



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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May 9, 2021

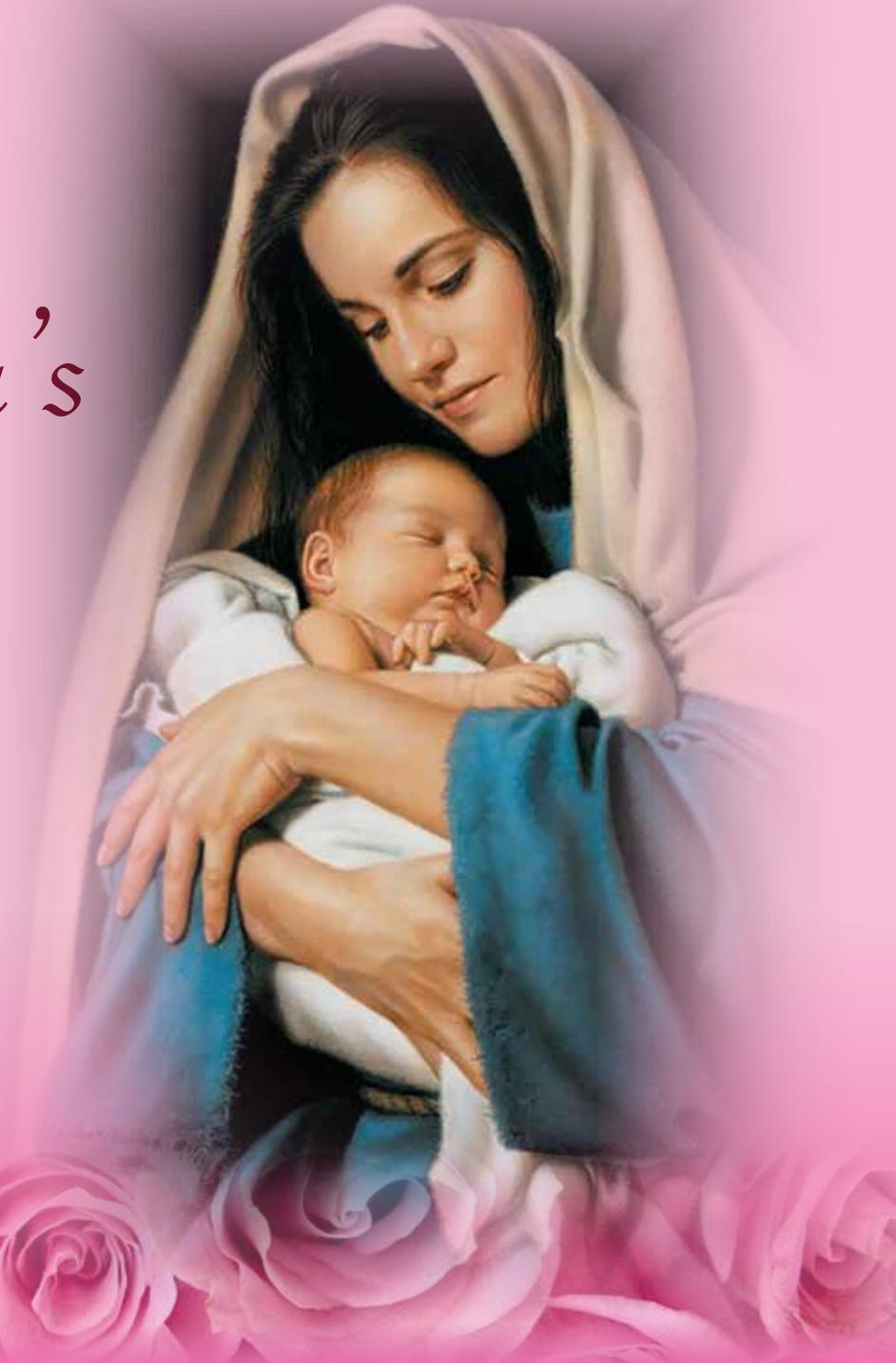
BLESSED

Mother's

Day

***"Her children rise up
and call her blessed."***

- PROVERBS 31:28



May 9, 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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DeaconRich@johnxxiii.net

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, MAY 10

- 8:00 AM † Alvin Schlein by his family

TUESDAY, MAY 11

- 8:00 AM † Antonio & Beatriz Fagel by the family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

- 8:00 AM ♥ Patricia Hartman by Elizabeth & Michael Kane

THURSDAY, MAY 13

- 8:00 AM † Ann Pavlan by The St. John XXIII Women's Guild

FRIDAY, MAY 14

- 8:00 AM † Diane Wittenauer by The Eberhard Family

SATURDAY, MAY 15

- 8:00 AM ♥ Edward Hartman by Elizabeth & Michael Kane
- 4:00 PM † Ryan Vanderson by the family
- 8:00 PM † Teresa - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 16

- 7:15 AM † Marion Lamone by The Sacripanti Family
- 9:15 AM † Ricardo Viray by Marc & Lucy Bingcang
- 11:15 AM † Deceased members of the Brummer Family by Marilyn Brummer
- 1:30 PM ♥ Manuel Garcia by The Garcia Family - Spanish Mass

THE 2021 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR

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

MAY 16, 2021 - READINGS

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|---------------|---------------------------|
| • 1ST READING | ACTS 1:15-17, 20A, 20C-26 |
| • PSALM | PS 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 |
| • 2ND READING | 1 JN 4:11-16 |
| • GOSPEL | JN 17:11b-19 |

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Mother OF God



by: **Fr. William Saunders - Catholic Exchange**

Mary is truly a “mother”. Not just the physical means by which our Lord entered this world, but she is also in the fullest sense mother. As mother, she always wants to present her Son to others, and to lead others to her divine Son. In the Gospels, she presented Him to the shepherds, the Magi, the Priest Simeon and Anna, and to the wedding party at Cana. She desires to do the same for each of us. When our Lord died on the Cross, standing there were His mother, Mary, and St. John the Apostle; Jesus said to Mary, “Woman, there is your son,” entrusting His widowed mother to the care of St. John; and to St. John, “There is your mother” (Jn 19:26-27). Traditionally, we have always held that here Jesus gave Mary as a mother to the Church as a whole and to each of us.

By Her Presence

Over the last 200 years, the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared to many different people all throughout the world. By her presence in our world, the messages she gave, will be one way in which she will convert sinners.

As we learn the messages she spoke, they challenge us to reflect on how we live our life and consider how God might be inviting us to greater conversion of life. Mary’s presence, her concern for all God’s children, is one way by which she will convert sinners.

By Her Prayers

The first way Mary converts sinners is through her prayers. In a different apparition received by a Belgian immigrant in the United States back in 1859, the Blessed Mother told the seer, Adele Brise, “I am the Queen of Heaven who prays for the conversion of sinners.” Assumed body and soul into Heaven, Mary now intercedes for the world.

As the Queen Mother, she advocates for the world before the throne of her son. Isn’t it the case that the hearts of some hardened sinners have been converted and conquered by the Blessed Virgin’s love?

Mary is praying for the conversion of sinners. She’s praying for you and me. And by her prayers, she will obtain the grace of conversion from her Son, and convert sinners.

By Her Example

We meet the Blessed Virgin in the pages of the gospel. The way by which she lived her life offers us a great example.

When we are confronted with vices, we look at Mary’s virtues. When we are tempted towards pride, we remember her humility before God. When we want to be disobedient, we recall her obedience to God’s will. When impurity and unchastity confronts us, her example of purity and chastity inspires us to live similarly. When we wish to ignore the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ, her attentiveness and generosity towards Elizabeth beckons us to respond to their needs.

Let us look to our Blessed Mother’s example and rely on her prayers. May we turn to her always as our own Mother, pleading, “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.”



PRAYER FOR

THE BLESSED MOTHER

Mother's Day - May 9

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star Of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity. There are none who can withstand your power. Oh, Show me herein that you are my Mother. Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mary, I place this cause for your hands. Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you, Blessed Mother for your mercy toward me and others. 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
Denise Vannelli
Janet Masterson
Colleen Ryan
John Hughbanks
Dolores Chuilli & Family
Michelle Snyder
Judy Montanye

Jill Wagner
Henry Martinez
Daniella Naomi Mejia
Yinna Vesga
Cynthia & William
Donna Stutz
Bill Acini
Judy Walker
Bobby Perillo
Thomas Kearns
Dottie Zielinski
Kevin Natella
Lynn Palen
William Riehle
Linda Sayres
Joyce Mraz
Don Davies

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

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

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



Ways to Memorialize

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

Prayers for Eternal Life

Life is changed, not ended.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

All deceased mothers & grandmothers



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Jim Harley**

Requested by: **Dave & Andrea**



Adoration Chapel

Special Intentions: **Cleo Hesselbach**





WATCH ON FACEBOOK

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday - Saturday

EVERY SATURDAY

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

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

EVERY SUNDAY

- 11:15am Mass
- 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

- John & Laurie Madey
- Dick Popp
- Nicholas & Danielle Miruzzi
- Timothy & Julia Gaarder

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, May 16, 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 **MAY 12 - 4:15PM & 6:00PM**

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 for more information.

CALLING ALL . . .

ALTAR SERVERS



Fr. Bob is happy to have our altar servers back and there will be a **mandatory meeting on Thursday, May 20th at 6:30pm in the church**. Fr. Bob will be there to assist with instructions for our new servers, as well as a refresher for our current servers. He will introduce **Andy and Betsy Engelbrecht**, who will assist Fr. Bob with the training and the scheduling.

Parents please plan to stay for the hour if your child is being trained for the first time so that you understand the commitment.

PLEASE NOTE: New servers are eligible if they have received their First Communion.

For more information:

Bethany Myers, Liturgy Coordinator
email: bethany@johnxxiii.net
parish office: (239) 561-2245





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

- **MAY 23** - Outdoor Barbecue (concert is rescheduled to August 29)

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. The sessions will be on the Zoom app. Please email Kelly for invitation link. For more information visit our website page under education.
- **MAY 9** - Stand up for Your Beliefs
- **MAY 16** - Scavenger Hunt

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.
- **MAY 12** - What would Jesus do?

Volunteer Opportunites

We will be starting a new young adult, youth, and junior youth council. Please email Kelly Evers if interested in this leadership role.

- **Young Adult Council 18 - 30**
- **Youth Council High School Students**
- **Junior Youth Council Middle School Students**

Hispanic Ministry **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Misas en Español

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

Las misas tambien estan siendo transmitidas a traves de YouTube, ahí podrá encontrarnos como Comunidad Hispana St John XXIII.

Rezo del Santo Rosario

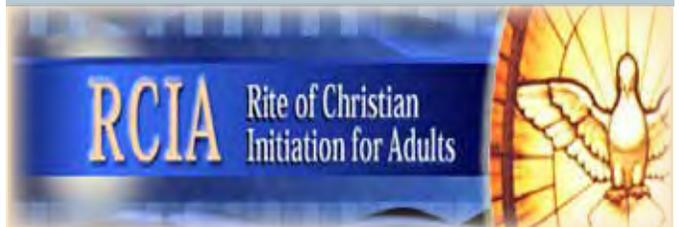
- Lugar: Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII
- Hora: 12:45pm
- Fecha: Todos los domingos del mes.

Rezo del Santo Rosario (Via Zoom)

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

Contactanos

- Para más información contactarse a:
comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net



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.

For questions, please contact:

Ginny Whelan call or text (239) 634-3239 or email vwhelan99@gmail.com





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General Announcements

- **Have You Listened to Our Podcasts?** Listen to our weekly inspirational messages from Father Bob and homilies from Mass. Visit our site weekly at johnxxiii.podbean.com
- **Like our Facebook Page:** For all the latest happenings, search "St. John XXIII Catholic Church" and "like" our page.
- **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!
- **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/>
- **Serve our Parish Family During Mass:** Men, women and teens may serve as a Greeter, Usher, Lector, or Eucharistic Minister. 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.
- **Save A Life Sunday:** : The Lee Health Bloodmobile returns Sunday, March 23 from 8am-1pm in the Church parking lot.
- **Non-Perishable Donations:** Please consider bringing nonperishable items to church each week to be given to food pantries in our area. The next KofC food drive will take at the church on Saturday, May 22 from 10am-1pm.
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-4pm & Saturday 8:30am-3pm. Beginning May 7, the chapel will be open every 1st Friday of the month from 8:30am-8pm. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit: johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/
- **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 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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Communion FOR THE Homebound



Our homebound Eucharistic Ministers are now able to bring the Eucharist to our homebound. However, there are strict procedures to follow to keep everyone safe during this time.

If you have a loved one at home whom you would like us to bring the Eucharist to, or you would like a visit from one of our Eucharistic ministers, please email helengtuffy@gmail.com or call (239) 826-6873 and she will add the name to the list and explain the procedures.

We are so grateful we can see our people once again who have been without the Eucharist!

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store



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Scarves, Underwear

Store Hours: MONDAY-FRIDAY 10AM - 5PM
SATURDAY - 10AM - 4PM

All Dressing Rooms are now open. Mask Policy still in effect.

www.bpjthrift.com



May Crowning

Father Saji, staff and parishioners honored our Blessed Mother with the May crowning on Sunday, May 2nd.



Guardian Angels

WALKWAY

PAVER MEMORIALIZATION



St. John XXIII Parish, along with the Knights of Columbus and The Women's Guild, are excited to offer **12x12 pavers**, which will be placed on the walkway around the site for our St. Michael the Archangel statue. **The price for each paver is \$350.** This is a wonderful way to pay tribute to a loved one who has served, or is currently serving in the military or as a first responder.

Defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, Oh Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Guardian Angels WALKWAY

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Address or PO Box _____

Unit/Apt # _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Payments may be made by cash, credit card or check.

I would like to pay by:

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If paying by check, please make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus.

To order, or check the status of an order, please contact The Knights of Columbus:

LARRY EVENER: larryevener@yahoo.com or

TOM DOLAN: mtd0522@yahoo.com

The Women's Guild Contact:

SUE EDWARDS: sgedwards007@gmail.com

PAVER ORDER FORM

Please circle the graphic to be added to the stone:



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

LINE 1 NAME _____

example: John Doe

LINE 2 RANK _____

example: SGT. USMC

LINE 3 SERVICE _____

example: WWII

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

PRINT NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____



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Weekly Financials



	05-02-21	05-03-20	Difference
Offertory	\$26,656.00	\$16,463.00	\$10,193.00
Building Fund	\$1,872.00	\$1,525.00	\$347.00
Total	\$28,528.00	\$17,988.00	\$10,540.00
Mass Attendance 2023		0	
Registered Families	3549	3672	

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	\$287,346.80
% of Goal	58.40%
% of Households	13.42%
Payments	\$209,387.64

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



A LETTER FROM

Bishop Dewane

Support the Catholic Communication Campaign

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) is an opportunity to bring truth and hope to people across the United States and around the world. The essential mission of the CCC is to contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, internet, other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press.

Fifty percent of the funds raised by the CCC support projects across the US and in developing countries and the other fifty percent stays here in the Diocese of Venice. It is an opportunity to bring truth and hope to people across the United States, around the world and, in your own communities.

The Collection for the CCC allows us to tell both the world and our neighbors about our experience of faith, worship, and witness. Please support this important work in the upcoming collection which will take place **next weekend: May 15 and 16** in the Diocese of Venice. Thank you for your generosity!

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you the assurances of my continued consideration as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane

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

Craftie Ladies

SPRING UPDATE



Hunter's Huggie Heart



Hunter's 6th birthday (2 days before surgery)



Fran, Judy, Glenda, Coralie, Cheryl
(missing: Judy and Beth)

With a Huggie Heart:

The Craftie Ladies would like you to meet Hunter. He is the great nephew of Craftie Lady, Arlene. Recently, Arlene contacted us to see if we could make him a Huggie Heart. As you recall, the Craftie Ladies make Huggie Hearts for Golf Coast Hospital. The patients having open heart surgery use them to help them cough etc, by holding them to their chests. Hunter turned 6 on April 21, and on April 23, he under went open heart surgery to repair a twisted and turned aorta. Coralie, one of the Craftie Ladies who makes Huggie Hearts, made him this awesome child size Huggie. He loves it! Other Craftie Ladies joined in made him some items to enjoy while he was recovering.

As you can see by the picture, there were many ladies who crafted items for Hunter. We found out that Hunter loves the Tampa Bay Bucs, Washington Capitals Hockey, and Star Wars. He also loves puzzle books, dot to dots, word search and mazes, so we crafted items in these themes. He loved all his gifts, and sent each of us a personal thank you video for the gifts we each made. We call it our Heart of Love. Hunter is now doing great. The surgeon was happy with the results. He should have a long and happy life ahead of him. We are so proud to have embraced this little boy with gifts, cards and prayers!

Scheduled Craft Fair:

As you are aware, last year's craft fair was cancelled. However, we are busy planning for the fall! We were lucky to have the same leadership team for this event. We are hoping the Parish Life Center will be in full swing for the scheduled fair which will take place on Saturday October 16 and Sunday October 17. The times and details are yet to be decided.

On Saturday, October 16, we plan on having 2 food trucks available for you to buy food. One truck is already on board and we are hoping to confirm the second truck. On Sunday October 17, the K of C will provide a pancake breakfast after all the Masses.

Yarn/Fabric Needed:

As always, we are in need of yarn and fabrics. Please DO NOT leave clothes, knickknacks, old curtains or other items. We cannot use them.

Special Orders/Requests:

We will take special orders on just about anything you request. Please call **Judy Siegel** at **(239) 437-4978** or **(414) 529-4978** anytime and leave a message and she will return your call promptly.

For more information, questions or inquiries, email the Craftie Ladies at: craftieladiesxxiii@gmail.com

Welcome
to Church

New Parishioner Orientation

Sunday, May 14th after the 11:15am Mass

All new parishioners or those interested in registering in our parish, are invited to attend next Sunday.

Guardian Angels WALKWAY UPDATE

We are so excited to see that base for the St. Michael the Archangel has been installed in front of our parish office.

Beginning Monday, May 10th, the pavers will start to be placed.

We look forward to this beautiful statue arriving in September! If you would like to memorialize a loved one, please fill out the form on page 10 of the bulletin.

BAPTISMS HAVE RESUMED

St. John XXIII has resumed offering the sacrament of Baptism to interested families. Currently, we are scheduling baptisms for **ONE FAMILY AT A TIME**. During the service, we are observing CDC guidelines such as: wearing masks, practicing social distancing and other precautions.

If you are interested in having your child baptized, please call (239) 561-2245 or email either:

- Chris Biel at chrisdre@johnxxiii.net
- Trisha Fields at trisha@johnxxiii.net

MONTH OF MAY



Women's Guild



SHOWER

During the month of May, The St. John XXIII Women's Guild is sponsoring a baby shower to support women in need of help with their babies. Items will be donated to the pro-life pregnancy centers in town.

All items donated must be new. Due to Covid, they are **unable to accept used items**.

You can donate one item or if you wish you can make up a basket for a child of a particular age. Items may be left at the display in the narthex. They are looking for items for ages 0-2T. Items needed are:

- Diapers of any size
- Onesies
- Clothing 0-2T
- Blankets
- Bibs
- Lotions etc.
- Crib sheets
- Gift cards to Walmart or Target
- Bottles
- Pacifiers
- Donations of cash for cribs and car seats



Please write in the check memo line:
"Women's Guild Baby Shower"

All gift cards and checks can be left in the church office or in the collection basket. Please mark your envelope: **"WG Baby Shower"**

For more information contact **Sue Edwards** at: sgedwards007@gmail.com

THE LAST *Reflection*

For the past 21 years Jack Conroy has provided reflections on the three liturgical readings of each Sunday. In a number of cases, these reflections were included in parish bulletins. On behalf of Fr. Bob, staff and parishioners, we would like to thank Jack for his dedicated service to our parish community.

THANK YOU
Jack Conroy

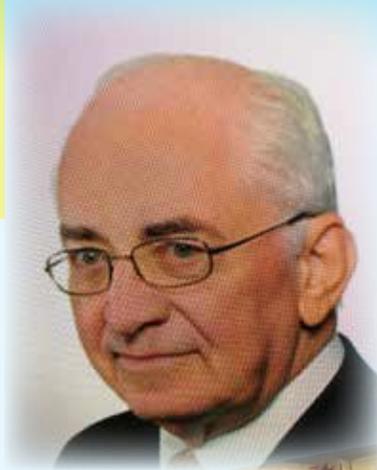
About Jack:

My dedication to Scripture originated in a question my son asked during a family dinner sometime around 1990: "Who were the Fathers of the Church?" Answering that question initiated a pursuit that has lasted more than 30 years. A source of encouragement developed one evening around 1995 when our pastor, Father Bob Tabbert who was taking an evening walk on our street, stopped by our house. At that time I had a modest theological library, and after a couple of hours of theological discussion, Father Tabbert became a strong supporter of my work. About 2001 I began to write Reflections on Scripture which attempted to explain for laypeople the three main liturgical readings, which were published weekly in church bulletins and to individuals. Upon retirement in 2002, we moved to South Bend, where I received a Ph.D. in Theology from Notre Dame in 2008. I taught courses focusing on both the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament at the Rice School for Pastoral Ministry, in conjunction with Barry University and have been active in the Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County.

Regrettably, my Parkinson's disease is making it extremely difficult to operate a computer keyboard, even with the use of Dragon Voice Activated Software. My physician indicated that some memory loss can be attributed to that disease. Hence, I have made the sad decision to stop writing those meditations. I want to thank my wife, Joan, for her constant care and loving companionship, without which I never could have persevered in this venture.

So as I pen my farewell, I pray, as did Father Ted Hesburgh:

"Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them with the fire of your love."





CIBORIA MEMORIALIZATION

Do you have a family member who has gone home to be with the Lord but had a special connection to the Eucharist, possibly as a Sacristan or Eucharistic Minister? Or maybe you are looking for a way to honor a living family member or friend who currently volunteers with our parish or is about to celebrate a significant milestone.

We recently purchased 12 NEW CIBORIA to use during our Eucharistic Celebrations as our current ciboria have been well used and have begun to tarnish significantly.

PLEASE NOTE: 8 Ciboria have been memorialized, leaving 4 available. If you would like to memorialize one of the new ciboria for \$1000 to honor a family member or friend, either living or deceased, please contact **Bethany Myers** at the parish office: (239) 561-2245 or bethany@johnxxiii.net



SUNDAY, JUNE 13

BEEHIVE

THE '60S MUSICAL



Support and join The St. John XXIII Women's Guild on Sunday evening, June 13 for dinner and a show at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre as you take a trip down memory lane with this exciting and colorful salute to the powerful female voices of the 1960s. The talented cast will sing and dance to hits made popular by the Chiffons, the Supremes, Aretha Franklin, Connie Francis and more. Beehive includes 40 beloved songs that take you on a journey through the look, sounds and feel of the 1960s such as *My Boyfriend's Back*, *Son Of A Preacher Man*, *Me and Bobby McGee*, *R-E-S-P-E-C-T* and *It's My Party* and many others!

The Broadway Palm is adhering to all CDC guidelines. Masks are required while you are not sitting at your table and strongly recommend while not eating or drinking. Please see Broadway Palm website for all changes.

<https://broadwaypalm.com/covid-19-safety-measures/>

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DINING ROOM OPENS AT 5:30PM SHOW STARTS AT 7PM

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Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Stepping into Marriage with Children: A free half day workshop entitled "Stepping into Marriage with Children" is designed for those couples beginning or currently in a stepfamily situation, and will take place from 9am- 12pm on Saturday, May 15, at Our Lady of Light Parish, 19680 Cypress View Drive, Fort Myers. This workshop takes a realistic look at blended families and offers strategies and tools to meet unique challenges. There is no cost to attend but registration is required at <https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/stepping-into-marriage-with-children>

Confirmation: On Pentecost Sunday, May 23, Bishop Frank J. Dewane will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation upon those who have been prepared in their Parishes but were unable to be Confirmed there. The Mass will be celebrated at 11am at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue West, Venice. Registration forms in both Spanish and English may be found on the Forms section of the Epiphany Cathedral Website, under Confirmation: Pentecost Sunday. Completed forms must be returned to Stephen McEntegart at Epiphany Cathedral via email at RELED@EpiphanyCathedral.org or via mail to Epiphany Cathedral, 310 Sarasota Street, Venice, Florida 34285. The deadline for registration is May 17.

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

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.

Help Your Parish: Parishes face increased risk of financial shortfalls due to the pandemic. Please consider an online donation to your parish by visiting <https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/parish-donations-online/>

Catholic Charities Support: Financial support is needed during its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. To help, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org/donate or send a check to: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice Inc., 5824 Bee Ridge Road, PMB 409, Sarasota, FL 34233-5065

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

Safe Environment Training: 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. For further details please visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/programs/safeenvironment/>

Keep your tax dollars from going to abortion: For more information visit www.notaxpayerabortion.com



It's officially May, which means it's also National Military Appreciation Month: an excellent time to honor both active and former members of our armed forces. To help do our part to thank those in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, Space Force, National Guard and beyond, we've rounded up more than 30 awesome military discounts available from the likes of Nike, Samsung and more.

What is National Military Appreciation Month?

Officially recognized by Congress in 1999, National Military Appreciation Month includes several key dates pertaining to our soldiers: Loyalty Day (May 1), Military Spouse Appreciation Day (May 7), VE Day (May 8), Armed Forces Day (May 15), and, of course, Memorial Day (May 31).

Many of the military discounts found should extend far beyond these calendar dates, however, so these hard-working members of our community can get their thanks all year long. Keep in mind that some of the sites may require you to confirm your eligibility through third-party sites, but nabbing these exclusive discounts is still as easy as one, two, three.

Sign up for Discounts:

Join **Military.com** as we honor the service and sacrifice of members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, Space Force and National Guard as well as the contribution of their spouses.

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the chance to publicly show their appreciation for troops past and present.

www.military.com/discounts



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MOTHER'S DAY

FUN FACTS

- Mother's Day originated in the United States in the early 1900's and was recognized as a holiday in 1914.
- In the majority of the world's languages, the word for "mother" all begin with the letter M.
- Of all the flowers bought for holidays, one quarter are purchased for Mother's Day.
- Approximately \$14 billion dollars is spent on Mother's Day.
- In what was formerly Yugoslavia, children would tie up their mother on Mother's Day. The only way she could get free would be to pay her children with treats.
- In the United States alone, an estimated 122 million phone calls are made to moms on Mother's Day.
- Carnations are very popular flowers for Mother's Day and are thought to be made from the tears of Jesus' mother (Mary) when she wept at his feet the day He was crucified.
- The most common flower for Mother's Day is the carnation. Pink and red represent for mothers who are alive and white for those who have passed away.
- Mother's Day is celebrated in close to 50 countries in different parts of the world.

Happy Mother's Day



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Great News!

You can now check appointment availability and schedule your COVID-19 vaccination online at myvaccine.fl.gov

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