



# ST. JOHN XXIII

## Catholic Church

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**January 22, 2023**

The **LORD** is  
my *Light* &  
*Salvation*

whom shall I fear?

The **LORD** is my  
*Strength* of my  
life; whom shall  
I be afraid?

- Psalm 27:1



January 22, 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

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, JANUARY 23**

- 8:00 AM ♥ Noe Villanueva by his wife & daughter

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24**

- 8:00 AM † Elizabeth Rodgers by Scott & Brenda Gregory

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25**

- 8:00 AM † Benito Gonzalez by Curtis & Holly Atkins

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26**

- 8:00 AM † John & Anna Grutza by John & Dolly Dempsey

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27**

- 8:00 AM † Diego Bosco by Ria & Robert Brown

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**

- 8:00 AM † David Elias by his parents
- 4:00 PM † Carmine Santanello by Stella McCaffrey
- 8:00 PM † Teresa - Vietnamese Mass

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

- 7:15 AM † John Migyanko by the St. John XXIII Thrift Store
- 9:15 AM † Joann Letmanski by Bruce Letmanski
- 11:15 AM † Franca Aurilia by Maggie & Mark Walsh
- 1:15 PM ♥ Emiliano Reyes by Marisa Zavala

**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 29, 2023 - READINGS**

- 1ST READING ZEP 2:3; 3:12-13
- PSALM PS 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
- 2ND READING 1 COR 1:26-31
- GOSPEL MT 5:1-12A

**Blood Pressure Checks**

*Last Weekend of Every Month*



**JANUARY 28-29**  
**IN THE NARTHEX**  
**AFTER ALL MASSES**

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# CONQUER fear with the LORD as your LIGHT & SALVATION

by: **Heather Adams - crosswalk.com**

It's said that when we have a problem, we can choose to have either fear or faith. Fear usually puts the focus on us - our situation, and what we can do to affect the outcome. Conversely, faith sets our mind on God's authority, His control of our lives, and acknowledges His goodness.

It's clear by Psalm 27's powerful message which path David has chosen to follow. His trust in the Lord is evident from the opening declaration in verse 1, and carries all the way through to a calm direction in the final phrase, "...be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."

This Psalm has always resonated with believers, and is still a part of holy days in our time. It is recited as a part of the Jewish observation of Rosh Hashanah. Roman Catholics have included it in their Vespers prayers as well as a response during Mass.

David's use of the word "light" here shares a long tradition of Scripture authors before and after him. He may have heard some of these passages as a boy. The Lord may have revealed this picture of Himself as light into David's spirit while he tended sheep in the fields. However it came to him, the thought brought David both peace and joy.

In this context, David is proclaiming that God is with him even in the midst of trouble. This is a common theme in his writings, because of so many times David had seen this truth already. From facing a lion in the wilderness to confronting the giant Goliath, David had experienced God's presence and deliverance.

Imagine being a soldier in David's day, getting ready to go out into battle. You would take great care to equip yourself with defensive armor, from the helmet on down, to be protected from the enemy's attacks. The final piece you'd need would be a shield to wear or hold in front of you for an extra layer of protection.

In his songs, David compared putting on a strong shield before battle with asking God to go with us as we face struggles in life. He wasn't the first Scripture writer to do that, either. Moses recorded God's words in a vision Abram had, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield..." (Genesis 15:1). Moses himself used the phrase as he spoke blessings over the tribes of Israel: "He is your shield and helper and your glorious sword" (Deuteronomy 33:29).

This picture of God reveals a challenging truth, namely that God is more interested in growing our character than giving us perfect lives. So, He often lets us go through difficult times, using situations and issues to mature us. But, as we walk into our battle, however big or small, God promises to cover us. He protects our hearts and minds from attacks that the enemy (that is, Satan) launches, while strengthening us to stand firm.



## PRAYER FOR

# Salvation

*Lord Jesus, I confess my  
sins and ask for Your  
forgiveness. Please  
come into my heart as  
my Lord and Savior. Take  
complete control of my  
life and help me to walk  
in Your footsteps daily  
by the power of the Holy  
Spirit. Thank you Lord  
for saving me and for  
answering my prayer.  
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  
Jim Benham  
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  
Ronald French  
Suzanne Lambert  
Sandy Peterson  
John Matulis  
Mary Paska  
Michael Lawrence  
Tony Thompson  
Kevin Ferreira  
David

**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](mailto:epayer.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 Mari  
Leanne Ghoumarie

### Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Kayla Sweeney**  
Requested by: **Renaissance friends**

## DOWNLOAD OUR PARISH APP:

[myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's app store for myparish. You can also text the word "APP" to 88202!





## Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



### Monday, January 23

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

### Tuesday, January 24

- Opening the Word: Zoom/PLC - 9am
- Walking w/Purpose: ZOOM/in Person PLC - 10am
- Bereavement: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group: Chapel - 6:45pm
- AA Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

### Wednesday, January 25

- Respect Life Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 8:45am
- Pastoral Staff Meeting: OCR - 10am
- Walking w/Purpose: ZOOM - 10am
- Faith Formation Session 1: PLC - 4:15pm
- Middle School Youth Group: Main Hall - 6pm
- Faith Formation Session 2: PLC - 6pm
- Adult Choir Practice: Chapel - 6pm
- Modern Ensemble Rehearsal: Church - 7pm

### Thursday, January 26

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

### Friday, January 27

- Respect Life Meeting: St. Martha & St. Mary - 11:30am
- KofC Fish Fry: Main Hall - 4pm-9pm

### Saturday, January 28

- Blood Pressure Checks by the Nurses: Narthex
- Growing Rich in Mercy: Main Hall - 9am-12pm
- Vigil Mass: Church - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Church - 8pm

### Sunday, January 29

- Blood Pressure Checks by the Nurses: Narthex
- 7:15am, 9:15am & 11:15am \* *Livestreamed*
- Children's Choir Practice: Chapel - 8:45am
- Pre-school Bible Class: St. Suzanna - 9:15am
- RCIA: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 10:15am
- Hispanic Choir: St. Therese - 11am
- Blaze Bible Study: PLC/St. Elizabeth - 12:15pm
- HSYG Session: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 12:15pm
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm \* *via YouTube*
- Modern Ensemble Rehearsal: Church - 3pm
- Contemporary Mass: Church - 4pm
- Confirmation Year 1: Main Hall - 5pm
- Confirmation Year 2: PLC/Classrooms



## WELCOME

### *New Parishioners*

- Alan & Catherine Mulstay
- Aaron & Danita Stevenson
- Thomas Peterson & Betty Flemming
- James & Madelynne Sue Fodor
- Bill Markowski & Donna Michiels

Those who are new to our parish, or have been attending Mass without being registered, we need your help in staying organized and planning for our future needs. If you have not received a welcome letter, please call the parish office to confirm your registration. All new parishioners or those interested in registering in our parish, are invited to attend the **New Parishioner Orientation on Sunday, March 12, 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](http://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	Ryan Silva, Army
Sean Ball	2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC
Major Bart Boma	Jared Broemmel, US Navy
Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove	2nd Lt. Edward Hudson
Sgt. Phil Dellibovi	Tillinghast IV, Army
CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces	Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force
Sgt. Jared Gaudet	Com. Craig Fowler, USN
Capt. Kellyn C. Hall	Eric Sanchez, US Air Force
Andrew Herman	Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army,
Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl	82nd ABN
PFC Michael P Hughes	CPL Eric Lyons, USMC
SPC Michael Jednak	2nd Lt. Nicholas Meunier, US Army
PFC Andrew Kanopkh	Robert Trenton Morell, Medic
Michael Klem	Specialist US Army
Major Bradley D. Laux	Michael Thomas Morell, US Navy
Capt. Jacob Mundo, US Army	SPC 4 Judy Martinez, US Army
SSGT Anthony Padula	1st Lt. Jeffrey Zivkovic, US Army
Master SGT Peter Parison	Christopher Dominski, PFC ARNG
Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army	2nd Lt. Sara Wulff
Lt. Col. Brady Sexton	Sean Dryhurst US Navy
2nd Lt. Kristen Thompson	Lt. Amanda Macaluso
Christian Troutner, US Navy	Anthony An Schroeder,
Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic	11 Bravo Infantry
PFC Jordan Feil, USA	Derrick Hambling, Army Airborne
Sgt. Hayden Linde, FLARNG	Infantry
Aaron Crump, USCG	Maj. Paige Blevins USAF
Sgt. Nathaniel Broemmel	Maj. Christopher Blevins USAF
Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo	Capt. Cameron Hortman USAF
Col. Scott C. Woodward	PFC Alan Copeland
Andrew Hawkinson, USN	Augustus Gagis, Major, USAF
Cavalry Scout Specialist,	Zachary Gagis, Lieutenant, USN



ST. JOHN XXIII  
Catholic Church

## 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](http://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 expirations 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 during Lent except Good Friday. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit: [johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/](http://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](mailto:thrift@johnxxiii.net) or visit [www.bpjthrift.com](http://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.
- **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](mailto:holdenbnd@gmail.com) or call Dick at (239) 463-3993
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## Families OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

### ALLOWANCE DISCOUNT

We welcome our families who are sending their children to area Catholic schools (Bishop Verot High School, St. Francis Xavier and St. Andrew grade schools) for the 2023-2024 school year. We wish to provide clarification for receiving the Catholic Faith Allowance discount for those who are **registered** at St. John XXIII Catholic Church and attending Catholic schools in the Fort Myers/Cape Coral area. This Catholic Faith Allowance is subject to the following criteria as set forth by our Pastor, Fr. Bob Tabbert:

The term "*practicing Catholic*" is applied to parents and guardians who are registered at St. John XXIII. For those registered as St. John XXIII parishioners, the following criteria will be used:

Fr. Bob Tabbert expects weekend Mass attendance. Attendance should be on a regular basis to foster the faith in your families and especially in the lives of your children.

Families must submit weekly envelopes provided when they attend weekend Mass. The amount of tithing is not factored into determining if a student receives the tuition discount set forth by the school.

Multiple envelopes for unattended Masses that are placed in the collection basket all at once will count as (1) Mass attendance. If they are left at the parish office or in the mailbox in front of the parish office, they will not be counted as Mass attendance.

If you are part of our on-line giving program or use direct payment from your bank, we ask you start and/or continue to put an envelope in the collection basket- for attendance purpose. We keep pink envelopes in the Narthex and at the back door, just add your number and name if you have left your envelope at home.

If you are registered but not receiving envelopes, please call the parish office to request them.

Grandparents' registration and attendance do not qualify a school family to receive the tuition discount unless the grandparent is the official guardian of the student.

The Catholic Faith Allowance cannot be used towards the registration fee and cannot be used towards the balance of tuition. This procedure is set forth by each school.

We support Catholic Education! God bless all families as you begin the 2023-2024 School Year!



# Thank You

On behalf of Fr. Bob and the entire parish staff, we thank Trisha Fields for her exemplary dedication to our parish family! We wish you blessings on your new journey. We love you!



## Message From:

**TRISHA FIELDS**



*D*ear Friends,

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing to let you know that I will be stepping down as Faith Formation Assistant at St. John XXIII. As sad as it to go, I am excited to see what God has in store for my next chapter.

I was gifted a job offer that I simply could not refuse. This career move will be so good for my family as I can work from home. I'm also looking forward to being around more for my mom and my in-laws.

Thank you Father Bob and staff for believing in me even when I didn't believe in myself. Each one of you has had a hand in my personal, professional and spiritual growth. Thank you for bringing me so much joy to my days. I will forever be grateful to God for putting you in my path.

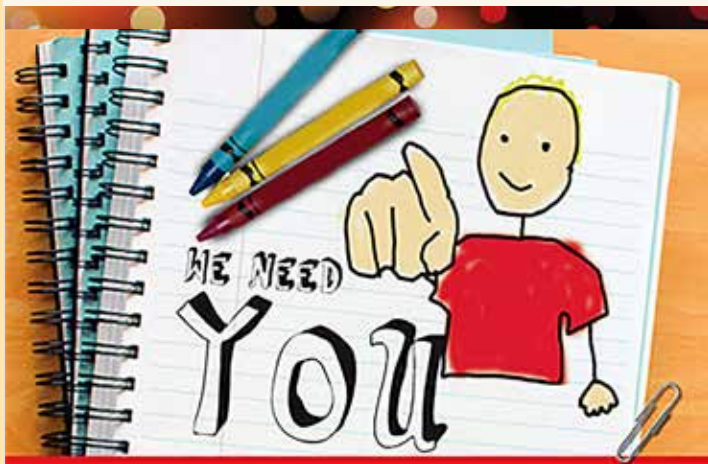
Thank you parishioners of St. John XXIII. You have made me a better person by your kind and generous ways. I have seen some amazing examples of God's love though you over the years. You all have made me feel like part of a family. Thank you for making this my (and my family's) home away from home.

Even though I am leaving my position, I will still be attending Mass here. I look forward to continuing our faith journey together.

*Love You!* Trisha Fields

# Faith FORMATION

Contact: Frannie Cerniglia | 561-7499 | [franniedre@johnxxxiii.net](mailto: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](mailto:FrannieDre@johnxxxiii.net)



HELP  
Needed!

## *Are you* **BEING CALLED** TO BE OUR NEXT **ASSISTANT FAITH FORMATION Director?**

Are you Catholic and do you have a high school diploma or higher degree?

Are you upbeat and friendly? Extremely organized and have great time management skills?

Do you possess strong computer skills, with a proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel and Publisher?

Does the idea of working in a fast-paced environment and having fun while sharing our faith with children of all ages sound exciting to you?

If you answered **YES** to all of the above, please email your resume to:

**FRANNIE CERNIGLIA**

[franniedre@johnxxxiii.net](mailto:franniedre@johnxxxiii.net)

For questions, please call Frannie Monday - Thursday from 8:30am to 4:00pm at 239-561-7499





Coordinator of Youth Ministries 561-3022 xt 107  
Contact: Kelly Evers | [kelly@johnxxiii.net](mailto:kelly@johnxxiii.net)

### Rooted at St. John XXIII

**Welcoming all Young Adults 18 - 39**

Rooted meets on the first Thursday of each month.

- **February 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

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](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c45aead2daaf58-youth)



*Fully Alive*  
YOUTH RETREAT



*"I came that they might have life  
and have it more abundantly."*

- John 10:10

BRINGING LEE COUNTY  
YOUTH TOGETHER FOR

*Faith & Fellowship*

Featuring Talks & Music  
by: **JOE MELENDREZ**

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 4, 2023

**COST:** \$20 (cash or check at the door)

**OPEN TO ALL:** 8th - 12th Grade Students

**9:00AM** Check-in (BVHS Gymnasium)

**3:30PM** Mass in Theater (parents welcome)

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



**BISHOP VEROT HIGH SCHOOL**  
5598 Sunrise Drive  
Fort Myers, FL 33919

## Exploring the Seven Dwelling Places of ST. TERESA OF AVILA

### COME JOIN *Fr. Bill Jarema*

The 2023 Growing Rich in Mercy Program will explore the Seven Dwelling places of Teresa of Avila.

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



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:

[themeracycenter@aol.com](mailto:themeracycenter@aol.com)

## Exploring the Seven Dwelling Places of St. Teresa of Avila

### REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Wedding Anniversary Celebration 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 Masses will be celebrated at **11:00am on February 4 at St. Leo the Great Parish**: 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs and at **11:00am on February 18 at Epiphany Cathedral**: 350 Tampa Avenue, Venice. Please contact your local parish office for reservations no later than a week prior to the event you choose to attend.

Please call the parish office at **(239) 561-2245** for reservations no later than a week before the Mass you choose to attend.



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## Weekly Financials



	1-15-23	1-16-22	Difference
Offertory	\$39,380.08	\$33,860.32	\$5,519.76
Building Fund	\$1,244.00	\$981.00	\$263.00
Total	\$40,624.08	\$34,841.32	<b>\$5,782.76</b>
Mass Attendance	3785	2313	
Registered Families	3736	3603	

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	\$627,830.78
Payments	<b>\$621,731.62</b>

## 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](mailto:holly@johnxxiii.net)



## REMINDERS FROM THE

## Bookkeeping

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### Envelopes:

Please use your envelopes whenever possible. If using pink or green envelopes located at the back door and welcome center in the Narthex, include your envelope number. All registered parishioners are provided an envelope number. Otherwise, please fill in the envelope completely with name and address.

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**JANUARY 22**

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January 22 has been designated by the General Instruction of the Roman Missal as “a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.” Life is at the heart of the gospel – a beautiful gift from God. When that gift is destroyed rather than treasured, a violent act is committed not just against God, but all humanity. As Pope John Paul II remarked, “The Gospel of God’s love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person, and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel.”

We ask that you pray for the respect and protection of life at its earliest and most vulnerable stage, as Pope John Paul II once exhorted: *Please God may continue, closely united with one another, to be a force of renewal and hope in our society. May the Lord help you to work ceaselessly to enable all, believers and non-believers alike, to understand that protection of human life from conception is an essential condition for building a future worthy of the human being.*

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27**

**6:00PM TO 7:30PM - PARISH LIFE CENTER**

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a fish fry on **Friday, January 27** from **6:00pm to 7:30pm** in the Parish Life Center. **The dinner will include:** fish, french fries, coleslaw, beverages and dessert.

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Tickets will be available in the Narthex this weekend. **LIMIT 150 TICKETS**



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### **SCHEDULE**

#### **Thursday February 9**

**Exhibition:** 9am - 6pm (Parish Life Center)

**Adoration:** 3pm - 6pm (Our Lady of Rosary Chapel)

#### **Friday, February 10**

**Exhibition:** 9am-6pm (Parish Life Center)

#### **Saturday, February 11**

**Exhibition:** 9am - 6pm (Parish Life Center)

**Special Activity for Children** - The Eucharist:

The Great Miracle: 10:30am - 12:15pm  
(St. Martha and St Mary Room)

**K-2nd Grade:** 10:30am - 11:15am

**3rd-5th Grade:** 11:30am - 12:15pm

**Pre-registration is required for this activity.**

#### **Sunday, February 12**

**Exhibition:** 9am - 6pm (Parish Life Center)

**For more information contact:**

**comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net**

## *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*

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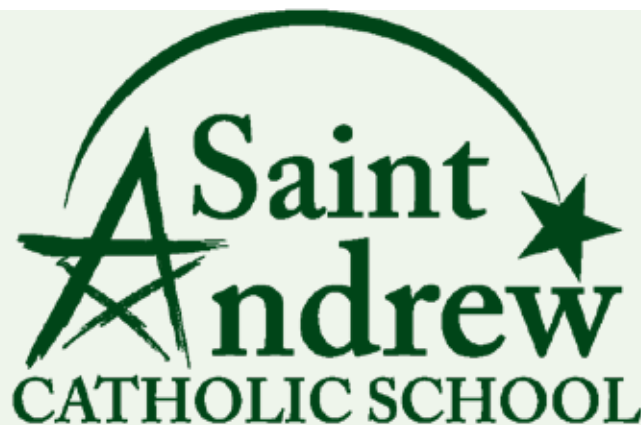


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## CASH RAFFLE TICKETS

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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. For more information call Esperanza at (239) 822-8655 or Peg at (239) 826-7475.

**Broadway Star Judy McLane Concert:** Join us on Sunday, February 12 at St. Columbkille Catholic Parish, 12171 Iona Rd, Ft. Myers, FL. The show starts at 7pm with award winning actress and vocalist Judy McLane. She broke records as the longest running lead in Mamma Mia, history on Broadway! Judy will be accompanied by Lee Van Asten-piano/vocals and guests. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased in advance at the St. Columbkille parish office and at the door. For information call (239) 489-3973

**DOV Eucharistic Congress:** As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, the Diocese of Venice is hosting a Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, March 25 at the Conference Center and Luminary Hotel in downtown Fort Myers. The theme for the Eucharistic Congress is "The Word Made Flesh - John 1:14." Doors open at 8:00 a.m. with the opening prayer at 9:am. A portion of this event is being presented in both English and Spanish. In addition, the afternoon will include breakout sessions geared toward men and women. Featured speakers include Father Don Calloway, Hector Molina, Teresa Tomeo, Mary Ann Weisinger-Puig, and others. There will be a Eucharistic Procession and the day will conclude with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 5pm. The day will also include the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, lunch, breakout sessions and vendors. Registration is now open. Visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/eucharistic-congress/> to register and for additional details.

**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](http://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?** 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](mailto:project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org)

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The program **runs through February 15**. You may join **ANY SESSION** in person at the parish office and real-time on Zoom for 1 hour. Begins at 6:30pm. **This is a free event for men only.** Limit is 10 people. For questions or to register, please email: [nathan@supportafterabortion.com](mailto:nathan@supportafterabortion.com)

## *Venetian Ball:* **SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023**



Delight in an elegant evening of cocktails, stories of perseverance and hope, dinner, auction and dancing. Proceeds will benefit Resilience, Rebuilding and Community for Hurricane Ian Survivors in Lee, Hendry & Glades Counties.

**LOCATION:** St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
 Parish Life Center - Bonita Springs, Florida

**COCKTAILS:** 6:00PM **DINNER:** 7:00PM **TICKETS:** \$250 Per Person

*Sponsorship Opportunities Available.* For information, please contact **(239) 334-4007 ext. 2100** or email: [venetianball@catholiccharitiesdov.org](mailto:venetianball@catholiccharitiesdov.org)

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