



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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May 22, 2022

SURRENDERING TO GOD'S TIMING

by: **Taryn Delong - Catholic Exchange**



*"There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity
under heaven."*

- Ecclesiastes 3:1

For millennials who grew up in the 1980s and 1990s, the jingle is familiar: "I don't wanna grow up; I'm a Toys'R'Us kid."

I never understood it. I couldn't wait to be a grownup—to go to college, to get married, to have babies. I loved imagining how many children I would have and what their names would be. A writer from an early age, I even wrote my dreams down as stories in which my husband, my children, and I were the starring characters.

Pretty soon into my 20s, though, I started to think those dreams would never come to fruition. I'd never had a boyfriend; the couple of dates I'd been on had gone nowhere other than disappointment. I had social anxiety disorder but had never really been treated for it, with the result being that I reached 25 convinced that I was unmarriageable.

Well-meaning people told me to be patient, it will happen when it's meant to, God's timing is the right

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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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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday,

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

239-561-2245

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, MAY 23

- 8:00 AM † Joyce Mraz by her husband, Dave

TUESDAY, MAY 24

- 8:00 AM ♥ M.J. Worthington by Betsy

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

- 8:00 AM † Mary Lou Tedeschi by Helen & Bob Tuffy

THURSDAY, MAY 26

- 8:00 AM † Gregg Evans by Corazon Manansala

FRIDAY, MAY 27

- 8:00 AM † Deceased Members of Meade/Bacon Families by Rosanne & Peter Meade

SATURDAY, MAY 28

- 8:00 AM † Natalia Delos Rios by Patrick & Linda Gross
- 4:00 PM † Rosemary Bullock by Pat & Rich Collins
- 8:00 PM - All Souls - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 29

- 7:15 AM † Thomas Temple by Tom & Ann-Marie Spakowski
- 9:15 AM † Jack Walsh by JoAnne Walsh
- 11:15 AM † Teagan DeMeo by Maria Pedalino
- 1:30 PM ♥ Margarita Montalvo by her family

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.

MAY 29: OBSERVE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

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|---------------|---------------------|
| • 1ST READING | ACTS 1:1-11 |
| • PSALM | PS 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 |
| • 2ND READING | EPH 1:17-23 |
| • GOSPEL | LK 24:46-53 |

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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. Old or broken rosaries may also be donated, repaired and sent to the missions.

For more information email: holdenbnd@gmail.com or call
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Surrendering CONTINUED



timing. I never believed them. I didn't want God's timing; I wanted my timing. And I was desperately afraid that God's timing was "never."

Things started to change the year I turned 27. I started seeing a therapist and worked with her to change my anxious thought patterns. And, as I started to challenge the idea that I couldn't get married, I started to accept the possibility that I wouldn't get married. I had to let go of my own plan and surrender to God's—even though I didn't know what it was.

Not at all coincidentally, it was about this time that I started going to Mass regularly again, started praying more often, and helped start a small group of young adults at my parish. I started making new friends, and a few months later, through those friends, I met the man who is now my husband. I was 28 when we started dating and turned 31 the week we got married. My wedding and my marriage came later than I had always dreamed and have been so much better than I'd ever hoped.

If the path to my vocation had followed my timing, not God's, my husband would not be in my life. Our daughter would not exist. They are worth the wait, but I wish I'd learned to trust God sooner. I could have lived those years in faith rather than fear.

Here's what I've learned since that time (and learning this lesson is an ongoing process!): Surrender to God's will is a key to contentment—and it takes practice. That surrender requires trust, and if you're not used to trusting God, you can't snap your fingers and start trusting him any more than you can start trusting a new friend with your deepest secrets.

Like when learning a new skill, you will probably not be good at trusting God at first. You may have to pray for the desire to trust him first. Like the father of the boy with the demon in the Gospel of Mark, you may say, "I believe!" while still praying, "Help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24). There have been times where I have repeated that prayer over and over —"Lord, I believe! Help my unbelief!"—begging for the faith to trust God with the biggest concerns of my life.

Another prayer I have on repeat in times when I am feeling anxious and unable to surrender a concern to God is from the surrender novena. A nine-day prayer by Servant of God Don Dolindo Ruotolo, each day of the novena consists of a message Don Dolindo said came from Jesus himself, as well as 10 recitations of a prayer Jesus gave him: "Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!"

I first heard of the novena early in my motherhood, when I was struggling to trust God, and prayed it right away over the next nine days. The beautiful gift of this novena, for me, has been the prayer— "Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything"—which is now there in my heart, whenever I need it.

The Catechism states that "the Father who gives us life cannot not but give us the nourishment life requires – all appropriate goods and blessings, both material and spiritual. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus insists on the filial trust that cooperates with our Father's providence. He is not inviting us to idleness, but wants to relieve us from nagging worry and preoccupation. Such is the filial surrender of the children of God".

A LETTER FROM

Bishop Dewane

Support the Catholic Communication Campaign

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Through websites, social networks, television, radio and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media. This makes it possible for campaigns supporting marriage, family and catechesis to reach millions on radio and television. Half of the collected funds stay right here in the Diocese of Venice and the other half supports the collective communication work of the US Bishops.

The Catholic Communication Campaign also assists with scholarship programs which provide funds for training Catholic communicators. Here, in the Diocese of Venice alone, this campaign partially funds TV Masses for the homebound who are physically unable to attend the Holy Mass, as well as the radio show "Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane." Please prayerfully consider supporting this important work in the upcoming Collection which will be held in the Diocese of Venice on **NEXT WEEKEND: May 28 and 29, 2022.**

This opportunity is taken to extend to each of you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayer that the Easter Season is filled with joy and exultation at the Resurrection of Our Lord.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane

+ 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
Gary Neubauer
Ron Hudepohl
Denise Vannelli
Laura Ford
Tony Gagnet
Susan Davies
Cynthia & William
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
Tom Dolan
Tony Navy
JoAnne Walsh
JC Alvarez
Carmelo Santos
Mary Collins

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 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!

Donald Ball
Michael J. Kennedy



Adoration Chapel

In Honor of: **Yesenia N. Villanueva**
Class of 2022
Requested by: **her parents**



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Mary Lou Tedeschi**
Requested by: **Kay Woods Conway**





Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER

Monday, May 23

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

Tuesday, May 24

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

Wednesday, May 25

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: Office Conference Room - 10am
- Sharing Our Faith Journey: Main Hall - 6pm

Thursday, May 26

- Choir Practice: Church - 6pm
- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: Main Hall - 7pm

Friday, May 27

- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

Saturday, May 28

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

Sunday, May 29

- 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*
- Followed by hospitality in the Main Hall 3-6pm

- June Bingo is cancelled

CANCELLED

WATCH AT HOME

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

ONLINE

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

WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Douglas & Kimberly Florine
- Louis & Elizabeth Cioffi
- Charles & Stephanie Walton
- Anthony Corsetto & Lauren Casey
- Elmes & Catherine Cardoza

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
PFC Alan Copeland

Faith FORMATION

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



Faith Formation classes have ended for the 2021-2022 School year. Registration for the 2022-2023 School year will begin in July. St. Francis students: if you have a child who will be entering 2nd grade next year, you will need to register and attend Sacramental Preparation Sessions. Please watch the bulletin for details.



VACATION BIBLE CAMP:

Vacation Bible Camp has now filled!

TOTUS TUUS:

Totus Tuus (Totally Yours), is a Catholic summer youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship. The goal of Totus Tuus is to help young people grow in the understanding of, and strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ. It is only by establishing a real and personal relationship with Him that we can be led to love of the Father in the Spirit and so be made sharers in the life of the Holy Trinity. The camp is run by College age students hired by the Diocese and trained specifically for this Camp.

To learn more about the program, please visit:
<https://totustuus.church/>

The camp will be held at St. John XXIII July 11-15.

CAMP TIMES:

Grades 1 through entering 5th from 9:00am-3:00pm
Monday-Friday

Middle and High School from entering 6th through 12
from 7:30am-9:45am Monday-Thursday.

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.

- **June 2:** 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

Registration for 2022-23 season will begin July 1st. Both Year one and Year two students must register through our parish website under the sacraments tab.

High School Youth Group

HSYG Social Sessions: Sundays 5pm - 6pm

HSYG Social Sessions, Sundays 11:15am Mass and Social on summer break.

Middle School Youth Group

MSYG Sessions - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

Registration for 2022-23 Season will be online July 1 under the education tab on the parish website. Youth Ministry will open with a concert on August 28.

We have two camps this summer: Vacation Bible School June 13-17 and Totus Tuus July 11-15.

Youth Council

Meets quarterly: The mission of St. John XXIII Youth Council is to challenge and equip children of God with the tools to inspire and disciple others while giving a voice to young leaders to serve love and grow with the St. John XXIII Community.

Volunteer Opportunities

Visit Sign up Genius website at:

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

Hispanic Ministry **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



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

la trata de personas

La trata de personas puede sucederle a cualquiera, pero algunas personas son más vulnerables que otras.

Obtenga ayuda de la Línea Directa Nacional de Trata de Personas: **1-888-373-7888** o enviando un mensaje de texto con **HELP** o **INFO** to **BeFree (233733)**





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:** Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. For more information please email thrift@johnxxiii.net or visit www.bpjthrift.com
- **Yarn/Fabric Needed:** The Craftie Ladies are in need of more yarn to make projects. You may drop off the donations in the church Narthex.
- **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.
- **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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BEREAVEMENT AND BEYOND



If you lost a loved one, we offer a safe, supportive place to deal with this life changing event.

The Bereavement and Beyond Group is now meeting each Tuesday from 1pm-3pm in the Parish Life Center in rooms: St. Bernadette and St. Michael.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact the Parish office at **(239) 561-2245**

Blood Pressure Check

Last Weekend of Every Month



We've missed you.

The Parish Nurses have missed you at the blood pressure table! For two years we have had to set aside face to face activities like blood pressure checks but now we are back!

Please come over and get back in the swing of those simple checks that help keep you healthy. Let us show the nurses some love!

We're Back! MAY 28-29
IN THE NARTHEX AFTER ALL MASSES

SUNDAY HAPPENINGS

Surviving Divorce

Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family

Join Us! For an Information Session: 9:00am - Parish Life Center

We are pleased to announce that St. John XXIII is starting a Surviving Separation & Divorce Ministry. The mission and purpose of this ministry is to create a safe and nurturing environment based in our Catholic faith for everyone surviving divorce. This ministry is open to anyone at any phase of divorce whether newly separated or divorced for many years. **We ask that those interested in joining ATTEND AN INFORMATION SESSION ON Sunday, May 22 at 9:00am** in the Parish Life Center.

This **12 week Diocesan approved program** will be facilitated by **Carole Wheeler-Antle**. *The course will focus on:*

- **Working through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce.**
- **Find personal healing and growth.**
- **Discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you.**

OFFICIAL MEETINGS will begin **Sunday, June 12 at 9:00am** and occur every two weeks. For questions, please contact **Carole Wheeler-Antle** at wacarole@comcast.net or call/text **(239) 850-7443**



Fr. Angelo's Anniversary

Let's Honor and Celebrate!

After the 9:15am & 11:15am Masses - Parish Life Center

Last year due to Covid restrictions, we were unable to celebrate Fr. Angelo's 50th Ordination Anniversary. Join us on **Sunday, May 22 after the 9:15am and 11:15am Masses**, as we honor this wonderful milestone! We will have hospitality in the Parish Life Center to celebrate Fr. Angelo's 51st anniversary of priesthood.



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 _____



ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

Weekly Financials



	05-15-22	05-16-21	Difference
Offertory	\$31,084.76	\$26,464.00	\$4,620.76
Building Fund	\$2,994.00	\$1,702.00	\$1,292.00
Total	\$34,078.76	\$28,166.00	\$5,912.76
Mass Attendance	2407	2716	
Registered Families	3541	3542	

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

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2022 Catholic Faith Appeal

2022 Goal	\$458,000.00
Pledge	\$383,952.46
% of Goal	83.83%
% of Households	17.68%
Payments	\$285,126.29

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, please email:

Holly Atkins: holly@johnxxiii.net



Thank You

FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

A special thank you to all of the people that support our poor box. The poor box has been able to help many of our own families that have extra needs.

Thank you for supporting our parish community!

*"for it is in
giving
that we receive."*

St. Francis of Assisi



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SPRING RAFFLE WINNERS

APRIL 4: \$100 EACH

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- Emma Dente

APRIL 11: \$200 EACH

- William Pautler
- Eileen Mitchell

APRIL 18: \$300 EACH

- Olivia Verde
- Tom Embrosky

APRIL 25: \$400 EACH

- Lawrence Bonora
- Cheslik Thomas - donated back

MAY 2 : \$500 EACH

- Lawrence Bonora
- Mary Ceccoli

\$2,500 GRAND PRIZE

- Louis Cooper - donated back



Parish NURSING MINISTRY **FIND A RIDE**

www.FindaRideFlorida.org



FindaRideFlorida.org helps older adults stay safe and mobile for life. The Florida Department of Transportation's Safe Mobility for Life Program partnered with the University of Florida, Institute for Mobility, Activity and Participation, partnered to launch this online listing of transportation service providers throughout all of the state's 67 counties.

Older adults looking for transportation options beyond their driver's seat, can take advantage of Florida's new and improved statewide resource. Users can visit FindaRideFlorida.org to enter where they would like to start and end their trip, then click on "Find a Ride," and the site will populate a list of transportation service providers that can take them where they want to go. The list appears in alphabetical order and contact information is provided.

FindaRideFlorida.org is helping adults to stay safe and mobile for life. For more information contact **Helen Tuffy** at: helengtuffy@gmail.com

Sharing Our

FAITH

Journey

FREE SESSIONS

As a follow up to the "**Growing Rich in Mercy**" classes with Fr. Bill Jarema, we will offer a 4-week class to share our faith stories with each other. A new topic will be presented each week with time for listening, praying, and sharing in small groups. **Holly Atkins** is facilitating.

Sign up for any class on our website:
<https://johnxxiii.net/news/>

Next Wednesday Classes: May 25 and June 1 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the Parish Life Center.

For more information email: holly@johnxxiii.net

Out & About

Our Church Parish



New Crucifix

A new cross has been installed inside the Adoration Chapel. We thank our anonymous donor for this beautiful cross made by Chris Scala, who created our Stations of the Cross in the Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel and our monstrance in the Adoration Chapel. His work is wonderful and adds to the beauty of our parish.

Never Forget

The 9/11 statue now sits in the Memorial Garden. Remains from Ground Zero are encapsulated within the design. Thank you to our anonymous donor for this wonderful gift. A blessing of the statue will take place on September 11.



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MONTH OF MAY



Women's Guild



SHOWER

During the month of May, The St. John XXIII Women's Guild is sponsoring a baby shower to support women in need of help with their babies. Items will be donated to the pro-life pregnancy centers in town.

All items donated must be new. Due to Covid, they are **unable to accept used items**.

You can donate one item or if you wish you can make up a basket for a child of a particular age. Items may be left at the display crib in the narthex. They are looking for items for sizes 0-2T. Items needed are:

- Diapers of any size
- Onesies
- Clothing 0-2T
- Blankets
- Bibs
- Lotions etc.
- Crib sheets
- Gift cards to Walmart or Target
- Bottles
- Pacifiers
- Donations of cash for cribs and car seats



Please write in the check memo line:
"Women's Guild Baby Shower"

All gift cards and checks may be left in the church office or in the collection basket. Please mark your envelope: **"WG Baby Shower"**

For more information contact **Sue Edwards** at:
sgedwards007@gmail.com

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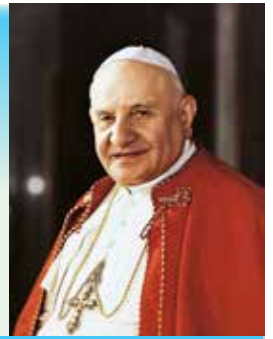
Thank You!

*"Dear St. John XXIII,
Thank you for the abundance of gifts: bibs,
bottles, diapers, food, wipes, clothing, and
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*We are so grateful for your support of this
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Our Lady of Fatima ROSARY RALLY:

WHEN:

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Come join in 365 prayer every Wednesday any time
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FIRST FRIDAY of Every Month:

If you are at the Adoration Chapel, we ask that
during the regular hours people offer up special
prayers for an end to the death penalty.

THIRD WEDNESDAY of Every Month:

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

CONTACT US:

If you would like more information, or interested in
volunteering, email: respectlifejohn23@gmail.com
or call Maureen Nash at **(239) 823-6800**

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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.

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.

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

English as a 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 you are interested, please call Mary at (443) 567 9200

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>

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

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

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MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

It's officially May, which means it's also National Military Appreciation Month: an excellent time to honor both active and former members of our armed forces. To help do our part to thank those in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, Space Force, National Guard and beyond, we've rounded up more than 30 awesome military discounts available from the likes of Nike, Samsung and more.

What is National Military Appreciation Month?

Officially recognized by Congress in 1999, National Military Appreciation Month includes several key dates pertaining to our soldiers: Loyalty Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, VE Day, Armed Forces Day and of course, Memorial Day.

Many of the military discounts found should extend far beyond these calendar dates, however, so these hard-working members of our community can get their thanks all year long. Keep in mind that some of the sites may require you to confirm your eligibility through third-party sites, but nabbing these exclusive discounts is still as easy as one, two, three.



REMEMBER. HONOR. SUPPORT.

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Join **Military.com** as we honor the service and sacrifice of members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, Space Force and National Guard as well as the contribution of their spouses.

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the chance to publicly show their appreciation for troops past and present.

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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHAPEL

Stations of the Cross

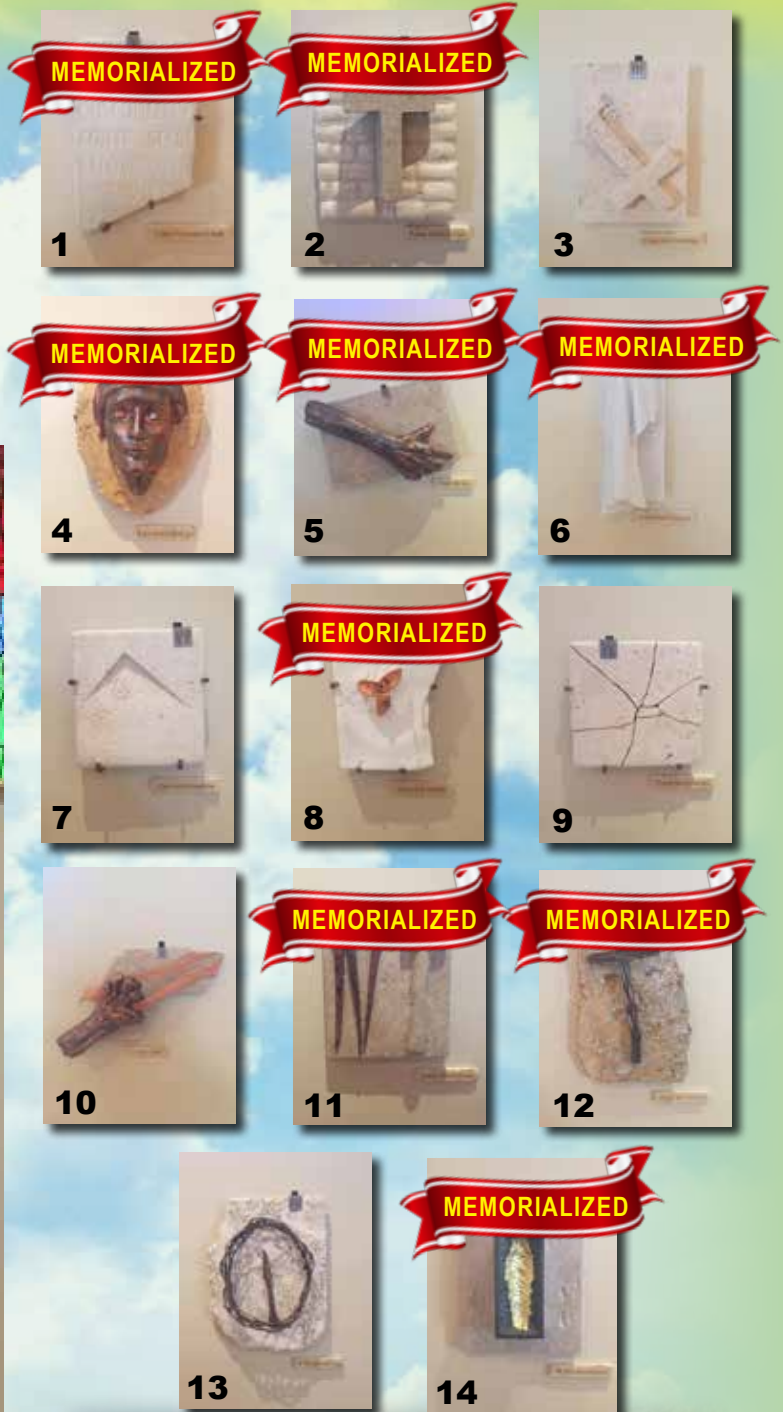
MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE

Artist Chris Scala has designed the beautiful new Stations of the Cross in the Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel. You may want to memorialize one of the stations. The cost is **\$5,000** per station.

This would be a great way to memorialize a loved one. For more information contact **Holly Atkins** in the Parish Office at holly@johnxxx.net



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