# ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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# <u>OPP</u>

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten son. Let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth."

- 1 JOHN 3:18

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

#### **December 5, 2021**

# **Please Note:**

SATURDAY **CONFESSIONS** takes place 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

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.



**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, DECEMBER 6**

8:00 AM <sup>+</sup> Paul deLaporte by Eileen & Bob Maguire •

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7**

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- 8:00 AM + Josephine King by Andrea, Jenn, Kathy & Trisha
- 6:00 PM + Bill Dadio by his wife, Betty

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 - HOLY DAY

- 8:00 AM + Jack Rafferty by Neil & Susan Bencivengo
- 12:00 PM + Edward & Rose Giampaolo
  - by Anthony Giampaolo 8:00 PM <sup>+</sup> Vietnamese Mass

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 AM ♥ Anatalia Pia Quijada "Happy Birthday" ٠ by Belinda Barsumian

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 AM + Ryan Nitch by Tony Majeri

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 8:00 AM <sup>+</sup> Joyce Mraz by The Rodriguez Family •
- 4:00 PM <sup>†</sup> Mike Mullin by Lloyd & Nancy Mullin •
  - 8:00 PM + All Souls Vietnamese Mass

# **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**

- 7:15 AM **†** Ryan Nitch by The Majeri Family
- 9:15 AM + Eileen Rafferty by Tim & Mary
- 11:15 AM + Christian McCarthy by Larry & Sharon Bauer
- 1:30 PM † Emma Jara by Genoveva

# DECEMBER 12, 2021 - READINGS

- PSALM
- ZEP 3:14-18A IS 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 PHIL 4:4-7



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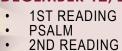
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GOSPEL

LK 3:10-18



December 5, 2021

# THE TRUE MEANING OF ADVENT

God Comes for Us

by: Stephen Beale - Catholic Exchange

"Seek and you will find", Jesus told his disciples. This command is possible only through God, who moves us to seek and enables us to find Him. "For God is the one who, for his good purpose, works in you both to desire and to work," as Paul states in Philippians 2:13.

In the Old Testament, Abraham is called out of his home city of Ur to become a desert nomad, where he encounters God. The Israelites wander in the desert before arriving in the Promised Land where they experience the presence of God. Elijah strikes out into the desert and finds God in a mountain cave. Later, an exiled remnant of Israel will return home.

But this is only half the story. In Advent, the hinges of history turn the other way. God seeks us out. This is what happens in the Incarnation. Heaven comes to earth. The invisible meets the visible. The infinite is inscribed in the finite.

Man could always imagine the ascent to God. He could conceive becoming more than what he was. The limits of his own existence taught him to long for more, as St. Augustine realized.

But it never occurred to man that God might first come looking for him. He never dreamt that God might descend to him. That God would not only do this but also become one of us—in the fullness of our humanity all the while losing none of His divinity—was beyond the imagination of ancient man.

Heaven arrived on earth, but there no armies of angels that stormed the land, no horsemen of the apocalypse deliver God's wrath to sinners, no fire and brimstone, no earthquakes or eclipses. Instead, angels sing songs to sleepy shepherds. A couple takes shelter in a cave. A woman gives birth to a son.

What makes the Incarnation so great is that it was so small. God did not need conquering armies or avenging angels to announce His arrival on earth. No clouds of fire or quaking mountains accompanied His descent. The kingdom of heaven broke into earth not with a cry of battle but instead the cry of a newborn—because nothing could be more powerful than the fullness of God's presence in single human being and no voice could echo through eternity like the divine Word Incarnate.

In becoming fully man, God came to us in a way that stirs us to seek Him all the more. He came as a child, born at night, hidden in a cave. This is the lesson of the shepherds watching by night and the three wise men who journey from the East. We do not need to tunnel through the bowels of the earth or walk on the bottom of the sea to find God. He has already crossed the chasm of the infinite to find us. Seek and find Him because He is present to us even now.

"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God."

- Pope Francis

# ADVENT PRAYER 2ND SUNDAY

Prepare the Way

All-powerful, most holy, most high, supreme God: all good, supreme good, totally good, You Who alone are good, may we give You all praise, all glory, all thanks, all honor, all blessing, and all good. So be it! So be it!

Amen



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14** Our Advent Reconciliation Service with Individual Confession is at **7pm** in the church.



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** 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 Marilyn Marr** Jean Reiser

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! Aleksander Wantuch



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: Josephine King Happy Heavenly 100th Birthday Requested by: The Harley's

Adoration Chapel

In Memory of: Linda Sayres Requested by: Diane Harlyvetch







Weekly Calendar

# Monday, December 6

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

# **Tuesday, December 7**

- Opening the Word: Zoom/PLC 9am
- Bereavement: St. Bernadette & St. Michael 1pm
- Vigil Mass Immaculate Conception: Church 6pm
- Faith Alive: Zoom Only 6:30pm
- AA Meeting: St. Martha & St. Mary 7pm

## Wednesday, December 8

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - HOLY DAY

- (8am Livestreamed Mass) & 12pm Mass
- Pastoral Meeting: OCR 10am
- Walking with Purpose: Zoom/in Person 10am
- Faith Formation 1st Session: PLC 4:15pm
- Middle School Youth Group: PLC 6pm
- Faith Formation 2nd Session: PLC 6pm

## **Thursday, December 9**

- Choir Practice: Church 6pm
- Walking with Purpose: Zoom 7pm

# Friday, December 10

• Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

#### Saturday, December 11

- Vigil Mass 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass 8pm

# Sunday, December 12

- THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- Masses: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am
- RCIA: St. Bernadette & St. Michael 10:15am
- Breakfast with Santa: Main Hall 10:30am-1:30pm
- Spanish Mass: Church 1:30pm
- Confirmation (Mandatory): Church/PLC 5pm

# **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

- Luis & Angelica Artola
- Jency Robles Macias
- Chris & Elnora Ann Gualdoni
- John & Therese Bezdichek

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: <u>www.johnxxiii.net</u>

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



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 Major 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

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

# DECEMBER SCHEDULE:

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

12/8: Faith Formation Classes

- 12/15: Faith Formation Classes
- 12/22: NO Faith Formation Classes
- 12/29: NO Faith Formation Classes

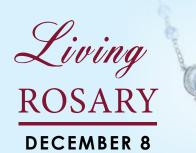


# SACRAMENT PREPARATION:

**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.

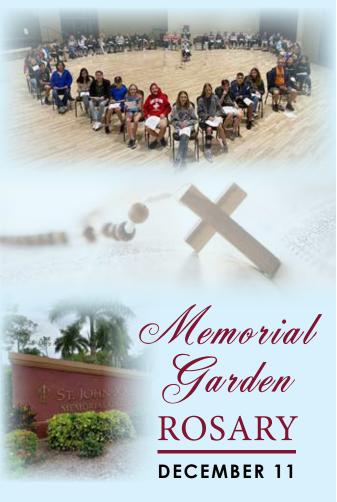
**FIRST COMMUNION:** (also called First Eucharist and First Reconciliation) Children in first grade or above, who have expressed a desire and willingness and are attending Mass, are welcome to begin the two year process of preparing for these Sacraments. The first year consists of regular attendance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



On Wednesday, December 8, the Middle School Youth Group invites parishioners to come and participate in a Living Rosary. The Rosary will begin at 6:30pm and will be held outside on the back lawn of the Parish Life Center. Parishioners are welcome to bring a blanket or lawn chair. It will be moved indoors if weather is bad.

This event is to encourage parishioners to sign up to bring the Traveling Mary into their homes for a week of family prayer together.



There will be a Rosary in the Memorial Garden at 12:00pm on Saturday, December 11. Please bring a chair and join us to pray for world peace and keep Christ in Christmas.



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.

• January 6: Please check the Facebook page for more information.



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 & 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.

- **December 5:** A Christmas Story A classic tale of Consumerism
- **December 12:** No gathering due to Confirmation class.

# 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.

• **December 8:** Living Rosary at 6:30pm in the field behind the Parish Life Center

# 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





# Crecimiento en la Fe

- Lugar: Video conferencia, enlace: https://zoom.us/j/2555496221
- Hora: 7:00pm
- Fecha: Todos los segundos jueves del mes.

# 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.

# Contáctanos

Estamos ofreciendo el servicio de misas especiales como Quinceañeras, Bautismos y Matrimonios para más información comunicarse con nosotros al email: **comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net** 



# *If you are thinking about joining the Catholic Church....*

The RCIA Inquiry is the starting place for adults who are considering it.

For more information, please contact: Leslie Robertson at (239) 560-5617

MEETINGS in the PLC or ZOOM: Sunday Morning after the 9:15am Mass

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# SCHEDULE 2021

# TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 Vigil Mass for Holy Day - 6:00pm

# WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8:00am Mass 12:00pm Mass 8:00pm Vietnamese Mass Adoration Chapel open 8:30am-8:00pm

# TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00pm Advent Reconciliation Service with Individual Confessions

# WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:30am - 9:30am Individual Confessions Adoration Chapel open 8:30am-8:00pm

# FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGIES 4:00pm Mass 6:30pm Mass 9:00pm Mass 11:00pm Vietnamese Mass Parish Office & Adoration Chapel CLOSED

# SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES 7:15am, 9:15am & 11:15am Masses 1:30pm Spanish Mass Adoration Chapel CLOSED

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 Adoration Chapel open 8:30am-6:00pm

PLEASE NOTE: Feast of Mary Mother of God is NOT A HOLY DAY this year.

# SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022

8:00am Mass 4:00pm Mass 11:00pm Vietnamese Mass Adoration Chapel open 8:30am-3:00pm



# SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 10AM-1PM

# PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES



Don't have time to bake for Christmas or not a baker? Then treat your friends and family to delicious homemade cookies and candy made by women of the St. John XXIII parish!

ALL FUNDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE WOMEN'S GUILD CHARITABLE FUNDS





Amidst an ongoing Pandemic, a shortage of supplies, and an increase in families in need of assistance, the Parishioners here at St. John XXIII once again enthusiastically responded to our 16th Annual Giving in Thanksgiving program.

The weekend of November 13 and 14, saw an abundance of food being collected by members of the Knights of Columbus in front of our Parish Life Center. Members of the Men's Ministry and the Social Justice Ministry were joined by willing food donors in unpacking, sorting and placing the various food items in the correct locations. By 4:00pm Saturday and 10am Sunday, we greeted a host of parents, grandparents and excited children ready to fill over 300 grocery bags to be enjoyed on Thanksgiving by grateful families. The smiling faces of every volunteer spoke loudly of the joy of being Christ for one another.

On Friday, November 19, volunteers began distributing turkeys and groceries to those in need at St. Martin DePorres Community Outreach on Palm Beach Blvd. Parish families gathered at the Parish Life Center the following Monday and were greeted by members of the Women's Guild as they received groceries as well as turkeys and pies provided by our Knights of Columbus. The 70+ residents at St. John XXIII Villas received groceries, turkeys and pies as they prepared to cook and serve a Thanksgiving banquet in their community room.

Our Thanksgiving prayers were offered for each of you who took part in this act of kindness. Our outreach continues to grow year after year because of your willingness to spread God's love and bring joy to so many.

# We were able to help 306 families in need!

# Blessings,

Sandy Szymanski - Chair, Social Justice Ministry





# 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.



Our family will be attending Breakfast with Santa after the:

9:15am Mass: \_\_\_\_\_ 11:15am Mass: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children: Number of Adults:

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Building Fund	\$1,763.00	\$1,523.00	\$240.00	
Total	\$28,237.00	\$19,807.00	\$8,430.00	
Mass Attendance	2600	1461		
Registered Families	3593	3634		

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

Payments	\$607,
% of Households	18.46
% of Goal	126.1
Pledge	\$620,
2021 Goal	\$492,

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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.

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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.



We would like to thank everyone who volunteered and participated in our Third Annual Advent Wreath Making Event. It was a wonderful way for families and friends to enjoy the Advent season!

# **HEALING OUR IMAGES OF GOD:** Mercy or Misery

# соме JOIN Fr. Bill Jarema

**OVERVIEW:** The Growing Rich in Mercy Program is a dynamic and exciting program that empowers each person committed to a way of holiness. We believe that Spiritual growth is a pilgrimage that takes us on a journey that we walk together and alone.

A well-balanced spiritual life touches, integrates and becomes aware of how God mingles with our whole-person. God is continually healing and redeeming the spiritual, physical, social, and psychological dimensions of our personhood; each reflecting His image and likeness. (I Thes. 5:23)

The Growing Rich in Mercy Program reviews some of the fundamentals of personal and spiritual growth. We will explore our spiritual life history and traditions. Acknowledging our personal talents and honoring the charisms we have received from God enables us to be more receptive to mercy and more generous in celebrating God's tender love with others.

Understanding the differences between the spirit, mind and body will be an on-going challenge and understanding. Each level of the Growing Rich in Mercy Program will continue to explore, separate, differentiate and dialogue about the differences of the body, mind and spirit and how we grow and become a spiritually mature Christian.

Our ultimate goal for those who journey with us in the Growing Rich in Mercy Program is to become more aware of God's mercy and active loving influence within our daily life.

Sharing the spiritual journey with a loving community will enhance your desire to become a generous distributor of God's Mercy.

The cost is \$100.00 with half going to the Mercy Center and half to the parish for the workbook and supplies. You can make out a check to St. John XXIII and drop it off at the office or in the collection baskets along with your registration.

# 2022 DATES/TIME IN OUR PARISH LIFE CENTER

- SATURDAY, JANUARY 8 9:00pm 12:00pm
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 •
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5 •

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- - SATURDAY, MARCH 12
  - SATURDAY, MARCH 19
- 9:00am 12:00pm 9:00am - 12:00pm SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19 9:00am - 12:00pm 9:00am - 12:00pm 9:00am - 12:00pm



Rev. William J. Jarema, BA, MS, M.Div., MAS. NCC, is an international retreat and workshop provider. He has been an ordained Catholic priest for 39 years and a clinical psychotherapist for 42 years. Fr. Bill has published numerous books and CD's on healing and personal growth and development. Fr. Bill's books and CD's will be available at the classes.

For more information about Fr. Bill and his work with the Mercy Center Inc. and a list of all his retreats and workshops held in Colorado Springs, books and CD's go to:

themercycenter@aol.com



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# A LETTER FROM Father Bob

## Dear Parishioners,

It is with great joy that I present to you our parish financials for the fiscal year of July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021. These were difficult times with so many changes in our world, but our members continued to support our parish. We are still growing each week with new members and our statistics show the support and growth of this wonderful parish. We were able to reach our Catholic Faith Appeal and the money that went over the goal came back to us and was placed in our savings.

I am truly humbled and thankful to each of you for your stewardship. As we grow in numbers, so do the needs of the parish. It overwhelms me to see all the many ministries offered at our parish and the many volunteers who give of their time, talent, and treasure. I thank our Finance Committee for their commitment, guidance, and expertise along with our staff. Together we are the hands of Christ at work.

The spirit of St. John XXIII is truly alive and well at our parish. As we move into 2022, we will celebrate 20 years as a parish, and we have much to be thankful for.

Blessings,

Rev. Robert D. Tabbert

Rev. Routal. Jakkan

# **OUR GROWING** Community

Below are the Status Animarum Vital Statistics from: JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

Estimated # of Individual Catholics: 8,070

# Baptisms:

Infant (Up to age 7): 84 Minor Baptism (between ages of 7 & 17): 9 Total Children Baptisms: 93 Adult Baptisms (18 & over): 22

# First Communion:

Total First Communion Children: 80 Adults (Received into Full Communion): 6 Total Confirmations: 54

# RCIA:

RCIA Participants: 23 (Total 36 Bible Studies) Adult Faith Ed Sessions: 76 Participants Total (amongst different sessions): estimated **30** per session

# Catechesis/Religious Education Classes:

# Faith Formation and Youth Group

Elementary: 218 Middle School: 42 High School: 32 Total Elementary/Middle School and High School in Faith Formation: 292

# Number of Children Attending

Catholic Schools:

Bishop Verot High School: 84 St. Andrew: 3 St. Francis Xavier: 130

# Marriages:

Catholic: 14 Interfaith: 7 Total: 21

# Deaths:

Total: 85 With Funeral Mass: 8 With Memorial Mass: 7 Burial Only: 23 Total # of Burials in Memorial Garden: 52

# **ST. JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC CHURCH**

# *Annual Overview* Fiscal Year JULY 2020 - JUNE 2021

#### Offertory 1,487,465.80 Other Income 816,518.19 **Building Fund** 111,013.50 \*CFA Collections 762,202.97 Poor Box 88,952.46 Rel. Ed & Other 15,900.31 Tuition Catholic Ed 68,572.00 Diocese of V & Mission 31,746.33 Ministries 309,375.90 Thrift Store 339,746.34 **Total Income** 4,031,493.80



Other Income

#### Expenses & Savings

Income

Building Expenses & Dep	1,009,409.72
Personnel	837,710.19
Poor Box	82,083.72
Rel. Ed & Other	17,679.95
Tuition Catholic Ed	68,197.00
Other Expenses	160,720.45
Diocese of V & Mission	31,746.33
Ministries	257,746.38
Thrift Store	340,036.75
*CFA Assessment	492,000.00
Savings	734,163.31
Total Expenses	4,031,493.80

# EXPENSES & SAVINGS

Mission Other Expenses Tuition Catholic Ed Rel. Ed & Other

THRIFT STORE

#### Assets Advertise/Admin 2,191,921.45 **Current Assets** Utilities/Maint. Prepaid CFA & Liab Ins. 493,087.36 Catholic Education/CFA **Fixed Assets** 12,945,472.73 **Rent & Insurance Total Assets** 15.630.481.54 Liabilities & Equity Liabilities 140,059.28 **Retained Earnings & Equities** 15,490,422.26 15,630,481.54 **Total Liabilities & Equity Truck Operations Salaries**

Personnel

 $\ensuremath{^*\text{CFA}}$  numbers reflect the Calendar year instead of the Fiscal Year per Diocesan Policy.

#### BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY



Faith & Ale: Calling ALL Men! Thursday, December 9th at 6pm. We welcome guest speaker, Ismael Hernandez, founder and president, Freedom and Virtue Institute. This event will be hosted at Church of Resurrection. \$10 Donation. Reservations are required. Please visit www.faithandale.com for details.

Holiday Wish List: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. is in need of key items leading up to 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 (cards, dominoes, activity books, crossword puzzles). Gift cards to local grocery and retail stores are also accepted. To donate, visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org/how-you-can-help/ or call (941) 488-5581

**English as Second Language Classes**: Free classes for Beginning and Intermediate students sponsored by St Columbkille Church. Offered via Zoom on Tuesday evenings, and In Person classes on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings in the Ministry Center. Individual tutoring available. If interested, please call Mary at (443) 567 9200

**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



- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.
- When leaving for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.
- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.
- Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.
- In today's inter-connected age, it is important to be very careful about what you share on social media. If you decide to share your gifts, make sure you don't have your location tagged to the post.
- Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.
- When setting up a Christmas tree or other holiday display, make sure doors and passageways are clear inside your home.
- Don't let the bad guy know what you or your family got for Christmas. Break down the boxes.



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	February 26, 2022	
	<b>TER:</b> 13060 Palomino Lane • Ft. Myers, FL 33912	
	ENTRANCE (FRONT) OF THE PARISH LIFE CENTER	
	RIENDSHIP • FASHION	
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