



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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April 30, 2023

GOOD *Shepherd* SUNDAY

The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I lack.

In green pastures He makes me lie down; to still waters He leads me; He restores my soul.

He guides me along right paths for the sake of His name.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff comforts me.

You set a table before me in front of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the Lord for endless days.

- PSALM 23

April 30, 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

ADMINISTRATOR
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday,
8:00am-Noon & 1pm-4pm
239-561-2245
239-561-3713 (Fax)

MINISTRY TO THE SICK:

A priest is on call 7 days a week,
24hrs a day for these hospitals:

Health Park - St. Columbkille
Church 239-489-3973

Lee Memorial - St. Francis
Xavier Church 239-334-2161

Gulf Coast - St. John XXIII
239-561-2245

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT:

You are encouraged to receive
the Sacrament of the Sick before
being admitted to a facility.

St. Columbkille - Hope Hospice
239-489-3973

9470 Health Park Circle,
Ft. Myers, FL

St. Raphael - Lehigh Acres
Health & Rehab Center
239-369-2194
1550 Lee Blvd, Lehigh Acres, FL

Hope Hospice 239-369-1831
1201 Wings Way, Lehigh Acres, FL

St. Leo - Hope Hospice
239-992-0901
27200 Imperial Pkwy,
Bonita Springs, FL

St. Vincent de Paul - Select
2073 Lafayette St. Ft. Myers
239-693-0818

The Mission of St. John XXIII Catholic Church is to actively engage all those who desire to more fully accept and live out the message of Christ, welcoming and respecting all people regardless of background, history, race or color, as we strive to nurture spiritual growth and personal holiness on our journey to become more responsible stewards of God's gifts.

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, MAY 1

- 8:00 AM † Herbert Walsh by Marie Walsh

TUESDAY, MAY 2

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

- 8:00 AM † Emilio Vernal by Donald Perkins

THURSDAY, MAY 4

- 8:00 AM † Jim & Diane Wittenauer by Pam & Barry Bratton

FRIDAY, MAY 5

- 8:00 AM † Theodore Bierch, Jr. by his wife, Alice

SATURDAY, MAY 6

- 8:00 AM † Joe Logan by Jeanie Pahl
- 4:00 PM † Eleanor Semans by Bob & Ann Francis
- 8:00 PM † Peter - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 7

- 7:15 AM † Michael Rovnak by his family
- 9:15 AM † Wayne Edwards by Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Hahn
- 11:15 AM † Phil & Fran Barnas by Ken & Linda Barnas
- 1:30 PM † Noe Villanueva 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.

MAY 7, 2023 - READINGS

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|---------------|-----------------------|
| • 1ST READING | ACTS 6:1-7 |
| • PSALM | PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 |
| • 2ND READING | 1 PT 2:4-9 |
| • GOSPEL | JN 14:1-12 |

FIRST FRIDAY *Adoration*

MAY 5, 2023

THE ADORATION CHAPEL
will be open **8:30am - 8:00pm**

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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

by: **Cynthia James - Catholic Exchange**

Jesus is the good shepherd who knows, loves and defends His sheep, embracing everyone without exception, Pope Francis said.

"For this is the Father's will — that no one should be lost. Christ's love is not selective; it embraces everyone," the Pope reflected before reciting the "Regina Coeli" prayer with visitors in St. Peter's Square.

Focusing on the day's Gospel reading (John 10:11-18) presenting Jesus as the good shepherd, the Pope said the opposite of the good shepherd is the "mercenary" — the hired hand who does not care about the flock "because they are not His."

"He does the job only for pay and is not concerned about defending them; when a wolf arrives, He flees and abandons them".

Jesus, the true shepherd, "defends us always and saves us from so many difficult situations, dangerous situations through the light of His word and the strength of His presence that we always experience if we want to listen, every day."

But even more beautiful, is that Jesus knows each and every one, "we are not a 'mass,' a 'multitude' for Him, no. We are unique individuals, each with his or her own story" and with his or her own value.

Knowing each person's strengths and defects, Jesus "is always ready to care for us, to heal the wounds of our errors with the abundance of his mercy," he added.

It was out of love for his sheep that he gave his life for them, and it is God's will "that no one should be lost".

Jesus says in the Gospel that He has "other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd."

The Pope said these words testify to Jesus' universal concern: "He is everyone's shepherd" and wants everyone to encounter God and receive the father's love.

The Pope indicated that many people, even the majority of them, go to church on special occasions or never! "But this does not mean they are not God's children; the father entrusts everyone to Jesus the good shepherd, and He gave His life for everyone."

***"My sheep hear my voice
and I know them and they
follow me" - John 10:27***



WHO He IS



Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd comes gently and says 7 statements in the Gospel of John to tell us who He is:

BREAD OF LIFE: "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth in me shall never thirst." - John 6:35

LIGHT OF THE WORLD: "Then spoke Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." - John 8:12

THE DOOR: "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." - John 10:9

THE GOOD SHEPHERD: "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep....I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine." - John. 10:11, 14

THE RESURRECTION & THE LIFE: "Jesus said unto them, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" John 11:25-26

THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE: "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man comes to the Father but by me." - John 14:6

THE TRUE VINE: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." - John 15:1-2

Prayer List

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

Marlene LaRose	Stephen & Connie
Gary Neubauer	Kahn Le
Ron Hudepohl	Pat Kennedy
Laura Ford	Chris Connolly
Tony Gagnet	Karen Yurko
Scott Dugan	William Dewes
Braden O'Halloran	Junemarie Navy
Infant Anthony Vardaan	Floyd Nagler
Jim Benham	Sue Yingling
Cynthia & William	Cheryl Kelly
Kevin Sutton	Katie McCarty
Michael D.	John Polgar
Peg Gaffney	The Conley Family
Laurie Gilligan	John Uhl
Lois Patterson	Mary-Lyn Monaco
Elethia Oliver-Ajose	John Hagan & Marie Hagan
Cathy McManus	David Rodgers
Jim Aversa	

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

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!*

Alfred F. Sommer
Shirley Rost



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Lill & Bill Krippner**
Requested by: **Ted & Mickey Veenhuis**



Adoration Chapel

In Honor of: **Our Newly Confirmed**





ST. JOHN XXIII
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Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



Monday, May 1

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

Tuesday, May 2

- 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, May 3

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: OCR - 10am
- First Communion Rehearsal: Church/Chapel 4:15pm
- Social Justice Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 6pm
- First Communion Rehearsal: Church/Chapel - 6pm
- Adult Choir Practice: Chapel - 6:30pm

Thursday, May 4

- Mass at Cypress Point: Discovery Commons - 9:30am
- Bridge: PLC/St. Michael/St. Bernadette - 12:30pm
- Rooted: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Friday, May 5

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



Saturday, May 6

- First Communion: Church/Chapel - 10am
- First Communion: Church/Chapel - 1pm
- Vigil Mass: Church - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Church - 8pm

Sunday, May 7

- 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
- Procession/May Crowning: Memorial Garden - 12:15pm
- Blaze Bible Study: PLC/St. Therese - 12:15pm
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm * *via YouTube*



WATCH AT HOME

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

ONLINE

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



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Francisco & Angelica Cardenas
- Nicholas & Josephine Bitetto
- Randy Lopez & Theadora Kern
- Sergio Alvarez & Maria Alvarez-Perez
- Rodrigo & Marcela Cantarero

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 Broemmell
Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo
Col. Scott C. Woodward
Andrew Hawkinson, USN
Cavalry Scout Specialist,

Ryan Silva, Army
2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC
Jared Broemmell, US Navy
2nd Lt. Edward Hudson
Tillinghast IV, Army
Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force
Com. Craig Fowler, USN
Eric Sanchez, US Air Force
Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army,
82nd ABN
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 and Saturday 8:30am-3:30pm. Every first Friday with extended hours from 8:30am-8pm. 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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MAY 5 - 7, 2023

DURING REGULAR STORE HOURS

The Belk Charity Sale is dedicated to supporting local non-profit organizations, including the Women's Guild of St. John XXIII Church.

The Guild will be selling \$5 tickets to the event, and Belk allows us to keep 100% of the ticket proceeds to help fund our Outreach Projects.

**PURCHASE a \$5 TICKET
and Receive \$5 OFF
your first PURCHASE!**

*Also receive (on the same ticket)
a 25% off stackable coupon!
It's a WIN-WIN!*

PRE-SALE ORDERS:

Items that were purchased during the pre-sale will be rung up on **Friday, May 5.**

Your purchase can be picked up any time after store opening on **May 5.**

(Orders must be picked up within 10 days)

PURCHASE TICKETS

please contact:

STELLA MCCAFFREY

**Stellamccaffrey@aol.com
or Text: 239-823-5421**

FATHER JAYABALAN (JAY) RAJU

WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

St. John XXIII Catholic Church is proud to introduce **Fr. Jay** as our new administrator! We welcome him to the team and look forward to experience his faith and commitment to the Parish!

About Fr. Jay

Dear Friends in Christ,

Love and greetings from Fr. Jayabalan Thachan Kurichiar Raju....and you may call me Fr. Jay!

I am equally excited and blessed to be appointed as Administrator for our parish community by our Bishop, His Excellency Frank J. Dewane as of May 1st 2023. A few quick lines about me for now:

NAME: Fr. Jay Raju

AGE: 50 years young

BORN AND RAISED: India

ORDAINED: April 11th, 1999 for the Archdiocese of Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India

SERVED: Almost 2 years in two parishes, 14 years in Catholic Charities in Madurai archdiocese and 8+ years in the Diocese of Venice.

INCARDINATION: April 11th 2022, I was incardinated into the Diocese of Venice.

IN VENICE DIOCESE: St. Francis of Assisi Church, Grove City (Englewood), St. Andrews Parish, Cape Coral, St. Francis Xavier Church, Fort Myers and Epiphany Cathedral-Venice.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know all of you soon. God bless!

In Christ,
Fr. Jay Raju



Faith FORMATION

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

REGISTER NOW



Vacation Bible School

June 26 - June 30

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Open to Children PreK 4 to entering 6th grade

NOW is the TIME to Register for Vacation Bible School!

Simply go to the link below and sign up!

Registration deadline is May 26, 2023. Camp space fills quickly! Please do not delay registering.

<https://www.osvhub.com/st-john-xxiii-parish/forms/registration-1-1-2-2-2>

PLEASE NOTE: Due to popularity, VBS is open to Parishioners of St. John XXIII ONLY.

It's sure to be STELLAR!! So let's help "Shine Jesus' Light"



SAVE
THE
DATES

June 17 - June 21

2ND CAMP OPPORTUNITY THIS SUMMER:

Open to children entering 1st grade through 12th grade
More Information to follow!



Join Us

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

PARISH LIFE CENTER - 6:30PM

- *Have you seen all the outreach activities that our parish does through the Social Justice Committee?*
- *Have you ever helped with these efforts?*
- *Would you like to get involved?*

If you said yes to any of these questions, please join the Social Justice Committee as we meet at 6:30pm on **Wednesday, May 3** in the PLC/St. Martha/Mary. It is the first classroom as you enter from the main entrance of the parish life center. We will discuss our progress within outreach for the year then make plans for year end spending and outreach activity.

This is a "no commitment necessary" opportunity, come for the overview of our outreach ministry with an open heart and see where the Holy Spirit guides you. Perhaps you are meant to help with some small efforts, share your expertise from years of helping, team up for our bigger projects like the Angel tree OR maybe you are meant to be there to listen and then simply share this opportunity with someone else, connect us with the wider community of St. John XXIII and beyond.

Feel free to pop in to say hi or reach out for further information to:

Elizabeth Andrews and Lynn Oakley

Social Justice Committee Co-Chairs

email: Elipchik@hotmail.com

Elizabeth: (734) 552-4560 or Lynn: (239) 470-7000



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 Opportunities

Visit Sign up Genius website at:
www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c45aead2daaf58-youth



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Come for a faith-filled week of "OUT OF THIS WORLD FUN" and earn volunteer hours for Confirmation, and school programs.

REQUIREMENTS Needed for all YOUTH VOLUNTEERS:

- **DATES:** June 26 to 30
- **MANDATORY MEETING:** Wednesday June 21 at 6pm
- **DAILY VOLUNTEER TIME** 8:30am - 12:30pm
- Rising 7th grade to Rising 12th grade
- Complete OSV Registration Form
- Complete Virtus Safe Environment Training Course Online.
- Complete Volgistics Form to Receive a Sign-in Pin Number to Track Hours

Links to safe environment training will be provided in the OSV registration online form. Please scan QR code to be directed to the site.

For questions, please email Kelly@johnxxiii.net

Guardian Angels WALKWAY

PAVER MEMORIALIZATION



St. John XXIII Parish, along with the Knights of Columbus and The Women's Guild, are excited to offer **12x12 pavers**, which will be placed on the walkway around the site for our St. Michael the Archangel statue. **The price for each paver is \$350.** This is a wonderful way to pay tribute to a loved one who has served, or is currently serving in the military or as a first responder.

FYI

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

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

Guardian Angels WALKWAY

Name _____

Address or PO Box _____

Unit/Apt # _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Payments may be made by cash, credit card or check.

I would like to pay by:

___ CASH ___ CHECK ___ CREDIT CARD

If paying by check, please make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus.

To order, or check the status of an order, please contact
The Knights of Columbus:

LARRY EVENER: larryevener@yahoo.com

The Women's Guild Contact:

SUE EDWARDS: sgedwards007@gmail.com

PAVER ORDER FORM

Please circle the graphic to be added to the stone:



Please print clearly. The 12x12 paver has 3 lines.

LINE 1 NAME _____
example: John Doe

LINE 2 RANK _____
example: SGT. USMC

LINE 3 SERVICE _____
example: WWII

Please sign and date verifying all information is correct on the paver.

PRINT NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____



ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

Weekly Financials



NO UPDATE	4-09-23	4-10-22	Difference
Offertory	\$92,386.56	\$52,967.43	\$39,419.13
Building Fund	\$1,531.78	\$2,206.00	(\$674.22)
Total	\$93,918.34	\$55,173.43	\$38,744.91
Mass Attendance	6544	4063	
Registered Families	3683	3542	

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	\$306,807.00
Payments	\$211,003.49

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



GIVING TO THE CFA Through a Qualified Charitable Distribution

In 2020 the law changed, requiring those 72 years old or older to begin taking a required minimum distribution (RMD) from their individual retirement account (IRA). However, only those who will turn 70½ (born on or after July 1, 1949) in 2020 or later may wait until age 72 to begin taking required distributions. If you are currently receiving RMDs (or should be) because you are over age 70½, you must continue taking these RMDs.

FOR TRADITIONAL ACCOUNTS THIS INCOME IS TAXABLE!

To avoid paying taxes on this income while also meeting the obligation of the RMD, you may designate the distribution as a gift directly from the IRA custodian to the CFA. You can donate up to \$100,000 and married couples can donate up to \$200,000 if the spouse has a separate IRA.

Help lower your tax burden while making a **GIFT OF HOPE** to those in your community!

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To find out if your company offers a matching gift program, please visit:

<https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/stewardship-and-development/matching-gifts/>

All Are Welcome

SUNDAY, APRIL 30
IN THE CHURCH 4:00pm

Monthly CONTEMPORARY MASS



*Please come Praise the Lord at our next monthly
Contemporary Mass on Sunday, April 30 at 4:00pm
in the church.*

*Music will be uplifting praise and worship songs
played by our modern ensemble and accessible
through your smart phone (see QR code below).*

*If you would like to be involved as a volunteer for
future Masses, please contact Bethany Myers at:
bethany@johnxxiii.net*



MAY CROWNING

SUNDAY MAY 7

The St. John XXIII Women's Guild is hosting a May crowning of the statue of Mary, *Mother of the Life Within*, in the Memorial Garden on Sunday, May 7 at 12:30pm.

All members of the parish are invited to join us for this celebration in the Memorial Garden. Bring your rosary and come help us honor Jesus' mother.



MONTH OF MAY

Women's Guild BABY SHOWER

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

MONDAY-FRIDAY 10AM - 5PM
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DIVORCE/SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP



SUNDAY, MAY 7
9AM - PARISH LIFE CENTER

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

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

For more information contact:
Carole Wheeler-Antle (239) 850-7443
email: **wacarole@comcast.net**

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HAPPENINGS



MORNING WITH MARY

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Parish Life Center - 9:00am - 12:00pm

St. Michael and St. Bernadette

The St. John XXIII Women's Guild invites **ALL WOMEN** of the parish to a gathering on **Saturday, May 20** from **9:00am to 12:00pm** in the Parish Life Center/St. Michael and St. Bernadette. Come and join us for a light breakfast, a great speaker, and a rosary.

SESSION TOPIC: Mary, the Mother of Joy.

ABOUT DEACON JOHN:

Deacon John Gaulin was ordained in the Diocese of Buffalo in June, 2008. He served at the diocesan level as the founder and director of the Sons of St. Stephen ministry (in service to the deacons of the diocese), along with planning and running deacon convocations, and in support of some of the early transition programs designed to help parishes cope with the many diocesan organizational changes.

At the parish level, beyond the regular weekend liturgical responsibilities, Deacon John led many programs including directing the Parish Sabbatical, teaching many Adult Education programs, and heading up the parish strategic planning process. In addition, Deacon John led various activities including Divine Mercy Sunday, server and lector training, and parish merger teams.

Personally, Deacon John is married to his wife Debbie. They have two adult children, along with three grandchildren. He retired in May, 2021 and the family moved from Buffalo to Fort Myers in late 2022. They joined St. John XXIII parish last November.



Featured Speaker:
DEACON JOHN



MORNING WITH MARY SATURDAY, MAY 20 • PLC 9AM-12PM

To ensure that we have enough food, we ask you to RSVP by returning this tear off.

NAME: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

Please return to the parish office or drop in the collection basket by May 14th

Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

St. Columbkille Choir Concert: Join us on Monday, May 8th at 7pm for "A Concert of Sacred Choral Music". 15 New choral works for choir and piano composed and conducted by Thomas Palmersheim. Location: St. Columbkille Catholic Church Sanctuary, 12171 Iona Road, Fort Myers, FL 33908. A free-will offering will be taken. Music Directors will be able to obtain a copy of any of the music they might be interested in performing with their choirs.

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).

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

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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Witnessing 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>

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

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SAFETY TIP

GRANDCHILD IN JAIL SCAM

The Lee County Sheriff's Office has had several "Grandchild in Jail" scams reported over the past few months. Here's what you need to know should you receive one of these suspicious phone calls:

In this scam, the suspect contact victims posing as a grandchild or the grandchild's attorney and claims your grandchild (with name) has been in a crash where he/she was driving under the influence of alcohol. The suspect then instructs you not to tell your grandchild's parents of the incident and requests bond money to prevent them from going to jail. Once the con-artist convinces you of the story, they will send a courier to your home to pick up the money. The courier is typically, but not always a ride-sharing company that is hired by the suspect to pick up a "package" and deliver it to a new location.

HOW CAN YOU KEEP FROM BECOMING A VICTIM OF THE GRANDPARENT SCAM?

- Do not answer unknown phone numbers.
- Do not send cash or gift cards to someone you do not know.
- Attempt to contact the grandchild or family member who is allegedly in jail.
- Ask the suspect questions only a real family member would know.
- Secure all social media profiles to "friends only" access since criminals can use this personal information to answer certain questions about your family.

If you think you have been a victim of this scam, please contact the Lee County Sheriff's Office fraud line at **(239) 258-3292** or contact your local law enforcement agency.

For more information about this Safety & Security Tip or to have a Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Specialist speak to your organization about Frauds and Scams, please contact the Community Response Unit at **(239) 477-1CRU**

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