



# ST. JOHN XXIII

## Catholic Church

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**March 14, 2021**

CHRIST BESIDE ME,  
*Christ before me,*

CHRIST BEHIND ME,  
*Christ within me,*

CHRIST BENEATH ME,  
*Christ above me.*

*- Saint Patrick*



**March 14, 2021**

## **Please Note:**

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

### **PASTOR**

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Monday-Friday,  
8:00am-Noon & 1pm-4pm  
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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, MARCH 15**

- 8:00 AM † Daniel Patrick Escovar by Tom Dougherty & Christine Kearse

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 16**

- 8:00 AM † Raymond Marr by The St. John XXIII Thrift Store

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17**

- 8:00 AM † Patricia Esposito by her family

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 18**

- 8:00 AM † Bibianne Ferra by Rich & Debbie Cook

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 19**

- 8:00 AM † Lenore S. Maurillo by Patti & Nick Maurillo

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 20**

- 8:00 AM † Barbara Simpson by Joyce Clark
- 3:30 PM † Bruno Zielinski by Dorothy & Bob Buchalski
- 5:30 PM † Herbert Walsh by his wife, Marie
- 8:00 PM - Vietnamese Mass

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 21**

- 7:15 AM † Barbara Simpson by Joyce Clark
- 9:15 AM † Brian Burg by Dick & Pat Dohack
- 11:15 AM † Albert Gibbs by Loretta
- 1:30 PM ♥ Victor Cerna Valderrama by Mily Cerna

### **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 21, 2021 - READINGS**

- 1ST READING EZ 37:12-14
- PSALM PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
- 2ND READING ROM 8:8-11
- GOSPEL JN 11:1-45

## *Betsy Engelbrecht* **e-prayer**

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# About St. Patrick

## Saints & Angels - Catholic Online

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote: "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was roused, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir: "I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: "The Voice of the Irish." As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: "We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us."

The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftan of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people - eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in *Confessions*. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone.

We can aspire to Patrick's qualities of being humble, pious, gentle, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing -not even death.

"The Breastplate", is Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God: "Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

## AMAZING PARISH PRAYER

*Heavenly Father,  
You have gathered us  
together as a parish to  
be Your visible life in  
our world Here we unite  
in worship, proclaim  
Your word, celebrate  
the Eucharist, and are  
sent forth to share Your  
love and make disciples.  
Lord, we take your Great  
Commission seriously  
and long for our Parish to  
be so on-fire that we draw  
people to You. Help us  
in that endeavor, as we  
strive to work together,  
ordained, religious and  
laity. Please make our  
parish amazing, through  
Your power and Your  
grace. Amen.*

## Prayer List

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

Elaine Quan	Tim McMullen
Ryan Novajasky	David Meunier
Lynne Haughey	Jimmy Provanzano
Carol Clausen	The Dasco Family
Marlene LaRose	William Riehle
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek	Kenneth Huber
Jeff Hlavacek	Janet Masterson
Gary Neubauer	Colleen Ryan
Tom Biedak	John Hughbanks
Ron Hudepohl	Dolores Chuilli & Family
Darlene Sardone	Michelle Snyder
Tony Raimo	Judy Montanye
Denise Vanelli	Jill Wagner
Bill Becker	Henry Martinez
Bernadette Ryan	Daniella Naomi Mejia
Hugh Ryan	Yinna Vesga
Michael Grunberg	Cynthia & William

**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!*

**Felix Gudio  
Don Courtois**



The Lee Health Bloodmobile  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 14**  
8am-1pm  
St. John XXIII Parking Lot



## WATCH ON FACEBOOK

### DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday - Saturday

### SATURDAY, MARCH 13

- 3:30pm with Fr. Angelo
  - 8:00pm Vietnamese Mass
- <https://www.facebook.com/fort.myers.5454>

### SUNDAY, MARCH 14

- 11:15am with Fr. Simon
  - 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*

- Marie Evans
- Tamim & Dora Ghith
- Jessica Drouse
- Derek & Janice Bicknese
- Ryan Brady
- Sergio & Iraida Davila

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 this 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*

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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](mailto:chrisdre@johnxxiii.net)



## FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE:

The next **WEDNESDAY** Faith Formation Class will be held **MARCH 17 - 4:15PM & 6:00PM**

The next **SUNDAY** Family Faith Formation Class will be held **APRIL 11 - 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 seeing light in your heart when all your eyes can see is darkness.*

## 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



## 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.

### CONTACT:

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



# YOUNG ADULT & YOUTH Ministries

Coordinator of Youth Ministries 561-3022 xt 107  
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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 date for Confirmation is **Thursday, March 25** at **6:30pm**. Candidates **MUST BE** in the chapel at **5:45pm**. We will have a **MANDATORY REHEARSAL** on **Wednesday, March 24**. At the rehearsal you **MUST BE** in your seats by **5:50pm**. Your child will spend one on one time with a priest reviewing the study guide as well as have an opportunity to receive confession.

## 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.
- **March 14** - NO SESSION
- **March 21** - The Paschal Mystery

## 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 17** - NO SESSION

## Volunteer Opportunitites

- For at home Youth Volunteer Opportunities please email Kelly Evers



# DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

# Youth SPOTLIGHT

*Riley Peplinski is a dedicated volunteer in youth ministry. His most recent offering is in collaboration with his sponsor Michael Sullivan, in which handwritten condolence letters were sent to precincts listed on the Officer Down Memorial website page.*



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

I would say that my Catholic faith is important to me because of my parents. Without them, I would not be such an ambitious person. I have been a Catholic my entire life, and I am currently undergoing the sacrament of Confirmation. My parents gave me a greater focus on prayer and respect for God. I know that my relationship with God is strong because I pray every day and honor His examples.

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

My favorite part about our parish is how welcoming it is. It offers accommodations to everyone, even those who cannot come in person. I appreciate our church's willingness to provide for all people through their many ministries. I participated in some of these ministries, including Faith Formation and Vacation Bible School. Now, I give back by volunteering in these ministries.

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

I feel honored to be a Disciple of Christ, as I believe it reflects my personality in a meaningful way. I am kind and friendly to all people and stand up for my values of fairness and honesty while remaining calm. I do not know what God has planned for me next, but I am sure that it will be beneficial to everyone.



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## General Announcements

- **Have You Listened to Our Podcasts?** Listen to our weekly inspirational messages from Father Bob and homilies from Mass. Visit our site weekly at [johnxxiii.podbean.com](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.
- **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!
- **Online Giving:** We appreciate your donations to keep our parish running. You can enroll online through the St. John XXIII website at: <https://johnxxiii.net/giving>
- **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.
- **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
- **Yarn/Fabric Needed:** The Craftie Ladies are in need of more yarn to make projects or you may drop off the donations in the church Narthex.
- **St. John XXIII Thrift Store:** Hours are Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. For more information email [thrift@johnxxiii.net](mailto:thrift@johnxxiii.net)
- **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 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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# Thank You!

## SANITIZING TEAM

We would like to thank the Sanitizing Team and all those parishioners who have assisted with the sanitizing process after all our Masses this past year. We know this year has brought with it so many challenges and changes to the way we come together as a parish family, but because of our community's willingness to serve and their generosity with their time and talents, we have resumed many of our great Catholic traditions while still keeping our parish family safe. You have our deepest and sincerest appreciation! If you are able and willing to join this group after any Mass please see the ushers at the back of the church.



## 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.**



# FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Catholic Charities efforts toward food distribution will take place only at the following times and locations:

### GUADALUPE SOCIAL SERVICES

211 S. 9th St. Immokalee, FL

**(239) 657-6264**

Mondays - Friday: 9:00am to 11:00am

**PLEASE NOTE:** Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen now open daily. Soup Kitchen will provide meals-to-go

### JUDY SULLIVAN FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

3174 Tamiami Trail E., Naples, FL

**(239) 793-0059**

Tuesdays: 9:00am to 11:30am

### ST. MARGARET PARISH

208 Dean Duff St., Clewiston, FL

**(863) 983-8585**

Thursdays: 9:00am to 11:00pm

Fridays: 9:00am-10:30am

### ELIZABETH K. GALEANA PANTRY

4235 Michigan Avenue Link

Fort Myers, FL

**(239) 337-4193**

Fridays - 9:00am to 12:00pm

### ST. PAUL PARISH

1208 E. Oak St. Arcadia, FL

**(863) 494-2611**

Fridays: 9:00am to 11:00am



## 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

- 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.

### Contactanos

- Visitenos en [www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1](http://www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1)



On Sunday, February 28 The Rite of Election was held at Our Lady of Light Catholic Church. Congratulations to our catechumens and candidates who will be fully initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil on Saturday April 3.

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

**3/18:** The Trinity

**3/25:** The Lord's Prayer



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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:

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## Weekly Financials



	03-07-21	03-08-20	Difference
Offertory	\$35,045.67	\$40,233.00	(\$5,187.33)
Building Fund	\$3,234.00	\$14,935.50	(\$11,701.50)
Total	\$38,279.67	\$55,168.50	(\$16,888.83)
Mass Attendance	2147	4088	
Registered Families	3570	3759	

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	\$139,551.80
% of Goal	28.36%
% of Households	7.96%
Payments	<b>\$69,292.06</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)**



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Thank you for your support of our parish community!

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St. Francis of Assisi





## READINGS in MyParish App:

Open MyParish app on your smart phone. Go to Readings Feature. At the top right is a gray ribbon. Once you touch on that it turns to yellow/orange. Touch on Bookmarks and you will notice the Readings for today. Touch on the blue arrow in the box on the top right. This takes you to United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) on another screen and the Daily Readings. Toward the top you can arrow to the date you want to read including Sundays.



## ORDER of Mass Prayers:

Go back to MyParish app main screen. To read the prayers during the Mass, go to Prayers feature. Once in Prayers, scroll down to Order of Mass Prayers and all the prayers are there to follow along during Mass.



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The newly formed Open to Life ministry at St John XXIII is here to provide awareness, tangible assistance, and resources to anyone who is looking to support Open to Life issues. Looking to foster a child, adopt a child, or learn about natural family planning? O2L is your starting place to make a life changing and positive difference in the life of a child within our community. There is such a great need for new foster parents, adoptive parents, and guardian ad litem in our area now more than ever. Please come learn what you can do to help. Even the littlest assistance you can give can make a world of difference to a family in need. It takes a village to raise a child, and we aim to help be a part of that village every step along the way.

## Join us on Zoom!

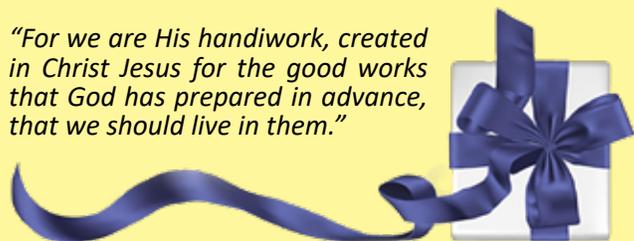
We are launching this new ministry on **Friday, March 19th at 7:00pm** on Zoom!

Register for this first zoom session by emailing [elipchik@hotmail.com](mailto:elipchik@hotmail.com) for the zoom link.

## For more Information:

If you are interested in how you can support or be supported in the Open to Life Ministry, contact: **Elizabeth Andrews** email: [Elipchik@hotmail.com](mailto:Elipchik@hotmail.com) or call **(734) 552-4560**

*"For we are His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them."*



# FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

## FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021



### PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH:

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

On Friday, March, 19, we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph. This feast has been recognized in Western Christianity since the tenth century.

St. Joseph is regarded as the patron saint of several regions across the globe, including Austria, Croatia and Vietnam, as well as being the patron saint of workers.

We honor St. Joseph on this day as the husband of Mary and stepfather of Jesus. This holiday takes place during Lent, a time of fasting, and the holiday is traditionally a meatless feast.

### HISTORY OF ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and stepfather of Jesus. All we know about Joseph comes from the accounts of the nativity in the New Testament.

He was a tradesman, commonly he is said to have been a carpenter, but it's possible he may have been a stone worker. He was said to have been a direct descendant of David, the great king of Israel.

Since Joseph is not mentioned in any accounts of Jesus' public life, his crucifixion, or resurrection, it is thought that Joseph died before Jesus started preaching.

St. Joseph is the patron saint of the Catholic Church, unborn children, fathers, immigrants, workers, Vietnam and the Philippines.

Despite knowing little about Joseph, he still has two feast days in the Western church. In his capacity as the patron saint of Workers, 1st May was established as the Feast of "St. Joseph the Worker" in 1955. This is seen as an attempt to counteract the social and non religious growth of Labor Day as a worldwide holiday.



# VERITY

## HOW TO BE PRO-LIFE

When often asked, “what can I do to help?” Of course, you already know you can serve as a volunteer client advocate at Verity, or financially support the ministry through single gifts, monthly partnerships and material goods like diapers and baby clothes. But here are a few more ideas that can fit into your every day life:

- Speak up for the unborn by engaging family and friends in a conversation. Many don’t know that since Roe vs. Wade passed, over 60 million children have been lost to abortion. To put that into perspective, the current population of the entire state of Florida is 22 million! The unborn children of Southwest Florida need your voice to speak in their defense because they cannot speak for themselves.
- Invite Verity to speak to your small group so that more people in our community know about us and can join their voices to yours. This may be a Sunday School or Life Group, a Bible Study group, or a community group. We love sharing with small groups and have done so for all sizes! In fact, we can even host a small group tour of Verity during non-serving times so folks can SEE where we do ministry and hear the stories!
- Speaking of small groups, one fun activity we can help with is to have you sponsor a Baby Bottle campaign. We provide the baby bottles and instructions, and we count all the money once the bottles are filled with coin, cash or checks! We actually include Baby Bottle campaigns in our budgeted income, so we consider it a critical part of funding the ministry.

The bottom line is, we NEED you. If you haven’t yet engaged in the fight for LIFE in our community, now is the time. We have never lived in times more hostile to unborn children.

If you have questions or want more information, call our office (239) 433-1929 and ask for Becky or Reci.

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



# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THROUGH MARCH 28

[40daysforlife.com/FortMyers](http://40daysforlife.com/FortMyers)

## OUR PRAYER VIGIL DAYS:

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.

# SOLES FOR SOULS

## 14th Annual Sneaker Drive

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

**NOW THROUGH MARCH 31, 2021**

Please help us raise sufficient funds again this year to help needy kids. 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 help outfitting their child for return to school 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.

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

## 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 St. John XXIII Memorial Garden. Have no Covid concerns, 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/](http://www.osvnews.com/amp/2020/02/27/walking-the-stations-of-the-cross-this-lent/)



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**Lenten Reflections:** Receive your weekly Lenten Reflections delivered right to your inbox! [www.catholicmobilizing.org](http://www.catholicmobilizing.org)

**A Lenten Journey:** This is a theological and practical online course offered by the Institute for Catholic Studies and Formation. The course will guide you through the rich and beautiful teaching on personal prayer found in part four of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The course runs to April 5. For more information, visit the Institute website at [www.institute-dov.org](http://www.institute-dov.org), call (941) 766-7334 or email [john.gresham@institute-dov.org](mailto:john.gresham@institute-dov.org)

**Free Online Series:** We invite you to take part this Lent in a brand new and free series by Dr. Scott Hahn and Kimberly Hahn called Parousia: The Bible and the Mass. Sign up for all 10 episodes at: <https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/journey-through-scripture/parousia-the-bible-and-the-mass/>

**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.

**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.

**Theology on Tap:** Southern Fresh Farms, 8500 Penzance Blvd, Fort Myers, for an outdoor venue with practical presentations. The event runs from 7-9pm on the second Thursday of each month. For more information, contact Joshua Mazrin at [evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org)

**Witnessing the Faith:** Listen to Bishop Dewane on Relevant Florida Radio at 8:30am the last Friday of every month. Listen anywhere at [RelevantRadio.com](http://RelevantRadio.com)

**OLPH Prayer/Retreats:** A Monthly Day of Prayer is offered on both the second Sunday and the second Wednesday of each month. 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](http://www.olph-retreat.org) and click on "Schedule of Events." [dioceseofvenice.org](http://dioceseofvenice.org)

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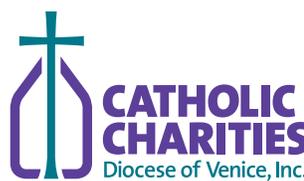
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# St Patrick's Day FUN FACTS

- The real St. Patrick wasn't Irish. He was born in Britain around A.D. 390 to an aristocratic Christian family.
- The first St. Patrick's Day celebration in the United States was held in Boston (1737).
- Shamrocks are the national flower/emblem of Ireland.
- The color of St. Patrick's Day was originally blue. The shift to green happened because of Ireland's nickname "The Emerald Isle,"
- Green ribbons and shamrocks were worn as early as the 17th century.
- Beer is one of the most widely consumed beverages on St. Patrick's Day.
- Legend says that each leaf of the clover has a meaning: Hope, Faith, Love and Luck.
- 1962 marked the first time Chicago dyed their river green for St Patrick's Day..
- The world's shortest St. Patrick's Day parade is held in an Irish village. It lasts only 100 yards, between the village's two pubs.
- Your odds of finding a four-leaf clover are about 1 in 10,000.



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## SAFETY TIP

### INTERNET VEHICLE FRAUD

While purchasing a new or pre-owned vehicle online has become a common and popular practice, so has online vehicle sale fraud.

The truck looks immaculate...just what you have been looking for! Low mileage, original owner, no accidents...a dream come true! The price, based upon mileage and condition, seems incredible.

Great deals on cars and trucks do exist. Many online vehicle purchasers swear by the process and have found incredible bargains on the internet.

#### **BUT EVERYTHING THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD**

Criminals regularly post false advertisements and photographs of vehicles that are not for sale and usually belong to someone else. You will receive additional photos, upon request, along with a heart-wrenching story of why they need to sell their beloved vehicle at a bargain price.

Often, criminals use reputable companies to initially lure you in...such as eBay, Facebook Marketplace or other online selling sites...leading the buyer to believe that the deal is legitimate.

The transaction begins to go sideways when you are sent a third-party toll-free number, asked to pay with gift cards or asked to wire money. You may be asked to send a small amount, to serve as a deposit, to ensure that it isn't sold to someone else.

#### **EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION**

Ask for the vehicle identification number (VIN) and current license plate information.

Insist on inspecting the vehicle **IN PERSON** prior to purchase.

Inspect title and lien information prior to making any payment or deposit.

Over a three-year period, the FBI has received nearly 30,000 complaints of fraudulent vehicle sales exceeding \$57,000,000.

If you suspicious of this scam, please contact the Lee County Sheriff's Office fraud line at **(239) 258-3292** or contact your local law enforcement agency.

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