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We Give Thanks to the Lord

"I will Praise God's name and Glorify Him in Thanksgiving"

- PSALM 69-30

St. John XXIII Catholic Parish in Fort Myers, Inc. a Florida non-profit corporation

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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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

239-693-0818

St. Vincent de Paul - Select 2073 Lafayette St. Ft. Myers 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: The chapel will be open during weekend Masses for those who prefer additional space. However, due to Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays, Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel will not be available during the 9:15am & 11:15am Masses.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00 AM † Terance Mann by his mother

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:00 AM † Diego & Antoinette Bosco by Ria Brown

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:00 AM † Joe Villa by Judy & Paul Cook

THURSDAY. NOVEMBER 25

9:00 AM (Please Note Time) THANKSGIVING Mass

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00 AM † Robert Fascetti by his wife, Joan

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 8:00 AM † Teagan Amendalore by Josephine & Adam Smiarowski
- 4:00 PM † Ron DePaolo by Frank & Christine Cretella
- 8:00 PM † Teresa Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 7:15 AM † Godofredo Magpoc by Maria Chew
- 9:15 AM † Ann Pavlan by Joann & Arnie Bernstein
- 11:15 AM † John Nash by Joan Fascetti
- 1:30 PM † Sylvia Quiralte by her grandchildren

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.

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 - READINGS

- 1ST READING
- **PSALM**
- 2ND READING
- GOSPEL
- JER 33:14-16 PS 25:4-5, 8-9, 10,14
 - 1 THES 3:12-4:2

 - LK 21:25-28, 34-36



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Thanksgiving Day PRAYER Thank you God for this Thanksgiving Day. God bless each of us with love, joy, hope and memories of those that have passed away. Thank you for our forefathers, for our religious freedom, for bravely crossing the water to a new land so that we can worship freely as we seek God's kingdom. Thank you God for my wonderful friends and family. For the sunshine they bring to my life and the love and support they each give to me. Thank you God for Your son that died for our sins. For Your unconditional love to each of us and for

answering our prayers again and again.

Father, bless us this Thanksgiving day, bless this bounty of food, friends and family and bless each of us with memories that time cannot take away. Amen



MESSAGE FROM

Father Bob

Thanksgiving Blessing

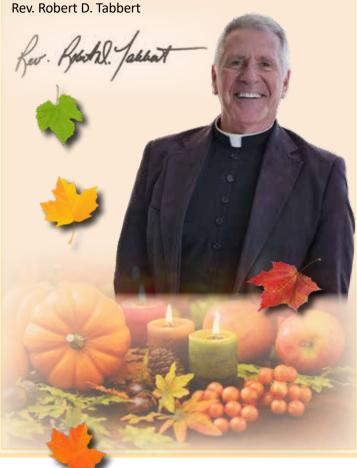
Dear Parishioners,

As we approach Thanksgiving, I want to tell you how grateful I am for each of you, the people of St. John XXIII. I am thankful for you and your families; I am thankful for the opportunity to shepherd you; I am thankful for your generous sense of giving in so many different ways. The people of this parish are an inspiration and gift to me.

I want to thank you for your contributions and pledges to our parish during the past year. We continue to make such huge strides as a parish family and I look forward to our journey together in the new year.

We give thanks to the parish's tremendous blessings. None of them would be possible without your continued generosity to our parish family!

I wish all of you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving in Christ Jesus.



Prayer List

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

Elaine Quan Marlene LaRose Erika Arquilla Hlavacek Jeff Hlavacek **Gary Neubauer Tom Biedak** Ron Hudepohl **Denise Vannelli Laura Ford Tony Gagnet Susan Davies** Cynthia & William Vicki Gelardi **Bill Martin Chuck Nieset Carol Graver**

Linda Barnas

Melody Bitting Dustin Grossenbaugh Polley Sedahl Jack Gannon **Peter Meade Kieran Rooney Phil Peterson Sue Edwards Doris Westberry** Sandra Averhart **Ken Marple** Steven Clausen **Donald Dantino Madlyne Terinoni Melissa Yost** William Riehle **Desiree Vinci**

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! Sally Stobb



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: Linda Sayres
Requested by: Judi & Dan Weller



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myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish. You can also text the word "APP" to 88202!





Weekly Calendar



Monday, November 22

- Men's Gospel Forum: St. Martha & St. Mary 7am
- Craftie Ladies: St. Martha & St. Mary 1pm
- KofC Officer's Meeting: St. Martha & St. Mary 7pm

Tuesday, November 23

- Opening the Word: Zoom/PLC 9am
- Bereavement: St. Bernadette & St. Michael 1pm
- Faith Alive: Zoom only 6:30pm
- AA Meeting: St. Martha & St. Mary 7pm

Wednesday, November 24

• Pastoral Meeting: OCR - 10am



Thursday, November 25

- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Adoration Chapel Closed
- Thanksgiving Mass 9am (LIVESTREAMED)

Friday, November 26

- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am-3:45pm
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church 8pm

Saturday, November 27

- Vigil Mass 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass 8pm

Sunday, November 28

- FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- Masses: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am
- RCIA: St. Bernadette & St. Michael 10:15am
- Open to Life: Main Hall 10:15am
- Dedication of the St. Joseph Statue: After the 11:15am Mass in Memorial Garden - 12:15pm
- Spanish Mass: Church 1:30pm



EVERY SATURDAY (via FACEBOOK)

4:00pm Mass with Fr. Angelo

EVERY SUNDAY (via PARISH WEBSITE/FACEBOOK)

• 11:15am Mass *(Mass is removed by Monday)

https://johnxxiii.net/streaming-mass/

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

- Jaime Faulkner
- Jasmine Batista
- Matthew Curran
- Carmen Ferguson
- Brian & Kathleen Wellock
- Jennifer Capadona
- Dennis & Tracey Forte
- Jason & Amanda Groome

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, February 13, 2022 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

PFC Bryan Bard Sean Ball Major Bart Boma Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove Sgt. Phil Dellibovi CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces Major Andrew Duguay Sgt. Jared Gaudet Capt. Kellyn C. Hall Andrew Herman 1st Lt. Paige Hortman Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl PFC Michael P Hughes SPC Michael Jednak PFC Andrew Kanopkh Michael Klem Capt. Bradley D. Laux Capt. Jacob Mundo, US Army SSGT Anthony Padula LCP James Palenik Master SGT Peter Parison Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army Lt. Col. Brady Sexton 2nd Lt. Kristen Thompson Christian Troutner, US Navy Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic PFC Jordan Feil, USA Sgt. Hayden Linde, FLARNG Aaron Crump, USCG

Sgt. Nathaniel Broemmel Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo Col. Scott C. Woodward Private Nicholas Loeb, ARNG Andrew Hawkinson, USN Cavalry Scout Specialist, Ryan Silva, Army 2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC Jared Broemmel, US Navy 2nd Lt. Edward Hudson Tillinghast IV, Army Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force 1st Lt. Christopher Dryhurst, **US Air Force** Com. Craig Fowler, USN Eric Sanchez, US Air Force Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army 82nd ABN Lt. Ross Walker, US Navv PFC Eric Lyons, USMC 2nd Lt. Nicholas Meunier, US Army Robert Trenton Morell, Medic Specialist US Army Michael Thomas Morell, US Navy PFC Judy Martinez, US Army 1st Lt. Jeffrey Zivkovic, US Army Christopher Dominski, PFC ARNG 2nd Lt. Sara Wulff

Faith FORMATION

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

DECEMBER SCHEDULE:

(Classes 4:15pm-5:30pm & 6pm-7:15pm)

12/1: Faith Formation Classes12/8: Faith Formation Classes12/15: Faith Formation Classes

12/22: NO Faith Formation Classes **12/29:** NO Faith Formation Classes



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.

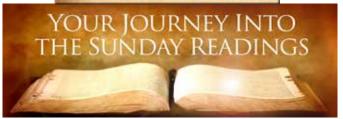
CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation is a two year process that begins at the start of 9th Grade and is celebrated in the Fall of 11th grade. (Older teens are certainly welcome!). Each year consists of Faith Formation through the parish Youth Group or a Diocesan Catholic 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



Tuesday Mornings at 9:00am PARISH LIFE CENTER

Meetings are available in person and through ZOOM. Masks are recommended while attending. 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

The St. John XXIII Liturgical Ministries are always open to new volunteers interested in serving our parish community. We can use bright, smiling faces at the doors of the Church welcoming all those who enter, as well as, friendly faces inside the Church guiding our congregation to their pews. We are also continuously searching for volunteers who feel a calling to bring the Body and Blood of Christ to their brothers and sisters through the Eucharistic Ministry.

"for it is in **giving**that we receive."- St. Francis of Assisi



For more Information:

If you have an interest in volunteering as an Usher, Greeter, or Eucharistic Minister, please call the parish office at (239) 561-2245 to speak with:

Bethany Myers, *Liturgy Coordinator* email: **bethany@johnxxiii.net**



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. Please check the Facebook page for more information.

 December 2: Annual Christmas party and white elephant gift exchange.



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

Confirmation Program

• First Year Students: Sunday, December 12

EUCHARIST RETREAT:

The Goal: candidates will tour the church and learn our sacred areas of the church and items used during Mass.

• Second Year Students: Sunday, December 12
MIRACLES OF THE EUCHARIST AND ADORATION:
The Goal: To learn about the miracles of the Eucharist and Adoration.

High School Youth Group

HSYG Social Sessions - Sundays 5pm to 6pm

All high school teens and their friends are welcome to attend. Sessions will be held outside unless bad weather. We will end each session in the Adoration Chapel for final prayer and quiet time with Jesus.

• November 21: No gathering due to Thanksgiving

Middle School Youth Group

MSYG Sessions - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

Please be sure to register. We will meet in the Parish Life Center but will be outside as much as we can while Covid numbers are high.

• November 24: No gathering due to Thanksgiving

Volunteer Opportunites

Visit Sign up Genius website to view and sign up for youth and adult volunteering opportunities. Confirmed high school students can sign up as small group leaders at the HSSS.

Events: https://https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c45aead2daaf58-youth



SPOTLIGHT

Cecilia Villarreal is a recently Confirmed parishioner who has committed her time and talent in volunteering in Youth Ministry. Cecilia is an amazing teen mentor and fellow friend to all she serves. We are truly blessed to have her in our parish.



Why is your Catholic faith important to you?

To me faith is believing without seeing, except through my faith in Jesus I can see His power at work. My Catholic faith enables me to have a strong relationship with God and live out what He teaches. Through my faith I can better understand the world and help others who are in times of need.

What do you like most about St. John XXIII?

Being involved in my church is important to me because the Bible tells was in Hebrews 10:25 "...not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Saint John the XXIII Parish gives me a lot of opportunities to serve my church and be a part of my church community. Through volunteering at many programs I was able to make lasting friendships, help others in my parish, and get help and encouragement in my faith from those around our parish.

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

When I started volunteering my only goals were to learn more about my faith and to help spread God's Word. To me receiving this award is not about acknowledging my skills, but about acknowledging how others see God's power working through me. This recognition means I was able to show God's love to others and help others around me.



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.
- 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. (PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES)
- 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 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
- Yarn/Fabric Needed: The Craftie Ladies are in need of more yarn to make projects. You may drop off the donations in the church Narthex.
- Keep Our Database Current: Have you moved, changed email addresses, dropped a landline or changed your cell number? Please email maryann@johnxxiii.net with any changes or additions to your contact information.
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ADORATION

CORNER

An hour actually passes very quickly, but if done on a regular basis, it establishes a structure for your entire week....

Come Sit With Me

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25:

Both the Parish office and the St. Luke Adoration Chapel will be **CLOSED**.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26:

The Parish office is **CLOSED** but the Chapel will be **OPEN** from 8:30am-3:45pm.

DECEMBER SCHEDULE:

EVERY Wednesday and Friday during ADVENT the chapel will be open 8:30am-8:00pm.

- Wednesday, December 1
- Friday, December 3 (First Friday)
- Wednesday, December 8 (Immaculate Conception - Holy Day)
- Friday, December 10
- Wednesday, December 15
- Friday, December 17
- Wednesday, December 22
- Friday, December 24 CLOSED
- Friday, December 31 OPEN 8:30am-6pm



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1:

Join Catholics across the country in Eucharistic adoration to end abortion on December 1, when the Supreme Court hears the landmark pro-life case, Dobbs vs Jackson Women's Health.

For more information or to pledge to join us visit:

https://catholicvote.org/dobbs

Christ the King Sunday

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Christ the King Sunday is celebrated on the last Sunday of Ordinary time (last Sunday after Pentecost), before the beginning of Advent that starts the new Church Year. As the last Sunday of the Christian Church Year, Christ the King Sunday is the climax and conclusion of the Church's liturgical journey through the life of Christ and the Gospel message. Its purpose is to celebrate the coming reign of Christ as King of the Earth and his completion of the renewed creation that marks the fullness of the Kingdom of God. That hope is born from the entire life of Christ and his teachings that have been celebrated in the seasons of the Church Year during the past twelve months. In celebrating the Reign of Christ the King, this Sunday also provides an appropriate bridge to the new Church Year that begins the following Sunday on the first Sunday of Advent with an emphasis on hope and expectation, the longing for the coming of the Kingdom of God amid the darkness of a sinful world (see Advent).

As such a bridge between the completed year and the beginning of a new year, Christ the King services often use Scripture and song to provide both a retrospective and introductory overview of the journey through the life of Christ and the Gospel message that the Seasons of the Church Year provides. This offers not only an opportunity for a worshipful reflection on the significance of the life of Christ, it also presents opportunity to remind people of the meaning of the various seasons of the Church Year. It is the newest day in the liturgical year across the Western Church and first added in 1925 by the Roman Catholic Church in response to increasing secularization movements worldwide, but in particular to the plight of Mexican Christians who were being told by their government that only their government was due ultimate allegiance. The Church in Mexico remained faithful, holding public parades throughout the land (with significant governmental pushback!) proclaiming "Cristo Rey!," "Christ is King!" Pope Pius XI made that declaration the basis of a Holy Day to be observed throughout the entire Roman Catholic Church, "Christ, The King of the Universe." After Vatican II, Rome moved the observance of this day from October to the final Sunday of the Christian Year, and many Protestants, including United Methodists, who adopted the Revised Common Lectionary and its calendar have followed suit.

So today our voices come alongside those persecuted for their faith in all times and places, including in Mexico in the early twentieth century and the thousands facing persecution all over the world this very day, and with them we all proclaim in many languages, "Christ is King!"





"When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels are with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne."

- MATTHEW 25:31



Almighty and everlasting
God, through Your beloved
Son, King of the whole
world, You have willed to
restore all things anew;
grant in Your mercy that
all the families of nations,
held asunder by the wound
of sin, may be subjected
to His most gentle rule.
We ask this through Jesus
Christ our Lord who lives
and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God
forever and ever.

Amen

Thanksgiving: NEED TO TURN BACK THE CLOCK

by: Father Angelo S. Arrando

Is Thanksgiving a celebration of our God's generosity or is it confirming our American way of life? Thanksgiving began with men and women having nothing, trusting in God, building a new world. Starting out with nothing, Americans wound up with having it all. Thanksgiving has become a respite for Black Friday.

It appears that our bounty is now defined by the imperative of having it all. Keeping up with the Jones impels our desires, turning wants into needs, defining ourselves and our worth on stuff we have or do not have. Finding just the right gift hallmarks our love for that person. Thanksgiving begins the frenzy of Christmas increasing life's pace. Love thins out.

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Abundance is a blessing, but abundance has brought upon us its own problems. Our kids, like ourselves, have a house full of toys and no personal live time for friends to play with. We depend on our new phones to connect with one another, but they dominate our attention when we are together. Our gain in goods nurtures our loss in personal human connection.

We were once a nation of neighborhoods, people centered on people. Homes full of families and our streets full of friends. We knew everyone; everyone knew us. We took human community for granted.

Paychecks got bigger, buying power increased and luxuries became necessities. Advertising became the way of making "have-to-haves" out of non-necessities. We assume it is within our rights to have it all. Bigger is better; the latest thing is always the best. And life became more artificial.

Here we are today, some of us working two jobs, both parents working in most households, life reduced to work - and being tired.

This time of "no time all the time for the ones we love" is our basic problem.

We send rockets into outer space. But don't know our next-door neighbor! We have instantaneous communication. But can't communicate with our own children! We've conquered every distance except one - the distance between people.

Community is society with a human face. And community is where God lives - reaching out to one another in love and generosity, faithfulness and trust. The gravest danger we face is that in pursuit of technology and economic success we learn the "how" and forget the "why" - which is to honor the image of God in every human being, so that no cry for help goes unheard and no one in distress is alone.

May all communities of faith and faith in community bind us together as the family of humanity under the One God.

This Thanksgiving may be a good time to just stop, relax and give thanks to God. What a great time to come to Church, not because we have to, but because we want to.

May Giving Thanks become our Thanksgiving once again.





Weekly Financials



NO UPDATE	11-07-21	11-08-20	Difference
Offertory	\$34,342.67	\$38,856.67	(\$4,514.00)
Building Fund	\$1,435.60	\$2,613.00	(\$1,177.40)
Total	\$35,778.27	\$41,469.67	(\$5,691.40)
Mass Attendance	2503	1417	
Registered Families	3644	3632	

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
 \$581,702.78

 % of Goal
 118.23%

 % of Households
 17.91%

 Payments
 \$563,025.18

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,

For more information, questions, or wish to consider a gift annuity or trust for St. John XXIII Catholic Church, then please email:

LAST WILL

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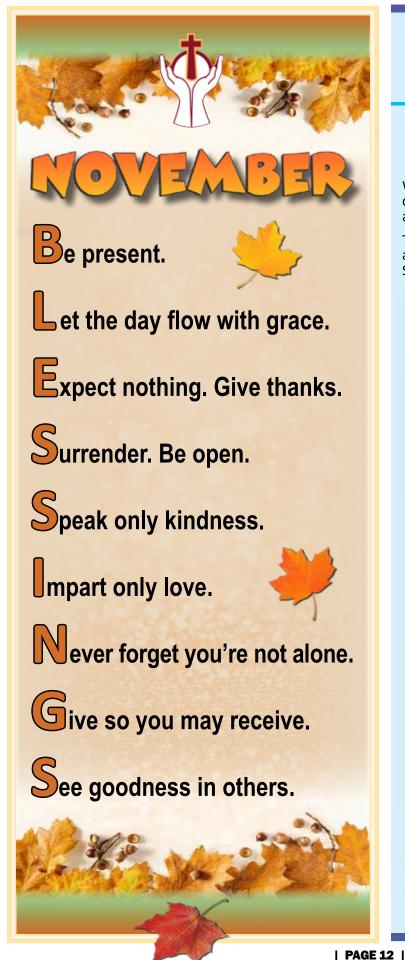


The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) is an annual opportunity for every member of our Faith family to support the life-changing work and outreach programs of the Diocese of Venice. The programs and services assisted by the CFA, make a meaningful impact on the lives of individuals, families and communities. 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.



ST. JOSEPH STATUE DEDICATION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

AFTER THE 11:15AM MASS

We would like to thank the anonymous donor for dedicating the beautiful statue of St. Joseph holding a young Jesus' hand.

The statue will be placed in our memorial garden across from Mary, the Mother Within. Join us on Sunday, November 28 after the 11:15am Mass.





Craftie Ladies UPDATE

Craft Fair 2021:

Our October craft show was a huge success! On Saturday, we brought in more money for 1 day's sales than we have ever had in the past!

We would like to give our sincerest thanks to the Knights of . They were there to help with set up, and take down, which was a huge task. We also thank you, the parishioners, for all your continued support through out the years.

Bingo and Crafts:

The Craftie Ladies had a few tables at the Knight's bingo event that took place Friday, November 5.

The Knights will be hosting a monthly bingo night starting in January. We will be there with a small selection of crafts that you can buy.



Veterans Blankets:

We had a visit from Fran N., from Hope Hospice, regarding our veterans blankets that we have made and donated for years. They give the veterans a beautiful ceremony, where their service is recognized and appreciated. They all receive a blanket from us!



Donation Reminder:
We appreciate the fabrics and yarn donations that have been coming in. No knick knacks, clothes or anything other than fabric or yarn will be accepted. For inquiries, contact our Craftie Ladies leader, Judy Siegel at (414) 529-4978



- Approximately 46 million turkeys are eaten on Thanksgiving each year!
- Historians believe the Pilgrims served wild game and vegetables, instead of turkey at the first Thanksgiving.
- Pilgrim means foreigner or traveler from afar.
- The Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade began in 1924 with only 400 employees.
- The state of California consumes the most turkey!
- The feast celebrated in 1621 in Plymouth was the result of a good harvest.
- Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a public holiday in 1863.
- Turkey contains tryptophan which could make you sleepy; however, sleepiness is likely caused by the overconsumption of alcohol, food and desserts.
- More alcohol is consumed on Thanksgiving than any other holiday of the year. So be careful on the roadways if you're traveling Thursday evening.







BRIDGE?

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We are looking to start a bridge group at St. John XXIII, **STARTING IN JANUARY 2022**. We will be playing on Thursday afternoons in the Parish Life Center.

If you would like to find out more, please contact parishioner, Jan Krahn at (239) 689-1142 (please leave a message if there is no answer)

or email at **krahnd@hotmail.com** with "bridge" in the subject line.





SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

FOLLOWING THE 9:15AM & 11:15AM MASSES

Please join us for Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 12th, following the 9:15am and 11:15am Masses in the Parish Life Center. There will be music and crafts. The children will get a chance to visit and have their picture taken with Santa. The youth will be selling ornaments they have made. The Knights of Columbus will be serving pancakes. The event is FREE, but in order to properly plan, we would like to have an idea of how many families will be attending. Please complete the form below and return to the Church Narthex or to Faith Formation.





SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

St. John XXIII CATHOLIC CHURCH



Our family will be	attending Breakfast with Santa after the:
9.15am Mass:	11:15am Mass:

Number of Children: Number of Adults:

Catholic Community

HAPPENINGS

Holiday Wish List: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. is in need of key items leading up to Thanksgiving and Christmas. All Catholic Charities food pantries are in need of non-perishable food items (canned fruits and vegetables, soup, peanut butter, tuna, tomato sauce, rice, pasta and cereal) to help restock the shelves for the holiday season. We are also accepting donations for Christmas including unwrapped gifts for children (baby and toddler toys, board games, athletic equipment, bicycles and more) and for the elderly (card, dominoes, activity books, crossword puzzles). Gift cards to local grocery and retail stores are also accepted. To donate, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org/how-you-can-help/ or call (941) 488-5581.

40 Days for Life 365: The Fall Campaign may be over, but the effort continues to cover Planned Parenthood in prayer for an end to abortion every day that they are open. Please visit www.40daysforlife.com/fortmyers for more details.

Join a National Prayer Campaign: The Supreme Court case Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization could impact the fate of millions of preborn children and their mothers by overturning Roe v Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. Pray that the Justices will not be persuaded by political pressure or perceived public opinion, but that they would be impartial in their judgment. Oral arguments begin Wednesday, December 1. Register at www.prayfordobbs.com to join together in continued prayer and stay informed on the case. For additional information contact Jeanne Berdeaux at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or call (941) 374-1068

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.

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

Catholic Charities Support: 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

Florida Catholic: The Florida Catholic is available to all members with no cost in an online format. You can sign up with your email at: https://dioceseofvenice.org/news

Know Your Immigration Rights: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has numerous resources outlining the rights of immigrants located on the website www. justiceforimmigrants.org





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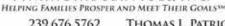


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