



# ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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**February 7, 2021**

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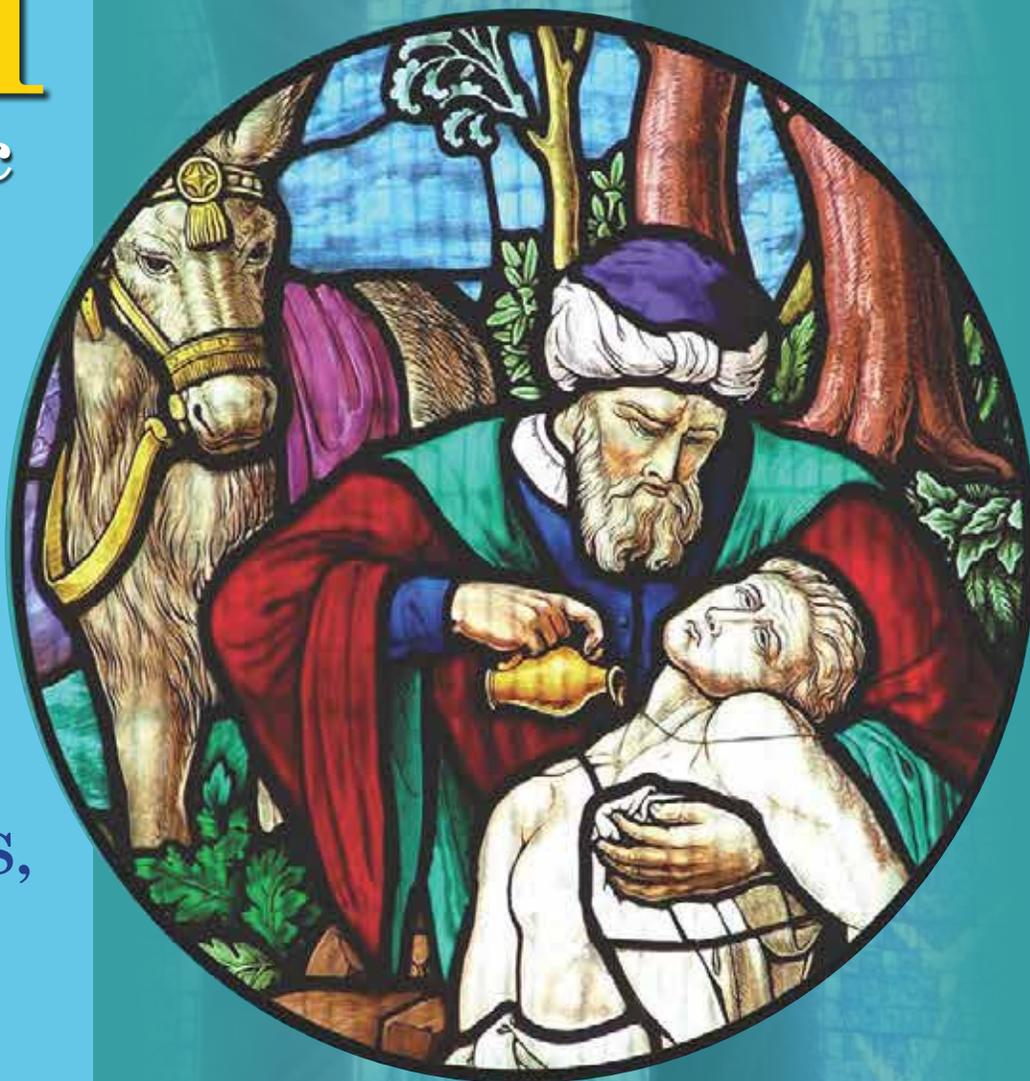
## Catholic Faith Appeal



Diocese of Venice in Florida

**BE  
GENEROUS,**  
*and you will be  
prosperous.*

**HELP  
OTHERS,**  
*and you will be  
helped.* - PROVERBS 11:25



February 7, 2021

**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:**

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, FEBRUARY 8**

- 8:00 AM † Marion Lamone Ron & Linda Vitticore

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

- 8:00 AM † Joanne Mitchell Jim Peterson & Diane Jacobsen

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

- 8:00 AM † James Heaney by Sandy & Jenny

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

- 8:00 AM † Joan Bell by Catherine

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

- 8:00 AM † Deacon Francis Head by St. John XXIII Women's Guild

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

- 8:00 AM † Ron Rogers by his wife, Rita
- 3:30 PM † Lucy Laracuenta by Juan
- 5:30 PM † Joseph J. Glowacki, Sr. by The Glowacki Family
- 8:00 PM † Teresa - Vietnamese Mass

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

- 7:15 AM † Diego & Antoinette Bosco by Ria Brown
- 9:15 AM † Michael Biel by St. John XXIII Women's Guild
- 11:15 AM † Joseph Birsa by his family
- 1:30 PM † Herbert Walsh by his wife, Marie - 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.

**SUNDAY 2/14/21**

1 READING LV 13:1-2, 44-46  
PSALM PS 32:1-2, 5, 11  
2 READING 1 COR 10:31-11:1  
GOSPEL MK 1:40-45

**ASH WEDNESDAY 2/17/21**

1 READING JL 2:12-18  
PSALM PS 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 12-13, 14 & 17  
2 READING 2 COR 5:20-6:2  
GOSPEL MT 6:1-6, 16-18



*Thank You!*

We would like to thank the golfing lady friends of Judy Broemmel who generously donated toward our paschal candle in loving memory of Bo Broemmel.

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# CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL: F&Q

**2021**  
Catholic  
Faith  
Appeal



## **What is the Catholic Faith Appeal and for what are its proceeds used?**

The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) is a yearly invitation to come together as a Diocese and provide assistance to our needy brothers and sisters. It is one of the most effective ways to carry out the work of the Church, and it is a testament to how we live our Catholic Faith. Gifts to the CFA support a broad range of programs and services such as: Vocations and Seminarians, Religious Education, Parishes and Missions in financially challenged areas, Evangelization, Catholic Education, Peace and Social Justice, Catholic Charities and many more. On an annual basis, Parishes in the Diocese of Venice make a required contribution to financially support these efforts. The Catholic Faith Appeal is a means by which all parishioners can take part in helping their Parish to meet its contribution. A Parish Catholic Faith Appeal goal is determined by the income of the Parish and is not based on the number of registered families because our population grows in the winter months from northern visitors. This greatly adds to the success of the Appeal.

## **How does the CFA benefit my Parish and me?**

The Catholic Faith Appeal helps to sustain many diverse programs in our Parishes. Some examples are preparing couples for marriage, providing the curriculum to educate both children and adults in our Faith, forming future priests, educating children in Catholic schools, and supporting religious sisters who serve in various roles. The CFA over the past three years has provided \$5 million to Parishes through donations raised above and beyond their goal. Parishes use the additional funds for a wide variety of purposes as agreed upon by Parish leadership and the Pastor. Some examples are capital improvements, building an endowment for maintenance, tuition assistance or emergency purposes, and expanding community outreach.

## **Why does Catholic Charities do additional fundraising?**

Approximately 15% of the Diocesan budget is given to Catholic Charities to help support its very worthwhile presence in our Diocese. However, this amount is only a percentage of the money needed to carry out its work. In addition to what the Diocese is able to provide, further fundraising is required.

## **Why are the administrative services included?**

The mission of the Church is to continue the work of Christ. To do so requires overseeing and supporting more than 1,000 employees in our schools, Parishes and agencies throughout

the ten counties within the Diocese. These shared services help streamline operations and reduce the overall cost for everyone.

## **Why are there so many mailings?**

More than 3.5 million dollars of the appeal comes to the Diocese through the mailings. Once you have responded to a CFA mailing or made a gift through your Parish, mailings to you will stop with the exception of a thank you letter and yearly tax receipt. Tax receipts are sent to anyone who gives a gift of \$250 or more, which is required by the IRS. It is always wise to keep receipts of your charitable giving for audit purposes.

## **How much should I give?**

In prayerful thanks for the many blessings from God, we as Stewards should reflect an attitude of gratitude by sharing those blessings with our brothers and sisters in need through contributions to our Parish or the CFA. Although we are not all able to make an equal gift, all are invited by Our Lord to make an equal sacrifice. Therefore, your gift is a personal decision between you and God, and should be made after prayerful consideration.

## **Should I make a pledge or a one-time gift?**

Making a pledge allows you to spread your gift throughout the year, which may make it easier for you to pay, and may also allow you to give a larger gift. Pledge statements are sent out monthly unless otherwise requested. These are simply reminders and not bills. You can pay your pledge anytime before the end of the year. If your situation changes, you may also adjust your pledge.

## **How can I make my gift?**

We try to make your giving as easy as possible. You can make a gift through checks, credit cards, stocks, direct debit, IRA transfer, on-line giving at [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org), as well as approved gifts of real estate. Give us a call and we will happily answer your questions (941-486-4719).

## **Will any funds from the CFA be used to settle lawsuits or for legal expenses?**

No, the Catholic Faith Appeal funds are restricted for the funding of the ministries and programs outlined in promotional materials and are not used to settle claims or pay claim related expenses.

## **If I contribute to my Parish's capital campaign, does the Diocese get a portion of my gift?**

Funds from approved Parish capital campaigns are not assessable. Therefore, the fully donated amount is available for use by the Parish for capital campaign purposes.

## A LETTER FROM

# Bishop Dewane

# 2021

## Catholic Faith Appeal

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you and your family! In this New Year, it is my desire to express sincere gratitude for your support of your Parish and the Diocese of Venice.

Scripture reminds us, ***“Be generous, and you will be prosperous. Help others, and you will be helped”*** (Proverbs 11:25). Your support of the Catholic Faith Appeal is one way to respond to this call for personal commitment and participation in helping those in need.

The Catholic Faith Appeal helps to sustain many diverse programs in our Parishes. Some examples are preparing couples for marriage, providing the curriculum to educate both children and adults in our Faith, forming future priests, educating children in Catholic schools, and supporting religious sisters who serve in various roles. Being in tune with the vulnerabilities of our diverse population necessitates programs that are supported through the CFA such as housing for seniors, the homeless, and single mothers.

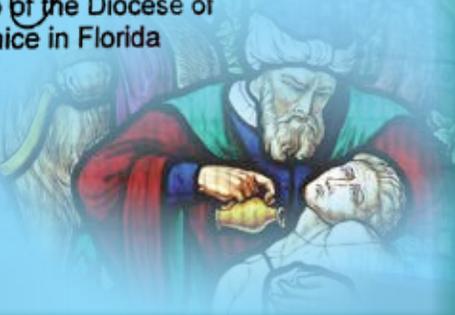
Several of the Diocesan programs and ministries are funded by the Catholic Faith Appeal. It is my hope that your support continues to help make a positive difference in the communities it serves.

May the Lord abundantly reward your desire to help those among us in need. Be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

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  
Ron Hudepohl  
Anthony Navy  
William James  
Linda Sayres  
Baby Henry Patrick Koch  
Anna Acini  
Pauline Reid  
Katie Cassidy

Denny Uhlik  
Caroline Ann Toussaint  
Donna Hart  
Meaghan Onofrey  
Wayne & Carol Hilson  
Darlene Sardone  
Tony Raimo  
Denise Vanelli  
Bill Becker  
Kenneth Huber  
Bernadette Ryan  
Hugh Ryan  
Michael Grunberg  
Tim McMullen  
David Meunier  
Jimmy Provanzano  
The Dasco Family

**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!*

**Peter Druskis  
Tom Morris  
Wilfred (Bill) Handel**



### Tabernacle Candle

In Honor of: **William J. Leavy, Jr.**  
Requested by: **his family**



### Adoration Chapel

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





## WATCH ON FACEBOOK

### DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday - Saturday

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 3:30pm with Fr. Angelo
- 8:00pm Vietnamese Mass

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

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 11:15am with 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*

- Larry & Joan Chapman
- Jaboc & Stacey Davis
- Kathleen Kwilas
- David & Lisa George

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, March 14, 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*

- |                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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      | PFC Judy Martinez, Army        |



## Faith Formation

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



### FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE:

The next **WEDNESDAY** Faith Formation Class will be held **FEBRUARY 10 - 4:15PM & 6:00PM**

The next **SUNDAY** Family Faith Formation Class will be held **FEBRUARY 7 - 10:30AM**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** for Year II Students will be held **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - 10:00AM**

### SACRAMENT PREPARATION:

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations on your decision to baptize your child! At St. John XXIII, we are happy to help your family prepare for the celebration. Baptisms are offered for registered members of Saint John XXIII and are scheduled only after the preparation process is completed by the parents. Please do not make arrangements for family members until you have actually received a date. Contact the office at (239) 561-2245 for more information or to begin the process.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** (also called First Eucharist and First Reconciliation) Children in first grade or above, who have expressed a desire and willingness and are attending Mass, are welcome to begin the two year process of preparing for these Sacraments. The first year consists of regular attendance at Faith Formation classes or through a Diocesan Catholic school. (Either St. Francis Xavier or St. Andrew) The second year continues those classes, but also adds in direct Sacramental Preparation (Reconciliation and Communion) sessions. Please contact Chris at 561-7499 for more information or to begin the process. Parents who home school their children must contact the office during Year I.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:** Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation is a two year process that begins at the start of 9th Grade and is celebrated in the Fall of 11th grade. (Older teens are certainly welcome!). Each year consists of Faith Formation through the parish Youth Group or a Diocesan Catholic school (Bishop Verot) as well as scheduled Confirmation classes and a retreat. Please note: Students from Bishop Verot must register and attend the preparation classes at the beginning of 9th grade. If you are entering the 9th grade or would like more information on our program, contact Chris at (239) 561-7499 to begin the process.

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

## ADULT FAITH

## Education

Keep in TOUCH with your *Faith* ONLINE:

### OPENING THE WORD

## YOUR JOURNEY INTO THE SUNDAY READINGS



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

### JOIN US ONLINE

## Bible Study



## The Bible Timeline

*The Story of Salvation*

**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 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.

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### Rooted at St. John XXIII

**Welcoming all Young Adults 18 - 39**

Rooted meets on the 1st Thursday of each month however, in person gatherings have been suspended.

- **PLEASE NOTE:** We will be hosting a 4-week workshop through Formed called, "God and Science, from Nothing to Cosmos". Please email Kelly if you are interested.



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

### Confirmation Program

The Diocese has given us a date for Confirmation. Year 2 students must have all requirements in by February 28 to be Confirmed. Please email Kelly Evers to inquire what your candidate may still need.

- **February 28** - Our next gathering for a Confirmation retreat with your sponsor. Year 1 students will join us in the church for a teaching Mass with Fr. Bob at 5pm.

### High School Youth Group

**HSYG Social Sessions** - Sundays 5pm to 6pm

- 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.
- **February 7** - Is Your Faith Colorblind?
- **February 14** - NO SESSION (In honor of St. Valentine)

### 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.
- **February 10** - Is Your Faith Colorblind?

### Volunteer Opportunites

- For at home Youth Volunteer Opportunities please email Kelly Evers



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# Youth SPOTLIGHT

***Kaylee Jones** is active in youth and music ministry. Her love for our faith and community earns her Disciple of Christ. Kaylee started a prayer locker in her middle school and prays for fellow classmates weekly using the intentions left inside.*



#### Why is your Catholic faith important to you?

My Catholic faith is important to me because it gives me hope when times are tough, and security when I feel insecure. It guides me to make the world a better place by giving me many opportunities to serve the community and those in need. My faith gives me comfort to know that I will always be loved, no matter what happens.

#### What do you like most about St. John XXIII?

I fell in love with this church the moment I walked through the front door. I felt welcomed right away when talking to Chris and Holly. The first mass I went to, I appreciated how the kids received blessings, and that the kids are important to the church.

#### What does it mean to you, to be a Disciple of Christ?

To me, being a Disciple of Christ means helping others by spreading the light of Christ in any way I can. It can be something from a simple smile and a friendly conversation to starting a prayer locker at school. I try my best to live by the Bible and the ways of the Lord.



ST. JOHN XXIII  
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. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit: [johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/](http://johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/)
- **St. John XXIII Thrift Store:** Hours are Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. For more information email [thriftojohnxxiii.net](mailto:thriftojohnxxiii.net)
- **Craftie Ladies Order Requests:** Please contact Judy Siegel at: (239) 437-4978 or email [crafterladiesxxiii@gmail.com](mailto:crafterladiesxxiii@gmail.com)
- **Keep Our Database Current:** Have you moved, changed email addresses, dropped a landline or changed your cell number? Please email [maryann@johnxxiii.net](mailto:maryann@johnxxiii.net) with any changes or additions to your contact information.
- **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
- **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

### 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

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

**2/11:** Preparation for Ash Wednesday and Lent

**2/18:** A Love that Lasts and Paschal Mystery

**2/25:** Spiritual Life: Prayers, Devotions

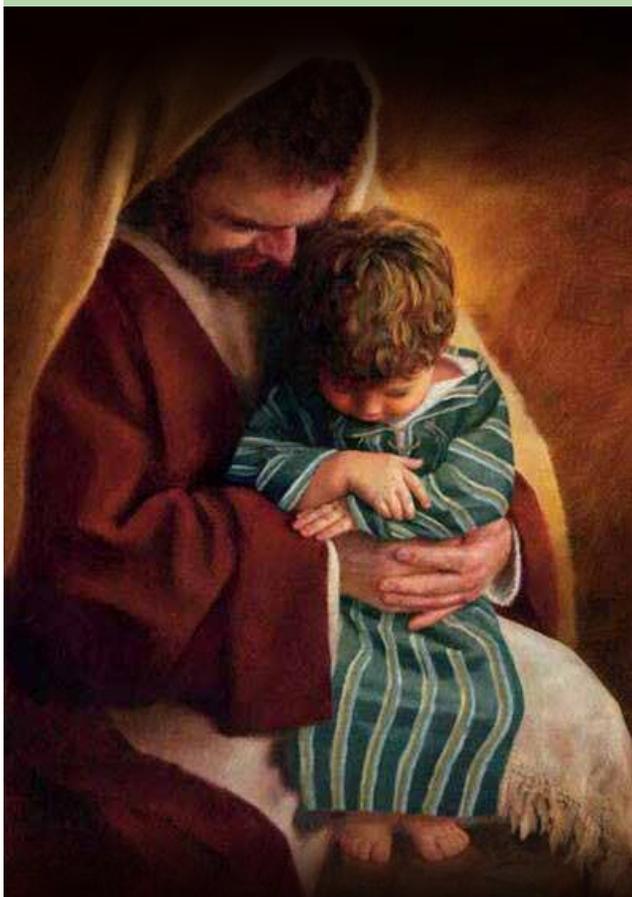
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# FEBRUARY

## Paul Kielmeyer

by: **Maureen Dombrowski**

Marking the **150th Anniversary of St. Joseph** being declared patron of the universal church, Pope Francis proclaimed a year long celebration dedicated to the foster father of Jesus. Each month during this special year, we will feature an interview with a member of the St. John XXIII parish whose life reflects the virtues and characteristics of St. Joseph.



### LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH

*Joseph, Most Faithful, pray for us.*

*Protector of the Holy Church, pray for us.*

*Zealous Defender of Christ, pray for us.*

*Hope of the sick, pray for us.*

**PAUL KIELMEYER**, husband, father, grandfather, parish videographer, Eucharistic Minister, sacristan, says that like St. Joseph, he is “a behind the scenes kind of guy. Whenever he is needed, he is there.”



One way Paul demonstrates his “support and reliability” is serving as parish videographer who sets up live streaming St. John XXIII Masses seven days a week. When COVID-19 closed down our parish, Paul began broadcasting our daily Masses using his I-phone, then I-pad, and finally switching over to our new current video system. He also served as sacristan, altar server, and lector during the lockdown. Parishioners, who follow masses via Face book, YouTube, or St. John’s XXIII website, will recognize his voice offering responses to our priests’ intercessions during Mass. In order to perform this ministry, Paul may be found in Church from 6:30AM-9:30AM every morning seven days a week. He has missed only five days in the past year.

The far-reaching effects of this video broadcasting ministry are astonishing with over one quarter of a million views as of January, 2021! In addition to keeping snowbirds in contact with our parish, viewers include military personnel in Iraq and people living in southwest India. Our Fr. Saji quips that his parents can watch him and know that he is still a priest. Paul invites anyone in the world with a live internet connection to participate in our services.

Like St. Joseph, Paul “does not seek the limelight, performing corporal and spiritual works of mercy.” He served as a coordinator of the Eucharistic Ministry program at Gulf Coast Hospital, which brought communion to more than 100 Catholic patients daily before being suspended due to the pandemic.

Paul thanks our parish priests for their constant support and treating him as “an equal participant in helping bring Christ to the people.” Also, he commends our parish staff for always asking, “What can we do to keep St. John’s moving forward and be the best Catholic Church it can be.”

Paul feels that there is “a hunger in men today, striving for a deeper understanding of what God wants them to do, but day-to-day living gets in the way.”

For Paul, who insists he “is not a leader, just a team member,” his greatest goal is like that of St. Joseph to “have enriched the religious experience of anyone” who is seeking the Lord.

# 2021 PLEDGE CARD

**Catholic Faith Appeal is NEXT WEEKEND. Cards will be given out in the Narthex this weekend. All money collected will go towards the CFA assessment for 2021.**

## *Catholic Faith Appeal*

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*Pledging your gift may allow you to make a more generous and affordable contribution to the CFA. The pledge can be spread out over several months. You may pledge with an initial payment while the remaining balance can be donated at any time during the next nine months. The Diocese will send you monthly reminders.*

*Your gift to the 2021 CFA will continue to make a difference in supporting the spiritual, educational, charitable and pastoral initiatives at the Diocese of Venice. Thank you!*

**GIVE ONLINE!** Visit us at: [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org)

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## Weekly Financials



	01-31-21	02-03-20	Difference
Offertory	\$28,318.56	\$37,111.00	(\$8,792.44)
Building Fund	\$1,901.00	\$4,285.00	(\$2,384.00)
Total	\$30,219.56	\$41,396.00	(\$11,176.44)
Mass Attendance	1775	4695	
Registered Families	3574	3733	

No money is kept on Church property. Thank you for your continued generosity!

**\*Please make your checks payable to "St. John XXIII"**

### 2021 Catholic Faith Appeal

2021 Goal	\$492,000.00
Pledge	\$20,050.80
% of Goal	4.08%
% of Households	2.57%
Payments	<b>\$9,340.40</b>

## Planning Your Will



### Remember St. John XXIII

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Holly Atkins: [holly@johnxxiii.net](mailto:holly@johnxxiii.net)**



## 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](http://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.

# WHAT? NO Diapers?

## How do ABORTIONS and DIAPERS relate?

The most common reason given for why abortion is considered for someone facing an unplanned pregnancy is "financial". During the early days of the pandemic, that became nearly the only reason we heard as we met with those facing such a circumstance.

Diapers represent an essential need and one of the largest practical, ongoing expenses new parents face with a newborn baby. Walking the diaper aisle will shock you when you consider the impact of this cost for new parents.

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# RESPECT LIFE MARCH FOR LIFE

## *Thank You!*

We would like to thank everyone for the wonderful turnout on Saturday, January 29th. It was a fantastic day for our March for Life DC observance.

So many prayers were lifted up to God for all the babies, moms and dads!



### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE:

The Spring 40 Days for Life will begin on Ash **Wednesday, February 17th** and will kick off with 8am Mass at St. John XXIII celebrated by Bishop Frank DeWane; who will then lead the faithful in prayer at the Planned Parenthood clinic located at 6418 Commerce Park Drive (one block north of Daniels just west of Plantation Rd.) See page 13 for more details. All are invited to participate and join in planning meetings.

### CONTACT US:

If you would like to learn about or become more involved, please leave your name and contact information at the parish office (239) 561-2245 or email [respectlifejohn23@gmail.com](mailto:respectlifejohn23@gmail.com)

**Ft. Myers**

# PRAYER Walk

**FOR**



**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

8:00 a.m. Mass, Bishop Frank J. Dewane, Celebrant  
St. John XXIII Church, 13060 Palomino Lane, Ft. Myers

Rosary after Mass in front of  
Planned Parenthood, 6418 Commerce Park Drive  
Approximately 9:15 a.m.  
Park on grass; all tires must be off pavement



The Prayer Walk marks the opening of *40 Days for Life*  
which runs from February 17 to March 28.



For more information:  
941-374-1068 or [Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org)  
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# WORLD SICK DAY

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11



by: **Cindy Wooden - Catholic News Service**

Praising those who help the sick and praying for those who are sick, Pope Francis called on Christians to practice what they preach, including by guaranteeing equal access to health care for all people.

"The current pandemic has exacerbated inequalities in our health care systems and exposed inefficiencies in the care of the sick," the pope wrote in his message for the 2021 World Day of the Sick, which the Catholic Church marks February 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it obvious to everyone that "elderly, weak and vulnerable people are not always granted access to care," at least not in an equitable way, he said. "This is the result of political decisions, resource management and a greater or lesser commitment on the part of those holding positions of responsibility."

Being sick makes one realize his or her "own vulnerability and innate need of others," the pope said. "It makes us feel all the more clearly that we are creatures dependent on God." "When we are ill," he continued, "fear and even bewilderment can grip our minds and hearts; we find ourselves powerless, since our health does not depend on our abilities."

For many people, the pope said, "sickness raises the question of life's meaning," something Christians must "bring before God in faith. In seeking a new and deeper direction in our lives, we may not find an immediate answer. Nor are our relatives and friends always able to help us in this demanding quest."

Pope Francis praised the "silent multitude of men and women," who, as the pandemic continues, do not look away, but help their patients or their neighbors. "Such closeness is a precious balm that provides support and consolation to the sick in their suffering," he said. "As Christians, we experience that closeness as a sign of the love of Jesus Christ, the Good Samaritan, who draws near with compassion to everyone wounded by sin."

Jesus' commandment to love one another also applies to a Christian's relationship with a person who is sick, the pope said. "A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love."

"Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned," he said, praying that "Mary, Mother of Mercy and Health of the Infirm," would watch over the sick, health care workers and all those who help others.



*Knights of Columbus*

## WHAT'S NEW?



The Knights of Columbus donated \$1,000 to St. Martin DePorres for the renovation of their newly acquired building. St. Martin feeds the homeless in Lee County as well as providing groceries to many families in the area.

*Pictured are Tom Dolan of the Knights, Fernando Castillo, and Barbara Durkin Administrator of St Martin DePorres.*

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# Wedding Anniversary Celebration Masses



All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in two locations. This year, considering the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, the location will have two Masses to allow for appropriate social distancing. **The next scheduled Masses are 10am and 12pm, March 6 at St. Leo the Great Parish, 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs.** Please call the parish office at **(239) 561-2245** for reservations no later than a week before the Mass you choose to attend.

## Gracias FOR HELPING VENEZUELA

Thank you to the generous people of our community, Social Justice and The Knights of Columbus who made this wonderful little miracle possible for the people of Venezuela. We were able to send **54 BOXES** filled with food, toiletries and over-the-counter medicines to help those in need. Take a moment to look at the faces that you were able to make happy this past Christmas!



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# MEN'S CONFERENCE 2021

Saturday  
Feb. 20



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9 am - 3 pm  
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## Register

[www.dioceseofvenice.org/adultconferences](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/adultconferences)

For more information, call the Evangelization Office at (941) 484-9543 or email [evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org)

## Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

**OLPH Lenten Opportunites:** Monthly Day of Prayer on Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 9:30am. February 20-21 weekend seminar on St. Ignatius Rules for Discernment of Spirits For more information on either event, call Denise at (941) 486-0233, ext. 3004, or visit [www.olph-retreat.org](http://www.olph-retreat.org) and click on "Schedule of Events."

**Saint Katharine Drexel Fashion Show:** Saturday, February 20 at 11:30am in the parish hall with lunch provided. Tickets \$30. Social distancing and masks are required. For reservations contact Madeline (207) 754-2215 or email [mmcdeblois@gmail.com](mailto:mmcdeblois@gmail.com)

**Institute for Catholic Studies & Formation:** Spend this Lent growing in prayer! "Encountering God in Prayer: A Lenten Journey" is a theological and practical online course, guiding you through the rich and beautiful teaching on personal prayer found in part four of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Short video lectures, online discussions, prayer exercises and other learning activities. The instructor, Dr. John Gresham, Executive Director of the Institute, has extensive experience teaching on prayer in courses, workshops, and retreats. The course runs from Ash Wednesday, February 17-April 5. For more information, call (941) 766-7334, visit [www.institute-dov.org](http://www.institute-dov.org) call or email [john.gresham@institute-dov.org](mailto:john.gresham@institute-dov.org)

**Women's Conferences 2021:** Saturday, March 13. at Bishop Verot High School in Ft. Myers from 9am-3pm with Mass celebrated by Bishop Dewane and Confession available all day. Featured speakers: Kimberly Hahn and Mary Ann Weisinger-Puig on To register visit [www.dioceseofvenice.org/adultconferences](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/adultconferences)

**Televised Mass for the Homebound:** For those who are unable to attend Mass due to medical or physical limitations, the Diocese of Venice offers a televised Mass each Sunday. For viewers in the northern portions of the Diocese, the Mass airs at 9:30am on the CW Network; and for those in the southern portions of the Diocese, the Mass is at 10:30am on WFTX-TV (FOX-4).

**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.

**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/>

**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)



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