



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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March 6, 2022

Lenten Message

SOW SEEDS OF GOODNESS

by: **Christopher Wells - Vatican News**

In his message for Lent 2022, Pope Francis invites the faithful to sow seeds of goodness, so that we might reap a harvest of salvation for ourselves and others.

Pope Francis based his message on a passage from St Paul's Letter to the Galatians, "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all" (6:9-10).

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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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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: 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, MARCH 7

- 8:00 AM ♥/† The Savino Family by Judy & Frank Savino

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

- 8:00 AM † Stella Songin by Holly & Curtis Atkins

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

- 8:00 AM † Edward Hartman by Michael & Elizabeth Kane

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

- 8:00 AM † Paul Kreuser by Peggy & James Schweitzer

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

- 8:00 AM † Marion Link by Jim Peterson & Diane Jacobsen

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

- 8:00 AM † John Reinstra by Sal & Mary Ann Iradi
- 4:00 PM † Richard Zaborowski by Ted Zaborowski
- 8:00 PM - World Peace - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

- 7:15 AM † Ellen Steinberg by Holly & Curtis Atkins
- 9:15 AM † Achille DeSanctis by Flavia DeSanctis
- 11:15 AM † Albert J. Gibbs by Loretta
- 1:30 PM † Arturo Reyes, Jr. by Marisa Zavala

THE 2022 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR

There are no Masses in English available until the 2023 book opens in July. Please call the office for other options in addition to the Tabernacle candles. Other options will remain available such as Tabernacle Candle \$15 per week and Eucharistic Host \$15 per week.

MARCH 13, 2022 - READINGS

- 1ST READING DT 26:4-10
- PSALM PS 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
- 2ND READING ROM 10:8-13
- GOSPEL LK 4:1-13



Spring **AHEAD**

DON'T BE LATE FOR MASS next Sunday! **Set your clocks 1 hour ahead on Saturday, March 12** before you go to bed.

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Lenten Message CONTINUED

GOD'S CO-WORKERS

Beginning with the image of sowing and reaping, the Holy Father points out that "Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness."

God, he explains, is the first to sow, sowing "abundant seeds of goodness in our human family." During the period of Lent, "we are called to respond to God's gift" by listening to His Word, so that it might "bear fruit in our lives." In this way, we become "God's co-workers," which is a grace of sharing in God's own "bountiful goodness."

REAPING THE HARVEST

This, in turn, leads to a harvest. When we sow seeds of goodness and kindness, "no matter how small," in our own lives, we radiate light and carry "the fragrance of Christ to the world." Recalling the Gospel proverb, "one sows, while another reaps," Pope Francis reminds us that "we see only a small portion of the fruits we sow." The Pope explains that "sowing goodness for the benefit of others frees us from narrow self-interest, infuses us our actions with gratuitousness, and makes us part of the magnificent horizon of God's benevolent plan."

PRAYER, FASTING, AND CHARITABLE GIVING

The Holy Father goes on to connect Paul's words to the Galatians to the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. "Let us not grow tired of praying," he says, realizing that we need God and others. "Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives," embracing fasting in order "to fortify our spirit for the battle against sin," especially through the sacrament of Confession and by fighting against concupiscence. "Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbor" giving joyfully and generously to others, especially those in most need.

Pope Francis says that each year during Lent "we are reminded that 'goodness, together with love, justice, and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day.'"

DO NOT GROW TIRED OF DOING GOOD

He concludes his message by reminding us that "the soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer, and enriched by charity." He invites us, once again, not to grow tired of doing good, and calls us to "believe firmly that 'if we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time,' and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised, for our salvation and the salvation of others."

PRAY FAST GIVE

A LETTER FROM

Bishop Dewane

Prayer FASTING & ALMSGIVING

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

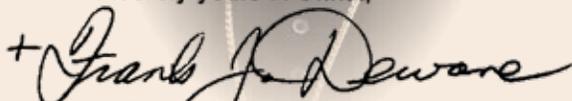
As Holy Mother Church begins the Lenten Season, I wish to extend to you my greetings, as well as prayers for your ministry. May you and the Faithful of your Parish grow ever closer to Christ during this time of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. With this letter, I wish to present to you a potentially helpful resource for connecting with disengaged Parishioners during this Lenten Season. A video seminar from Word on Fire may be found at the following link: <https://vimeo.com/679286128/54cf609bfa>

A related resource may be found through Word on Fire ENGAGE, at: <https://flocknote.com/engage/>

Approaching the Lenten Season, it is also an opportune time to revisit Eucharistic Adoration in Parishes. Throughout the Pandemic, many Parishes have been holding Adoration in their main Church space to provide for social distancing. This topic was raised at the recent Presbyteral Council, and permission is granted to return to smaller chapels if you have not already done so. Further, those Parishes that do not offer Eucharistic Adoration may also wish to consider introducing this laudable practice during the Lenten Season.

This opportunity is taken to extend to you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers for you and your ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


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

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
Donald Dantino
Melissa Yost
Desiree Vinci
Marilyn Marr
Anthony Prichinello

Kevin Natella
Ann Pezzano
Cathy McManus
Elethia Oliver-Ajose
Jake Williams
Daly Lynn-Hajian
Sophia Bentz
Colleen Ryan
Lynne Mogell
Fran Lietz
Helen Hitch
Ross Mannina
Virginia Lochner
Steve Lane
Timothy Stephan Shea
Mark Joseph Lattner
Kimberly Ann

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!

Joanne Dunn



Pray for Ukraine



God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for the peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that Your spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all Your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. Amen



Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



Monday, March 7

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

Tuesday, March 8

- Opening the Word: Zoom/PLC - 9am
- Bereavement: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- Journey to Hope: PLC/St. Therese - 6pm
- Faith Alive: Zoom Only - 6:30pm
- Bingo: Main Hall - 6:30pm
- Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group: Chapel - 6:30pm
- AA Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Wednesday, March 9

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: Office Conference Room - 10am
- Walking w/ Purpose: Zoom/PLC - 10am
- Faith Formation Session 1: PLC - 4:15pm
- Middle School Youth Group Session: PLC - 6pm
- Faith Formation Session 2: PLC - 6pm

Thursday, March 10

- Bridge: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 12:30pm
- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm
- Walking w/ Purpose: Zoom Only - 7pm

Friday, March 11

- Stations of the Cross: Church - 6pm
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church 8pm



Saturday, March 12

- Kofc Food Collection: Outside - 10am-1pm
- Vigil Mass: Church - 4pm
- Saturday Mass w/ Fr. Angelo * *via Facebook*
- Vietnamese Mass - 8pm

Sunday, March 13

- Masses: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am * *Livestreamed*
- RCIA: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 10:15am
- Hispanic Choir: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 11am
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm * *via YouTube*
- Just Faith: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 2pm
- Confirmation MANDATORY: St. Martha & St. Mary - 5pm

WATCH AT HOME

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

ONLINE

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



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Thomas & Mary Lee Ryan
- Taylor & Danielle Masiero
- Roberto & Yodeliss Santiago
- Franklin Salcedo & Nery Ortuno
- Alan Raskie & Mary Perfette

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, April 3, 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
 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
 Sgt. Nathaniel Broemmell
 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 Broemmell, US Navy
 2nd Lt. Edward Hudson
 Tillinghast IV, Army
 Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force
 Com. Craig Fowler, USN
 Eric Sanchez, US Air Force
 Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army,
 82nd ABN
 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
 Sean Dryhurst US Navy
 Lt. Amanda Macaluso
 Anthony An Schroeder,
 11 Bravo Infantry
 Derrick Hambling, Army Airborne
 Infantry

Faith FORMATION

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

MARCH SCHEDULE:

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

3/9: Faith Formation

3/16: Faith Formation

3/23: No Class - Spring Break

3/30: Sacrament Prep Only
Teaching Mass 6:00-7:15pm



VACATION BIBLE CAMP:

Please mark your calendars for our annual Vacation Bible Camp which will be held June 13-17 from 9:00am-Noon for students entering Pre-K 4 through students entering 6th grade. Registration for the camp will begin in late February. Watch bulletin for more details.

TOTUS TUUS:

Totus Tuus is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. The week-long Parish Summer Catechetical Program assists parents and parishes in the evangelizing and catechizing of their youth by supplementing the work they are currently doing.

The camp will be held at St. John XXIII July 11-15 from 9am-3pm. The cost is \$50.00 per camper. The age range for the day program is grades 1-5.

There is also an evening program for students in Middle and High School. Please watch future bulletins for registration information. To learn more about the program, please visit:

<https://totustuus.church/>

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**

Meetings are available in person and through ZOOM. 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. **Formed log in code: 1823ee**



RCIA

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

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

Join Us!



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





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.

- **April 7:** We will continue the series *"The Chosen"* Bible Study. Please check the Facebook page for more information.



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

Confirmation Program

- **Sunday, March 13 - First Year Students:**
Defending Your Faith
- **Sunday, March 15 - Second Year Students:**
We will meet March 15 at 5:30pm in the Our Lady of Rosary Chapel for rehearsal and Thursday, March 17 at 5:30pm in the Our Lady of Rosary Chapel. The ceremony begins at 6:30pm.

High School Youth Group

HSYG Social Sessions - Sundays 5pm to 6pm

All high school teens and their friends are welcome to attend. We will end each session in the Adoration Chapel for final prayer and quiet time with Jesus. Please watch emails for dinner and location plans.

- **March 6:** The 7 Deadly Social Sins
- **April 3:** Snapping God's love, using social media as Christians

Middle School Youth Group

MSYG Sessions - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

- **March 9:** A Lenten Journey

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>



DISCIPLES OF
CHRIST

Youth SPOTLIGHT

Madison Thomas is nominated not only for her work as a leader in the "Catholics in Action" group at Bishop Verot but for her ministry here at St John XXIII. Always willing to volunteer and bringing so much joy to others through her compassion and love for our Catholic faith.



Why is your Catholic faith important to you?

My Catholic faith is most important to me because it has laid down the foundation that has inspired my Godly convictions and continues to provide me with daily structure in pursuing my life purpose.

What do you like most about St. John XXIII?

St. John XXIII is my sanctuary and home base in faith, but what I love best about my church is the parish community.

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

I am a Disciple of Christ. I am baptized in His name and believe in my Savior. As a disciple, I strive to rise above the holy commandments to honor God and follow my Holy Spirit guide; as I strive to be more like Christ and to glorify Him with my life.



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General Announcements

- **Have You Listened to Our Podcasts?** Listen to our weekly inspirational messages from Father Bob and homilies from Mass. Visit our site weekly at johnxxiii.podbean.com
- **Like our Facebook Page:** For all the latest happenings, search “St. John XXIII Catholic Church” and “like” our page.
- **Download Our Parish App:** Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone’s app store for myparish. You can also text the word “APP” to 88202!
- **Our Weekly Newsletter:** Visit <https://www.johnxxiii.net/e-newsletter-sign-up/> and enter your email address.
- **Follow us on Instagram:** St. John XXIII is now on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/stjohnxxiiichurch/>
- **St. John XXIII Catholic Church Mass Times:** Stay up to date and visit: <http://johnxxiii.net/info/new-mass-schedule/>
- **Serve our Parish Family During Mass:** Men, women and teens may serve as a Greeter, Usher, Lector, or Eucharistic Minister. Contact the parish office at (239) 561-2245, if you feel called to serve in any of these areas, we can use your time and talent!
- **Online Giving:** We appreciate your donations to keep our parish running. You can enroll online through the St. John XXIII website at: <https://johnxxiii.net/giving>
- **Low Gluten Hosts:** If you are interested in receiving low gluten hosts at Mass, please see a Sacristan to make a request.
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:45pm and Saturday 8:30am-3:30pm. All Fridays in Lent, the chapel will be open until 8pm. 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
- **Journey to Hope:** This family support group for mental health challenges, meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the St. Therese classroom. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 8.
- **Bereavement & Beyond:** If you have lost a loved one, we offer a safe, supportive place to deal with this life changing event. The Bereavement and Beyond Group meets each Tuesday from 1pm-3pm in Rooms St. Bernadette & St. Michael.
- **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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IN MEMORIAM



PETER G. LOMBARDI

January 5, 1946 - February 1, 2022

“He was a true servant, humble and willing to give his gifts and talents to the parish in service.”

These words of Holly Atkins, Parish Business Manager, capture the spirit, character, and work ethic of Peter Lombardi who passed away on February 1, 2022. Beginning his various ministries in 2013, Peter served as president of the Parish Advisory Council, member of the Strategic Planning Committee, Eucharistic Team Leader at 9:15am Mass, Eucharistic Minister, and Parish Life Center building committee member. Peter donated countless hours to St. John XXIII sharing his expertise, energy, and enthusiasm with great joy.

When Fr. Bob asked him to head the Parish Advisory Council in January 2019, he responded that he did not know if he was worthy. Such humility was his hallmark. Peter was remarkably qualified for this demanding position. Before his retirement and move to Fort Myers in 2011, Peter served as the first village manager of Pinecrest, Florida, since its incorporation in 1996. He was city manager of Treasure Island, Florida, from 1979-1996 and before that he managed two municipalities in New Hampshire.

He served as interim village manager for the new village of Estero, Florida, in 2015 working out of the temporary municipal quarters at the fire department, even taking out his own rubbish, until the permanent village headquarters were built. Mary Gibbs, Estero Community Development Director, remembers working with Peter when starting the newest city in Florida. *“He did an excellent job, and he did it with grace and class. Personally, he was the kindest and most caring man-loved by the Village Council, staff, and residents.”*

Fr. Bob recalls that Peter’s expertise allowed the parish to make projections about population growth and how St. John’s could meet the needs of an ever-expanding, diverse community.

Peter is survived by his wife Nancy, their two sons and their wives.

A MEMORIAL MASS for Peter Lombardi will take place on **Wednesday, March 16 at 11:00am** in the church. Fr. Bob will be the celebrant along with Peter’s cousin, Fr. Stan.



Knights of Columbus

WHAT'S NEW?

OPEN HOUSE

You are Invited!

Join us for an evening of fun, faith and fraternity.
Food and beverages will be provided.

**MONDAY, MARCH 14
7:00PM**

PARISH LIFE CENTER
St. Martha & St. Mary

Join us for an evening of fun, faith and fraternity. Food and beverages will be provided.

The focus of the open-house will be to educate families about our history, programs and financial benefits that comes with membership in the Knights of Columbus.

Register at: www.openhouse13624.flkofc.com



**FRIDAY, MARCH 18
6:00-7:30PM**
PARISH LIFE CENTER

The Knights of Columbus Council is holding a Lenten Fish Fry in the Parish Life Center on Friday, March 18, serving from 6-7:30pm. Tickets will be available in the Narthex after all Masses this weekend. Proceeds from this dinner will help the Knights continue their charitable work among various groups in our community.

*\$15 Fish Dinner
\$8 Mac & Cheese/Fries*

All meals will include coleslaw, beverage and dessert.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

2022

**MARCH:
FOR A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE
TO BIOETHICAL CHALLENGES**

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

For more information:
www.popesprayerusa.net/popes-intentions/



ST. JOHN XXIII

THRIFT store



Selling quality goods
for the good of others.

March

40% OFF Coats with "BPJ" Stamp

30% OFF Costume Jewelry, Boots, Belts, Handbags, Framed Artwork, Rugs 4' +, Preowned Wall Crucifixes

20% OFF Twin Sheet Sets, Table Linens, and Clothing

PLEASE NOTE: *Specials Cannot be combined with other sales/offers*

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

Visit our Website: www.bpjthrift.com



Fasting & Regulations

The following information reminds the faithful of the regulations for fast and abstinence during the Lent and Easter season:

REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday, March 2 and Good Friday, April 15, are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat.

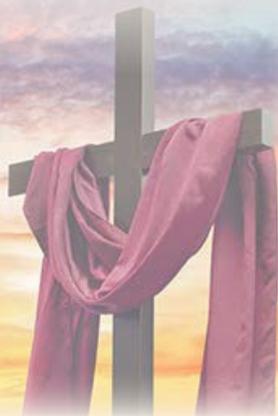
Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 years and 59 years (inclusive). On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent (and Good Friday) are the days of abstinence.

NOTE: If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

FASTING, ALMSGIVING AND PRAYER are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

Lent
is the journey
that moves us
toward the cross



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6 MINUTE

Lenten

SELF-REFLECTION & GOAL SETTING



Do You Have 6 MINUTES a Day?

If so, then you have time to pray! To help you with prayer during Lent, St. John XXIII is offering the "Little Black Book" reflection book to all parishioners for only \$1.00. The little book has a short reflection for each day of Lent to meditate and pray over. And it only takes 6 minutes a day!

You Can Use It:

- † When You Get Up
- † On your break at work
- † As a family meal prayer
- † Before you go to bed
- † Waiting to pick up the kids
- † ANYTIME!

Don't miss out on this fabulous opportunity! Also available for Children is The Little Purple Book filled with daily activities and prayers for children to use each day during Lent. Booklets will be available for purchase after Mass **THIS WEEKEND.**



ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

Weekly Financials



	02-27-22	02-28-21	Difference
Offertory	\$32,651.17	\$29,865.00	\$2,786.17
Building Fund	\$2,648.50	\$3,695.00	(\$1,046.50)
Total	\$35,299.67	\$33,560.00	\$1,739.67
Mass Attendance	3470	2076	
Registered Families	3585	3570	

No money is kept on Church property. Thank you for your continued generosity!

***Please make your checks payable to "St. John XXIII"**

2022 Catholic Faith Appeal

2022 Goal	\$458,000.00
Pledge	\$141,060.00
% of Goal	30.80%
% of Households	7.03%
Payments	\$97,830.01

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



ENDOWMENT FUND



For Good, For God, Forever

St. John XXIII now has an endowment fund with the Catholic Community Foundation, which is designed to help provide long-term sustainability for our parish far beyond our lifetimes.

The principal of the endowment fund remains intact, while a portion of the investment earnings are used to support the parish.

Please consider supporting the endowment fund or establishing your own fund to benefit St. John XXIII. For more information email our parish office manager, Holly Atkins: holly@johnxxiii.net



Donors give THROUGH, not TO the FOUNDATION

The Catholic Community Foundation helps create lasting Catholic legacies by working with you to provide long-term support and sustainability to the Catholic entities and programs about which you care most, like St. John XXIII Parish. The foundation ensures that your gifts will always be used in the manner you intended and is the only community foundation in Southwest Florida that invests all gifts in alignment with the teachings our Catholic faith.

The Catholic Community Foundation offers a wide range of gifting options including endowment/scholarship funds, charitable gift annuities, donor advised funds and more. The foundation can also help you coordinate a bequest of other estate gifts through your will or trust.

Thank You!

SPRING RAFFLE VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the spring raffle mailing. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you for your time and dedication to our parish community. Your help was greatly appreciated!



We kindly ask that you refrain from placing items such as flowers rosaries etc. on the statues. The live flowers die and leave a stain that is difficult to remove. Thank you for your consideration.

Hispanic Ministry ANNOUNCEMENTS



La comunidad Hispana de St. John XXIII les desea una feliz semana.

Misas en Español

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

Las misas también están siendo transmitidas a través de YouTube. Recuerda el rezo del Santo Rosario (antes de la misa de los domingos, 12:45pm).

Grupo de Oración de Renovación Carismática

- Lugar: Capilla Nuestra Señora del Rosario.
- Fecha y Hora: Todos los **martes** del mes. 6:45pm.

Contáctanos

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

Information Websites

Below are suggested websites to stay current on what is happening in the Catholic church:

WHISPERS IN THE LOGGIA: whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com

CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE www.catholicnews.com

CRUX: cruxnow.com

BISHOP BARRON: www.wordonfire.org

FR. RICHARD ROHR: cac.org/category/daily-meditations

<http://Faith...>



SOLES FOR SOULS

15th Annual Sneaker Drive

Sponsored by the Women's Guild of St. John XXIII
(In support of Social Justice Ministry)

**NOW
THROUGH
MARCH 31**



The month of March marks the 15th Annual Sneaker Drive sponsored by the Women's Guild of St. John XXIII Church in support of our Social Justice Ministry.

Please help us raise sufficient funds to help needy kids. Take an envelope from the Sneaker Display, enclose your donation, and return it by mail or in the collection basket following Mass.

Active Registered Parishioners in need of help outfitting their child for return to school may **complete the Request Form below and return it to the Parish Office by March 31**. Return addressed envelopes are available on the Sneaker Display Table.

REQUEST FORM FOR: SNEAKERS & BACKPACKS

<u>PARENT'S NAME</u>	<u>PHONE #</u>			<u>EMAIL</u>					
Child's First Name	Specify: Gender & Age			Specify: Kid or Adult			Backpack (If Yes need Grade)		
	Boy	Girl	Age	SIZE	Kid	Adult	NO	YES	GRADE

Joint Event in the Parish Life Center



THURSDAY, MARCH 24 • 6:30PM
FEATURING: IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA

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Doors open at 6:30pm. Social with Appetizers and Fellowship.
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VERITY

HOW TO BE PRO-LIFE

When often asked, “what can I do to help?” Of course, you already know you can serve as a volunteer client advocate at Verity, or financially support the ministry through single gifts, monthly partnerships and material goods like diapers and baby clothes. But here are a few more ideas that can fit into your every day life:

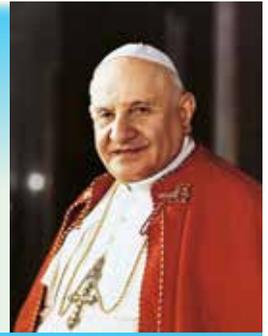
- Speak up for the unborn by engaging family and friends in a conversation. Many don’t know that since Roe vs. Wade passed, over 60 million children have been lost to abortion. To put that into perspective, the current population of the entire state of Florida is 22 million! The unborn children of Southwest Florida need your voice to speak in their defense because they cannot speak for themselves.
- Invite Verity to speak to your small group so that more people in our community know about us and can join their voices to yours. This may be a Sunday School or Life Group, a Bible Study group, or a community group. We love sharing with small groups and have done so for all sizes! In fact, we can even host a small group tour of Verity during non-serving times so folks can SEE where we do ministry and hear the stories!
- Speaking of small groups, one fun activity we can help with is to have you sponsor a Baby Bottle campaign. We provide the baby bottles and instructions, and we count all the money once the bottles are filled with coin, cash or checks! We actually include Baby Bottle campaigns in our budgeted income, so we consider it a critical part of funding the ministry.

The bottom line is, we NEED you. If you haven’t yet engaged in the fight for LIFE in our community, now is the time. We have never lived in times more hostile to unborn children.

If you have questions or want more information, call our office (239) 433-1929 and ask for Becky or Reci.

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RESPECT LIFE



JOIN US:

365 PRAYER:

Come join in 365 prayer every Wednesday from **12pm-5:00pm** at Planned Parenthood: 6418 Commerce Park Dr. Fort Myers

THIRD WEDNESDAY of Every Month:

Respect Life general meeting Parish Life Center at **8:45am**.

YOUTH RALLY:

The 40 Days for Life Youth Rally with Bishop Frank Dewane will take place **SATURDAY, MARCH 26** at **11:00am**

Please Note: Closing Prayer Vigil Date TBA

CONTACT US:

You are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You’re also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside (name and location of vigil site), and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you would like more information, or especially if you are interested in volunteering, please email: respectlifejohn23@gmail.com or call Maureen Nash at (239) 823-6800

“Human life is sacred - all men must respect that fact. From its very inception it reveals the creating hand of God.”

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LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

Feast of the Holy Innocents

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25 - 6:30PM
IN THE CHURCH**

**HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED
THE LOSS OF A CHILD?**

A special Liturgy is being planned on **Friday, March 25 at 6:30pm** in the church for healing, and to celebrate the lives of those children whom we have lost due to any cause. We will remember, hear their names, and know our loved ones are not forgotten. The grief we experienced taught us how to bear our sorrow and be able to listen and comfort others that have suffered such a loss.

Please bring an unframed picture of your child that can be pinned onto a display. If no picture is available, we will have pink and blue bows for you.

People of all religions welcome! This Mass is planned by the Parish Nurses along with our gifted staff at St. John XXIII.

"Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy."

- Unknown Author



A special prayer card will be distributed.

Journey to Hope by: J. Halt

People with mental illness and their families often feel isolated from their faith community and thus isolated from God. Isolation is often caused by the stigma of the disease, or fear of being judged as inadequate or weak willed, or the misperception that God is punishing them or from the communities misperception of what mental illness is and how it affects the individual and their families. As a healing community we offer support and education at our Journey to Hope monthly meeting to families dealing with mental illness or with the dual diagnosis of substance abuse and mental illness.

JOURNEY TO
hope

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 8 • 6pm
PARISH LIFE CENTER
St. Therese Classroom



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TRAFFICKING**

PRESENTATION

with Dennis Solon

SWFL Coalition Against Human Trafficking

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

10:15AM - 11:15AM

PARISH LIFE CENTER



Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Emerald Ball: This event will take place at 6pm, Thursday, March 10 at Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort, 280 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples. The proceeds of the Emerald Ball support programs in Collier County. For more information about this elegant evening, visit <https://catholiccharitiesdov.org/event-on/> or contact Rosa Aspilcueta (239) 455-2655 ext. 3100 or by email at emeraldball@catholiccharitiesdov.org

Summer Adventures: Our Lady of Good Counsel Camp in Floral City, FL is a co-ed overnight camp which is owned and operated by the Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg. All Children 7-15 years of age are invited to attend the camp's 75th summer! One and two week sessions are currently offered at affordable prices. All information is available on the camp website at www.goodcounselcamp.org or by emailing: info@goodcounselcamp.org

Safe Environment Training: The Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. For further details please visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/programs/safeenvironment/>

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

Free Consultations: The National Catholic Bioethics Center answers questions from individuals who seek to better understand or apply Catholic moral teaching to specific ethical issues they are facing in health care or the life sciences, real life problems or dilemmas. These consultations are free and confidential. Complete the online form at www.ncbcenter.org or call 24 hours/7 days per week (215) 877-2660 or more information call (239) 338-2306

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

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

You are invited



Synod on Synodality Listening Sessions

As part of the Diocesan Phase for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission," as requested by His Holiness Pope Francis, the Diocese of Venice will be holding various listening sessions.

Bishop Frank J. Dewane invites all for an evening of listening with the goal of these sessions to discern the Word of God in Scripture, what those Words are saying to us while remembering the living Mission of the Church. Bishop Dewane stressed that this process be based on co-responsibility in the Church, or an accurate synthesis with what was said in a process that is transparent and fair. Sessions will take place from 6:30pm-8:00pm on the following dates and locations:

SAVE THE DATE: St. John XXIII

- **Monday, March 14:** St. John XXIII Parish, 13060 Palomino Lane, Fort Myers; (Eng.)
- **Wednesday, March 16:** Sacred Heart Parish, 211 W. Charlotte Ave., Punta Gorda;(Eng.)
- **Thursday, March 24:** site to be determined.
- **Monday, March 28:** St. John the Evangelist Parish, 625 111th Ave. N., Naples; (Eng.)
- **Monday, May 9:** St. Catherine Parish, 820 Hickory St., Sebring; (Eng./Sp)
- **Monday, May 16:** St. Agnes Parish, 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples; (Eng.)
- **Monday, May 23:** Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish, 355 S. Bridge St., LaBelle.(Eng./Sp)

TO REGISTER ONLINE: <https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2022-synod-listening-sessions>

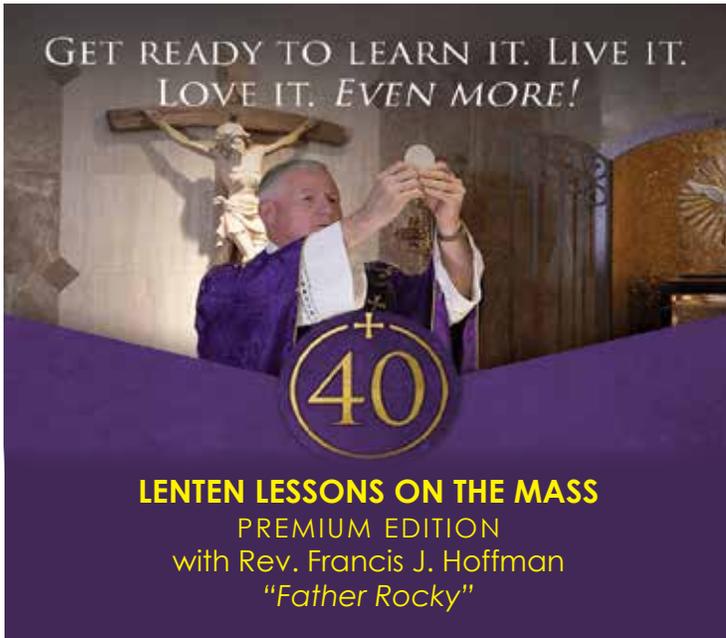
For any questions regarding the listening sessions, please email synod@dioceseofvenice.org

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The link below will take you to a very personal walking of the Stations of the Cross. We encourage you to pray these Stations, and if possible, do it in the St. John XXIII Memorial Garden. You can access this site on your phone and you are all set to start the clockwise walk.

www.osvnews.com/amp/2020/02/27/walking-the-stations-of-the-cross-this-lent/

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COME JOIN *Fr. Bill Jarema*



LAST SESSION: 9AM - 12PM PARISH LIFE CENTER

• **SATURDAY, MARCH 19** *Meeting Your Growing Edge*

HEALING OUR IMAGES OF GOD: *Mercy or Misery*

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

PAYMENT METHOD: CHECK CASH CREDIT CARD

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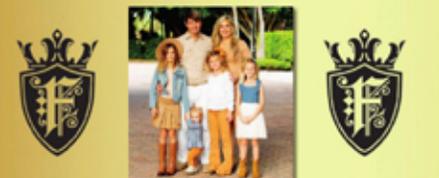


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