



ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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February 28, 2021

Lenten Healing

by: **Kathleen Beckman - Catholic Exchange**

Lent's forty days of prayer and fasting offer a process of healing and liberation. In Lent we place ourselves nearer to the suffering servant, Jesus Christ. We ponder the Redeemer's suffering. We remember that Christ's Passion sanctified all human suffering. We relate to His pain because we are touched by the corporate weight of sin and evil in the world. It rubs against us in ordinary life. The Christian is called to push back the tsunami of sin and evil.

Demons are liars and not to be listened to but as Fr. Bamonte, a Rome exorcist, teaches, there are times when, in the midst of the rite of exorcism, a demon is forced by God to say something absolutely true to glorify the Father and torment the demon.

We were praying the rosary silently as the mandated priest began to pray from the "Rite". Suddenly a guttural voice burst forth from the tormented person, "I hate Lent! We hate Lent! You believers do what you're supposed to do! Hate!"

Why does Lent pose a real threat to the kingdom of darkness? It's focus is on prayer, penance and almsgiving. This foundational tripod has the intentional purpose of formation for Love. We attempt to reorder our lives to the Gospel.

Through His suffering, Christ enters into our hearts anew; into that part of us that longs for encounter and healing.

On the Cross, divine love is revealed. His Passion, the bridge to Easter, tenderizes our heart; challenges our mind. The Paschal mystery is a unique love story; it's our story. It's personal. Christ saw you and me from the Cross. With our sin we echo, "Crucify Him".

Christ freely gives his life to save us. The demons hate Lent because the faithful remember our dignity in light of His passion. We recall the price He paid to heal and liberate us. Calvary is a matter of life and death. Through His wounds we receive healing as understood in scripture, "He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed (1 Peter 2:24)."

The following are 7 keys to healing liberation:

AWARENESS

"Stay awake, alert", scripture tells us. Lent invites us to keen awareness of God's abiding presence. We examine our consciousness, and conscience to repent and gain freedom to know, love and serve God. We are always aware of what or who we love. Once I heard a priest retreat master challenge the audience of clergy, "Fathers, if you are not aware of the angelic presence that is filling this room presently, then your spiritual antenna is not tuned in."

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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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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, MARCH 1

- 8:00 AM † Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Percacciolo, Sr. by JoAnn Gair Wilson

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

- 8:00 AM † Ed Mehninger by Jane Conner

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

- 8:00 AM † Diane Wittenauer by Barbara & Stephen Shay

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

- 8:00 AM † Angela Bravo by Ana Volz

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

- 8:00 AM † James Shay by Dr. James & Mrs. Zurawski

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

- 8:00 AM † Marion Lamone by The Jungclaus Family
- 3:30 PM † Diane Wittenauer by The St. John XXIII Thrift Store
- 5:30 PM † Reynold Welicky by Nancy Welicky
- 8:00 PM † Maria - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

- 7:15 AM † Marion Lamone by The Sacripanti Family
- 9:15 AM † Teresa Hebb by Fran Sabutis
- 11:15 AM † Karen Wells by Catherine & Olivia
- 1:30 PM ♥ Intentions of Ramiro Zavala by Marisa Zavala

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.

MARCH 7, 2021 - READINGS

- 1ST READING EX 20:1-17
- PSALM PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11
- 2ND READING 1 COR 1:22-25
- GOSPEL JN 2:13-25

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The link below will take you to a very personal walking of the Stations of the Cross. We encourage you to pray these Stations, and if possible, do it in the Garden. Have no concern regarding covid, usually you won't see more than one or two people the entire time you're there. Access this site on your phone and you are all set to start the clockwise walk.

www.osvnews.com/amp/2020/02/27/walking-the-stations-of-the-cross-this-lent/

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Lenten Healing CONTINUED

ACCOUNTABILITY

During Lent the Church intentionally increases opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is one of two sacraments categorized as “healing”. Accountability to a confessor is healthy for the soul, offering relief from shame and guilt, releasing the weight of sin-sickness. Confession is a healing encounter with Christ who quickly embraces us with His tender mercies.

REVELATION

The Paschal mystery is the revelation of Trinitarian love. Inexhaustible is the contemplation of the Father’s revelation in His Son Jesus. During Lent we can grow deeper in love with God and more able to imitate Christ’s life.

REPARATION

Lent is a time to offer reparation for the sins of the world. In Roman Catholic tradition, an act of reparation is a prayer or devotion with the intent to expiate the “sins of others”, e.g. for the repair of the sin of blasphemy, or the sufferings of Jesus Christ. The opportunity to offer reparation on behalf of the sins of others is a powerful act of mercy. If I can offer to God my act of reparation for the sins of any family (mine included), it is a privilege to do so. If you have loved ones living who left the Church (who doesn’t?), you can offer reparation to the heart of Jesus. The Sacred Heart never ceases to be pierced by our sin. The evil spirits will tempt and discourage you away from offering reparation. Resist and they will flee.

SIMPLICITY

Lenten practices encourage us to simplify our lives. Most of us strive for increased austerity during the 40 days of penitential practice. Prayer simplifies the heart. Fasting purifies the soul. Almsgiving magnifies the Lord. Interior and exterior simplicity exemplifies purity of heart. To be content with less is to make more room for God. We can ponder Mother Mary’s simplicity to see it’s genius and beauty. Even during her Son’s Passion, Mary models the simplicity of desiring only God’s will. Anyone who’s read the C.S. Lewis classic, *The Screwtape Letters* (a good lesson on spiritual warfare), learns how the evil spirits try to complicate our lives to distract us away from God.

OBEDIENCE

Obedience is a willed response to faith in God. We obey because we believe and love our Creator. One third of the angels were cast out of Heaven because they decided to disobey, and rebel against God’s will. During exorcisms, we witness how very legalistic the demons are. Obedience is a protective armor. Scripture reveals that God loves obedience. Obedience of faith is sometimes difficult but grace makes it very possible.

HUMILITY

Humility is truth; the moral virtue that prevents a person from reaching beyond himself. Pride does the opposite. Adam and Eve demonstrate pride through their disobedience in the Garden. Humility restrains the unruly desire for selfish greatness and lead us to true esteem with respect to God and others. Religious humility recognizes one’s total dependence on God. Moral humility recognizes one’s creaturely equality with others. Humility is not only the opposite of pride. It’s opposed to immoderate self-abjection, which fails to recognize God’s gifts and use them according to his will. Humility in Latin means humus, or ground.

Lent affords a special opportunity to consider Christ’s humility and imitate it. Pride can hide in corners of our heart. On Ash Wednesday the Church reminds us, “You are dust”, but we need to be aware that it is in His Blood that has sanctified, saved and healed the dust that we are.

How does Lent lead to healing? Accompanying Christ into the tomb, we arise with Him on Easter, a new creation.

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, like a watchful Shepard, you care for us, and provide us with all that we need.

You shower us with all that we need.

You shower us with your love and send people into our lives to help care for us, especially in time of sickness or pain.

I pray for healing for myself and for all who suffer because of illness.

In the midst of our pain and weakness, strengthen our faith that we may be filled with hope in you.

In the midst of our frustrations and discouragement, give us patience that we may accept our own limitations.

In the midst of our loneliness and fears, help us know we are not alone, that you walk with us each moment in our lives.

Be with us, Lord, in our time of need. Heal us in body, soul and spirit that we may rejoice in your grace and blessing in this world and come to enjoy the fullness of your presence in the life to come.

We make this prayer in your name, for you are our Risen Lord, Jesus.

Amen

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
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
William Riehle
Kenneth Huber
Janet Masterson
Colleen Ryan
John Hughbanks
Dolores Chuilli & Family
Michelle Snyder
Judy Montanye
Jill Wagner
Henry Martinez

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 eprayer.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!*

**Cornelius Lewis
Richard Gray
Malaine Fullam**



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Joe Sepesy**
Requested by: **The Harley's**



Adoration Chapel

In Memory of: **William James Leavy, Jr.**
Requested by: **his family**





WATCH ON FACEBOOK

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday - Saturday

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 11:15am with Fr. Bob
- 1:30pm Spanish Mass

<https://www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1>



WATCH AT HOME:

<https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/communications/tvmass/>

WFTX-TV FOX 4 - Sundays at 10:30am

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING YOUR



Online Gift



<https://johnxxiii.net/giving/>

WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Miguel Jaime & Marta Arreola
- Alfredo & Jenny Canarte
- Darius Lukosaitis & Vaida Martinenaite
- Martin Lopez Lopez & Gabriela Garci

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

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 | PFC Judy Martinez, Army |



Faith Formation

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



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE:

The next **WEDNESDAY** Faith Formation Class will be held **MARCH 3 - 4:15PM & 6:00PM**

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

SACRAMENT PREPARATION:

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

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

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

Faith is like WiFi: it's invisible but it has the power to connect you to what you need.

ADULT FAITH

Education

Keep in TOUCH with your *Faith* ONLINE:

OPENING THE WORD

YOUR JOURNEY INTO THE SUNDAY READINGS



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

JOIN US ONLINE



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

Rooted at St. John XXIII

Welcoming all Young Adults 18 - 39

Rooted meets on the 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 28** - Mandatory Confirmation Retreat and Teaching Mass
- **March 7** - Sacrifice

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.
- **March 3** - Why is Prayer Important?

Volunteer Opportunities

- 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 are 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**

March

3/04: Ten Commandments

3/11: Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace

3/18: The Trinity

3/25: The Lord's Prayer

Welcome



We will be introducing our RCIA candidates and catechumens through video on the St. John XXIII Facebook page. Be sure to leave an encouraging message and welcome them to the team!



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
- **Like our Facebook Page:** For all the latest happenings, search "St. John XXIII Catholic Church" and "like" our page.
- **Our Weekly Newsletter:** Visit <https://www.johnxxiii.net/e-newsletter-sign-up/> and enter your email address.
- **Download Our Parish App:** Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish. You can also text the word "APP" to 88202!
- **Follow us on Instagram:** St. John XXIII is now on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/stjohnxxiiichurch/>
- **St. John XXIII Catholic Church Mass Times:** Stay up to date and visit: <http://johnxxiii.net/info/new-mass-schedule/>
- **Interested in Serving our Parish Family During Mass?** Men, women and teens may serve as a Greeter, Usher, Lector, or Eucharistic Minister. Please contact the parish office at (239) 561-2245, if you feel called to serve in any of these areas, we can use your time and talent!
- **Low Gluten Hosts:** If you are interested in receiving low gluten hosts at Mass, please see a Sacristan to make a request.
- **Non-Perishable Donations:** Please consider bringing nonperishable items to church each week to be given to food pantries in our area.
- **Reflection for Praying the Stations of the Cross:** Take a personal walking of the Stations of the Cross <https://www.osvnews.com/amp/2020/02/27/walking-the-stations-of-the-cross-this-lent/>
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-4pm & Saturday 8:30am-3pm. During Lent, the chapel will be open until 8pm on Wednesdays and Fridays. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit: johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/
- **St. John XXIII Thrift Store:** Hours are Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. For more information email thrift@johnxxiii.net
- **Craftie Ladies Order Requests:** Please contact Judy Siegel at: (239) 437-4978 or email craftieladiesxxiii@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 with any changes or additions to your contact information.
- **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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ADORATION

CORNER

Come Sit With Me

DURING LENT

EVERY WEDNESDAY - DURING LENT

- The Chapel will be open from 8:30am-8:00pm

EVERY FRIDAY - DURING LENT

- The Chapel will remain open from 8:30am-8:00pm
- The Stations of the Cross will take place in the Church from 6:00pm-7:00pm.

Please Note: There will be NO Benediction or Simple Supper.



Beginning last spring and throughout the summer months, our staff attempted to call or email every parishioner; however, WE WERE NOT 100% successful. Voice messages were left when possible. Many phone numbers were disconnected, emails were returned as undeliverable and in some cases letters were mailed and no response was received.

IF YOU DID NOT HEAR FROM US during those months, PLEASE CALL (239) 561-2245 or EMAIL maryann@johnxxiii.net at the Parish Office with your current phone numbers, addresses and email addresses.

We are trying to keep postage costs to a minimum. Each time an envelope is returned to the Parish Office we are charged for its return. Please help us maintain good records!

Thank You



Safe Haven Sunday MARCH 7, 2021

This initiative is a response to the serious problem of pornography. Pornography has become an epidemic in our society and world. Modern technology has made access to porn easier and much more widespread than ever before. Anyone with an internet connection can find all the porn he or she wants. Pornography is causing great harm and confusion in our culture, marriages, families, and faith communities. Pornography does huge damage to families. It isolates individual family members and ruins the intimacy between husbands and wives. Children are the most vulnerable; their brains are still developing and are most impressionable. Early inadvertent exposure to pornography can be a source of trauma and undeserved shame in a child.

Pornography is one of the leading causes of addictions, abuse, adultery, divorce, and even human trafficking: it is, in short, a pervasive evil inflicting grave wounds on our families. Pornography creates unsafe environments for children and confuses others about attitudes towards sex and marriage. It is a moral issue.

Let us pray for one another, especially for our young families, that we will strive to grow in holiness and that all those who have been harmed by pornography will experience healing and peace. We pray for parents and guardians that they may be given the grace and strength to create homes that are truly a safe havens for all.

Join the Challenge!

Join the Safe Digital Family Challenge by **texting SECURE to 66866** to receive seven days of emailed digital tips and create a safe haven in your home!



Books in the Narthex

The book is titled **"Equipped Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture"**, will be available in the Narthex after all Masses next weekend. There is limited quantity. **Please only 1 book per family.**

Hispanic Ministry ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Vietnamese Community here at St. John XXIII celebrated the New Year with a beautiful Mass with by Fr. Simon. Vietnam follows the lunar calendar, where months are cycles of the moon and sun. 2021 is the year of the Ox and began on February 12th and will last until January 31, 2022.

Misas en Español

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

Rezo del Santo Rosario

(Antes de la misa los domingos)

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

Rezo del Santo Rosario (Via Zoom)

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

Charlas pre Bautismales

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

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

Contactanos

- Para más información sobre el link del rezo del Santo Rosario vía Zoom o preguntas relacionado al ministerio hispano, por favor dejarnos saber al correo comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net
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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.



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LARRY EVENER: larryevener@yahoo.com or

TOM DOLAN: mtd0522@yahoo.com

The Women's Guild Contact:

SUE EDWARDS: sgedwards007@gmail.com

PAVER ORDER FORM

Please circle the graphic to be added to the stone:



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

LINE 1 NAME _____

example: John Doe

LINE 2 RANK _____

example: SGT. USMC

LINE 3 SERVICE _____

example: WWII

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

PRINT NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____



ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

Weekly Financials



	02-21-21	02-23-20	Difference
Offertory	\$29,050.00	\$34,974.00	(\$5,924.00)
Building Fund	\$1,604.00	\$2,776.00	(\$1,172.00)
Total	\$30,654.00	\$37,750.00	(\$7,096.00)
Mass Attendance	1972	4890	
Registered Families	3568	3779	

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	\$70,573.80
% of Goal	14.34%
% of Households	5.97%
Payments	\$39,993.73

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



ENDOWMENT FUND



For Good, For God, Forever

St. John XXIII now has an endowment fund with the Catholic Community Foundation, which is designed to help provide long-term sustainability for our parish far beyond our lifetimes.

The principal of the endowment fund remains intact, while a portion of the investment earnings are used to support the parish.

Please consider supporting the endowment fund or establishing your own fund to benefit St. John XXIII. For more information email our parish office manager, Holly Atkins: holly@johnxxiii.net

Donors give THROUGH, not to the FOUNDATION

The Catholic Community Foundation helps create lasting Catholic legacies by working with you to provide long-term support and sustainability to the Catholic entities and programs about which you care most, like St. John XXIII Parish. The foundation ensures that your gifts will always be used in the manner you intended and is the only community foundation in Southwest Florida that invests all gifts in alignment with the teachings our Catholic faith.

The Catholic Community Foundation offers a wide range of gifting options including endowment/scholarship funds, charitable gift annuities, donor advised funds and more. The foundation can also help you coordinate a bequest of other estate gifts through your will or trust.



SOLES FOR SOULS

14th Annual Sneaker Drive

Sponsored by the Women's Guild of St. John XXIII
(In support of Social Justice Ministry)

The Sneaker Display in the Narthex signals the start of our Annual Sneaker Drive **MARCH 1 - March 31, 2021**.

Please help us raise funds again this year to provide needy kids with Sneakers, Backpacks, and School Supplies.

Take an envelope from the sneaker display, enclose your donation, and return it by mail or in the collection basket at Mass.

Active Registered Parishioners in need of may complete the Request Form below and return it to the parish office by **March 31**. Return-addressed envelopes are available on the sneaker display Table.

Thank You!

STELLA MCCAFFREY

Coordinator, Soles for Souls

email: Stellamccaffrey@aol.com

(239) 303-1935



<u>PARENT'S NAME:</u>	<u>Phone #:</u>			<u>Email:</u>	
Child's First Name	Gender	AGE	Shoe Size	Need Backpack?	
	<i>Boy/Girl</i>		<i>Specify: Kid or Adult</i>	Yes / No	Grade



A Lenten Journey

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 please call (941) 766-7334 or visit www.institute-dov.org email john.gresham@institute-dov.org

GIVE TO THE HOMELESS

Our Social Justice Committee thanks all of our wonderful parishioners for their generous donations, weekly, to support the St. Martin De Porres Outreach.

Please look for the bin in the Narthex to help us hand out essentials to the homeless that you encounter daily on your drive around town (be safe when doing so by rolling the window down halfway and handing the ziplock over with a smile).

We also encourage you to get involved by visiting our SignUp system at: <https://signup.com/go/QZRMawm>

This is a volunteer run outreach program, so any help that you can offer is greatly appreciated. Contact **Elizabeth Andrews** at Elipchik@hotmail.com if you have any scheduling questions. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

“for it is in giving that we receive.”
- St. Francis of Assisi



We invite you to take part this Lent in a brand new and completely free series by Dr. Scott Hahn and Kimberly Hahn focused on something we are all concerned about in this time: bringing as many people back to the Mass as possible.

This new study, called *Parousia: The Bible and the Mass*, is aimed at connecting the dots for Catholics and helping open our eyes to the beauty and wonder of the Mass – to deepen our love and appreciation for the Eucharist, showing how the Mass enables our whole faith to make sense.

SIGN UP FOR ALL 10 EPISODES:

<https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/journey-through-scripture/parousia-the-bible-and-the-mass/>



IT HAS ONCE AGAIN BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION that parishioners and staff have received email messages from Fr. Bob. These messages often greet the person by name and have Fr. Bob’s name in the closing signature of the message. This is a well-crafted and targeted attack on the Church across the country which has hit our Diocese again. The messages are “spoofed” fakes that should not be responded to or taken seriously by anyone. The best defense against this sort of scam is to raise awareness in the community and DO NOT respond or open any worrying attachments. It is Diocesan policy that no priest or staff within the Diocese request donations in the form of gift cards, PayPal, MoneyGram, etc.

If a parishioner is worried about any request for money from the parish or a priest, they should immediately call their parish and under NO CIRCUMSTANCES should they respond to these scam requests.



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PARTNERS TO PRAY

Pray for our ministry, the women we serve, their unborn babies, our staff, volunteers, and for our future expansion plans.

PARTNERS TO VOLUNTEER

Join us at one of our clinics located in Ft. Myers, Naples, Sarasota or our Mobile Medical Clinic, which serves area college campuses, Immokalee, and the surrounding area from Sarasota to Marco Island.

PARTNERS TO HELP FINANCIALLY

Help us through monetary donations and gifts of diapers, baby clothes, baby wipes, and baby care items. You can even host a baby shower for us!

For more information call **(239) 262-6381** or visit **www.community4life.com**

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Last year we saved over 1000 babies in our area from abortion! We need your help to save even more. You can help through the gift of your time. We have openings for many kinds of volunteers.

Community Pregnancy Clinics serves the Naples, Fort Myers, and Sarasota areas, and our Mobile Medical Clinic also serves from Sarasota to Marco Island, including area college campuses.

To learn more about how you can help, email: **Geri Kull** at **gkull@community4life.com** or call **(239) 262-6381**

"You who are my messenger, in you I place my absolute trust."

- OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



RESPECT LIFE

LUNCHEONS 4 LIFE:

All parishioners are invited to the monthly Luncheons for Life held the second Wednesday of every month at the Holiday Inn Gulf Coast off Alico Road. The event is FREE but preregistration is required. Find out more (and watch past presentations) or register for upcoming events at **www.luncheons4life.com** There are NO POLITICS. No ask. Just life affirming speakers and fellowship.

CONTACT US:

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



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THROUGH MARCH 28

40daysforlife.com/Fort Myers

OUR PRAYER VIGIL DAYS:

Tuesday, March 2 11am - 3pm

Tuesday, March 9 11am - 3pm

Tuesday, March 16 11am - 3pm

Tuesday, March 23 11am - 3pm

YOUTH RALLY: March 20 - 11am

CLOSING CEREMONY:

March 28 - Time to be determined

Planned Parenthood Location:

6418 Commerce Park Drive (1 block north of Daniels & between Metro Pkwy & Plantation) Maps available in the Narthex on the 40 Days For Life table.



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FREE PRIVATE EDUCATION SESSIONS (LIMITED AVAILABILITY)

Even in the midst of COVID-19 restrictions, we wish to provide our Parishioners with important information and resources to help you both today and tomorrow. As a result, we have partnered with the Catholic Community Foundation of SW Florida to host private, one-hour education sessions to provide participants with the knowledge they need to make critical health, legal and financial decisions for themselves and/or a loved one. Meeting reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Attendees will obtain important information on:

Avoiding Guardianship, Wills vs. Trusts, Probate, Durable Power of Attorney, Beneficiary Designations, Healthcare Surrogates, Advanced Directives, Financial Planning, Planned Giving and more. Referrals to Catholic attorneys and financial advisors available to those interested.



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Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

St. Cecilia Assistant Needed: St. Cecilia is looking for an assistant for their Faith Formation and Sacramental Prep programs. The position would be 12 hours per week including Faith Formation Sundays. For more information call the office, (239) 936-3635 and ask for Jeanne.

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

Theology on Tap Ft. Myers: Young Adults are invited to attend Theology on Tap at Southern Fresh Farms, 8500 Penzance Blvd, Ft. Myers, for a outdoor venue with food and refreshments as well as practical presentations. Feel free to bring a lawn chair. The event is 7-9pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month (March 11). Please contact Joshua Mazrin at evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org

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 or visit: www.hopeafterabortion.com

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

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

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

Treatment Center for Teens: Newly opened treatment center 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

OLPH Prayer/Retreats: A Monthly Day of Prayer is offered on both the second Sunday and the second Wednesday of each month (upcoming dates are March 10 and 14). Our Easter Triduum retreat begins with supper on Holy Thursday (April 1) and ends with breakfast on Easter Sunday (April 4). To register, please call Denise Riley at (941) 486-0233, ext. 3004, or visit www.olph-retreat.org and click on "Schedule of Events."

SAFETY & SECURITY



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It is tax season, which means identity thieves and IRS imposters are hard at work trying to steal your personal identifying information in order to file a phony tax return.

Do you know how to protect yourself and what to do if someone were to use your Social Security number to collect a fraudulent refund? While tax identity theft isn't always avoidable, there are some steps you can take to help lower your risk of becoming a victim.

- File early. The IRS only accepts one tax return per Social Security or Taxpayer ID number. If a thief submits your information first, your legitimate tax return will be rejected.
- Always use anti-virus software with automatic updates.
- Do not respond to phony phishing emails, deceptive phone calls, and bogus texts from supposed "IRS agents". The IRS will not contact you without first sending you a bill.
- Never send cash via a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. The IRS will never require you to use a specific method of payment or ask for a credit/debit/gift card number over the phone.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about Tax Payer Identity Theft, log on to these sites:

- www.consumer.ftc.gov
- www.IRS.gov/identitytheft

To report a suspicious call, text, or email, contact the Sheriff's Office fraud line at **(239) 258-3292**



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