



# ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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**March 19, 2023**

## *Feast of* **ST. JOSEPH**

*"DO NOT lose hope;  
ST. JOSEPH also  
experienced moments  
of difficulty, but he  
NEVER lost faith and  
he was able to overcome  
them, in the certainty  
that God NEVER  
abandons us."*

- Pope Francis



**March 19, 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**

**PASTOR**

To Be Determined

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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, MARCH 20**

- 8:00 AM † Darren McCarthy by Corvette Club friends

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21**

- 8:00 AM † Diane Shea Trevino by Tim Shea

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**

- 8:00 AM † Pat Nacol by Rick & Mary Powers

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23**

- 8:00 AM † Herbert Devins by Jacques Bernier

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24**

- 8:00 AM † Carmelo Santos by JoAnne Walsh

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25**

- 8:00 AM † Helen O'Neill by Carol Parker
- 4:00 PM † Peggy Pash by her husband, Joe
- 8:00 PM † Peter - Vietnamese Mass

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26**

- 7:15 AM † Peggy Lattner by Tim & Amy Shea
- 9:15 AM † Marilyn Brummer by St. John XXIII Women's Guild
- 11:15 AM † Elaine Quan by the Mark Young family
- 1:30 PM † Luis Montenegro by Yumerlis
- 4:00 PM - Contemporary Mass - Church

## 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.

## MARCH 26, 2023 - READINGS

- |               |                           |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| • 1ST READING | EZ 37:12-14               |
| • PSALM       | PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 |
| • 2ND READING | ROM 8:8-11                |
| • GOSPEL      | JN 11:1-45                |

## Blood Pressure Checks

*Last Weekend of Every Month*



**MARCH 25-26**  
**IN THE NARTHEX**  
**AFTER ALL MASSES**

## Pastoral Team

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# FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

## SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023



### PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

On Sunday, March, 19, we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph. This feast has been recognized in Western Christianity since the tenth century.

St. Joseph is regarded as the patron saint of several regions across the globe, including Austria, Croatia and Vietnam, as well as being the patron saint of workers.

We honor St. Joseph, the husband of Mary and stepfather of Jesus. This holiday takes place during Lent, a time of fasting, and the holiday is traditionally a meatless feast.

### HISTORY OF ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

St. Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus. All we know about Joseph comes from the accounts of the nativity in the New Testament.

He was a tradesman. Commonly he is said to have been a carpenter, but it's possible he may have been a stone worker. He was said to have been a direct descendent of David, the great king of Israel.

Since Joseph is not mentioned in any accounts of Jesus' public life, his crucifixion, or resurrection, it is thought that Joseph died before Jesus started preaching.

St. Joseph is the patron saint of the Catholic Church, unborn children, fathers, immigrants, workers, Vietnam and the Philippines.

Despite knowing little about Joseph, he still has two feast days in the Western church. In his capacity as the patron saint of Workers, 1st May was established as the Feast of "St. Joseph the Worker" in 1955. This is seen as an attempt to counteract the social and non-religious growth of Labor Day as a worldwide holiday.



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## EASTER SCHEDULE

# 2023 Holy Week

### ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday - Wednesday open 8:30am-3:45pm

Thursday - Sunday: CLOSED

Monday April 10: open 8:30am-3:45pm

(Please note the Parish Office is Closed)

### HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 6

Morning Prayer: 8:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00pm

Adoration: 8:00pm - 10:00pm in the  
Parish Life Center

### GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 7

Morning Prayer: 8:00am

Stations of the Cross: 2:15pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00pm

Vietnamese Passion Service: 8:00pm

### HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 8

Morning Prayer: 8:00am

Blessing of Food: 8:30am

Vigil Mass: 8:00pm

### EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 9

Masses: 7:15am, 9:15am, 11:15am

Spanish Mass: 1:30pm

Vietnamese Mass: 4:00pm

### DIVINE MERCY - APRIL 16

Reconciliation: 2:00pm (Parish Life Center)

Mass: 3:00pm (Parish Life Center)

## 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  
Braden O'Halloran  
Infant Anthony Vardaan  
Jim Benham  
Cynthia & William  
Ronald French  
Suzanne Lambert  
Sandy Peterson  
John Matulis  
Mary Paska  
Michael Lawrence  
Tony Thompson  
Kevin Ferreira

David  
Deborah Young  
Jim Bedenko  
Kevin Sutton  
Michael D.  
Hermann Preissler  
Peg Gaffney  
Laurie Gilligan  
Lois Patterson  
Elethia Oliver-Ajose  
Cathy McManus  
Jim Aversa  
Stephen & Connie  
Kahn Le  
Pat Kennedy  
Chris Connolly  
Karen Yurko  
William Dewes

**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)

## 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!

Ana Rouse  
Karen O'Connor  
Charles Doyle  
Ross Mannina

### Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Albert J. Gibbs**  
Requested by: **Loretta Gibbs**

### Adoration Chapel

In Memory of: **Anthony & Beatrice Cordone**  
Requested by: **Anthony**

### Eucharist Bread

In Honor of: **Carmella Dixon**  
Requested by: **JoAnn Gair Wilson**





## Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



### Monday, March 20

- Men's Gospel Forum: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7am
- Craftie Ladies: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 1pm
- Women's Guild: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 6:30pm

### Tuesday, March 21

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

### Wednesday, March 22

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: OCR - 10am
- Adult Choir Practice: Chapel - 6pm
- Modern Ensemble Rehearsal: Church - 7pm

### Thursday, March 23

- Bridge: PLC/St. Michael/St. Bernadette - 12:30pm
- Workshop with the Parish Nurses (211 vs. 911): PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 12:30pm
- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: PLC/Classroom - 7pm
- Walking w/Purpose: ZOOM - 7:30pm

### Friday, March 24

- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am - 8pm
- Stations of the Cross & Benediction: Church - 6pm
- Vietnamese Retreat: Church - 8pm

### Saturday, March 25

- Blood Pressure Checks: Narthex
- Vigil Mass: Church - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Church - 8pm



### Sunday, March 26

- Blood Pressure Checks: Narthex
- 7:15am, 9:15am & 11:15am \* *Livestreamed*
- Separation & Divorce Support Group: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 9am
- Children's Choir Rehearsal: Chapel - 8:45am
- Pre-School Bible Class: St. Susanna - 9:15am
- RCIA: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 10:15am
- Hispanic Choir: St. Elizabeth - 11am
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm \* *via YouTube*
- Modern Ensemble Rehearsal: Church - 3pm
- Contemporary Mass: Church - 4pm



### WATCH AT HOME

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

### ONLINE

[www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/communications/tvmass/](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/communications/tvmass/)

## WELCOME

### New Parishioners

- Gina Pelliccia
- Patricia Connolly
- Gloria Bilder
- Erika Martinez
- Jeff & Eileen Bray
- Tom & Joan Tooley
- Micah & Maritza Smith
- Jim & Debbie McCarthy

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, May, 21, 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 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 Broemmell, 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 Broemmell	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





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## 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.
- **Free FORMED Account:** Discover all the best Catholic content in one place! Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and click on "register". Create your FREE account by entering our parish code and your email address. Our Parish Code is 1823ee
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:45pm & Saturday 8:30am-3:30pm. First Friday Adoration with 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)
- **Bereavement & Beyond:** If you have lost a loved one, we offer a safe, supportive place to deal with this life changing event. The Bereavement and Beyond Group meets each Tuesday from 1pm-3pm in Rooms St. Bernadette & St. Michael. For more information contact the Parish office at (239) 561-2245
- **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.
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*Parish*

NURSING MINISTRY

## NUMBERS YOU SHOULD KNOW 911 and 211

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23**

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Parish Life Center

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9-1-1

WHEN TO CALL 211 AND 911

- How does 211 differ from 911?
- Which one should I use?
- When should I call?
- What if I need help after a fall?
- How much will it COST?

This presentation will answer all these questions and more. Many people worry that they don't know how much it will cost when they dial 911. Others are not aware of all the help that is available on the 211 system.

Professional speakers will give informative details about their services, when to call, and what you would be charged. Bring your best questions and we will try to answer them.

Please join us in the Parish Life Center on **Thursday, March 23 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm** for this lively discussion.

### NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

*This event is sponsored by the St. John XXIII Parish Nurse team.*

# SOLES FOR SOULS

## 16th Annual Sneaker Drive

Sponsored by the Women's Guild of St. John XXIII  
(In support of Social Justice Ministry)

**NOW  
THROUGH  
MARCH 31**



The large Sneaker in the Narthex marks the start of our **16th Annual Sneaker Drive** to supply needy kids with shoes in time for the start of the new School Year. This fund raiser is sponsored by the Women's Guild of St. John XXIII Church in support of our Social Justice Ministry.

Please take an envelope from the Sneaker Display Table, enclose your donation, and return it by mail or in the collection basket at Mass. Last year 400 children benefitted from your generosity.

Active Registered Parishioners who need help outfitting their child with return-to-school shoes may complete the request form below and email to: [Stellamccaffrey@aol.com](mailto:Stellamccaffrey@aol.com) or mail to the parish office. **Forms must be received no later than March 31, 2023.** Return-addressed envelopes are available on the Sneaker Display Table in the Narthex.

### REQUEST FORM FOR: SNEAKERS & BACKPACKS

PARENT'S NAME		PHONE #		EMAIL					
Child's First Name	GENDER		AGE	SIZE	Check One		BACKPACK		GRADE
	BOY	GIRL			Kid Size	Adult Size	YES	NO	

## ANNUAL easter egg hunt

**Saturday, April 1**

### Schedule:

**11:30am:** Bunny Dance Party with DJ Steve  
(cookies and lemonade will be served)

**11:50am:** Raffle Drawing Winners

**12:00pm:** Easter Prayer and instruction with  
Easter Egg Hunt siren to follow

*We are requesting stuffed egg donations filled with prizes  
or candy. The donation box is located in the Narthex.*



**PLEASE NO CHOCOLATE - IT MELTS**

# Faith FORMATION

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

SAVE  
THE  
DATES

**June 26 - June 30**



**Vacation Bible School**

*This summer's vacation Bible School is sure to be "Out of this World" and "STELLAR" as we "Shine Jesus' Light"! Registration and more information to follow in this section in upcoming bulletins.*

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION:

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations on your decision to baptize your child! At St. John XXIII, we are happy to help your family prepare for the celebration. Baptisms are offered for registered members of St. John XXIII and are scheduled only after the preparation process is completed by the parents. Please do not make arrangements for family members until you have actually received a date. Contact the office at **(239) 561-2245** for more information or to begin the process.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** (also called First Eucharist and First Reconciliation) Children in first grade or above, who have expressed a desire and willingness and are attending Mass, are welcome to begin the two year process of preparing for these Sacraments. The first year consists of regular attendance at Faith Formation classes or through a Diocesan Catholic school. (Either St. Francis Xavier or St. Andrew) The second year continues those classes, but also adds in direct Sacramental Preparation (Reconciliation and Communion) sessions. Please contact Frannie at 239-561-7499 for more information or to begin the process. Parents who home school their children must contact the office during Year I.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:** Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation is a two year process that begins at the start of 9th Grade and is celebrated in the Fall of 11th grade. (Older teens are certainly welcome!). Each year consists of Faith Formation through the parish Youth Group or a Diocesan Catholic school (Bishop Verot) as well as scheduled Confirmation classes and a retreat. Please note: Students from Bishop Verot must register and attend the preparation classes at the beginning of 9th grade. If you are entering the 9th grade or would like more information on our program, please contact Frannie at 239-561-7499 to begin the process.



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  - 2.) Click on Register
  - 3.) Create your FREE account by entering our parish code and your email address.
- Our Parish Code is **1823ee**

## Information Websites

Below are suggested websites to stay current on what is happening in the Catholic church:

**WHISPERS IN THE LOGGIA:**  
**[whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com](http://whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com)**

**CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE:**  
**[www.catholicnews.com](http://www.catholicnews.com)**

**CRUX:**  
**[cruxnow.com](http://cruxnow.com)**

**BISHOP BARRON:**  
**[www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)**

**FR. RICHARD ROHR:**  
**[cac.org/category/daily-meditations](http://cac.org/category/daily-meditations)**





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.

- **April 6:** Please check the Facebook page for more information.



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

*Join us on OUR JOURNEY  
to CURE Pediatric Cancer*

WALK  
FOR A  
CURE



**Saturday, April 1 (4-7pm)**

**BISHOP VEROT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
5598 Sunrise Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33919

For questions, contact:  
**Mara Lodwick or Sophia Piña**  
[mara.lodwick@bvhs.org](mailto:mara.lodwick@bvhs.org)



Register at: <https://one-step-at-a-time.ticketleap.com/walk-for-a-cure/> or scan the QR CODE

## *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](mailto:comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net)

Muchas Gracias  
***Padré Bob***



# 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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Weekly Financials



	3-12-23	3-13-22	Difference
Offertory	\$41,520.74	\$31,234.71	\$10,286.03
Building Fund	\$1,723.00	\$2,455.00	(\$732.00)
Total	\$43,243.74	\$33,689.71	\$9,554.03
Mass Attendance	3840	3528	
Registered Families	3726	3567	

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

**\*Please make your checks payable to "St. John XXIII"**

### -----2023 Catholic Faith Appeal-----

2023 Goal	\$488,000.00
Pledge	\$198,513.00
Payments	\$123,484.66

## 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)



## CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

## Ways To GIVE

### PLEASE CONSIDER A PLEDGE TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

You greatly impact the lives of individuals, families and communities when you respond generously in support of the Catholic Faith Appeal. Please consider making a gift to the 2023 CFA.

Pledging your gift may allow you to make a more generous and affordable contribution to the CFA. The pledge can be spread out over several months. You may pledge with an initial payment while the remaining balance can be donated at any time during the next nine months. The Diocese will send you monthly reminders.

You may use the following methods to make your gift:

### GIFT OPPORTUNITIES USING THE 10-PAYMENT PLAN

Gift Amount	Initial Payment	9 Monthly Payments
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$2,500
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\$10,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
\$ 5,000	\$ 500	\$ 500
\$ 2,500	\$ 250	\$ 250
\$ 1,000	\$ 100	\$ 100
\$ 500	\$ 50	\$ 50



YOUR GIFT TO THE **2023 Catholic Faith Appeal** will continue to make a difference in supporting the spiritual, educational, charitable and pastoral initiatives at the Diocese of Venice.  
**Thank you!**

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## ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

Contact: **Richard Owen** | [musicdirector@johnxxiii.net](mailto:musicdirector@johnxxiii.net)

The music ministry is seeking inspired volunteers to join our exciting music programs. Please find below more information or contact our music director, **Richard Owen**, at: [Musicdirector@johnxxiii.net](mailto:Musicdirector@johnxxiii.net)

*"Those who sing, pray twice", said St. Augustine and 'Those who sing well, sing thrice'.*

### St. John XXIII Parish Choir:

The Parish Choir is composed of adult women and men who lead the congregation at the Sunday 11:15AM Mass. Weekly rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6-7:00PM.

### St. John XXIII Children's Choir:

The choir is composed of children age 6 - 14 who sing monthly at the Sunday 9:15AM Mass. Rehearsals are on Sundays from 8:45-9:05AM in the Chapel.

### St. John XXIII Modern Ensemble:

This vocal and instrumental group of teenagers and adults present diverse upbeat repertoire at a monthly 4:00pm Sunday Mass. Rehearsals are twice a month on Wednesdays from 7-8:00PM in the church.



## CONTEMPORARY MASS

*Sunday, March 26 - 4:00pm*



All are welcome to join us the last Sunday of every month in the Church for Contemporary Mass at 4:00pm.

Enjoy music with many different instruments such as drums, guitars and more!

## Coffee & Donuts HOSPITALITY



### Join Us! - April 2

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring our monthly Coffee & Donuts Hospitality!

Join us on **Sunday, April 2** after the **7:15am** and **9:15am** Masses in the **Parish Life Center** for friendship and fellowship!



## WEEKEND MASSES Through Easter

In an effort to alleviate traffic in our community, we will hope to implement traffic control for weekend Masses through Easter per the Lee County Sheriff's availability.



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All are welcome to join our prayer vigil every Wednesday **through March 29 from 11am to 5pm** at Planned Parenthood, 6418 Commerce Park Dr. in Fort Myers.

### **FIRST FRIDAY of Every Month:**

Adoration for a peaceful end to the Death Penalty.

**A Prayer for the Respect and Dignity of All Human Life:** *God of Life and Love you created us in your image and sent your son to bring us life, from conception to natural death. Empower us to work for justice for the poor. Nourish us that we may bring food to the hungry. Inspire us to cherish the fragile life of the unborn. Strengthen us to bring comfort to the chronically ill. Teach us to treat the aging with dignity and respect. Bring us one day into the glory of everlasting life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.*

### **CONTACT US:**

The Respect Life Ministry 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: **respectlifejohn23@gmail.com** or call the parish office at **(239) 561-2245**

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### WE ARE HIRING

Verity is growing! We are currently looking for the perfect individual to join our Client Services team. It is an ideal position for someone interested in working in ministry but does not necessarily have experience. We will provide all the training necessary for a successful career in pregnancy ministry. The position is non-medical, mostly front office support. The optimal candidate would be someone with a passion for helping people, interested in learning client advocacy and counseling. Here are some important details:

- Position Title: Client Services Specialist
- Schedule: Full-time, Monday - Friday

### ***Seeking the following qualifications:***

- Committed Christian with a strong pro-life position.
- Strong interpersonal skills for telephone and client intake.
- Strong organizational skills.
- Strong computer skills, data entry, email.

The job description is available for serious candidates. If you know someone who might be perfect, share this information with them.

For more information, email **Becky Anderson** at: **Becky@VerityPMC.com**

### ***In Other Hiring News:***

And speaking of hiring...you prayed, and God faithfully answered our need, above and beyond what we had asked! We have hired two nurses who both come to us with pregnancy ministry experience and ultrasound experience! We are grateful to welcome April and Ginny to our medical team. We are grateful for each of you who prayed for us and with us, that in His perfect timing, God would send a nurse. He sent us TWO! Thank you for praying with us and celebrate the goodness of our great God in this matter!



# Craftie Ladies

## Message from JUDY SIEGEL



### *Baby Bags:*

We hope you are all doing fine. It's hard to believe that we are in mid-March already. Recently, we filled all of the baby bags with our crafted items, as well as bibs, shampoo etc. to be distributed at Verity Pregnancy. This is our way of telling the parents we are so happy they have decided to give their baby life. As you can see from the pictures, we have a good time!

### *Thank You Fr. Bob:*

We were deeply saddened to say goodbye to Father Bob. We are grateful for all the love and support he has shown all of us. We wish him well on his new journey. We look forward to embracing the new pastor when he arrives.



### *New Leadership:*

Cheryl Rajotte and co-leader Beth Gelormine, are the leaders of our group. Please feel free to contact them with any questions:

**CHERYL RAJOTTE**  
rajotte78@yahoo.com  
(620) 249-7033

**BETH GELORMINE**  
bethgelormine@comcast.net  
(239) 910-3485

### *Donations Needed:*

We are always looking for fabric yardage and yarn for our projects. We kindly ask that you DO NOT drop off knick-knacks, clothes of any kind or curtains. These items can not be used and are not accepted.

## Catholic Community HAPPENINGS



**The Music Man at St. Francis:** St. Francis Xavier Catholic School is proud to present the Music Man. Dates: March 31-April 2. Location: 2055 Heitman Street Ft. Myers, FL. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.onthestage.tickets](http://www.onthestage.tickets) or for more information call (239) 334-7707 x222 or email Ester Kiesel at [esther.kiesel@sfxfm.org](mailto:esther.kiesel@sfxfm.org)

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March:** We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**Help Wanted at Church of Resurrection:** We are seeking a bulletin editor/administrative assistant at our church. Duties include creating the bulletin, website updates, church/office/reception support. Microsoft Publisher a must! Full or part time. For more information, contact Melanie Arneri at (239) 481-7171

**Sidewalk Counselors Needed:** The Fort Myers Planned Parenthood has increased its abortion days to three times per week. The team of Sidewalk Advocates for Life is in need of individuals willing to be trained to offer women life-affirming alternatives and help to save lives. For training information, contact Jeanne Berdeaux, (941) 374-1068 or [Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org)

**Long-Sleeve Relief Drive 2023:** Please consider collecting long-sleeve shirts, food, and/or money to benefit our farmworkers. For more information call 888-275-9953 or visit: <https://donorbox.org/long-sleeve-relief-drive-2-2>

**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.

**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)

**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](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org)

## DIVORCE/SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP



### Introductory Meeting

## SUNDAY, MARCH 26

### 9AM - PARISH LIFE CENTER

Divorce and separation are life-changing events. We offer a safe environment for men and women to come together, share their experiences, and find support and guidance on the path to recovery.

All are welcome at any stage or process that individuals are experiencing.

Please join us at 9:00am for an introductory meeting on Sunday, March 26 in the Parish Life Center. We will meet every other Sunday except Easter.

Our 1st Meeting April 23: *"Weathering the Storm of Fear and Anxiety"*

May 7: *"Dealing with Depression and Loneliness"*

### Upcoming topics include:

- Anger
- The Catholic Church and Annulments
- Financial Issues
- Single and Dating
- Forgive and Forget

### For registration and questions:

**Carole Wheeler-Antle (239) 850-7443**

email: [wacarole@comcast.net](mailto:wacarole@comcast.net)





# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The link below will take you to a very personal walking of the Stations of the Cross. We encourage you to pray these Stations, and if possible, do it in the St. John XXIII Memorial Garden. You can access this site on your phone and you are all set to start the clockwise walk.

[www.osvnews.com/amp/2020/02/27/walking-the-stations-of-the-cross-this-lent/](http://www.osvnews.com/amp/2020/02/27/walking-the-stations-of-the-cross-this-lent/)

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