



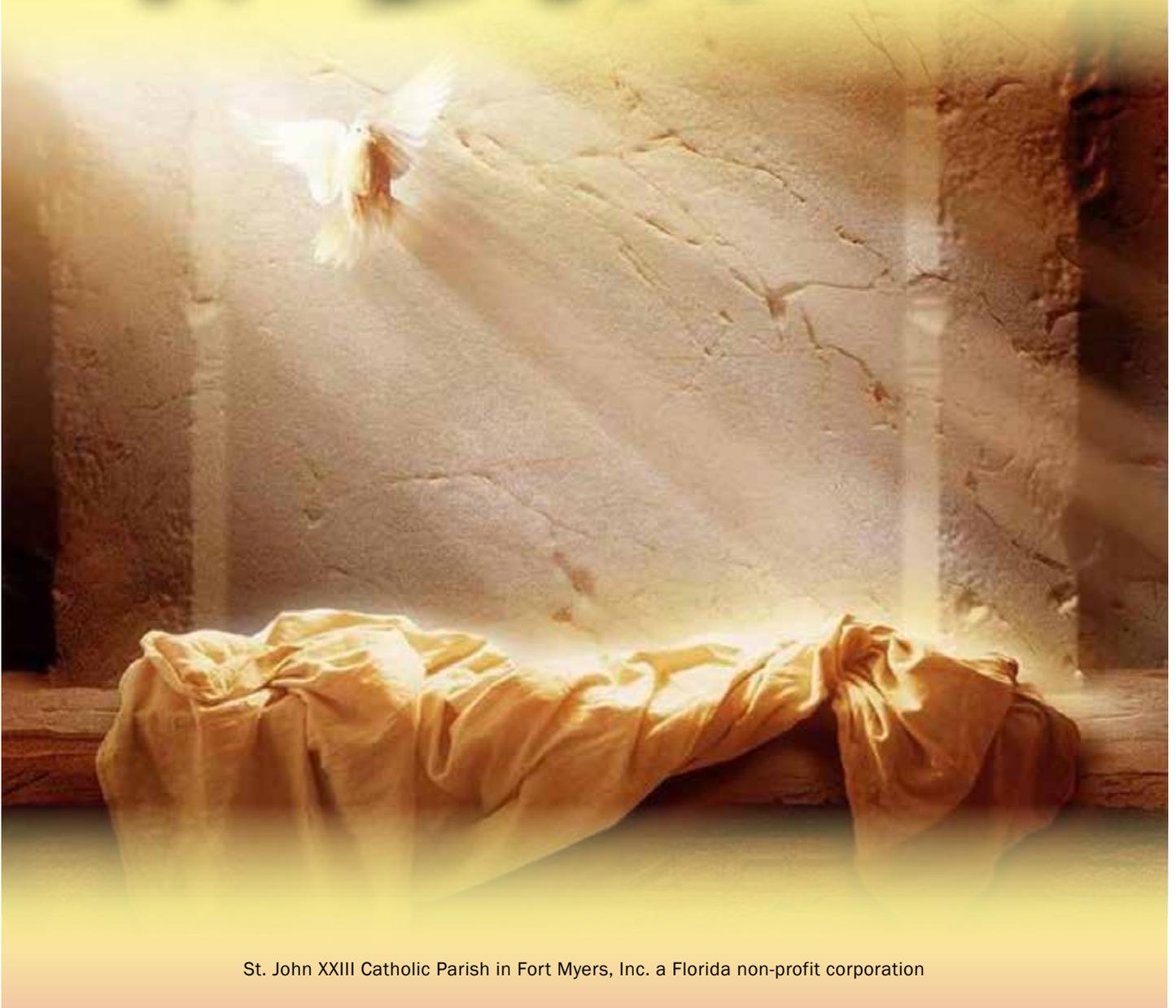
ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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April 17, 2022

He Is Risen!



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

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

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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.

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 18

- 8:00 AM † Kevin Deas by his family

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

- 8:00 AM † William James Leavy, Jr. by Jim & Barbara Lange

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

- 8:00 AM † Leona Cook by Paul & Judy Cook

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

- 8:00 AM † Isaura daSilva by Maria Giampaolo

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

- 8:00 AM † Raymond Marr by his family

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

- 8:00 AM † Gregg Evans by Olivia Verde
- 4:00 PM † Ronald Lindabury by Jane Kearns
- 8:00 PM - All Souls - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

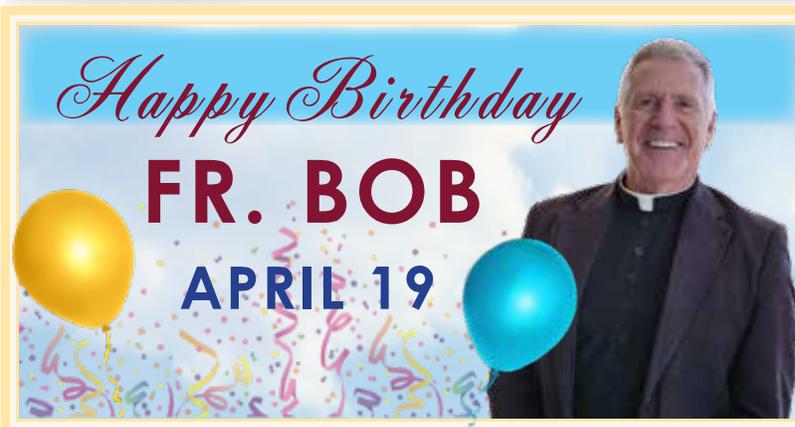
- 7:15 AM † Phyllis Benham by Sue & Craig Edwards
- 9:15 AM † Deceased Members Vaughn/Lehmkuhl Families by The Vaughns'
- 11:15 AM † H. Wayne Bates by Larry & Sharon Bauer
- 1:30 PM † Susan Duval by Marcia & David Brown

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 24, 2022 - READINGS

- 1ST READING ACTS 5:12-16
- PSALM PS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
- 2ND READING REV 1:9-11A, 12-13, 17-19
- GOSPEL JN 20:19-31



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He Is Risen!

RESURRECTION: HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

by: **Laura Bagby - CBN News**

Easter Sunday. To many it means the Easter bunny, a day of food and celebration. For some it is an obligatory church-attending holiday, after which life goes on as usual.

How sad that we have so quickly forgotten the true meaning of Easter. Our God reigns! Jesus Christ died, yes. But even more importantly, He rose again and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father, as we say in the Creed.

Jesus Christ literally defied death. But He did more than just a Houdini move. We “ooo” and “ahhh” over the narrow escapes by magicians like David Copperfield and others, but eventually even those daredevils will face death. Their power is limited.

But Jesus Christ was greater - He defied death FOREVER. Jesus Christ lives and reigns for eternity, whether you or I believe that fact or not.

And He has reclaimed life for all those who believe in Him. This is the second miracle of Easter. Through God’s work on the cross, we have access to eternal life as well:

- *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: ‘The righteous will live by faith’ (Romans 1:16-17).*
- *If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved (Romans 10:9-10).*
- *Whosoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven (Matt. 10:32-33).*

Please consider today the wonder of God’s power and His love for you. He knows you. He knows what you have done. He knows what you are going to do. But He is waiting for your response, my friend. God doesn’t need your praise or your service to Him; He desires it. It is not what we do for God that gets us into heaven and gives us a right relationship with God. It is only by faith in Jesus Christ. Look at these Scriptures:

- *Know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified (Galatians 2:16).*
- *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- not by works so that no one can boast (Ephesians 2:8-9).*

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day.

- Corinthians 15:3-4

Easter Sunday

PRAYER

Jesus, Risen Savior, we rejoice with You today. You have risen! Alleluia, Alleluia. With You we celebrate new life, new beginnings, new hope and new joy. May Your risen glory shine through us in all that we do and say. We praise God for raising You up and for giving us the gift of Your eternal presence.

Amen

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

- John 11:25-26



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
Jake Williams
Daly Lynn-Hajian
Sophia Bentz
Colleen Ryan
Lynne Mogell

Ross Mannina
Virginia Lochner
Steve Lane
Timothy Stephan Shea
Mark Joseph Lattner
Kimberly Ann
Judy Mayer
Paul Rotz
Laurie Gilligan
Maria Elena Terinoni
Michael Sturm
Benito Gonzalez
Brianna Bethany
Ron Nardi
George Lee
Mary Monaco
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 epayer.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!*

**John DelJuidice
June Verona**



Adoration Chapel

In Memory of: **Don Davies**
Requested by: **Cora**



Tabernacle Candle

In Honor of: **Asher Wilson**
Happy 1st Birthday
Requested by: **Leland & Cineme Wilson**





Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



Monday, April 18

- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - EASTER MONDAY
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am-3:45pm
- Men's Gospel Forum: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7am
- Craftie Ladies: The Villas - 1pm
- Women's Guild: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 6:30pm

Tuesday, April 19

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

Wednesday, April 20

- Respect Life Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 8:45am
- Pastoral Staff Meeting: Office Conference Room - 10am
- Faith Formation Session 1: PLC - 4:15pm
- Middle School Youth Group: PLC - 6pm
- Faith Formation Session 2: PLC - 6pm



Thursday, April 21

- Bridge: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 12:30pm
- Faith & Ale: Main Hall - 6pm
- Choir Practice: Church - 6pm
- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

Friday, April 22

- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

Saturday, April 23

- Vigil Mass: Church - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Church - 8pm

Sunday, April 24

- Masses: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am * *Livestreamed*
- RCIA: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 10:15am
- Hispanic Choir: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 11am
- Divine Mercy Mass: Main Hall - 3pm
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm * *via YouTube*
- Confirmation - MANDATORY: Main Hall - 5pm



WATCH AT HOME

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

ONLINE

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



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Jonathan & Colleen Inks
- Robert & Mary Ann Greenwald
- John & Carolyn Christly
- Kyle Pearson & Brooke Zanella
- Pasquale & Rose Ann Deadessis

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
 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
 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
 Maj. Paige Blevins USAF
 Maj. Christopher Blevins USAF
 Capt. Cameron Hortman USAF

Faith FORMATION

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

YOU GOTTA HAVE

LAST FAITH FORMATION CLASSES:

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

4/20 (Wednesday) - Last Faith Formation Class in the Parish Life Center



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**



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.

- **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 17:** NO SESSION

Middle School Youth Group

MSYG Sessions - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

- **April 20:** End of the Year Celebration

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

Thank You!



FROM THE

Women's Guild

We would like to thank all the bakers and those who either purchased or donated money at our recent bake sale. Because of your generosity, we were able to raise over **\$1,800** which will be donated to the pro-life agencies in town.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish community!



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. 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
- **Non-Perishable Donations:** If you are returning back home, please consider bringing your nonperishable items to church. These donations fill pantries in our area. Items can be dropped off in the Narthex.
(PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES)
- **FREE Rosary Repair:** Send broken rosaries in a padded envelope to: Betty & Dick Holden, 7930 Estero Blvd., #502, Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931. Rosaries will be returned within a week of receipt. For more information email: holdenbnd@gmail.com or call Dick at (239) 463-3993
- **Free Mental Health Services:** Catholic Charities offers free mental health services for adults, children and families. Counselors can help resolve a wide variety of issues such as stress, anger, anxiety, relationship problems, trauma, depression, low self-esteem and grief. Call (239) 337-4193
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What is Resurrection?



Why are eggs associated with Easter? Why are they such a powerful symbol of resurrection? Resurrection is transformation. The symbols of resurrection are many. So then, why eggs and Easter? An egg is totally changed. What is yellow and white liquid becomes alive with feathers and a chirp. If you look at the liquid of eggs alone, you would never tell what they would become. A liquid goo becomes a chicken – a sea gull, crow or magpie. Another Easter symbol is the seed, or acorn. You can look at a seed and never imagine what color it may turn out to have. Similarly with a caterpillar and butterfly. These are resurrection symbols because they become something else, totally unforeseen and beautiful. And yet there is continuity: the egg becomes a chicken; an acorn becomes an oak-tree; a caterpillar becomes a butterfly.

There are also human resurrection symbols: persons recovering from drug addiction or alcoholism become what they have despaired of happening. They are the same persons, but now transformed; they have new life, new hopes, and new possibilities. Another resurrection symbol might be a teenager becoming an adult: he or she is the same, but different with the new beauties of maturity.

The resurrection is an invitation to look around to see transformation, to see what is evil being changed, what is immature becoming adult; what appears inert like an egg or seed sprouting life.

But for the Christian, the resurrection has a still richer meaning. Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures.

The first thing we can see is that Jesus “was raised on the third day.” Who raised him? The Father by the power of the Holy Spirit (see Romans 1:3-4; 8:11). When we look at the resurrection appearances we notice that Jesus is not at first recognized by those who loved him and who were his close associates or disciples. The exception seems to be the Beloved Disciple who had special insight (see John 20:8; 21:7). The others come to faith; indeed faith was necessary to identify Jesus. The Risen Jesus is then the same but different. This can be put in another way by saying that Jesus is not resuscitated, but is resurrected.

Christ is risen, and has promised to take us with him. This life is not the end; we too will be transformed in endless life and beauty. Human life is good, but it will end. The resurrection gives hope and meaning to our existence here. We will be raised in His glory.



EASTER MESSAGE

from: *Bishop Dewane*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus Christ is Risen; Easter is our Triumphant Day. We share in Christ's victory over sin and death. With Holy Mother Church, rejoice and be glad. As Christians worldwide celebrate Easter Day, I encourage the Catholic Faithful of the Diocese of Venice to manifest the joy of your Easter Faith.

With Alleluias ringing out in our Churches, may all lift their voices in praise of the Risen Lord and rejoice in the great things God has done for us through Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Let us not be afraid to embrace the Risen Lord; allow His words and deeds to reflect the light that erupted from the empty tomb early in the morning of the first Easter. Let that be the light that burns brightly in the hearts of all believers.

No matter the challenges you and I face, Easter reminds us that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we have life in his name. He is Risen!

Easter is a time for us to be courageous witnesses to your Faith. Our family, friends, and neighbors need to hear the joyful message of Easter — Jesus Christ is Lord, and we have life in His name! May our hearts be opened to the need for something greater than ourselves. In this time when all things seem virtual, people are hungry for what is real, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Be witnesses of Christ this Easter Season.

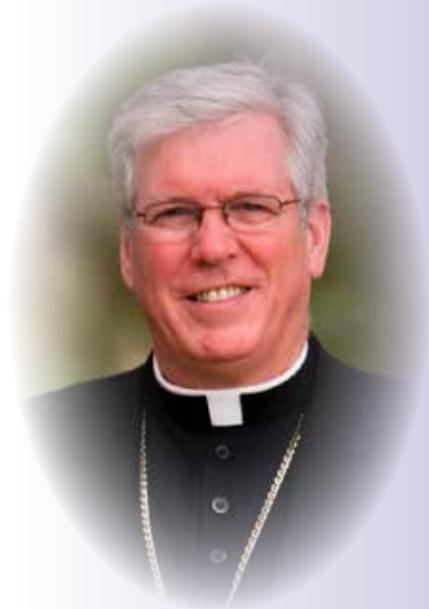
Know of my prayer for each of you and your family. I kindly ask the same of you. Let the light of the Risen Christ, symbolized by the Paschal Candle which shines in our churches during the Easter season, shatter any darkness you are experiencing. Allow the joyful Alleluia to refresh your faith, hope, and love.

May this Easter Season be a time of joy and hope for you and your family. I extend to you my Apostolic Blessing this Easter. May the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ-Risen from the dead- come down upon you and remain with you forever! Amen. Alleluia!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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



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

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Weekly Financials



NOT UPDATE	EASTER SUNDAY		Difference
	04-03-22	04-04-21	
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 - NO UPDATE

2022 Goal	\$458,000.00
Pledge	\$304,458.00
% of Goal	66.48%
% of Households	14.21%
Payments	\$5205,804.75

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



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.

Out & About

Our Church Parish



Thank You



We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped strip all the palms for Palm Sunday!



Parishioners, Walter and Catharine Sedlacek donated eggs filled with coins from the 40's-70's!





We will miss our Faith Formation director, Chris Biel. Thank you for your dedication to the parish family!



Special Thank You

Father Bob and the St. John XXIII staff, would like to thank all the volunteers and ministries who made Holy Week so wonderful. Your dedication allows us to appreciate the beauty of the Easter season!



Thank you for your continued love and support to our Parish Community!

EASTER JELLY BEAN PRAYER

RED Signifies all the love Jesus showed.

PURPLE Signifies the sadness of this death.

ORANGE Signifies the setting sun on that faithful Good Friday.

BLACK Signifies the nights Jesus spent in the tomb.

YELLOW Signifies the brightness of the Easter morning sun.

PINK Signifies our joy.

WHITE Symbolizes the Easter candle.

GREEN Symbolizes the hope, promise and new life of spring.

A bag of jellybeans colorful and sweet is a remembrance, a prayer, and a treat.

Have a wonderful Easter!

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 or visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/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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Guest Speaker
FR. SAJI

Be Blessed and Encouraged at our next Magnificat breakfast for women, **SATURDAY, APRIL 30**, from **9:30am-12:30pm** at the **Holiday Inn Airport**, located at Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers. Our speaker, Fr. Saji Ellickal, is the Parochial Vicar of St. John XXIII Catholic Church.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 21 - 6PM

St. John XXIII - Parish Life Center

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Guest Speaker:

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"Can Catholic Values Save Capitalism?"



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



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

EUCCHARISTIC 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>

EASTER FUN FACTS

- The tallest Easter egg chocolate was made in Italy in 2011. It stood at 10.39 meters and weighed an astounding 7,200 kg.
- The art of painting eggs is called pysanka, which originated in Ukraine. It involves using wax and dyes to color the egg.
- The term Easter gets its name from Eastre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess who symbolizes the hare and the egg.
- The exchange or giving of Easter eggs actually dates back to before Easter and the giving of eggs is actually considered a symbol of rebirth in many cultures.
- Americans consume more than 16 million jelly beans during this holiday. That is enough jelly beans to circle the globe not once, not twice, but three times.
- Peep peep! Did you know Americans buy more than 700 million marshmallow Peeps during Easter? This makes Peeps the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy.
- During the Easter holiday, more than 90 million chocolate bunnies, 91.4 billion eggs and 700 million Peeps are produced each year in the United States alone.
- Next to Halloween, Easter is the biggest candy consuming holiday of the year. Good thing they are almost six months apart, perfect for your yearly dentist check-ups!

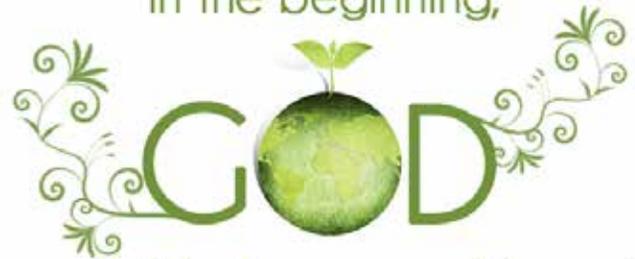
Happy Easter



A MESSAGE FROM BLESSED EARTH CARETAKERS



In the beginning,



created the heavens and the earth

Genesis 1:1

THE EARTH

GOD'S CREATION AND REVELATION

"Creation is the primary revelation and each being reveals something of the Divine. Everything, from the giant sequoia to the tiny wren, to the water in our wells, lakes and streams, to the air we breathe and the soil that grows our food is sacred. Every person—the child in the womb, the young, the elderly, laborers and unemployed, those who are vulnerable, economically poor, disempowered, or imprisoned—is to be revered and protected. Decisions concerning how we live our private and public lives and acquire and use resources are to reflect our care and concern for the well-being of the whole of creation."

From the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, Milwaukee, WI

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WITH THE FT. MYERS COMMUNITY

Participate in events such as the cleaning of the local beaches or attend educational programs for all ages at the "Calusa Nature and Planetarium Center" located at 3450 Ortiz Avenue in Ft. Myers.

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FOR THE EARTH IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD

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EVERY DAY IS EARTH DAY!





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