



ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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July 18, 2021

Bringing God ON YOUR FAMILY VACATION

by: **Gregory Popcak - Catholic Exchange**

People often feel ambivalent about their family vacations. We can't wait to go on them, but somewhere in the middle, we often wonder when it will all be over. It might seem odd to think of family vacations as an opportunity for our families to draw closer to God, but thanks to the sacrament of marriage, everything about marriage and family life brings is an opportunity to encounter God - if we know where to look.

God often reveals himself through the experience of wonder, and family vacations present natural opportunities to experience that gift. Psychiatrist, Neel Burton, defines wonder as a spontaneous experience characterized by feelings of "surprise, curiosity, contemplation, and joy." He notes that wonder is "a heightened state of consciousness and emotion brought about by something singularly beautiful, rare, or unexpected - that is, by a marvel."

The 18th Century Scottish Philosopher, Adam Smith, observed that wonder begins as rapturous, bodily experience that quickly escalates into something spiritual as it creates, "that suspension of the breath, that swelling of the heart."

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Please Note:
SATURDAY
CONFESSIONS
have resumed in
the church from
8:30am-9:00am

We will continue
LIVE streaming
some **MASSES** on
Facebook/Website

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Monday-Friday,

8:00am-Noon & 1pm-4pm

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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 in the Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel as well as weekend Masses in the Church. In accordance with CDC Guidelines, all fully vaccinated parishioners are no longer required to wear a mask during Mass.

MONDAY, JULY 19

- 8:00 AM † Jennifer VonWahlde by Donald VonWahlde

TUESDAY, JULY 20

- 8:00 AM † Hedwig Wolownik by The Glowacki Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

- 8:00 AM † Herbert Walsh by his wife

THURSDAY, JULY 22

- 8:00 AM † Cassandra Langtry by Ellen Mantelfel

FRIDAY, JULY 23

- 8:00 AM † Jeldo Evangelisto by Rae Kapfhammer

SATURDAY, JULY 24

- 8:00 AM † Patricia Chylik by The Ford Family
- 4:00 PM † Lucy Laracuenta by Juan Laracuenta
- 8:00 PM † Teresa - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, JULY 24

- 7:15 AM † Michael Fetter by his brother, Joseph
- 9:15 AM † Linda Sorlie by The St. John XXIII Pastoral Team
- 11:15 AM † Lorraine Mazzola by John Tighe
- 1:30 PM - Peace in Cuba - Spanish Mass

There are **NO MORE MASSES IN ENGLISH AVAILABLE for 2021**

THE 2022 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR

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

JULY 25, 2021 - READINGS

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|---------------|----------------------------|
| • 1ST READING | 2 KGS 4:42-44 |
| • PSALM | PS 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 |
| • 2ND READING | EPH 4:1-6 |
| • GOSPEL | Jn 6:1-15 |

Low Gluten HOSTS

If you are interested in receiving **LOW GLUTEN** hosts at Mass, then please go to the Sacristy before Mass starts to make your request with a Sacristan.

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FAMILY VACATION *continued:*

Religious people often experience wonder in prayer and worship as we encounter God breaking through the noise of daily life and drawing us up into his arms. But even secular experiences of wonder, like staring into the Grand Canyon, being sprayed by the mist of Niagara Falls, or even something as simple as catching fireflies on a hot summer night, are doorways to an encounter with God. Through all of these things, and many other experiences like them, Our Father reaches out through his creation. The movement of his spirit inspires a sense of quiet awe that makes us want to reach back in love and thanksgiving.

Children are especially adept at wonder, and even the smallest child can encounter God in those moments when, as Pope Francis put it, we are simply “wasting time” with our kids; holding them in our arms, playing tag, singing together, telling stories, and just being quiet together. In every experience of wonder, if we know how to listen, we can hear the voice of God saying, “I love you. Draw closer to me.”

As with everything in life, our sense of wonder is crushed when we become so focused on the destination that we fail to enjoy the journey; when we get so focused on “getting on the darn ride already” that we forget to just be playful and silly together while waiting in line. But it’s wonder that makes family vacations both restful and memorable. It can be helpful to remind ourselves to not just approach family vacation as another job that must be done with military precision, with deadlines, objectives, and goals that must be met or else. On vacation, the chaos can be part of the fun, if we just remember to breathe and let it be.

When we bring God on our family vacation, He can help us remember to pause and experience the wonder that allows vacations to do what they are meant to; connect us to each other and to God. When the tension rises as we try to stuff our family’s carry-on bags into the overhead compartment, a little prayer, “Lord, give me your peace. Help me remember to be gentle with my kids. And let us really grow closer together on this trip.” can remind us to take a breath and be grateful.

Taking time for Mass is another great way to bring God on family holiday. In fact, the word “holiday” is a contraction of “holy day.” For the secular person, the natural impulse is to assume that every day is another work day. The impulse to prioritize time to reflect and relax is a religious one. Going to Mass on vacation gives you a chance to pause and thank God for the blessings and love He has brought into your life.

Take little moments to pray as a family throughout the trip. Before you pull out of the driveway, ask God, out loud, for a safe and blessed journey. Before beginning each day’s activities, take a moment to thank God for another day together, and ask Him to help you use this day to draw closer to Him and each other. Say grace at meals. Even at restaurants. It literally takes 8 seconds to meaningfully pause and thank God for providing each meal, and pray for those who are going without. But it’s 8 seconds that enables you to recognize your family meal is actually a gift and not just an opportunity to shove food in your meal hole.

Most of us will have about 18 summer vacations with our kids. Making them count doesn’t mean spending even more money to experience even more chaos and drama. It means asking God to allow you to experience the wonder that comes from marveling at the world He created and the love He has given you and your children to share.



PRAYER FOR SAFE TRAVEL

*Heavenly Father,
Please bless our families
with Your love and protect
us from harm. Give us
grace to forgive, strength
to overcome the difficulties
we face, and keep us
together when the world
tries to pull us apart.*

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*



Prayer List

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

Elaine Quan	Laura Sands
Marlene LaRose	Kenny Knapp
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek	Olga Oliva
Jeff Hlavacek	MaryAnn McDonald
Gary Neubauer	Anita Dantino
Tom Biedak	Betty Galvano
Ron Hudepohl	Stephen Shay
Denise Vannelli	Bob Jarlenski
Cynthia & William	Jim Wilson
Judy Walker	Cindy Belisle
Bobby Perillo	Pat Dohack
Dottie Zielinski	Janet Edwards
Kevin Natella	Ron Lindabury
Lynn Palen	Steven Clausen
William Riehle	Beverly & Dick Netherly
Linda Sayres	Wilfredo Flores
Judy Walker	Stephen Dresel

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!*
Joseph Lancellot



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Ted Zizzo**
Requested by: **The Harley's**



Memorial Flowers

In Memory of: **Ed & Ann Pavlan**
Requested by: **their daughter, Andrea**





Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 19

- Men's Gospel Forum: St. Martha & St. Mary - 7am
- Craftie Ladies at The Villas - 1pm
- Women's Guild: St. Martha & St. Mary - 6:30pm

Tuesday, July 20

- Opening the Word: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 9am
- Bereavement: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- AA Meeting: St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Wednesday, July 21

- Pastoral Staff Meeting - 10am



Thursday, July 22

- RCIA Inquiry: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 6:30pm
- Men's Ministry: Main Hall - 6:30pm
- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: Parish Life Center - 7pm

Friday, July 23

- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

Saturday, July 24

- KofC Food Collection: Outside - 10am-1pm
- Vigil Mass - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass - 8pm



Sunday, July 25

- Masses: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am *LIVESTREAM
- Hispanic Choir: St. Martha and St. Mary - 11am
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm



EVERY SATURDAY

- 4:00pm Mass with Fr. Angelo

EVERY SUNDAY

- 11:15am Mass
- 1:30pm Spanish Mass



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WATCH AT HOME

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

ONLINE

www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/communications/tvmass/



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Rose B. Machell
- Rich Spurr
- William R. Meyrick
- Judith Frenzi
- Gonzalo Cordova & Brenda Garcia
- Rosario & Virginia Romano
- Brandon Kelly & Maria Ducato
- Phil & Lisa Cirrone

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, August 22, 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 | Sgt. Hayden Linde, FLARNG |
| Sean Ball | Aaron Crump, USCG |
| Major Bart Boma | Sgt. Nathaniel Broemmell |
| Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove | Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo |
| Sgt. Phil Dellibovi | Col. Scott C. Woodward |
| Staff Sgt. Chris Dominski | Private Nicholas Loeb, ARNG |
| CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces | Andrew Hawkinson, USN |
| Major Andrew Duguay | Cavalry Scout Specialist, |
| Sgt. Jared Gaudet | Ryan Silva, Army |
| Capt. Kellyn C. Hall | 2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC |
| Andrew Herman | Jared Broemmell, 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, US Army |
| PFC Jordan Feil, USA | 1st Lt. Jeffrey Zivkovic, US Army |



Faith Formation

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

Faith FORMATION

Registration for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation classes has begun. Registration, schedules, and information are listed on our parish website. <https://johnxxiii.net/faith-formation-k-5/>

All registrations will be done online. Please check information listed below on Sacrament Preparation.

We are always in need of help with our various programs. Please consider sharing the gift of faith with the youth in our parish. Please contact **Chris Biel** at chrisdre@johnxxiii.net



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are happy to announce that Children's Liturgy of the Word has resumed during 9:15am and 11:15am Masses. We need volunteers to continue the program. Please contact Chris Biel for more information.

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 St. 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.

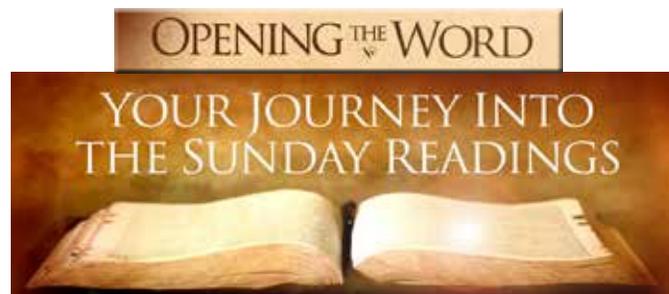
FIRST COMMUNION: (also called *First Eucharist* and *First Reconciliation*) Children in first grade or above, who have expressed a desire and willingness and are attending Mass, are welcome to begin the two year process of preparing for these Sacraments. The first year consists of regular attendance 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.

ADULT FAITH

Education

Keep in TOUCH with your *Faith* ONLINE:



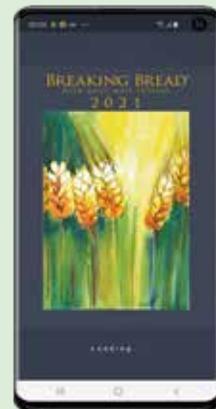
**Tuesday Mornings at 9:00am
PARISH LIFE CENTER**

We have resumed in-person meetings! Masks DO NOT have to be worn for fully vaccinated individuals. For more information email **Linda Stanley** at: lindastanley.ls@gmail.com

Watch a short video each week on Formed.org to help prepare you for the upcoming Sunday Readings. You can 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.



As the Covid restrictions have eased throughout the Diocese of Venice, we have been slowly re-introducing the congregation's participation in the musical parts of our weekly Mass celebrations. Unfortunately, at this time we still do not have Breaking Bread missals available for general use among our parishioners. If you are, however, wanting to participate more actively in the singing at Mass, OCP has released a Breaking Bread app that includes music, readings, and the Order of Mass. This app has been approved for use in church by the USCCB during the 2021 liturgical year, but it does come with a **subscription fee of \$4.99 for the year**. If you are interested in downloading this app for use during our Masses, you can visit your app store on your smartphones or tablets and search for the **Breaking Bread 2021 eMissal app**.





YOUNG ADULT & YOUTH Ministries

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 first Thursday of each month in the Parish Life center flex rooms. Please check the Facebook page for more information.



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

Confirmation Program

- **2021-22 Registration and Session Dates** will be available in July. We plan our dates in July to give families enough time to commit to the mandatory dates and program.

High School Youth Group

HSYG Social Sessions - Sundays 5pm to 6pm

- **2021-22 Dates** will be posted on the website in July under the education tab. All High School students are welcome. Confirmed students will earn community service as teen mentors.

Middle School Youth Group

MSYG Sessions - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

- **Registration for the 2021-22 Sessions** will be open in July. Please check the website under the education tab. The topics and dates will be listed as well.

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.

- **Youth Council High School Students**



DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Youth SPOTLIGHT

Emily Romero is dedicated to her faith and the parish community. Her time volunteering has earned her this title. Emily even helped co-author the Confirmation workbook for this upcoming season. St. John XXIII is proud to announce Emily as Disciple of Christ of July 2021.



Why is your Catholic faith important to you?

My Catholic faith is important to me because it allows me to receive Jesus in the Eucharist and gives me purpose. It helps me develop a relationship with my Creator, praise Him for who He is, and share that love for Him with other people.

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

I most like how our parish constantly offers opportunities to serve our community and show the love of God to others through service. There's always a chance to volunteer and interact with other youth while giving of our time to help and grow spiritually.

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

To me, being a Disciple of Christ means being a witness of God's love and the Gospel in our own lives and being able to spread the knowledge of our Savior to others.



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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!
- **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:** If you are heading north, please consider bringing your nonperishable items to church. These donations fill pantries in our area. Items can be dropped off in the Narthex.
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-4pm & Saturday 8:30am-3pm. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit: johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/
- **Open to Life Ministry:** O2L is looking for individuals who want to take action and make a difference in the lives of families in our community. For more information, please email Elizabeth Andrews at Elipchik@hotmail.com
- **St. John XXIII Thrift Store:** Hours are Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. For more information email thrift@johnxxiii.net
- **Making a Stock Transfer:** When making a stock transfer on behalf of St. John XXIII, please email holly@johnxxiii.net to let us know you made the request. Sometimes a transfer comes to the Diocese with no name or no parish name. This will help us track the transaction.
- **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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Eucharistic Ministers TO THE Homebound



Any visit to homebound persons in our parish should be accomplished by following the protocol mentioned below, even if the visit is done by a family member.

Please sign the book on the TABLE NEXT TO THE TABERNACLE with the name and phone number of the person bringing the Eucharist to the homebound person. Next, include the name of the person that will be visited and the date of the visit.

This enables the church to keep track of how many visits are being accomplished. It is an important part of our outreach goals. Of course, maintaining reverence for the Body of Christ is of utmost importance.

For more information:

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the parish office at (239) 561-2245 to be directed to the Homebound Coordinator, **Helen Tuffy**

MEN'S MINISTRY

You are invited!

THURSDAY, JULY 22 - 6:30PM
IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER

This is an open invitation to all Men in our parish to come together to celebrate our faith and fellowship with one another.

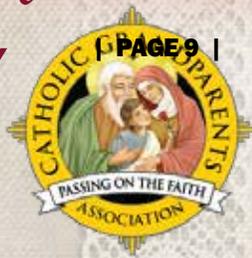
“Come and follow me” is the eternal call from God. In coming together as the many parts of the One Body in Christ we grow in faith, vision, understanding and service and we can make a difference in life.

Our Men’s Ministry has been called to foster Christian Fellowship for the Men of our Parish by supporting events and programs with other Parish Ministries, sponsor and support charitable works in the Community, respond to Parish needs, and allow us to grow together in our faith and love of God.

Grandparents

MINISTRY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1
after the 11:15am Mass

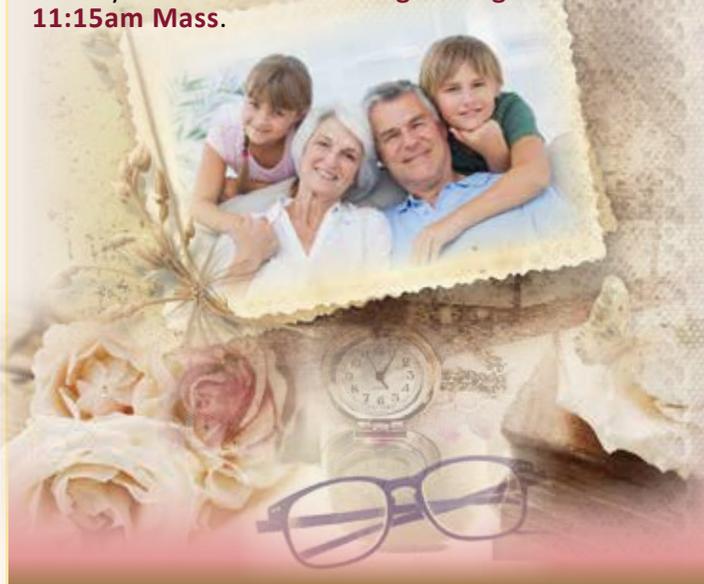


HONORING GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

The Catholic Grandparents Association is a global organization of the faithful. An integral part of the Catholic Grandparents Association is establishing and working with Grandparent's ministries at the diocesan and parish level. Grandparents have a unique vocation that must be fostered and cherished in the spirit of St. Joachim and St. Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, and parents of Mary.

We at St. John XXIII, are happy to announce this new ministry: a ministry to help support Grandparents and the elderly in our parish community at a spiritual level. We recognize the important role Grandparents take to pass the Faith on to their children and grandchildren. We plan to meet one Sunday each month following the 11:15am Mass and gather for some light refreshments, presentation, and discussion.

Recently, Pope Francis announced the establishment of an International Day to honor grandparents and the elderly that will take place annually on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne. This year it will take place on Sunday, July 25. To celebrate this, **there will be a table in the Narthex this weekend with more information** about this ministry and how you can join, and to invite you to **our first meeting on August 1 after the 11:15am Mass.**



Hispanic Ministry ANNOUNCEMENTS



Queremos dejarles saber que estamos ofreciendo el servicio de misas especiales como Quinceañeras, Bautismos y Matrimonios para más información comunicarse con nosotros al email: comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net

Rezo del Santo Rosario (Antes de la misa los domingos)

- 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.

Sirviendo a su parroquia

¿Te gustaría poner tus talentos al servicio de tu parroquia?

Si te gustaría servir como ministro de eucaristía, músico, sacristán, ujier o lector, favor de comunicarse con nosotros al email comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net

RCIA Rite of Christian
Initiation for 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.

For questions, please contact:

Leslie Robertson call or text (239) 560-5617
or email cdr609@aol.com



We now offer Text-to-Give. Simply text the dollar amount to **239-356-6529** to donate to our Offertory Fund. Your transaction will be processed through the Online Giving account associated with your mobile phone number. If your phone number is not recognized, you can connect your number with an existing account or create an account.

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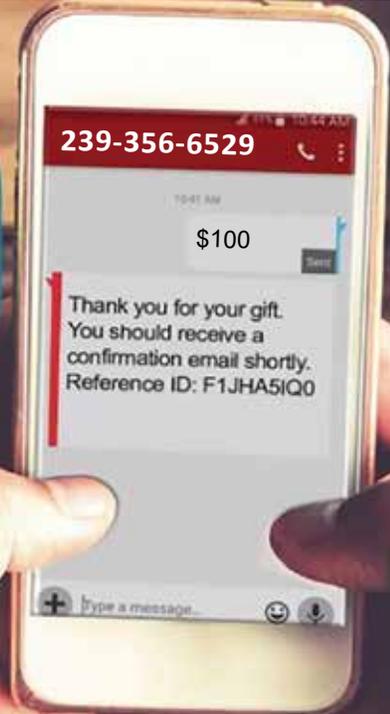
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We appreciate your donations to keep our parish running. You can enroll online through the St. John XXIII website:

johnxxiii.net/giving/





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Weekly Financials



	07-11-21	07-12-20	Difference
Offertory	\$22,215.30	\$14,334.00	\$7,881.30
Building Fund	\$1,525.00	\$828.00	\$697.00
Total	\$23,740.30	\$15,162.00	\$8,578.30
Mass Attendance	2039	878	
Registered Families	3591	3636	

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	\$451,003.12
% of Goal	91.67%
% of Households	16.81%
Payments	\$386,946.20

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



CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL



The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) is an annual opportunity for every member of our Faith family to support the life-changing work and outreach programs of the Diocese of Venice. The programs and services assisted by the CFA, make a meaningful impact on the lives of individuals, families and communities. By supporting the CFA, you share in the work of Christ and the grace of Catholic discipleship. Remember, **"The generous will be blessed, for they share ... with the poor"** (Proverbs 22:9).

GIFT SUGGESTIONS:

- **CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD** can be used for a one-time gift or a monthly amount. Please visit www.dioceseofvenice.org and click on Catholic Faith Appeal Donate Now.
- **CHECK** made payable to Catholic Faith Appeal with St John XXIII in the memo can be placed in the white envelopes in the Narthex and the donation will be sent to the Catholic Faith Appeal.
- **GIFT OF SECURITIES** - Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of the appreciated securities on the date of your gift.
- **IRA** - In 2020 the law changed, requiring those 72 years and older to begin taking a required minimum distribution (RMD) from their individual retirement account (IRA). However, only those who will turn 70½ (born on or after July 1, 1949) in 2020 or later may wait until age 72 to begin taking required distributions. If you are currently receiving RMDs (or should be) because you are over age 70½, you must continue taking these RMDs. For traditional accounts this income is taxable! To avoid paying taxes on this income while also meeting the obligation of the RMD, you may designate the distribution as a gift directly from the IRA custodian to the CFA. You can donate up to \$100,000 and married couples can donate up to \$200,000 if the spouse has a separate IRA.

Craftie Ladies

WHAT'S NEW?

We're Back!

The Craftie Ladies are celebrating finally being back to the Villas every Monday from 1-3 pm. It is good to be home and enjoy being TOGETHER again!



(pictured top) Fran and Ceil at cutting table. (pictured left) Jean with veterans blanket!

Save the Date:

The ladies have been busy crafting for the October 16-17 craft fair!

Saturday October 16, will feature our first experience with food trucks. The 2 trucks available are The Great American Grilled Cheese Company and Vietyumfood. This is the same company that used to sell egg and spring rolls a few years ago in the chapel area. Saturday hours will be 10am to 5pm.

Sunday, October 17, the hours will be 8am to 1pm. We are hopeful that the Knights of Columbus will provide their pancake breakfast for everyone to enjoy. This will be a fun-filled weekend, so please plan to eat, shop and enjoy being TOGETHER again!

Donation Reminder:

We feel compelled to remind you again that we **DO NOT** accept draperies, curtains, knick knacks or clothing. We have been receiving these items regularly and unfortunately we can not use them. However, we welcome fabric, yarn and sewing notions etc. Your cooperation on this matter would be greatly appreciated!

All are Welcome!

Stop by the Villas any Monday from 1-3pm to say Hi and meet some of the awesome ladies! Feel free to contact **Judy Siegel** with any crafty questions at **(239) 437-4978** or **(414) 529-4978**. She will be sure to return your call promptly. We would like to thank all of the parishioners for your continued support!

RESPECT LIFE

CONTACT US:

The Respect Life Ministry is open to all who are interested in learning about LIFE issues from conception to natural death. If you would like to be kept up to date please join our email list at: respectlifejohn23@gmail.com



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summer schedule

The events typically from **10:00am-noon**
(unless otherwise noted on the schedule)

JULY

- 7/20** - Tuesday Bonus Outing: Jumping Jacks
- 7/22** - Fort Myers Beach: Pier
- 7/29** - Lakes Park Splash Pads

AUGUST

- 8/3** - Tuesday Bonus Outing: Cape Christian Fellowship Park
- 8/5** - Bowling at HeadPinz Entertainment Center (1:00pm-3:00pm)
14513 Global Parkway sign up online:
<https://www.kidsbowlfree.com/index.php>

for more information:

For questions or concerns, email Gabi and Teresa at: blessedlittleangels23@gmail.com

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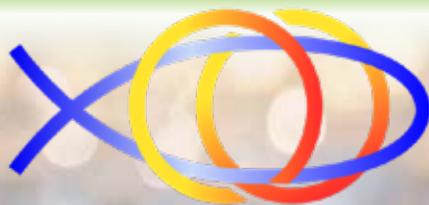
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JULY 24 • 10AM-1PM

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting items for **St. Martin DePorres**.

The food collection will take place on **Saturday, July 25** from **10am-1pm** in the church parking lot.

Thank You!



Teams of Our Lady - Fort Myers

Teams of Our Lady was founded by Fr Henri Caffarel in France in 1947 and since then has spread to over 10,000 teams world- wide.

This Catholic lay movement is where like minded couples meet once a month to eat, pray and discuss topics to help couples deepen their faith and marriage.

For More Information

If you would like to invest in your marriage and see how Teams of Our Lady can bless your relationship, please contact:

Judy and Tony Fennell
(701) 361-8826





HEARING LOOP INSTALLED

IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER

St. John XXIII has installed a Hearing Loop in the new Parish Life Center to assist those with hearing loss in order to hear more clearly during events, activities, and meetings. A Hearing Loop is an assistive listening system that transmits sound directly into one's hearing aids or cochlear implants rather than depending on sound coming from the loudspeakers. To receive the Loop signal and hear more clearly, manually activate your T-coil or telephone setting on your hearing aid or cochlear implant. If you don't know if you have a T-coil or whether yours is properly programmed, consult your audiologist or hearing aid professional. If you don't wear hearing aids, ask to use a Loop receiver to receive the sound.



If you have further questions about Looping, please contact the installation company, **Complete Hearing Solutions** at www.CompleteHearingSolutions.org or call (727) 260-3488



HEARING LOOP BASICS:

How Does a Hearing Loop Work?

A Hearing Loop, through the use of a Loop amplifier and strategically placed wire around the room, transmits a signal (electromagnetically) that is received directly by and into a hearing aid or cochlear implant that has a T-coil installed in it or a special receiver for those who don't wear hearing devices.

What are the benefits of a Loop System?

Loop Systems help eliminate bothersome background noise and reverberation/echo. Additionally, Loops transmit sound directly into hearing aids and cochlear implants utilizing the prescriptive corrections that are programmed for that individual. No external receivers are required but are available for those without hearing devices.

What is a T-Coil?

A T-coil or Telecoil, is a small metal rod with metal wire wrapped around it that is installed in a hearing aid or cochlear implant which is necessary to receive the Loop signal. The other purpose of the T-coil is to make using the telephone easier by eliminating the high pitched interference you may hear when putting the phone to your ear.

How do I know if I have a T-Coil?

The T-coil program necessary for use with the Loop System is one that is manually activated by the user. This is done by either pressing a button on the hearing aid or cochlear implant itself or by use of a remote control. You may presently be pressing this button to use the telephone - it is the same program. If you are uncertain if you have a manual T-coil program, consult with your hearing professional as you may have one but it may not be activated.

10 Tips for College Freshmen: Staying Connected to Your Faith



- 1. Plug into your Campus Ministry Center:** Your college or university has a central place for you to get plugged into faith life on campus. Check out the upcoming events, and connect with a whole community of fellow students and ministers.
- 2. Meet your College Chaplain or Campus Minister:** Some have offices at the campus ministry or others may even live in your dorm! Find a chaplain and drop by to introduce yourself. They meet individually with students, and host Bible studies.
- 3. Join a Faith Group or Intentional Community:** It's a great way to meet other students interested in reflecting together and growing closer to God. Small groups can focus on any sort of topic, such as Scripture or prayer, and they can be a specific women's or men's group. Got an idea for a new group? Chat with a campus minister about forming your own!
- 4. Sign up for a Theology or Religious Course:** Be prepared for a whole new world to break open. Whatever your area of study, don't hesitate to check out the course listings and find a topic that intrigues you. The intellectual challenge of the classroom will deepen your faith in unpredictable ways.
- 5. Find a Spiritual Director:** Hands down, one of the best things you can do for yourself. Especially at a time in life when you're making big choices about your future, it's such a gift to have someone walk with you through all the ups and downs of young adult life.
- 6. Explore Other Faith Traditions and Denominations:** The high school bubble has popped and the world's your limit. Take these years as a perfect opportunity to learn about other religions beyond your own. Attend a worship service, study group or interfaith event. Seek out and build friendships with people of diverse religious backgrounds.
- 7. Serve Your Local Community:** There is a world beyond the hundreds or thousands of 18 to 22 year-olds on your college campus. It's great to connect with peers, but don't lose sight of the many gifts offered by people younger and older than yourself. Explore Catholic organizations and service opportunities.
- 8. Take an Alternative Spring or School Trip:** Sign up to participate on a spring or school break service or solidarity trip abroad. These opportunities can connect you with the global church, build lasting friendships, and foster your understanding of another culture or spirituality.
- 9. Plug into National and Global Catholic Organizations:** Check out Catholic publications and organizations. Pax Christi, for example, often have local university chapters that discuss and engage Catholic social teaching and justice work.
- 10. Carve out time for Yourself:** Talk a walk. Visit the chapel. Journal. Run. Meditate. Whatever it is, take time just for you. Get to know yourself, your gifts, struggles, hopes and calling.

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Stations of the Cross

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For more information please contact the parish office at **(239) 561-2245**

EIGHT STATIONS have already been memorialized! Please inquire on availability.



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Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Pope Francis has instituted the Church-wide celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Beginning this year, this special day will be held on the fourth Sunday of July (July 25 in 2021), close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for this World Day is "I am with you always" (cf. Mt 28:20) which is a way of expressing the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person. "I am with you always" is also a promise of closeness and hope that young and old can mutually share. Not only are grandchildren and young people called upon to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have the mission of evangelization, proclamation and prayer, and of encouraging young people in their Faith.

Peace Lutheran Church Concert: The 14th Annual Last Sunday in July concert with Ric Jaeggli, Lee Van Asten and the Year Rounders will take place Sunday, July 25 at 2pm. 15840 McGregor Blvd. in Ft. Myers. For more information call (239) 437-2599 or email: peace@peaceftmyers.com

Florida Vaccination Scheduling Line: You can now check appointment availability and schedule your COVID-19 vaccination online at myvaccine.fl.gov Should you need any assistance, you can reach one of our vaccination support specialists at (833) 540-2032 or for TTY assistance, please call (833) 476-1038

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

Keep Tax Dollars from going to Abortion: Take the simple step of signing the petition to preserve the Hyde Amendment at www.not taxpayerabortion.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.

Theology on Tap: Young Adults are invited to attend Theology on Tap at Southern Fresh Farms, 8500 Penzance Blvd. in Fort Myers. The event runs from 7-9pm on the second Thursday of each month. Please contact Joshua Mazrin at evangelization@dioceseofvenice.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

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/>

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We are now actively providing **FREE** Youth Tele-Mental Health Counseling Services in your area!

ARE YOUR CHILDREN:

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

please contact the number for your area:

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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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