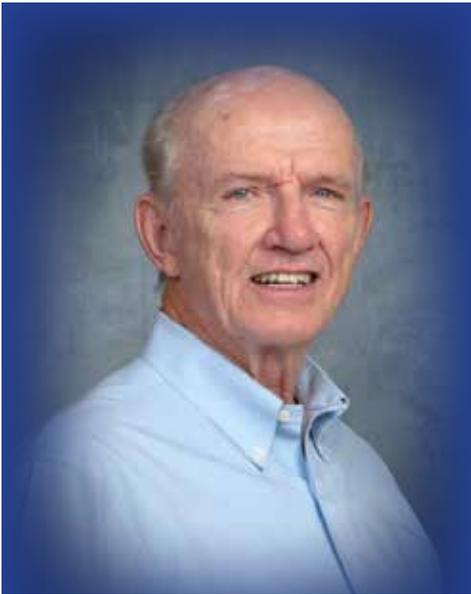
**1. Be More Like Jesus:** We are called to follow Christ's examples, all of which are clearly outlined in the Bible. Remember John 8:12, where Jesus says, "...I am the light of the world; anyone who follows me will not be walking in the dark, but will have the light of life."

**2. Read the Bible:** Recall Hebrews 4:12: "The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts more incisively than any two-edged sword: it can seek out the place where soul is divided from spirit, or joints from marrow; it can pass judgement on secret emotions and thoughts." Understanding the Word of God is an important part of being Catholic. The Holy Scriptures are alive, meaning they can move in and through you and can bring power greater than that of a sword. The Scriptures are there so that we can learn from them and be held accountable, even for our "secret emotions and thoughts."

**3. Be Generous:** This is not limited to money! Remember, when we offer to help people pack for a move, practice for a speech, listen to their worries or feed the hungry, we are being generous and mirroring Christ's heart. Think of 1 John 3:17, "If anyone is well-off in worldly possessions and sees his brother in need but closes his heart to him, how can the love of God be remaining in him?"

**4. Learn to Listen:** Listening and patience go hand-in-hand. Learning to listen, rather than merely being present, can make a world of difference both to you and the person or people you are talking to. Note that the art of listening is not limited to the people around you. God speaks to us every day, but how many of us can say that we have the ears to listen? Listening to God can be difficult, particularly when you are in desperate need of answers. James 1:19 helps us understand what listening means. "Remember this, my dear brothers: everyone should be quick to listen but slow to speak and slow to human anger..." A good way to practice listening to God is to sit in a quiet place. Ask God to help you be more open to what He has to say, and ask for the patience to actively listen to those around you.

**5. Educate Yourself:** Proverbs 1:5 says, "Let the wise listen and learn yet more, and a person of discernment will acquire the art of guidance." Educating yourself can mean you go back to school, delve deeper in The Holy Scriptures or simply doing a little research online to better understand what is happening around the world and why. Understanding the world, even its horrors, can help you understand what you need to pray for, and for some it can open the door to a ministry you didn't even know you were meant to enter.



## 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](mailto:kelly@johnxxiii.net)





# NEW YEAR FUN FACTS

- Baby New Year has been a symbol of the holiday since around 600 B.C., starting in ancient Greece when an infant was paraded around in a basket in celebration of Dionysus, the god of fertility. The baby represents a rebirth that occurs at the start of each new year.
- Robert Burns took a Scottish folk song called “Old Long Syne” and put his own spin on it in 1788, which is the version we all know today. Auld lang syne means “times long past.”
- The annual tradition of gathering in Times Square in New York started as a party to celebrate the opening of the New York Times building in 1904. Over 200,000 people attended.
- 2,000 pounds of confetti are also dropped in Times Square. Confetti may not be a new concept, but in 2015 “wishfetti” became a part of the tradition. People write their wishes for the new year and submit them to the Wish Wall in Times Square (or online) and those wishes are turned into the confetti that falls over the crowd at midnight.
- Waterford comes up with a new ball pattern every year. The sphere is made up of 2,688 crystal triangles and has over 32,000 lights.
- The original ball was made from 700 pounds of iron and wood. It was later reduced to just 400 pounds of wrought iron before they switched to an aluminum frame in 1955. The now 11,875 pound ball didn’t get its new look (and materials) until the millenium when Waterford partnered with Philips Lighting to create a shimmery LED display.
- Americans drink 360 million glasses of champagne on New Year’s Eve.



## Don't Get HOOKED



*Did You Know?*

**4 in 5 emails are phishing or spam emails!**



## What Can I Do?

Look for parish, school or diocese domain email addresses.

Be suspicious of: @yahoo.com, @gmail.com, @aol.com, @comcast.net, etc. or posing as someone from the parish.

When in doubt, call the parish office or contact the Diocesan IT Department.

If your gut says the message is strange, call the sender before clicking a link or opening a file. Don't wire money or buy gift cards if asked in an email, text message, or social media post.

The IT Helpdesk will never email a link telling you to click or a message: *"your account will be disabled"*.

Report suspicious emails to: **ithelpdesk@dioceseofvenice.org**

**IT HELPDESK**  
(941)-486-4740 / ext.4357

**VISIT:**  
dioceseofvenice.org  
facebook.com/DioceseofVenice



## 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org/donate) or send a check to: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice Inc., 5824 Bee Ridge Road, PMB 409, Sarasota, FL 34233-5065

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

**Spiritual Adoption Program:** You are invited to register to spiritually adopt an unborn child in danger of abortion. Visit [www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/respect-life/spiritual-adoption-program](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/respect-life/spiritual-adoption-program) and receive monthly updates on the development of the child in the womb. Call (941) 441-1101 or email [Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org)

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

**Free Mental Health Counseling:** Catholic Charities is providing free mental health counseling services. For help or support, please call our staff at (844) 385-2423 or visit [www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org)

**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

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- **EXCESSIVE SADNESS OR MOODINESS:** Long-lasting sadness, mood swings, and unexpected rage.
- **HOPELESSNESS:** Feeling a sense of hopelessness about the future, with little expectation that circumstances can improve.
- **SLEEP PROBLEMS:** Restless or erratic patterns.
- **SUDDEN CALMNESS:** Becoming calm after a period of depression or moodiness can be a sign that the person has made a decision to end his or her life.
- **WITHDRAWAL:** Choosing to be alone and avoiding friends or social activities are also possible symptoms of depression, a leading cause of suicide. This includes the loss of interest or pleasure in activities the person previously enjoyed.
- **CHANGES IN PERSONALITY OR APPEARANCE:** A person who is considering suicide might exhibit a change in attitude or behavior, such as speaking or moving with unusual speed or slowness or suddenly become less concerned about their appearance.
- **DANGEROUS OR SELF-HARMFUL BEHAVIOR:** Potentially dangerous behavior, such as reckless driving, engaging in unsafe sex, and increased use of drugs and/or alcohol might indicate that the person no longer values his or her life.
- **RECENT TRAUMA OR LIFE CRISIS:** A major life crises might trigger a suicide attempt. Crises include the death of a loved one or pet, divorce or break-up of a relationship, diagnosis of a major illness, loss of a job, or serious financial problems.
- **MAKING PREPARATIONS:** A person considering suicide will begin to put their personal business in order, such as, visiting friends/family, giving away personal possessions, making a will, or cleaning their room/home. Some will write a note before suicide, buy a firearm or other means, like poison.
- **THREATENING SUICIDE:** 50% to 75% of those considering suicide will give someone a warning sign. However, not everyone who is considering suicide will say so or follow through. However, every threat of suicide should be taken seriously.

