



St. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

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April 10, 2022

PALM SUNDAY

MAKE WAY FOR THE KING



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

April 10, 2022

Please Note:

**There are NO
CONFESIONS
HOLY SATURDAY
April, 16, 2022**

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

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday,

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

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239-561-3713 (Fax)

MINISTRY TO THE SICK:

A priest is on call 7 days a week,
24hrs a day for these hospitals:

Health Park - St. Columbkille

Church 239-489-3973

Lee Memorial - St. Francis

Xavier Church 239-334-2161

Gulf Coast - St. John XXIII

239-561-2245

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT:

You are encouraged to receive
the Sacrament of the Sick before
being admitted to a facility.

St. Columbkille - Hope Hospice

239-489-3973

9470 Health Park Circle,

Ft. Myers, FL

**St. Raphael - Lehigh Acres
Health & Rehab Center**

239-369-2194

1550 Lee Blvd, Lehigh Acres, FL

Hope Hospice 239-369-1831

1201 Wings Way, Lehigh Acres, FL

St. Leo - Hope Hospice

239-992-0901

27200 Imperial Pkwy,

Bonita Springs, FL

St. Vincent de Paul - Select

2073 Lafayette St. Ft. Myers

239-693-0818

The Mission of St. John XXIII Catholic Church is to actively engage all those who desire to more fully accept and live out the message of Christ, welcoming and respecting all people regardless of background, history, race or color; as we strive to nurture spiritual growth and personal holiness on our journey to become more responsible stewards of God's gifts.

Mass Intentions

PLEASE NOTE: 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, APRIL 11

- 8:00 AM † Louis & Nina Zinzi by their Children

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

- 8:00 AM † Gilberto Rios by his wife, Nareida Rios

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

- 8:00 AM † Janet McCallum by Chuck & Wanda McCallum

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

- 8:00 AM - Morning Prayer
- 7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

- 8:00 AM - Morning Prayer
- 2:15 PM - Stations of the Cross
- 3:00 PM - The Lord's Passion
- 8:00 PM - Vietnamese Passion

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

- 8:00 AM - Morning Prayer
- **8:00 PM - Vigil Mass (Please NOTE: No 4:00pm Vigil)**

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 - EASTER SUNDAY

- 7:15 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:15am Masses, 1:30 PM Spanish Mass & 4:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

MASS INTENTION REQUEST UPDATE

There are no Masses in English available until the 2023 book opens in July. Other options will remain available such as Tabernacle Candle \$15 per week and Eucharistic Host \$15 per week.

APRIL 17, 2022 - READINGS

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|---------------|--------------------------|
| • 1ST READING | ACTS 10:34A, 37-43 |
| • PSALM | PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 |
| • 2ND READING | COL 3:1-4 |
| • GOSPEL | JN 20:1-9 |



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Palm Sunday

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF JESUS

by: Jack Zavada - Learn Religions

Jesus Christ was on his way to Jerusalem, knowing full well that this trip would end in his sacrificial death for the sin of humanity. He sent two disciples ahead to the village of Bethphage, about a mile away from the city at the foot of the Mount of Olives. He told them to look for a donkey tied by a house, with its unbroken colt next to it.

Jesus instructed the disciples to tell the owners of the animal that "The Lord has need of it." (Luke 19:31, ESV)

The men found the donkey, brought it and its colt to Jesus, and placed their cloaks on the colt. Jesus sat on the young donkey and slowly, humbly, made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. In his path, people threw their cloaks on the ground and put palm branches on the road before him. Others waved palm branches in the air.

Large Passover crowds surrounded Jesus, shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matthew 21:9, ESV)

By that time the commotion was spreading through the entire city. Many of the Galilean disciples had earlier seen Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead. Undoubtedly they were spreading the news of that astonishing miracle.

The Pharisees, who were jealous of Jesus and afraid of the Romans, said: "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.' (Luke 19:39-40, ESV)

POINTS OF INTEREST FROM PALM SUNDAY

When he told the disciples to get the donkey, Jesus referred to himself as 'The Lord,' a definite proclamation of his divinity.

By riding into Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey, Jesus fulfilled an ancient prophecy in Zechariah 9:9: *"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."* This was the only instance in the four Gospel books in which Jesus rode an animal.

Throwing cloaks in the path of someone was an act of homage and submission. The people were recognizing Jesus as the promised Messiah.

The people's cries of 'Hosanna' came from Psalm 118:25-26. Hosanna means "save now." Despite what Jesus had foretold about his mission, the people were looking for a military Messiah who would overthrow the Romans and restore Israel's independence.

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

The crowds refused to see Jesus Christ as he truly was, placing their personal desires on him instead. Who is Jesus for you? Is he someone whom you want to satisfy your selfish wants and goals, or is he Lord and Master who gave up his life to save you from your sins?

Palm Sunday PRAYER

*Jesus, Lord of Life,
show us how to live.
When we are afraid,
angry, sad or rejected,
teach us to live deeply
into difficult experiences,
that we might find
meaning and purpose
even in the moments
which require dying.
May our deaths be just
another step in our living.*

Amen



Prayer List

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

Elaine Quan	Ross Mannina
Marlene LaRose	Virginia Lochner
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek	Steve Lane
Jeff Hlavacek	Timothy Stephan Shea
Gary Neubauer	Mark Joseph Lattner
Tom Biedak	Kimberly Ann
Ron Hudepohl	Judy Mayer
Denise Vannelli	Paul Rotz
Laura Ford	Laurie Gilligan
Tony Gagnet	Maria Elena Terinoni
Susan Davies	Michael Sturm
Cynthia & William	Benito Gonzalez
Jake Williams	Brianna Bethany
Daly Lynn-Hajian	Ron Nardi
Sophia Bentz	George Lee
Colleen Ryan	Mary Monaco
Lynne Mogell	Patricia Biel

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!
Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII*



Adoration Chapel

*In Memory of: Rodolfo Villanueva
Requested by: Noe Villanueva*



Tabernacle Candle

*In Memory of: Susan Pettit
Requested by: Jane Hoover*





Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER

Monday, April 11

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

Tuesday, April 12

- Opening the Word: Zoom/PLC - 9am
- Walking with Purpose: Zoom/PLC - 10am
- Bereavement: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- Journey to Hope: PLC/St. Therese - 6pm
- Faith Alive: Zoom Only - 6:30pm
- Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group: Chapel - 6:30pm
- AA Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Wednesday, April 13

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: Office Conference Room - 10am
- Choir Practice: Church - 6pm
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

Thursday, April 14

- Morning Prayer: Church - 8am
- Bridge: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 12:30pm
- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm
- Mass of the Lord's Supper: Church - 7pm
- Adoration: Main Hall - 8pm

Friday, April 15

- Morning Prayer: Chuch - 8am
- Stations of the Cross: Church - 2:15pm
- Celebration of The Lord's Passion: Church - 3pm
- Vietnamese Passion Service: Church 8pm

Saturday, April 16

- Morning Prayer: Church - 8am
- Blessing of Food: Church - 8:30am
- Vigil Mass: Church - 8pm

Sunday, April 17

- 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
- Vietnamese Mass: Church - 4pm

WATCH AT HOME

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

ONLINE

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

WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Prudence Fournier
- Virginia Davidsaver
- Krystyna Mazzulla
- Ingrid Andrusaitis
- Corinne L. Prunier

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 is on Sunday, June 12, 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	Andrew Hawkinson, USN
Sean Ball	Cavalry Scout Specialist,
Major Bart Boma	Ryan Silva, Army
Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove	2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC
Sgt. Phil Dellibovi	Jared Broemmel, US Navy
CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces	2nd Lt. Edward Hudson
Sgt. Jared Gaudet	Tillinghast IV, Army
Capt. Kellyn C. Hall	Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force
Andrew Herman	Com. Craig Fowler, USN
Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl	Eric Sanchez, US Air Force
PFC Michael P Hughes	Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army,
SPC Michael Jendak	82nd ABN
PFC Andrew Kanopkh	PFC Eric Lyons, USMC
Michael Klem	2nd Lt. Nicholas Meunier, US Army
Major Bradley D. Laux	Robert Trenton Morell, Medic
Capt. Jacob Mundo, US Army	Specialist US Army
SSGT Anthony Padula	Michael Thomas Morell, US Navy
LCP James Palenik	PFC Judy Martinez, US Army
Master SGT Peter Parison	1st Lt. Jeffrey Zivkovic, US Army
Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army	Christopher Dominski, PFC ARNG
Lt. Col. Brady Sexton	2nd Lt. Sara Wulff
2nd Lt. Kristen Thompson	Sean Dryhurst US Navy
Christian Troutner, US Navy	Lt. Amanda Macaluso
Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic	Anthony An Schroeder,
PFC Jordan Feil, USA	11 Bravo Infantry
Sgt. Hayden Linde, FLARNG	Derrick Hambling, Army Airborne
Aaron Crump, USCG	Infantry
Sgt. Nathaniel Broemmel	Maj. Paige Blevins USAF
Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo	Maj. Christopher Blevins USAF
Col. Scott C. Woodward	Capt. Cameron Hortman USAF
Private Nicholas Loeb, ARNG	

Faith FORMATION

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

FAITH

APRIL SCHEDULE:

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

4/13 NO CLASS - HOLY WEEK

4/20 (Wednesday) - Last Faith Formation Class in the PLC



VACATION BIBLE CAMP:

REGISTRATION for our annual Vacation Bible Camp has started. The camp is open to children entering VPK 4 to students entering grade 6. This year's camp theme is Monumental, Celebrating God's Goodness.



The camp will run June 13-17 from 9am-Noon and will take place in the Parish Life Center.

Due to the popularity of the camp, registration is open to St. John XXIII parishioners only. We want to make sure children in our community can attend. Please note that the camp registration closes on May 15, but we anticipate it will fill before then, so please do not delay registering at:

<https://www.osvhub.com/st-john-xxiii-parish/forms/registration-1-1-2-2>

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 camp will be held at St. John XXIII July 11-15 from 9am-3pm. The cost is \$50 per camper. The age range for the day program is grades 1-5.

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**



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.

- **May 5:** Please check the Facebook page for more information.



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

Confirmation Program: Sundays 5pm - 6pm

- **April 24 - First Year Students:**
Power of Prayer
- **April 24 - Second Year Students:**
Confirmation Reflection

High School Youth Group

HSYG Social Sessions: Sundays 5pm - 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.

- **April 10:** Discipleship

Middle School Youth Group

MSYG Sessions - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

- **April 13:** No Session

Volunteer Opportunities

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://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c45aead2daaf58-youth>



Hispanic Ministry ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

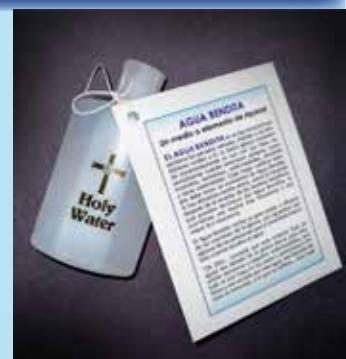
Estamos ofreciendo el servicio de misas especiales como Quinceañeras, Bautismos y Matrimonios para más información comunicarse con nosotros al email: comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net

AGUA BENDITA

El domingo de Pascua, 17 de abril, benditas botellas de agua santa serán dadas a una por familia todas las masas. Los ujieres distribuirán las botellas en cada salida de la Iglesia y del PLC.

Deseamos agradecer al donante anónimo por su generosidad al compartir las bendiciones del Agua Santa.

¡Un agradecimiento especial a las Damas de Caftie por su tiempo, dedicación y compromiso con este proyecto especial!





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EASTER SCHEDULE

2022

Holy Week

ADORATION CHAPEL

- Monday April 11:** open 8:30am-3:45pm
- Tuesday April 12:** open 8:30am-3:45pm
- Wednesday, April 13:** open 8:30am-3:45pm
- Thursday, April 14:** open 8:30am-3:45pm
- Friday, April 15:** CLOSED
- Saturday, April 16:** CLOSED
- Sunday, April 17:** CLOSED
- Monday April 18:** open 8:30am-3:45pm

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 14

- Morning Prayer:** 8:00am
 - Mass of the Lord's Supper:** 7:00pm
 - Adoration:** 8:00-10:00pm
- Parish Life Center

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 15

- Morning Prayer:** 8:00am
- Stations of the Cross:** 2:15pm
- Celebration of the Lord's Passion:** 3:00pm
- Vietnamese Passion Service:** 8:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 16

- Morning Prayer:** 8:00am
- Blessing of Food:** 8:30am
- Vigil Mass:** 8:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 17

- Masses:** 7:15am, 9:15am, 11:15am
- Spanish Mass:** 1:30pm
- Vietnamese Mass:** 4:00pm

DIVINE MERCY - APRIL 24 (PLC)

- Confessions:** 2:00-2:45pm
- Eucharistic Communion:** 3:00pm
- Prayer Intentions** for the Supreme Pontiff during 3:00pm service in the PLC.



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.

EASTER & LENTEN SCHEDULE

<https://johnxxiii.net/#holiday>

PARISH MISSION:

Fr. Jarema's mission outline documents for the Parish Mission "Praying the Beatitudes" are available at the above link.

MESSAGE FROM

Bishop Dewane

Holy Land COLLECTION



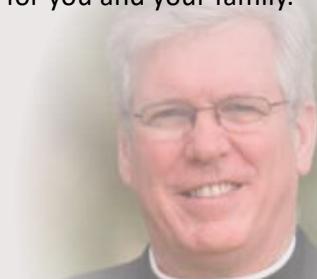
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the suffering and death of Christ followed by His resurrection. The readings remind us of our connection to the Holy Land where this remarkable salvation unfolded; a place so special to us all.

The Franciscan Friars have maintained the sacred shrines throughout the Holy Land for hundreds of years, so pilgrims can walk in the footsteps of Jesus. In addition to preserving the Holy Sites, they also provide formation and education in the communities and schools, as well as care for the basic needs of the people in the Holy Land. The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. This has been complicated for the last two years by the pandemic which severely struck this Catholic population that relies so much in an economic sense on the pilgrims visiting the Holy Sites.

The Holy Land Collection in the Diocese of Venice will be on **Good Friday, April 15**. Supporting the Church in the Holy Land is a special mission, and your contribution helps strengthen the work of the Franciscans Friars. May God bless you for your continued generosity in support of the faithful in the Holy Land.

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



Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Frank J. Dewane

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

THE GIFT OF

Holy Water

On **Easter Sunday, April 17**, blessed Holy Water Bottles will be given out to one per family at **all Masses**. Ushers will distribute the bottles at each exit of the Church and Parish Life Center.

We would like to thank the anonymous donor for their generosity in sharing the blessings of Holy Water.

A special thank you to the Craftie Ladies for their time, dedication and commitment to this special project!



Guardian Angels

WALKWAY

PAVER MEMORIALIZATION



St. John XXIII Parish, along with the Knights of Columbus and The Women's Guild, are excited to offer **12x12 pavers**, which will be placed on the walkway around the site for our St. Michael the Archangel statue. **The price for each paver is \$350.** This is a wonderful way to pay tribute to a loved one who has served, or is currently serving in the military or as a first responder.

FYI

Paver orders may also be placed at www.KC23.org

Defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, Oh Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Guardian Angels WALKWAY

Name _____

Address or PO Box _____

Unit/Apt # _____

City/State/Zip_____

Phone _____

Email _____

Payments may be made by cash, credit card or check.

I would like to pay by:

CASH CHECK CREDIT CARD

If paying by check, please make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus.

To order, or check the status of an order, please contact The Knights of Columbus:

LARRY EVENER: larryevener@yahoo.com or
TOM DOLAN: mtd0522@yahoo.com

The Women's Guild Contact:

SUE EDWARDS: sgedwards007@gmail.com

PAVER ORDER FORM

Please circle the graphic to be added to the stone:



Please print clearly. The 12x12 paver has 3 lines.

LINE 1 NAME _____
example: John Doe

LINE 2 RANK _____
example: SGT. USMC

LINE 3 SERVICE _____
example: WWII

Please sign and date verifying all information is correct on the paver.

PRINT NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____



Weekly Financials

EASTER SUNDAY			
	04-03-22	04-04-21	Difference
Offertory	\$40,084.51	\$75,460.64	(\$35,376.13)
Building Fund	\$1,658.00	\$4,291.00	(\$2,633.00)
Total	\$41,742.51	\$79,751.64	(\$38,009.13)
Mass Attendance	3474	3757	
Registered Families	3528	3545	

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	\$304,458.00
% of Goal	66.48%
% of Households	14.21%
Payments	\$205,804.75

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



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You shop. Amazon gives.

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How to Become Holy

10 WAYS TO GROW IN HOLINESS

A reminder and encouragement is given to all of the Universal Call to Holiness for all Christians. Listed below are some practical means to growth in holiness, growth in love of God and neighbor, and prosper love of self, which are encouraged to be taken advantage of and fostered in the spiritual lives of all the faithful within the Diocese of Venice:

- **Participation in the Mass, Daily Mass in addition to the Sunday when Possible**
- **Frequent Confession (recommended at least once per month)**
- **Meditation on Sacred Scripture**
- **The Recitation of the Rosary**
- **Spiritual Reading within the Tradition of the Church**
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Personal Prayer**
- **Acts of Self-Denial and Mortification**
- **A Renewal Zeal for Fasting and Almsgiving**
- **Evangelization and Faith Sharing**
- **Ascetical Practices to Grow in Virtue**

For recommendations on spiritual reading, availability of Sacraments, Bible studies, spiritual devotions and practices, and faith sharing groups, please contact:

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THE *History of* PALM SUNDAY

William James - Catholic Exchange

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, in the Christian tradition, the first day of Holy Week and the Sunday before Easter, commemorating Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is associated in many churches with the blessing and procession of palms (leaves of the date palm or twigs from locally available trees).

These special ceremonies were taking place toward the end of the 4th century in Jerusalem and are described in the travelogue Peregrinatio Etheriae (The Pilgrimage of Etheria). In the West the earliest evidence of the ceremonies is found in the Bobbio Sacramentary (8th century). During the Middle Ages the ceremony for the blessing of the palms was elaborate: the procession began in one church, went to a church in which the palms were blessed, and returned to the church in which the procession had originated for the singing of the liturgy. The principal feature of the liturgy that followed the procession was the chanting by three deacons of the account of the Passion of Christ (Matthew 26:36–27:54). Musical settings for the crowd parts were sometimes sung by the choir. After reforms of the Roman Catholic liturgies in 1955 and 1969, the ceremonies were somewhat simplified in order to emphasize the suffering and death of Christ.

The day is now called officially Passion Sunday. The liturgy begins with a blessing and procession of palms, but prime attention is given to a lengthy reading of the Passion, with parts taken by the priest, lectors, and congregation. The palms are often taken home by the members of the congregation to serve as sacramentals (sacred signs of the sacraments), and some of them are burned the following year to serve as the ashes for Ash Wednesday.



St. John XXIII will be collecting the following items for St. Martin DePorres.

Food Donation Information:

- Non-perishable donations can be placed in the Round Wicker Baskets in the Narthex at Mass.
- These items are then delivered to a local non profit outreach which provides groceries weekly and cooks dinner M-F for the needy in the Tice region of Fort Myers. Our Social Justice Committee also provides pantry items to the seniors in The Villas of St. John XXIII with these generous donations.
- Items that are always needed: rice, beans, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, soup, canned veggies and fruit, canned meat, pasta, tomato sauce, Mac and cheese, meseca flour, cooking oil, etc.
- Smaller bags/packages are preferred to hand out for weekly groceries

If you can make a difference in someone's life, it all starts with just one helping hand.

Thank you for continued support and generosity!

For More Information:

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St John XXIII's Social Justice Committee in partnership with SMDP Outreach.

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Your Help is a Blessing

**April is National
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Register today to be an organ, eye and tissue donor.
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National Donate Life Month (NDLM) was instituted by Donate Life America and its partnering organizations in 2003. Celebrated in April each year, NDLM features an entire month of local, regional and national activities to help encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and to celebrate those that have saved lives through the gift of donation.

Donate Life America was inspired by the concept of the pinwheel for the 2017 National Donate Life Month artwork. A pinwheel evokes various images and meanings, but the strongest association revolves around opportunity and energy.

The pinwheel is symbolic of an instrument that turns obstacles into opportunities. The pinwheel's ability to capture and pass on energy parallels one's potential to make LIFE possible. Each Donate Life pinwheel has four sails supported by one stem, symbolizing the power one person has to be an organ, eye, tissue or living donor. For recipients, donation can turn sickness and injury into a second chance at life. For donors, their decision to register can turn a sorrowful time into a source of comfort for family as a result of renewed life for others.

The pinwheel reminds us that we all have the potential to capture and pass on life, comfort and hope to others by registering as a donor. This April, we encourage you to stop to feel the breeze, watch the pinwheels and think of the lives of those touched by donation and transplantation.

Thank you for your efforts in educating and registering others as organ, eye and tissue donors! For more information visit:www.donatelife.net

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CHANGING OUR MINDS

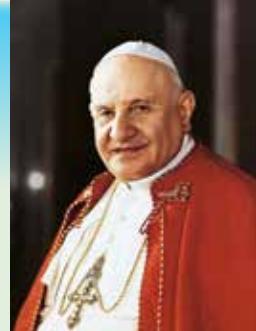
by Joanne Halt, M.A.

Renewing our minds in Christ means becoming an emotionally resilient person by self-study, changed behavior and seeking Grace to be merciful to self and others. Jesus suffers agony in the garden but goes forward despite fear, accepting betrayal and death, which astounds us for good reason. In our humanity, we are easily hurt by others, and shamed by fear. Building resilience involves three actions: identify your stressors; learn your anxious negative thinking traps (ANTTs) that the primitive brain continually downloads; reshape these threats into challenges from a place of security so you can face your thoughts and not feel threatened.

We create meaning in a predictable sequence when we experience events that wound us. Our brains automatically scan for threat and have difficulty keeping positive. Triggers are whatever initiates a stress response. A word or action from another is a trigger, followed by emotions, thoughts, our active response and the consequence of our action. Labelling and challenging the ANTTs that arise following a trigger empowers us to substitute more rational thoughts and to avoid being flooded by negative feelings. Dispute ANTTs by asking yourself – “how true is this” when judgment or emotional reasoning sets in. Remind yourself of your strengths. If you suffered adverse childhood experiences (google ACEs), seek help. Our brain can respond to a present event as though it was a repeat of a past unhealed childhood wound. Reframing an event from a new perspective, changes its meaning and elevates us from victimhood to empowerment. For those of us with a genetic brain chemistry disorder, medication can help us manage imbalanced thinking and emotion and is necessary before this kind of self-study can help.

As we celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, we remember this as our pattern too. We all suffer, die small deaths before bodily death and can emerge transformed if we, like Him, stay connected to the Holy Spirit who is our Essence. With Grace, we can put our fear based survival-self in its proper place and follow Christ.

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Journey to Hope by: J. Halt

False beliefs about mental illness can cause some people to hide behind a mask of fear, shame, or embarrassment. While 1 in 5 Americans live with a mental disorder, estimates indicate that nearly two-thirds of all people with a diagnosable mental illness do not seek treatment. Lack of knowledge, fear of judgment or rejection by family and friends, and discrimination are a few reasons why people with mental illness do not seek help. Mental illnesses are treatable through medication and psychosocial therapies. The Journey to Hope support group meets in order to support our loved one's recovery from mental illness/substance abuse and to offer hope to those who are searching for answers to what is often a mystifying disease. We offer education and support in a caring and confidential setting, actively partnering with NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Lee County and other local agencies.



NEXT MEETING: APRIL 12 • 6pm

PARISH LIFE CENTER
St. Terese Classroom

Divine Mercy Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 24: PARISH LIFE CENTER 3:00PM

Join us for a very special celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday following Easter, April 17. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Veneration of St. Faustina's relic, Veneration of the image of the Divine Mercy and confessions will be heard from 1:45-2:45pm in the Parish Life Center classrooms.

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday, April 2. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said:

"These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy."

In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her:

"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will be My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

TO COMPLETE THE NOVENA:

EVERY DAY AT 3 RECITE THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:

- **April 15 - First Day:** Good Friday, April 15: Bring to Me All Mankind, especially all sinners
- **April 16:** Bring to Me the Souls of Priests and Religious
- **April 17:** Bring to Me All Devout and faithful souls
- **April 18:** Bring to Me those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know me
- **April 19:** Bring to Me the souls of those who have separated themselves from my church
- **April 20:** Bring to Me the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children
- **April 21:** Bring to Me the souls who especially venerate and glorify My Mercy
- **April 22:** Bring to Me the souls who are detained in purgatory
- **April 23:** Bring to Me souls who have become lukewarm

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PLENARY INDULGENCE: In a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!").



Our Holy Fathers have told us that Divine Mercy is the greatest attribute of God, and it is especially needed in our modern, secular times. All are invited to attend our Divine Mercy Service to receive these powerful graces and blessings of Mercy.

Jesus, I Trust in You

To fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:

1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter
2. Sincerely repent of all our sins
3. Place our complete trust in Jesus
4. Confess your sins to Jesus before that Sunday
5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast
6. Venerate* the Image of The Divine Mercy
7. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

*To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents in this case, our Most Merciful Savior.

For a complete background and detailed information on Divine Mercy Sunday visit thedivinemercy.org



CONFESIONS: Will be held prior to Mass from 1:45-2:45pm in The Parish Life Center classrooms.

EUCARISTIC COMMUNION and prayer at the 3:00pm service in the Parish Life Center.

PRAYER INTENTIONS for the Supreme Pontiff during 3:00pm service in the Parish Life Center.

YouTube: For more information on Divine Mercy Sunday from our own parishioner, Ryan Arciero, please follow this youtube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZov0GPmDk8&t=2s>

Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Ukraine Relief: As the world continues to pray for peace and for the victims of the war in Ukraine, the Diocese of Venice has made it possible for the faithful to support charitable relief and assist in providing humanitarian aid, as well as necessary recovery efforts. Donations may be sent to the Diocese of Venice, with "Ukraine" indicated in the memo or note line at the following address: Diocese of Venice in Florida, Ukraine Relief, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285, or visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/> and click the donate button. Also, please keep the people of the Ukraine in your prayers.

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 Pope Francis, the Diocese of Venice will be holding various listening sessions. For questions, please email synod@dioceseofvenice.org online: <https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2022-synod-listening-sessions> or email synod@dioceseofvenice.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/>

Regret Having an Abortion? There is hope and healing is available. Contact Sylvia at (941) 412-5860 for confidential help and information about the next Project Rachel One Day Retreat or visit project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org

First Friday Prayer with Bishop Dewane: You are invited to join in prayer the first Friday of every month for a prayer session led by Bishop Dewane on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ccfdov/> For more information about the First Friday Prayer Intentions with Bishop Dewane you can visit our website at <https://ccfdioceseofvenice.org/first-friday-prayer-intentions/>

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).

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.

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>

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

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

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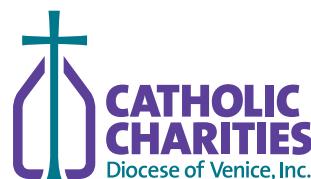
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