



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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January 1, 2023

Solemnity

OF MARY

Mother

OF GOD

By her motherhood, MARY shows us that humility and tenderness are not virtues of the weak but of the strong.

Pray for us, Oh Holy Mother of God. May we be made worthy of the promises of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Pope Francis

January 1, 2023

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

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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, JANUARY 2

- 8:00 AM † Gene McElroy by Michael & Elizabeth Kane

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

- 8:00 AM † Peggy Pash by her family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

- 8:00 AM † Claude & Annie Nardin by Bertrand Nardin

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

- 8:00 AM † Marilyn Majeri by Marvin & Kay Clark

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

- 8:00 AM † Robert & Mary Hickey by JoAnn Gair Wilson

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

- 8:00 AM ♥ Armenito & Grace Engracia
50th Wedding Anniversary
- 4:00 PM † Rose & Fred Bruno by John & Ernestine Bruno
- 8:00 PM † Anna - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

- 7:15 AM † Audrey Koinig by her husband, Ed
- 9:15 AM † Theodore Bierch, Jr. by his wife, Alice
- 11:15 AM † Maria Rozzo by Dominica Picinic
- 1:15 PM † Rolando T. Garcia, Jr. by Krista Pfaff

MASS INTENTION UPDATE

The 2023 book is NOW open. Please visit the parish office for requests. Other options will remain available such as Tabernacle Candle \$15 per week and Eucharistic Host \$15 per week.

JANUARY 8, 2023 - READINGS

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|---------------|------------------------------|
| • 1ST READING | IS 60:1-6 |
| • PSALM | PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 |
| • 2ND READING | EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6 |
| • GOSPEL | MT 2:1-12 |

FIRST FRIDAY *Adoration*

JANUARY 6, 2023
THE ADORATION CHAPEL
will be open **8:30am - 8:00pm**

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The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023



SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PRAYER:
*Pray for us, Oh Holy Mother of God. May we
be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

We celebrate the liturgical feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary on January 1st, which is the Octave of Christmas. Only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an octave, which is an eight day extension of the feast.

The honoring of Mary as the Mother of God can be traced back to the Council of Ephesus in 431. By the 7th century, January 1st was observed as a celebration of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the 13th century, the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ had come to replace the feast honoring Mary; however in 1751, after a push in Portugal for an official feast day celebrating Mary's divine maternity, Pope Benedict XIV allowed Portugal's churches to devote a feast to Mary on the first Sunday in May. Eventually, the feast extended to other countries, and in 1914 began to be observed on October 11. In 1931, Pope Pius XI extended the feast to the entire church, and in 1974, Pope Paul VI removed the feast of the Circumcision of Christ from the liturgical calendar and replaced it with the feast of the "Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God", bringing Mary's feast day back to the first day of the year.

The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer". On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, or sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace". New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace", further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.

PRAYER FOR

THE Blessed MOTHER



Oh God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

Prayer List

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

Marlene LaRose
Gary Neubauer
Ron Hudepohl
Laura Ford
Tony Gagnet
Scott Dugan
Cynthia & William
Alma Walton
Carol Gannon
Sophia Bentz
Diane Hedges
Jim Benham
Janene
Elethia
Dr. Gerardo Alfaro, Jr.
Doug Thompson
Tabatha Zavetsky
Kelly Graham

Deborah Moerner
Rosanne Meade
Timothy Shea
Mark Lattner
Mary Monaco
Maeve Walsh
Maureen Gatt
Doris Westberry
Lucy Sloan Pautler
Hayden Lecius
Brook Jones
Ella
Celeste Cavazos
Sue Yingling
John Hagan
Alan Podbesek
Alexandra Peterson
Ronald French

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 epriayer.stjohn23@gmail.com

Their names will be circulated to an ever-growing list of people who will pray for them by name!

Join our ePrayer community and give the gift of prayer. Register at: <https://johnxxiii.net/e-prayer/>

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, Oh Lord!

John Paul Coogan



Eucharist Bread

In Memory of: **Robert Hickey**
Requested by: **JoAnn Gair Wilson**



Altar Flowers

Depending on the Liturgical season, flowers may be purchased to commemorate anniversaries, birthdays etc.



For more information contact MaryAnn in the parish office at: maryann@johnxxiii.net or call (239) 561-2245



Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



Monday, January 2

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

Tuesday, January 3

- Opening the Word: Zoom/PLC - 9am
- Bereavement: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- AA Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Wednesday, January 4

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: OCR - 10am
- Adult Choir Practice: Chapel - 6:15pm

Thursday, January 5

- Bridge: PLC/St. Michael/St. Bernadette - 12:30pm
- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: PLC/St. Martha/Mary - 7pm
- Rooted: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Friday, January 6

- 1st Friday Adoration: Church - 8:30am
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am-8pm
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

Saturday, January 7

- M&M Drive after all Masses: Narthex
- Growing Rich in Mercy: Main Hall - 9am-12pm
- Vigil Mass: Church - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Church - 8pm

Sunday, January 8

- M&M Drive after all Masses: Narthex Masses: 7:15am, 9:15am & 11:15am * *Livestreamed*
- Hospitality after 7:15am & 9:15am only: Main Hall
- Pre-school Bible Class: St. Suzanna - 9:15am
- RCIA: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 10:15am
- Hispanic Choir: St. Therese - 11am
- New Family Orientation: Chapel - 12:15pm
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm * *via YouTube*

WATCH AT HOME

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

ONLINE

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



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Jordan Snyder
- Kristin Gwinner
- Teresa Grain
- Lauren Basen
- Marc & Michelle Weitlauf
- Ronald & Carmela Elderkin
- Michael & Jacqueline Moran
- John Riley & Laurie Carrick

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 Sunday, January 8, 2023 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	Cavalry Scout Specialist,
Sean Ball	Ryan Silva, Army
Major Bart Boma	2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC
Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove	Jared Broemmell, US Navy
Sgt. Phil Dellibovi	2nd Lt. Edward Hudson
CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces	Tillinghast IV, Army
Sgt. Jared Gaudet	Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force
Capt. Kellyn C. Hall	Com. Craig Fowler, USN
Andrew Herman	Eric Sanchez, US Air Force
Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl	Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army,
PFC Michael P Hughes	82nd ABN
SPC Michael Jednak	CPL Eric Lyons, USMC
PFC Andrew Kanopkh	2nd Lt. Nicholas Meunier, US Army
Michael Klem	Robert Trenton Morell, Medic
Major Bradley D. Laux	Specialist US Army
Capt. Jacob Mundo, US Army	Michael Thomas Morell, US Navy
SSGT Anthony Padula	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 Broemmell	Maj. Paige Blevins USAF
Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo	Maj. Christopher Blevins USAF
Col. Scott C. Woodward	Capt. Cameron Hortman USAF
Andrew Hawkinson, USN	PFC Alan Copeland



General Announcements

- **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!
- **Text to Give:** Text the dollar amount to 239-356-6529 to donate to our Offertory Fund and it will be processed.
- **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.
- **Non-Perishable Donations:** 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.
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:45pm & Saturday 8:30am-3pm. First Friday Adoration and extended Friday hours in December during Advent. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit: johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/
- **Respect Life Ministry:** This is open to all who are interested in learning about LIFE issues from conception to natural death. If you would like to be kept up to date please join our email list at at: respectlifejohn23@gmail.com
- **Keep Our Database Current:** Have you moved, changed email addresses, dropped a landline or changed your cell number? Please email maryann@johnxxiii.net with any changes or additions to your contact information.
- **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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POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

2023

JANUARY: FOR EDUCATORS

We pray that all educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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



ST. JOHN XXIII

THRIFT store



Selling quality goods
for the good of others.

January

30% OFF Framed Art/Painting 3' & Over

25% OFF Clothing, Scarves, Hats, Gloves,
& Boots

20% OFF Plastic Kitchenware

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

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

Visit our Website: www.bpjthrift.com

Aspire TO BE LIKE Mary IN THE NEW YEAR

by: **Cynthia James - Catholic News Service**

The story of Christmas is beautiful and inspiring but also it is so easy to overlook and let the beauty of it fade with time. Now that Christmas has passed, think about Mary and her perspective on it all. Here are ways we should all strive to be more like Mary:

UNSHAKABLE FAITH

Faith is the best way to describe the journey Mary took. Faith became the only way she could survive. She trusted a God she could not see to protect her, her family, and her new baby. She had faith that her future was in the hands of her Heavenly Father and He would never leave her or forsake her. She stood strong in her unshakeable faith knowing that everything would happen to bring glory to Him. That even in her darkest and scariest time God was in complete control. In a world this crazy, faith in God is the only way to keep us going. Knowing that the King of the world is on your side and will fight every battle you face is all you need.

PURE HEART

Being pure and having a pure heart is such a beautiful quality that I believe God uses to separate us, especially His daughters, from what this world says is right and good. Mary shows us not just pure faith but also a pure heart to do the will of God. In the world of we live in setting our self to a higher standard is never easy but just like Mary it sets us apart and helps our faith grow in many ways.

CONFIDENT IN GOD'S PLAN

Mary had no say in the things going on in her life, but she was confident and trusted that her Heavenly Father's plan was so much greater than she could imagine. We are called to stand confident in every season of our live, no matter how scary or dark the season is. We must always know that God is in complete control. God knows the desires of our heart and also what is best for us, even if it is not exactly what you expect. Mary was a young girl who was planning on being married, having a baby was definitely not in her plans but still she showed great strength and trust in the hardest part of her life.

SACRIFICE

Mary was a not married yet and was with child even though she was still a virgin. You could only imagine what she was thinking and how she was going to explain that to everyone. In that time the excuse "an angel told me I was doing this for God" is not a good excuse to being pregnant and not married. For many reason she should have been stoned to death or shunned but Mary stood strong in the promise God made to her. Mary had to sacrifice her whole life to fulfill the will of God. She trusted God to protect her even if that meant she lost everything. If only Mary knew she was sacrificing her life for the one who would sacrifice His life to save the whole world.

BE HUMBLE AND SELFLESS

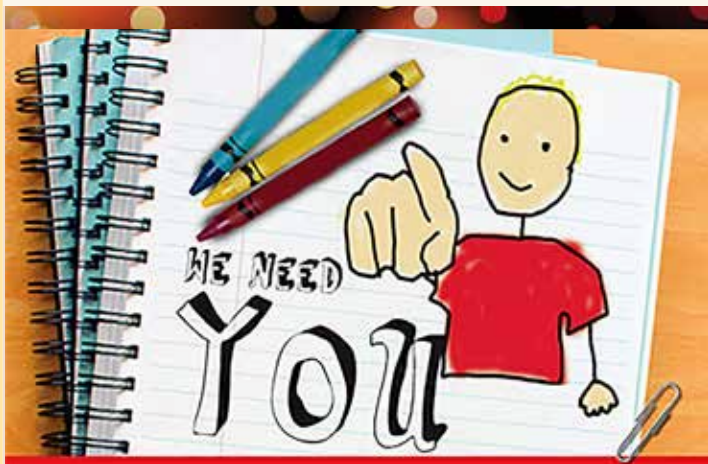
It could have been so easy for Mary to pity herself, her situation, and make this all about her. Instead she found strength in her faith and humbled herself to do the work that only she could do. Being humble and selfless can be the hardest part of being a child of God. Mary's example is like no others. Realizing that the work God is doing in your life is so much greater than you think and remembering it is not about you but giving all the glory to the King of Kings.

We have now celebrated the birth of our savior, so challenge yourself to pray to be more like Mary. Holding yourself to a high standard and living out your faith even if it feels impossible. Remember, God used an ordinary young girl to be the mother of the Savior of the world!



Faith FORMATION

Contact: Frannie Cerniglia | 561-7499 | franniedre@johnxxxiii.net



SEEKING TEACHERS, ASSISTANTS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS

YOU do NOT need to be a teacher to share the gift of God's love and word with the children of our parish!

WE NEED HELP, WE NEED YOU!

We are currently in need of extra assistance with our Faith Formation program. You do not need any previous experience as we will provide you with the needed training. You just need to be available on Wednesday afternoons or evenings as we have 2 sessions; one at 4:15pm and one at 6:00pm We are looking for:

- People willing to substitute when our regular catechists are absent
- Additional people to take attendance and walk groups of children from one classroom to another classroom for Grades Kindergarten – 5th grade.

Do you like working with children? Do you have a passion for Scripture? If you answered yes to these two questions, then we hope you will answer the call to volunteer to help us with Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) either at the 9:15am or the 11:15 Mass. If we get enough volunteers, we often only need you to help out once or twice a month. We are organizing a meeting for you to come learn more about CLOW and how rewarding this ministry can be! Mark your calendar for January 8th as we will meet in between the 9:15 & 11:15 Masses, so approximately 10:20am. We will meet in the PLC in the St. Joanna Classroom. Please call or email us at the contact below if you are able to join us for this meeting.

For more information, please call 239-561-7499 or email FrannieDre@johnxxxiii.net

New Parishioner Orientation

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8
after the 11:15am Mass



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 next Sunday.

Celebrating Children at



ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

To the parents of our young children, may we suggest...

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children, don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- Sit toward the front where it is easier to see and hear.
- Quietly explain the parts of the Mass.
- Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- If you need to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back.
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to Church, and to God. Let them know they are at home in this Liturgical gathering.

To members of the parish, a smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small active children.



Coordinator of Youth Ministries 561-3022 xt 107
Contact: Kelly Evers | kelly@johnxxiii.net

Rooted at St. John XXIII

Welcoming all Young Adults 18 - 39

Rooted meets on the first Thursday of each month.

- **January 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

Both Year one and Year two students must register through our parish website under the Sacraments tab. Program begins in September each year.

High School Youth Group

HSYG Social Sessions: Sundays 11:15am Mass and Social

REGISTRATION and SCHEDULE are located under the EDUCATION TAB on Parish Website.

Middle School Youth Group

MSYG Sessions - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

Registration and the schedule are located under the education tab on Parish Website.

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



FUNDRAISER

ST. JOHN XXIII YOUTH MINISTRY
is raising money for our
YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIPS

AFTER ALL MASSES
THE WEEKEND OF
JANUARY 7 & 8

Youth Ministry will be handing out M&M's in the Narthex after the Masses on January 7 & 8.

- Enjoy the candy and return the canister filled with a donation for Youth Ministry.
- Distribution Weekend of January 7 & 8
- Return the following week.
- If donating coins please roll them before placing in the canister.



Epiphany HOUSE BLESSING

Materials: A piece of chalk and a small container of holy water. Gather with family, friends, and neighbors at the front door.

Leader: In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray: *Christus mansionem Benedicat.* May Christ bless this house!

ALL: Amen

We sign this doorway with four crosses and the numerals of the new year. {20 + C + M + B + 17}

Materials: (or other Reader)

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

We look forward to the new heavens and the new earth God has promised, a dwelling place of righteousness. The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Each room of the house is sprinkled with holy water.

LIVING ROOM:

You are present where two or three are gathered. Bless this room, Oh Lord. ALL: Amen!

KITCHEN:

Give us this day our daily bread.

Bless this room, Oh Lord. ALL: Amen!

DINING ROOM:

May we be seated at the heavenly banquet.

Bless this room, Oh Lord. ALL: Amen!

BEDROOMS:

Protect us, stay with us through the night.

Bless this room, Oh Lord. ALL: Amen!

BATHROOM:

You cleanse us always from sin.

Bless this room, Oh Lord. ALL: Amen!

All return to the front door to pray together.

Leader: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father....

The leader sprinkles all present with holy water and concludes:

Bless this household through all days to come, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen!



God Bless our Home
Peace To All Who Enter

Guest Speaker

MARY KAZOR

Saturday, January 14

4:00pm Mass

Sunday, January 15

9:15am Mass

Ministry Need:

The Arimatheans are a dedicated group in our parish who attend Funeral Masses to provide prayerful support for the deceased and their families. Many times, there are not many family and friends that are able to attend, so the Arimatheans are there to represent the faith community.

For more Information:

Contact Mary Kazor at mary.kazor@gmail.com or call the parish office at (239) 561-2245



Saturday JANUARY 21

ALL ARE WELCOME





ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

Weekly Financials



	12-18-22	12-19-21	Difference
Offertory	\$48,389.43	\$37,565.92	\$10,823.51
Building Fund	\$1,443.30	\$1,890.00	(\$446.70)
Total	\$49,832.73	\$39,455.92	\$10,376.81
Mass Attendance	2876	1326	
Registered Families	3715	3609	

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	\$579,587.41
Payments	\$571,171.42

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



Thank You! FOR SAVING LIVES

Our sincere gratitude to St. John XXIII Catholic Church for hosting the Lee Health Bloodmobile on Sunday, December 11th. If it wasn't for the generosity of the parishioners at St. John XXIII Catholic Church, many people would not be alive today. We are humbled when we tell you that you are helping us save lives every single day, something we could never achieve without blood donations like yours. We had 14 people who wanted to donate and 14 who were eligible. That's up to 42 lives saved! Thank you for your donations.

Your next chance to SAVE A LIFE!

The next bloodmobile is scheduled for **Sunday, February 5th**, 8am-1pm with a goal of 25 donors.



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If you are interested in helping with gardening, trimming, watering etc., please contact:

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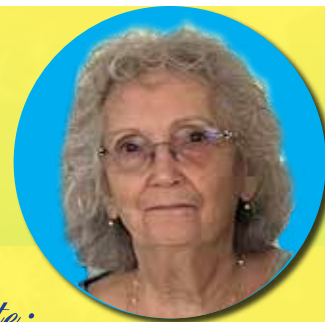
Picture from the October mini sale in the Narthex



Craftie Ladies pictured at the December Craft Fair



Message from JUDY SIEGEL



Craft Sale Update:

Hello everyone! We hope you are all fine and had a wonderful and blessed Christmas. Hurricane Ian could not stop us for long! We had a mini sale in the Narthex in October to sell our fall items. All of the proceeds from the fall sale were donated to hurricane relief. Followed up by our Christmas sale the weekend of December 10 and 11 in the Parish Life Center. Thank you to all who crafted and helped sell items. **Over \$7,000 proceeds!**

Leadership Update:

After 10 years of leadership, I have decided to step down from my leadership position at Craftie Ladies. **Cheryl Rajotte** and **Beth Gelormine** are the co-chairman's, sharing the responsibilities. They will do a great job!

I am still, and always will be, a Craftie Lady... just a worker bee! I will continue my rosary ministry, as well as submitting bulletin articles. Temporarily, you may still contact me at **(414)-529-4978** or email lauren.siegel@sbcglbobal.net

Donations Needed:

We are always looking for yarn and fabric yardage donations. I ask you NOT to give us anything else, such as clothes or knick-knacks. These items can not be used and are not accepted.

Join Us:

The Craftie Ladies meet every Monday in the Parish Life Center from 1-3pm.

Happy New Year! Sincerely, Judy

Thank You Judy!

On behalf of Fr. Bob and the parish staff, we would like to thank **Judy Siegel** for 10 years of dedication and commitment. You are true blessing to our parish community!



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Be Blessed and Encouraged at our next Magnificat breakfast for women, **Saturday, January 21, 9:30am-12:30pm** at the Holiday Inn Airport, Gulf Coast Town Center, in Fort Myers. Our guest speaker is Karen Dwyer.

Karen is an inspirational speaker and has been an award-winning college teacher specializing in helping students and adults of all ages conquer their public speaking anxiety.

Karen is the author of 10 books, including WRAP Yourself in JOY: Find the JOY & Fight the Fear, WRAP Yourself in Scripture, Esther for Such a Time as This: Prayer, Reversals & Joy, Nehemiah—Rebuilding Hope & Joy in Your Life, The Joy of Advent—Journey with the People, Events & Prayers at the First Coming of Jesus Christ, and I Conquer Speech Anxiety.

Karen has been a guest on EWTN's The Choices We Face and on several Catholic radio programs, including programs on Spirit Catholic Radio. She is the Coordinator for Magnificat-Omaha, founder of the Heart of Jesus Prayer Groups, a Council Member of USA Pentecost Today, and has served on the Board of Directors for KVSS Spirit Catholic Radio and the national Mission Advisory Council for the Institute of Priestly Formation (IPF).

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- Bilingual is a plus.

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Your Help is a Blessing

2023

Happy NEW YEAR

*You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

PSALM 65:11

*Thank you Lord for
giving me the brand new
year ahead. Help me live
the way I should. As each
new day I tread, give
me gentle wisdom that I
might help a friend. Give
me strength and courage
so a shoulder I might
lend. The year ahead is
empty. Help me fill it
with good things. That
each new day is filled
with joy and happiness.*

Amen

5 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS ALL CATHOLICS SHOULD ASPIRE TO



Each year people firmly believe that this will be the year they lose weight, make more of an impression at work, etc. But how many of us make New Year's resolutions to follow Christ?

1. Be More Like Jesus: We are called to follow Christ's examples, all of which are clearly outlined in the Bible. Remember John 8:12, where Jesus says, "...I am the light of the world; anyone who follows me will not be walking in the dark, but will have the light of life."

2. Read the Bible: Recall Hebrews 4:12: "The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts more incisively than any two-edged sword: it can seek out the place where soul is divided from spirit, or joints from marrow; it can pass judgement on secret emotions and thoughts." Understanding the Word of God is an important part of being Catholic. The Holy Scriptures are alive, meaning they can move in and through you and can bring power greater than that of a sword. The Scriptures are there so that we can learn from them and be held accountable, even for our "secret emotions and thoughts."

3. Be Generous: This is not limited to money! Remember, when we offer to help people pack for a move, practice for a speech, listen to their worries or feed the hungry, we are being generous and mirroring Christ's heart. Think of 1 John 3:17, "If anyone is well-off in worldly possessions and sees his brother in need but closes his heart to him, how can the love of God be remaining in him?"

4. Learn to Listen: Listening and patience go hand-in-hand. Learning to listen, rather than merely being present, can make a world of difference both to you and the person or people you are talking to. Note that the art of listening is not limited to the people around you. God speaks to us every day, but how many of us can say that we have the ears to listen? Listening to God can be difficult, particularly when you are in desperate need of answers. James 1:19 helps us understand what listening means. "Remember this, my dear brothers: everyone should be quick to listen but slow to speak and slow to human anger..." A good way to practice listening to God is to sit in a quiet place. Ask God to help you be more open to what He has to say, and ask for the patience to actively listen to those around you.

5. Educate Yourself: Proverbs 1:5 says, "Let the wise listen and learn yet more, and a person of discernment will acquire the art of guidance." Educating yourself can mean you go back to school, delve deeper in The Holy Scriptures or simply doing a little research online to better understand what is happening around the world and why. Understanding the world, even its horrors, can help you understand what you need to pray for, and for some it can open the door to a ministry you didn't even know you were meant to enter.



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

A well-balanced spiritual life touches, integrates and becomes aware of how God mingles with our whole-person. God is continually healing and redeeming the spiritual, physical, social, and psychological dimensions of our personhood; each reflecting His image and likeness. (*1 Thes. 5:23*)

The 2023 Growing Rich in Mercy Program will explore the Seven Dwelling places of Teresa of Avila. To help us understand St. Teresa's spiritual journey we will borrow from St. John of the Cross who was a spiritual companion for St. Teresa as she struggled to articulate her experiences of consolation and desolation, mystical encounters, meeting God in the pots and pans of life and explaining her experiences of ecstasy and rapture. St. Teresa has been called a psychological mystic because she can teach us what happens to us psychologically and spiritually when we encounter the depths of mysticism.

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

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

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

PARISH LIFE CENTER: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

- **SATURDAY, JANUARY 7** - Introduction to St. John of the Cross
- **SATURDAY, JANUARY 28** - Introduction to St. Teresa of Avila
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4** - Exploration of Dwelling Places 1 & 2
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18** - Exploration of Dwelling Places 3 & 4
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 4** - Exploration of Dwelling Places 5 & 6
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 11** - Exploration of Dwelling Places 7



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

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Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Divine Mercy & The Eucharist: Attend a one day conference on Wednesday, January 25 at St. Cecilia Catholic Community Marian Hall, 5632 Sunrise Dr., Ft. Myers, FL. 8:30am: Coffee and Donuts, 9am-4pm Conference, 12pm Mass followed by lunch. Cost is \$20 with box lunch included. Guest speaker, Dr. Bryan Thatcher, founder and director of Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy. Registration must be received by Monday, January 16. Checks payable to St. Cecilia Catholic Community. Checks can be mailed to: Margaret Mengle, 5017 Westminster Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33919. For more information call Esperanza at (239) 822-8655 or Peg at (239) 826-7475.

2023 Couples Anniversary Masses: All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in two locations: February 4th at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at 11am, and February 18th at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, also at 11am. Please contact your local parish office for reservations no later than one week before the event you choose to attend.

Annual Christmas Appeal: This largest annual fundraiser is critical to operating the social service organization. Gifts provide funding for the many Catholic Charities programs and services available throughout Southwest Florida. Your generosity enables us to serve those seeking help all year long. To donate please mail a contribution to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285, or visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org

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.

Regret Having an Abortion? Hope and healing are 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

Men's Support after Abortion Program: According to a national survey, 71% of men said they had an adverse effect after abortion. Participate in a confidential and free healing series for men, led by Father Mark Harris. To schedule/register for the virtual sessions, call (941) 412-5860 or project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.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

Free Mental Health Counseling: Catholic Charities is providing free mental health counseling services. For help or support, please call our staff at (844) 385-2423 or visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org

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>



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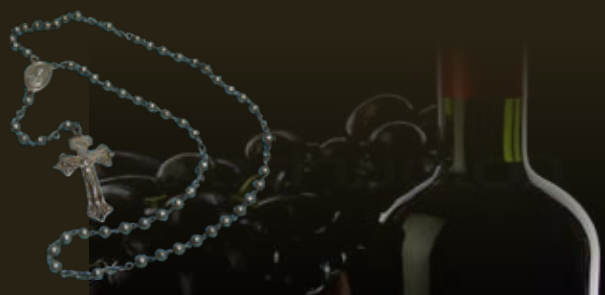
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