



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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August 15, 2021

Mary

MOTHER
OF GOD

*Pray for us
sinners, and
Guide us
on the way
that leads to
Heaven.*

- Pope Francis



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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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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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 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, AUGUST 16

- 8:00 AM † Arlene Altmann by her husband, Bernie

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

- 8:00 AM † Larry Waldsmith by Sharon

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

- 8:00 AM † Linda Kircher by The DeFrancesco Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

- 8:00 AM † Madeline Gioia by Vincent & Denise LaRosa

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

- 8:00 AM † Michael Rovnak Sr. by Michael Rovnak, Jr. & Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

- 8:00 AM † Nikki Katorincek by Rick & June
- 4:00 PM † Arlene Altmann by The St. John XXIII Thrift Store
- 8:00 PM - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

- 7:15 AM † James Rohrbaugh by Paul & Marilyn Rohrbaugh
- 9:15 AM † Ann Pavlan by Sue Ammon
- 11:15 AM † Deacon Francis Head by Elizabeth & Jude Sommerfeld
- 1:30 PM - 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.

AUGUST 22, 2021 - READINGS

- 1ST READING JOS 24:1-2A, 15-17, 18B
- PSALM PS 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21
- 2ND READING EPH 5:2A, 25-32
- GOSPEL JN 6:60-69

RESPECT LIFE

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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History OF THE Assumption

by: **Adelaide Mena - Catholic News Agency**

Today, Catholics around the world mark the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, commemorating the end of her earthly life and assumption into Heaven. But while the feast day is a relatively new one, the history of the holiday – and the mystery behind it – has its roots in the earliest centuries of Christian belief.

“As her earthly life comes to an end, the Assumption helps us to understand more fully not just her life, but it helps us to always focus our gaze to Eternity,” said EWTN Senior Contributor Dr. Matthew Bunson.

“We see in Mary the logic of the Assumption as the culmination of Mary’s life,” he continued. “A Eucharistic requirement for that day is very fitting.”

The dogma of the Assumption of Mary – also called the “Dormition of Mary” in the Eastern Churches – has its roots in the early centuries of the Church. The Catholic Church teaches that when Mary ended her earthly life, God assumed her, body and soul into heaven.

This belief traces its roots back to the earliest years of the Church. While a site outside of Jerusalem was recognized as the tomb of Mary, the earliest Christians maintained that “no one was there,” Bunson said.

According to St. John of Damascus, in the 5th century, at the Council of Chalcedon in 451, Roman Emperor Marcian requested the body of Mary, Mother of God. St. Juvenal, who was Bishop of Jerusalem replied “that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened upon the request of St. Thomas, was found empty; wherefrom the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven,” the saint recorded.

By the 8th century, around the time of Pope Adrian, the Church began to change its terminology, renaming the feast day of the Memorial of Mary to the Assumption of Mary, Bunson noted.

The belief in the Assumption of Mary was a widely-held tradition, and a frequent meditation in the writings of saints throughout the centuries. However it was not defined officially until the past century. In 1950, Pope Pius XII made an infallible, ex-cathedra statement in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* officially defining the dogma of the Assumption.

“By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory,” the pope wrote.

Within the decree, which was passed beforehand to dioceses around the world, Pius surveys centuries of Christian thought and the writings of a number of saints on the Assumption of Mary.

“We have throughout the history of the Church an almost universal attestation of this,” Bunson said of the Christian tradition’s testimony to Mary’s Assumption.

“We have this thread that runs throughout the whole of the history of the Church in support of the dogma. That’s significant because it supports the tradition of the Church, but it also supports a coming to a deeper understanding of the teachings of the Church of how we rely upon the reflections of some of the greatest minds of our Church.”

What’s also notable about the dogma, he added, is that it “uses the passive tense,” emphasizing that Mary did not ascend into heaven on her own power, as Christ did, but was raised into heaven by God’s grace.

Today, the Feast of the Assumption is marked as a major feast day and a public holiday in many countries. In most countries, including the United States, it is a Holy Day of Obligation, and Catholics are required to attend Mass. Bunson explained that on important feast days, it’s important to mark the significance of the feast as especially vital by emphasizing the necessity of celebrating the Eucharist that day.

“What is more fitting than on the Assumption of the Blessed Mother to, once again, focus on her Son, on the Eucharist?” he said.

PRAYER FOR

THE Blessed MOTHER



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 towards 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	Bob Jarlenski
Marlene LaRose	Jim Wilson
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek	Cindy Belisle
Jeff Hlavacek	Pat Dohack
Gary Neubauer	Janet Edwards
Tom Biedak	Steven Clausen
Ron Hudepohl	Beverly & Dick Netherly
Denise Vannelli	Wilfredo Flores
Cynthia & William	Stephen Dresel
Judy Walker	Anna Acini
Laura Sands	Colleen Ryan
Kenny Knapp	Laura Ford
Olga Oliva	Tony Gagnet
MaryAnn McDonald	Phyllis Benham
Anita Dantino	Marilyn Dittrich
Betty Galvano	Jim Wittenauer
Stephen Shay	Vicki Gelardi

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

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

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



Ways to Memorialize

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

Prayers for Eternal Life

*Life is changed, not ended.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*

Shawn David Boone
Officer Ella French



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Arlene Altmann**
Requested by: **The Mah Jongg Group**



Adoration Chapel

In Memory of: **Mike Biel**
Requested by: **The Harley's**





Weekly Calendar

Monday, August 16

- 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, August 17

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

Wednesday, August 18

- Respect Life Meeting: St. Martha & St. Mary - 8:45am
- Pastoral Staff Meeting: OCR - 10am

Thursday, August 19

- RCIA Inquiry: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 6:30pm
- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: Parish Life Center - 7pm

Friday, August 20

- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

Saturday, August 21

- Vigil Mass - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass - 8pm

Sunday, August 22

- Masses: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am
- Open to Life: Parish Life Center - 10:15am
- Hispanic Choir: St. Martha and St. Mary - 11am
- New Family Orientation: Chapel - 12:15pm
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm



EVERY SATURDAY

- 4:00pm Mass with Fr. Angelo

EVERY SUNDAY

- 1:30pm Spanish Mass (via Youtube)
- www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1

WATCH AT HOME

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

ONLINE

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



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Deacon & Mrs. Roberto Pagan
- Jose Pulgarin & Luz de Aurora Hinostrza
- Geoffrey & Alyssa Humerickhouse
- Benedikt Statt & Martha Guerrero
- Richard Daladhay & April McNally

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 Broemmel |
| 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 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, US Army |
| PFC Jordan Feil, USA | 1st Lt. Jeffrey Zivkovic, US Army |

Faith FORMATION

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



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/> **THE DEADLINE IS AUGUST 15.** After that date, a late fee will apply. All registrations will be done online. Please check information listed below on Sacrament Preparation.

ATTENTION Families of St. Francis and St. Andrew's who have second graders registered at St. John XXIII. You need to contact Chris Biel to register your child for Sacrament Preparation. As a reminder, Sacrament Preparation is done at the parish of registration, not at the school.

CATECHIST/ASSISTANT WORKSHOP will be held **Wednesday, August 18** from **6pm-8pm** in the **Parish Life Center**. We are always in need of help with our various programs. Please consider sharing the gift of Faith with the youth in our parish. Contact Chris Biel at chrisdre@johnxxiii.net

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:

OPENING THE WORD

YOUR JOURNEY INTO THE SUNDAY READINGS



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.



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

Rooted at St. John XXIII

Welcoming all Young Adults 18 - 39

Rooted meets on the 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** are now available. 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** are posted on the website 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** is open. 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**



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

(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.

Contáctanos

Para más información contactarse a:
comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net

RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Thinking about joining the Catholic Church but feel a little lost?

The RCIA Inquiry is the starting place for adults who are thinking about entering the Catholic Church.

For more information, please contact:

Leslie Robertson at (239) 560-5617





ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

General Announcements

- **Have You Listened to Our Podcasts?** Listen to our weekly inspirational messages from Father Bob and homilies from Mass. Visit our site weekly at johnxxiii.podbean.com
- **Like our Facebook Page:** For all the latest happenings, search "St. John XXIII Catholic Church" and "like" our page.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Non-Perishable Donations:** 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/
- **St. John XXIII Thrift Store:** Hours are Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. For more information email thrift@johnxxiii.net or visit www.bpjthrift.com
- **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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What Can You Do?

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When in doubt, call the parish office or contact the Diocesan IT Department.

If your gut says the message is strange, call the sender before clicking a link or opening a file. Don't wire money or buy gift cards if asked in an email, text message, or social media post.

The IT Helpdesk will never email a link telling you to click or a message: "your account will be disabled".

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ithelpdesk@dioceseofvenice.org

IT HELPDESK
(941)-486-4740 / ext.4357

VISIT:
dioceseofvenice.org
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GOD | AT | WORK



Ministries Working Together DOING GOD'S WORK

The Social Justice Committee held their annual backpack and shoe drive for kids in need, as they returned back to school. With the help of families from our church, members of the Social Justice Committee, and Men's Ministry, packed **420 BACKPACKS!** These items were distributed to St. Martin DePorres, Immokalee Farm Workers, San Carlos School, The Hispanic Outreach and to our parish families in need. In addition, 75 bags were packed with toiletries and snacks for the homeless who visit SMDP.

SMDP UPDATE:

Thank you to all of our generous parishioners for your food and clothing donations. You truly make the mission of feeding and clothing God's children possible! Due to this generosity, we have been able to expand our outreach to the needy by offering used clothing and shoes alongside our weekly grocery service! This is a massive effort made possible by several parishioners here at St. John XXIII. These volunteers have identified items that are frequently requested, but are not currently in stock to fill the need. If you have the following items, please consider dropping off your used clothing and shoes at SMDP:

- **Men's Small Shirts, Pants and Shorts**
- **All Boys Clothing - Sizes infant to 8-10**
- **Girls Tops 2-4T**
- **Youth Shoes**
- **Women's Shoes 7-8**
- **Men's Small Shoes**

OPEN TO LIFE - August 22:

Have you ever thought of becoming a foster parent? Does it sound interesting, but you honestly don't know if you could or what the first step might be? The Open to Life Ministry will be hosting "**One More Child**" (a Christ centered approach to foster care) at our meeting on **August 22 at 10:15am** in the Parish Life Center. Our speakers will share how you can get involved in assisting vulnerable children and find them safe and loving homes. Not everyone can take a child into their home and family, but everyone can make a difference in a child's life. Join our meeting to find out how. For more information, contact **Elizabeth Andrews** at elipchik@hotmail.com



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

Name _____

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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LARRY EVENER: larryevener@yahoo.com or

TOM DOLAN: mtd0522@yahoo.com

The Women's Guild Contact:

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Weekly Financials



	08-08-21	08-09-20	Difference
Offertory	\$29,673.02	\$27,271.67	\$2,401.35
Building Fund	\$2,403.08	\$3,370.00	(\$966.92)
Total	\$32,076.10	\$30,641.67	\$1,434.43
Mass Attendance	1813	1009	
Registered Families	3624	3638	

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 - NO UPDATE

2021 Goal	\$492,000.00
Pledge	\$528,780.08
% of Goal	107.48%
% of Households	17.09%
Payments	\$474,682.66

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.



Join Us!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

7pm - Tickets \$8

The Mighty Mussel Baseball Team has invited St. John XXIII Parishioners to come and watch them play against The Bradenton Marauders on **Friday, August 27 at 7pm**. To purchase tickets and sit with other parishioners, follow our special link at <https://fevo.me/johnxxiii>

TICKETS ARE \$8 EACH

Free SUMMER CONCERT EVENT

Youth and Young Adult Ministry presents:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

6-9pm (seating begins at 5:30pm)



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This concert is a free event for Youth ministry, Confirmation and Rooted families. All are welcome!

If there is no threat of rain, the concert will take place on the outdoor stage behind the Parish Life Center.

Please bring a blanket or beach chair to sit on.

For more information contact Kelly Evers: kelly@johnxxiii.net



Parish NURSING MINISTRY

A HEALING MESSAGE for body, mind and soul



As we all know, COVID-19 drastically impacted our lives and we continue to face new challenges and struggles in the world today.

What would St. Teresa of Calcutta do in this situation?

The answer is this: St. Teresa would minister to the poor and vulnerable. As part of her mission, she would continue to care for those afflicted with Hansen’s disease (known as Leprosy) who were shunned. The coronavirus of today is similar because it is very communicable. Those with the virus are cared for in controlled, isolated hospital settings under the care of healthcare personnel in a protective environment and need to be separated from family and friends to prevent transmission to others.

Mother Teresa did not shun those afflicted as she prayed to the Blessed Virgin and called upon Mary many times with her favorite prayer, the Memorare. She would repeat this “Flying Novena”, as she called it, nine consecutive times. An example was when the Holy Father in 1984 was celebrating Mass outdoors, and as people were gathering, it began to rain very heavily. St. Teresa and her fellow sisters began to pray the “Flying Novena” of nine consecutive Memorares for beautiful weather. By the 7th set of Memorares, the umbrellas folded and by the ninth set of the “Flying Novena” umbrellas closed and the rain stopped. Mother Teresa would often pray the “Flying Novena” for a very sick child, and to obtain gasoline when fuel was running short on a night-time mission.

Here is the Memorare:

“Remember Oh most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you oh Virgin of Virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. Oh Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your clemency hear and answer me. Amen”

Let us pray this beautiful prayer for our world, all healthcare workers, and first responders. Let’s pray also for our faith community.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, was an extraordinary human being who had her own demons of depression. She gave strength, care, and compassion to those in most need. She is a saint for our times.

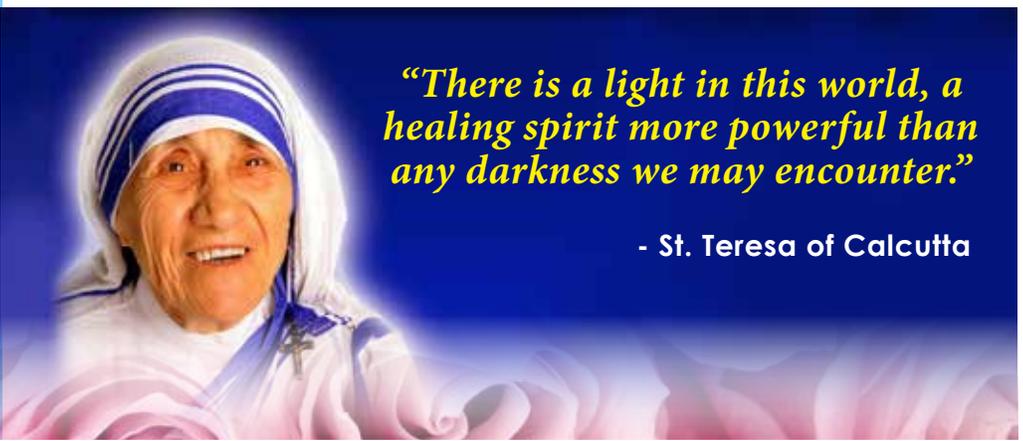
One last famous quote from Mother Teresa. *“Spread love wherever you go: And let no one ever come to you without leaving happier”.*

As parish nurses, this is our mission: strength, care and compassion to our faith community.



Parish Nurse Team

- Toni Granchi, RN, FCN
- Joann Andrews RN, DNP, FCN
- Judy Balyeat RN, FCN
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- St. Teresa of Calcutta



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All couples in the Diocese of Venice are encouraged to join us at the *Together in Holiness* conference this fall as we explore how your family can become its own "school of virtue" through this marriage initiative. My hope is that each of you may be inspired to live out the beautiful vocation of marriage more fully and embrace the call to be missionary disciples. How blessed the Diocese is to be able to offer this conference.

Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane



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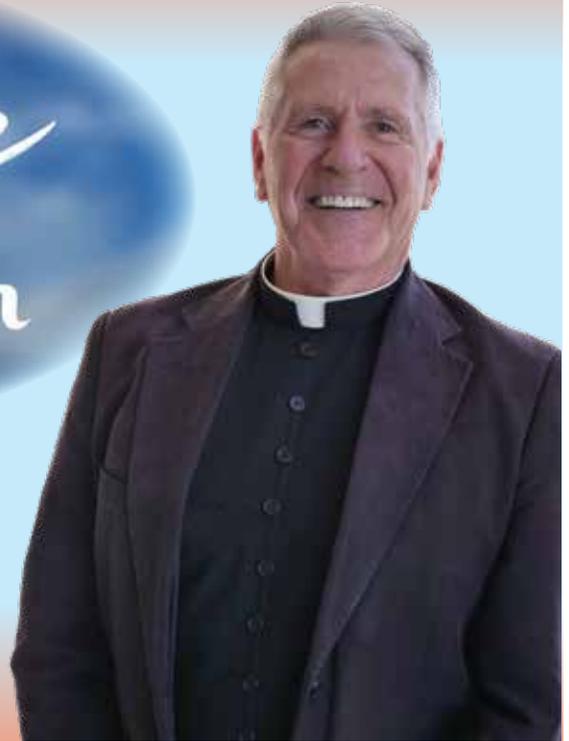
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Early Bird registration fees only available through August 16
Couple \$59 | Individual \$35
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Full and partial scholarships are available, please inquire

For more information and to register, visit togetherinholiness.org or contact the Conference Coordinators at TH@forlifeandfamily.org or 832-779-1070.

Welcome to Church



New Parishioner Orientation Sunday, August 22 after the 11:15am Mass

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Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

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.

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/>

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.

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

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

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

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

Treatment Center for Teens: This is a 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

ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

Save the Dates

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

Homecoming DINNER DANCE

6pm - Parish Life Center

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

10am-5pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

8am-1pm

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DIOCESE OF VENICE 2021 YOUTH RALLY



CHAPERONES NEEDED:

If you are up to date on your Diocese of Venice safe environment training and back ground fingerprinting, please consider chaperoning to meet a group of youth at the Diocese of Venice Youth Rally on Saturday November 6. Parents will be instructed to meet you at the Punta Gorda Convention Center where you will stay with the group until after the Mass.

If you are interested in chaperoning, contact **Kelly Evers** at (239) 561-3022 or email kelly@johnxxiii.net



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SENT THEM
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