

ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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Divine Mercy

The more you trust in Me completely, the STRONGER is My mercy. The more I can forgive, My mercy is so POWERFUL, that it can wipe out the sins of all mankind.



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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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 Pastoral Team and respecting all people regardless of background, history, race or color, as Business Manager we strive to nurture spiritual growth and personal holiness on our journey to Holly Atkins become more responsible stewards of God's gifts.

Mass Intentions

PLEASE NOTE: The chapel will be open during weekend Masses for those who prefer additional space. However, due to Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays, Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel will not be available during the 9:15am & 11:15am Masses.

MONDAY, APRIL 17

8:00 AM † Kevin Deas by his family

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

8:00 AM † Rev. Russell Ruggiero by St. John XXIII Pastoral Team

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

8:00 AM † Gilberto Rios by his wife Nereida

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

8:00 AM † Pat & Shirley DeNezza by Patty Testol

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

8:00 AM † Laureano Mayuga by George & Leticia Lacson

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

- 8:00 AM † Mario Leno by his mother
- 4:00 PM † Dr. Raymond Santucci, Sr. by John & Ernestine Bruno
- 8:00 PM † All Souls Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

- 7:15 AM † Gary J. Sutkiewicz by Jane Kearns
- 9:15 AM ♥ Rebecca Downey by Louise
- 11:15 AM † Elaine Quan by Bob & Helen Tuffy
- 1:30 PM † Jose Ranulfo Garcia by Yesenia Garcia

MASS INTENTION UPDATE

The 2023 book is 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.

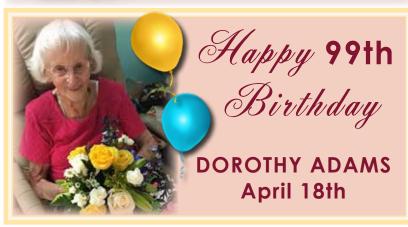
APRIL 23, 2023 - READINGS

- 1ST READING **PSALM**
- 2ND READING
- **GOSPEL**

ACTS 2:14, 22-33

PS 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 1 PT 1:17-21

LK 24:13-35



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Divine Mercy Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 16: PARISH LIFE CENTER 3:00PM

Join us for a very special celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. on April 16. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Veneration of the image of the Divine Mercy and confessions will be heard starting at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center classrooms.

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PLENARY INDULGENCE: In a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!").

Our Holy Fathers have told us that Divine Mercy is the greatest attribute of God, and it is especially needed in our modern, secular times. All are invited to attend our Divine Mercy Service to receive these powerful graces and blessings of Mercy.



To fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:

- 1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter
- 2. Sincerely repent of all our sins
- 3. Place our complete trust in Jesus
- 4. Confess your sins to Jesus before that Sunday
- 5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast
- 6. Venerate* the Image of The Divine Mercy
- Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

*To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents in this case, our Most Merciful Savior.

CONFESSIONS will be held prior to Mass from 1:30pm-3pm in the Parish Life Center classrooms.

DIVINE MERCY MASS will take place at 3:00pm in the Parish Life Center Main Hall.



PRAYER FOR

DIVINE MERCY

April 16, 2023

is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is love and mercy itself.

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 Braden O'Halloran Infant Anthony Vardaan** Jim Benham Cynthia & William **Kevin Ferreira** David **Deborah Young** Jim Bedenko **Kevin Sutton** Michael D. **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 Junemarie Navv Floyd Nagler **Sue Yingling Cheryl Kelly Katie McCarty** John Polgar Linda Marrie The Conley Family

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 **eprayer.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/



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!

Edith Celestino Hermann Preissler John Birkle



Tabernacle Candle

In Honor of: Our Newly Received RCIA Group





Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



Monday, April 17

- 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 6pm

Tuesday, April 18

- 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, April 19

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: OCR 10am
- Faith Formation Session 1: PLC 4:15pm
- Adult Choir Practice: Chapel 6pm
- Middle School Youth Group: Main Hall 6pm
- Faith Formation Session 2: PLC 7pm

Thursday, April 20

- Bridge: PLC/St. Michael/St. Bernadette 12:30pm
- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: PLC/Classroom 7pm

Friday, April 21

- KofC Fish Fry: Main Hall 5:30pm 7:30pm
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church 8pm

Saturday, April 22

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

Sunday, April 23

- 7:15am, 9:15am & **11:15am** * **Livestreamed**
- Children's Choir Rehearsal: Chapel 8:45am
- Separation & Divorce Support Group: PLC/St. Martha
 & St. Mary 9am
- Pre-School Bible Class: St. Susanna 9:15am
- RCIA: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael 10:15am
- Hispanic Choir: St. Elizabeth 11am
- HSYG Session: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary 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/tymass/



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Caira Everly
- Alan Opitz
- Steve & Pat Hutton
- Michelle Emmett
- John & Felicia Noland
- Gregg & Paula Froio
- Bonnie Zielinski Allen
- Ralph & Carol Milone

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

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 Sean Ball Major Bart Boma Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove Sgt. Phil Dellibovi CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces Sgt. Jared Gaudet Capt. Kellyn C. Hall Andrew Herman Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl PFC Michael P Hughes SPC Michael Jednak PFC Andrew Kanopkh Michael Klem Major Bradley D. Laux Capt. Jacob Mundo, US Army SSGT Anthony Padula Master SGT Peter Parison Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army Lt. Col. Brady Sexton 2nd Lt. Kristen Thompson Christian Troutner, US Navy Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic PFC Jordan Feil, USA Sgt. Hayden Linde, FLARNG Aaron Crump, USCG Sgt. Nathaniel Broemmel Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo Col. Scott C. Woodward Andrew Hawkinson, USN Cavalry Scout Specialist,

Ryan Silva, Army 2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC Jared Broemmel, US Navy 2nd Lt. Edward Hudson Tillinghast IV, Army Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force Com. Craig Fowler, USN Eric Sanchez, US Air Force Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army, 82nd ABN CPL Eric Lyons, USMC 2nd Lt. Nicholas Meunier. US Army Robert Trenton Morell, Medic Specialist US Army Michael Thomas Morell, US Navy SPC 4 Judy Martinez, US Army 1st Lt. Jeffrey Zivkovic, US Army Christopher Dominski, PFC ARNG 2nd Lt. Sara Wulff Sean Dryhurst US Navy Lt. Amanda Macaluso Anthony An Schroeder, 11 Bravo Infantry Derrick Hambling, Army Airborne Infantry Maj. Paige Blevins USAF Maj. Christopher Blevins USAF Capt. Cameron Hortman USAF PFC Alan Copeland Augustus Gagis, Major, USAF Zachary Gagis, Lieutenant, USN



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.
- Free FORMED Account: Discover all the best Catholic content in one place! Go to 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/
- St. John XXIII Thrift Store: Hours are Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. For more information email thrift@johnxxiii.net or visit www. bpjthrift.com
- Non-Perishable Donations: 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.
- 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
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7 WAYS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR CATHOLIC



Most of us fall into a bit of a spiritual rut every now and then. It happens. But no matter what time of the month or year it is, it's always a good time to expand our horizons in a way that shakes things up and strengthens our Christian faith. As Catholics, there are many opportunities to do so. Here are seven that can help us all.

SILENT MEDITATION OR ADORATION:

Adoration to experience Christ's love. What better gift can we give Jesus (and ourselves) than to spend time adoring Our Savior?

JOIN A CHURCH MINISTRY:

God gives us all unique gifts. Sharing them with our fellow parishioners in service of God, The Church and our neighbors is an excellent way to show God our appreciation.

PRAY THE ROSARY:

You can learn how to pray the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. It's a beautiful way to draw closer to Jesus.

HELP PEOPLE IN NEED:

Volunteering and joyfully giving what we can to assist them is a wonderful way to fulfill your callings.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

It's a powerful way to ask God's forgiveness for our sins and a powerful way to receive that mercy.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY:

Explore and inspire us by giving us new ways to pray to, praise and serve God. The blessings of fellowship and friendship also enhance our lives in amazing ways.

READING AND MEDITATING:

If we hope to understand God's teachings and let them guide us, spending quality time with The Bible will help us accomplish this goal.



We would like to thank everyone who volunteered and participated in the Annual Easter Hunt on Saturday, April 1. A special thank you to those who donated candy/eggs for the event. It was a beautiful day to spend with family and friends!





Faith FORMATION

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



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.

ADULT FAITH

Education

Keep in TOUCH with your Faith ONLINE:

OPENING THE WORD



Tuesday Mornings at 9:00am PARISH LIFE CENTER

Watch a short video each week on Formed.org to help prepare you for the upcoming Sunday Readings. You can register at https://johnxxiii.formed.org/ and follow the instructions to sign in and watch Opening the Word. View all of the Catholic content 24/7.



We are **DESPERATELY IN NEED** of more **VOLUNTEERS** for the **SUNDAY TEAM** of our Hospital Eucharistic Outreach Ministry.

Most of our current volunteers are seasonal residents and will be returning to the North. In order for us to continue this WONDERFUL SUNDAY MINISTRY throughout the summer months, and not disappoint the patients at Gulf Coast Medical Center, we need more volunteers willing to be the hands and feet of Christ taking Holy Communion to those people unable to receive at Mass.

For more information:

If you feel called to join this ministry, please reach out to **Bethany** in the parish office: (239) 561-2245

Bethany Myers, Liturgy Coordinator email: bethany@johnxxiii.net



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

Rooted at St. John XXIII

Welcoming all Young Adults 18 - 39

Rooted meets on the first Thursday of each month.

 May 4: 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 Opportunites

Visit Sign up Genius website at:

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





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



If you are thinking about joining the Catholic Church....

The RCIA Inquiry is the starting place for adults who are considering it.

For more information, please contact: Leslie Robertson at (239) 560-5617





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.

Paver orders may also be placed at www.KC23.org

Defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, Oh Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Please circle the graphic to be added to the stone:

Guardian Angels WALKWAY

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LARRY EVENER: larryevener@yahoo.com	PRINT NAME			
	SIGNATURE			
The Women's Guild Contact: SUE EDWARDS: sgedwards007@gmail.com	DATE			



Weekly Financials



NO UPDATE 3-26-23 3-27-22 **Difference** Offertory \$35,233.09 \$42,189.66 (\$6,956.57)**Building Fund** \$2,300.50 \$2,240.50 \$60.00 Total \$37.533.59 \$44.430.16 (\$6.896.57) Mass Attendance 4023 3438 Registered Families 3703 3531

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 \$293,710.00 **Payments** \$196,527.66

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 \$ % of the or 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

MAKING A STOCK TRANSFER

When making a stock transfer to the Diocese of Venice on behalf of St. John XXIII, please email holly@johnxxiii.net to let us know you made the request. Sometimes a transfer comes to the Diocese with no name or no parish name. This will help us track the transaction. Thank you.

RECYCLING EQUALS MONEY

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Here at St. John XXIII, we encourage you to recycle!

Our recycle bin is located to the far right of the Vietnamese Statue near the other side of the parking lot.

Items such as cardboard, newspapers, office paper and aluminum cans can be deposited in the recycle bin.

With your diligent help, we are able to receive money from the recycling company, Garden St. Paper Products, which in return, goes back to help the church.

Thank you for your support of our common home and the Parish community!





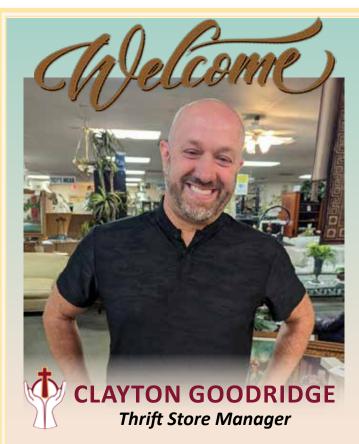
MEMORIALIZE

Here at St. John XXIII, we have several ways to memorialize your loved one.

If you are interested in learning more, call our Business Manager, Holly Atkins at (239) 561-2245

> Memorialization The art of commemorating the lives of those we love.





St. John XXIII Catholic Church is proud to introduce Clayton Goodridge as the new Thrift Store Manager. We look forward to experiencing Clayton's faith and commitment to the Parish!

Message from Clayton:

I am so excited to be entrusted to step into Cynthia's shoes as Thrift Store manager! Working closely with her over the past year as I moved from volunteer to assistant manager has taught me so much, and given me the opportunity to see how much your donations can benefit children in our parish community seeking a Catholic education. My wife and I send our young daughters to St. Andrew, and we have seen the benefits firsthand; we have been so blessed to see our girls grow in their relationship with God, as well as their academics.

I'm bringing to the position my experience in television production, as well as my degree in software engineering. I look forward to using technology and social media to further market our products and reach a wider audience. I'm eager to explore these new avenues for the Thrift Store's expansion while building upon the hard work of my predecessors, and working with an incredibly talented, funny, and resourceful team. Thank you, Cynthia, Ernie, Janet, and Gloria!





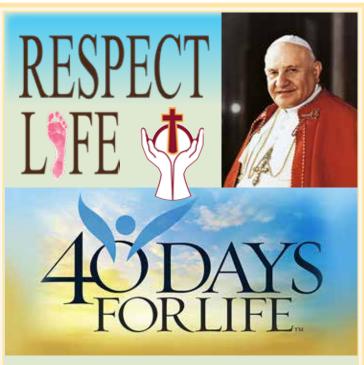
WE WILL TRAIN! MANY SHIFTS ARE OPEN MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Please consider helping at our Thrift Store Ministry! We need Processors of Clothing, Handbags, Footwear, Table and Bed Linens.

We are also in need of dock attendants to receive donations at our dock, then to sort and disseminate the donations to the various departments within the thrift store.

For more information, please contact Clayton Goodridge, Tuesday through Saturday at (239) 433-4097 or email: thrift@johnxxiii.net

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Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Spring 40 Days for LIfe campaign and especially to **Maureen Nash** for her tireless dedication and passionate prayers for the unborn, abortion workers and all of those involved in the scourge of abortion!

CONTACT US:

If you would like more information, or interested in volunteering, email: respectlifejohn23@gmail.com

SIDEWALK COUNSELORS NEEDED

At the FORT MYERS PLANNED PARENTHOOD CLINIC

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 at (941) 374-1068 or email: Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org



FRIDAY, APRIL 21

5:30PM TO 7:30PM - PARISH LIFE CENTER

The Knights of Columbus will be holding the last fish fry on Friday, April 21 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the Parish Life Center. *The dinner will include:* fish, french fries, coleslaw, beverages and dessert.

ADULTS: \$15 children 12 & under: \$10

Tickets will be available in the Narthex the weekend of April 15-16. **LIMIT 130 TICKETS**



April 23: First Session (9am - 10:30am) "Weathering the Storm of Fear and Anxiety"

May 7: (9am - 10:30am)
"Dealing with Depression and Loneliness"

Additional topics will be announced at a later date. We will meet every other week for 12 weeks. The final session will take place on October. You are welcome to attend at any time in whatever stage of separation/divorce you are in. Also come to any session any week.

For more information contact:

Carole Wheeler-Antle (239) 850-7443

email: wacarole@comcast.net



St. John XXIII Catholic Church

Contact: Richard Owen | 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**

"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, April 30 - 4:00pm

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

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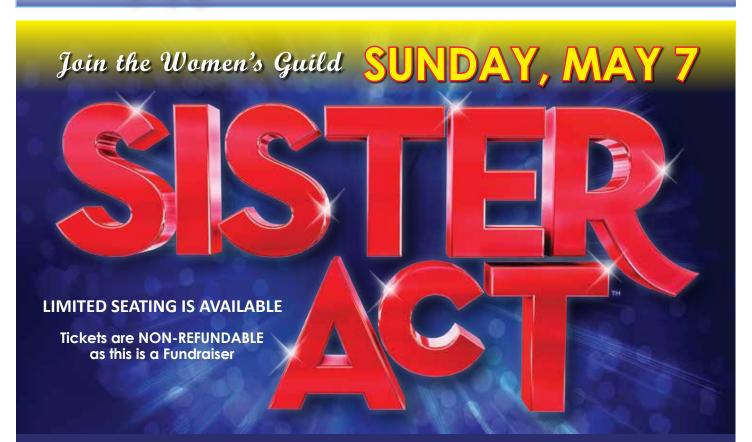
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Diocese Flocknote: The Diocese of Venice is now using Flocknote to communicate with the faithful. If you are not signed up for Flocknote, but would like to receive messages, simply text DIOCESE OF VENICE to 84576, or connect with us online at www.dioceseofvenice.flocknote.com

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/

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

Spiritual Abortion: You are invited to begin a 9-month journey of spiritually adopting an unborn child who is at risk of being killed by abortion. Through prayer, you will be united with the mother of this child who is considering the decision of abortion. For a pamphlet or prayer card contact Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-374-1068

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Withnessing Faith: Join Bishop Frank J. Dewane the last Friday of the month, for his monthly radio program on Relevant Radio on 106.7 FM and 1410 AM in Fort Myers and 93.3 FM and 1660 AM in Naples. Outside of the listening area, access to the program is available at https:// dioceseofvenice.org/our-bishop/relevant-radio-podcasts

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