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BLESSED Mother's

"You have been a beautiful example of God's Love"

- PROVERBS 31

St. John XXIII Catholic Parish in Fort Myers, Inc. a Florida non-profit corporation

Please Note:

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS takes place in the church from 8:30am-9:00am

Livestreamed 11:15am MASS on Facebook/Website

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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, MAY 15

8:00 AM † George Stavar, Jr. by Vince & Ronnie Vaccarino

TUESDAY, MAY 16

8:00 AM † Pat Nacol by Linda & Ron Vitticore

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

8:00 AM † Manuel Garcia Garcia by the Garcia family

THURSDAY, MAY 18

8:00 AM ♥ Natalie Factora - Happy Birthday by her parents

FRIDAY, MAY 19

8:00 AM † Ryan Vanderson by his family

SATURDAY, MAY 20

- 8:00 AM † Walter Laskos by Irene Julian
- 4:00 PM † Pat Nacol by Carolyn & Chuck Nieset
- 8:00 PM † Peter Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 21

- 7:15 AM † Nina Hoover by Jane & Tom Hoover
- 9:15 AM ♥ Suja Jose by the family
- 11:15 AM ♥ Rebecca Downey by Louise
- 1:30 PM † Ana Maria Garcia by Yesenia Garcia



MASS INTENTION UPDATE

2023 Mass intentions are ONLY AVAILABLE in Vietnamese and Spanish. Other options will remain available such as Tabernacle Candle \$15 per week and Eucharistic Host \$15 per week.

MAY 21, 2023 - READINGS

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

ACTS 1:12-14 PS 27:1, 4, 7-8

1 PT 4:13-16

JN 17:1-11A



receiving LOW GLUTEN hosts at Mass, then please go to the Sacristy before Mass starts to make your request with a Sacristan.



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Mother OF God

by: Fr. William Saunders - Catholic Exchange

Mary is truly a "mother". Not just the physical means by which our Lord entered this world, but she is also in the fullest sense mother. As mother, she always wants to present her Son to others, and to lead others to her divine Son. In the Gospels, she presented Him to the shepherds, the Magi, the Priest Simeon and Anna, and to the wedding party at Cana. She desires to do the same for each of us. When our Lord died on the Cross, standing there were His mother, Mary, and St. John the Apostle; Jesus said to Mary, "Woman, there is your son," entrusting His widowed mother to the care of St. John; and to St. John, "There is your mother" (Jn 19:26-27). Traditionally, we have always held that here Jesus gave Mary as a mother to the Church as a whole and to each of us.

By Her Presence

Over the last 200 years, the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared to many different people all throughout the world. By her presence in our world, the messages she gave, will be one way in which she will convert sinners.

As we learn the messages she spoke, they challenge us to reflect on how we live our life and consider how God might be inviting us to greater conversion of life. Mary's presence, her concern for all God's children, is one way by which she will convert sinners.

By Her Prayers

The first way Mary converts sinners is through her prayers. In a different apparition received by a Belgian immigrant in the United States back in 1859, the Blessed Mother told the seer, Adele Brise, "I am the Queen of Heaven who prays for the conversion of sinners." Assumed body and soul into Heaven, Mary now intercedes for the world.

As the Queen Mother, she advocates for the world before the throne of her Son. Isn't it the case that the hearts of some hardened sinners have been converted and conquered by the Blessed Virgin's love?

Mary is praying for the conversion of sinners. She's praying for you and me. And by her prayers, she will obtain the grace of conversion from her Son, and convert sinners.

By Her Example

We meet the Blessed Virgin in the pages of the gospel. The way by which she lived her life offers us a great example.

When we are confronted with vices, we look at Mary's virtues. When we are tempted towards pride, we remember her humility before God. When we want to be disobedient, we recall her obedience to God's will. When impurity and unchastity confronts us, her example of purity and chastity inspires us to live similarly. When we wish to ignore the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ, her attentiveness and generosity towards Elizabeth beckons us to respond to their needs.

Let us look to our Blessed Mother's example and rely on her prayers. May we turn to her always as our own Mother, pleading, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

PRAYER FOR

THE BLESSED MOTHER

Mother's Day - May 14

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven; Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity. There are none who can withstand your power. Oh, Show me herein that you are my Mother. Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mary, I place this cause for your hands. Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you, Blessed Mother for your mercy toward me and others. Amen.



Prayer List

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

Marlene LaRose Sue
Gary Neubauer Katie
Ron Hudepohl Johr
Laura Ford Johr
Tony Gagnet Mar
Scott Dugan Johr
Braden O'Halloran Davi
Infant Anthony Vardaan Nan
Jim Benham Sanc
Cynthia & William J.Ler
Kahn Le B. Le
Pat Kennedy Chai

Karen Yurko

Floyd Nagler

William Dewes

Junemarie Navy

Sue Yingling Katie McCarty John Polgar John Uhl Mary-Lyn Monaco John Hagan & Marie Hagan **David Rodgers Nancy White** Sandy Szymanski J.Lemmenes **B.** Lemmenes **Charlene Moore Infant Sophie Dominic Torres** Mary Jo Roe **Dolores Young**

Deborah Young

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

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!

George Lee Robert Dorcak Vagas Mai Jerome Sotkiewicz Dennis Labbe





In Memory of: Colleen Ryan Requested by: The Ryan Family





CREDIT CARD POLICY:

We MUST request that any credit card transactions made at St. John XXIII be a minimum of \$25.

Thank You!



Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



Monday, May 15

- 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, May 16

- 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 17

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

Thursday, May 18

• Bridge: PLC/St. Michael/St. Bernadette - 12:30pm

Friday, May 19

• Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

Saturday, May 20

- Women's Guild Morning with Mary (Featured Speaker: Deacon John): PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 9am - 12pm
- Vigil Mass: Church 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Church 8pm

Sunday, May 21

- 7:15am, 9:15am & 11:15am * Livestreamed
- KofC Pancake Breakfast after the 7:15am & 9:15am Masses: Main Hall
- Children's Choir Rehearsal: Chapel 8:45am
- Separation & Divorce Support Group: PLC/St. Mary & Mary - 9am
- Pre-School Bible Class: PLC/St. Susanna 9:15am
- RCIA: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael 10:15am
- New Family Orientation: Chapel 12:15pm
- Blaze Bible Study: PLC/St. Therese
- Carmelite Meetings: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary 1:30pm
- Spanish Mass: Church 1:30pm * via YouTube
- Confirmation End of Year Celebration: Outside 5pm

WATCH AT HOME

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

ONLINE

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



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- David Crockett
- Daniel & Danielle Sinclair
- Amanda Rivera
- Giselle Guzman-Molina
- Bill & Debbie Tousey

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

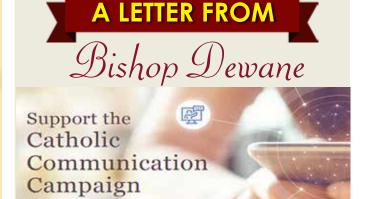
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General Announcements

- 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 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.
- Keep Our Database Current: Have you moved, changed email addresses, dropped a landline or changed your cell number? Please email maryann@johnxxiii.net with any changes or additions to your contact information.
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year, the Diocese of Venice joins other Dioceses throughout the United States in taking part in the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This campaign helps the Church spread the Gospel message through local, national, and international media, including television, radio, print, websites, and social media.

The CCC is one of the means by which new equipment and training to Catholic radio stations is provided, allowing them to expand their reach and bring the Gospel to a wider audience. Your gifts will not only fund projects on a national and international scale but also here in the Diocese of Venice. Fifty percent of the funds received will remain here in the Diocese to enhance our Evangelization efforts through local communication projects, including the televised Mass for the homebound.

The Catholic Communication Campaign Collection is scheduled in the Diocese of Venice **next weekend May 20 and 21, 2023**. Please support this important work as it provides the means to modernize how the Church communicates the joy of the Gospel worldwide, encouraging young disciples and giving them the practical skills needed to navigate today's digital media environment.

I take this opportunity to assure you and your families of my continued consideration as well as my prayers. Thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Harls Journe

+ Frank J. Dewane

Bishop of the Diocese of

Venice in Florida





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"!



2ND CAMP OPPORTUNITY THIS SUMMER:

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

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



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





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

We are reformatting the Rooted Ministry and looking for small group leaders. If you have a small group idea, please join us on Thursday, June 1 in the Parish Life Center/St. Martha & St. Mary, from 7pm -8:30pm. Please RSVP to: kelly@johnxxiii.net

Here are a few group ideas:

- Rooted in College
- Rooted Special Needs
- Rooted 20 years of age to 30
- Rooted and Married (children welcome)
- Rooted 30 years of age to 55



Confirmation Program:

Registration will begin for both Year 1 and Year 2 starting on July 1.

High School Youth Group

HSYG Social Sessions: Published dates and registration will begin July 1

Middle School Youth Group

MSYG Sessions: Published dates and registration will begin July 1

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.



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



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.



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.

NUMBER ATTENDING:



Featured Speaker:
DEACON JOHN

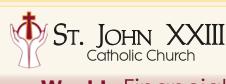


MORNING WITH MARY SATURDAY, MAY 20 • PLC 9AM-12PM

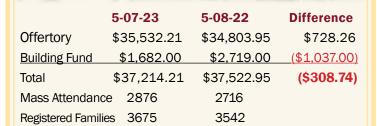
To ensure that we have enough food, we ask you to RSVP by returning this tear off.

 NAME:			

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



Weekly Financials



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 \$352,342.00 **Payments** \$256,470.87

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 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

REMINDERS FROM THE



DEPARTMENT

Envelopes:

Please use your envelopes whenever possible. If using pink or green envelopes located at the back door and welcome center in the Narthex, include your envelope number. All registered parishioners are provided an envelope number. Otherwise, please fill in the envelope completely with name and address. To keep cost down, please notify us of any address changes or if you don't need them.

Credit Card Donations:

Please remember to update the parish office with any changes to your card. Please call the office if your card has expired or been compromised. This will allow your donations to continue without interruption.

Checks:

Please use only **BLACK** or **BLUE** ink when writing checks. PINK, PURPLE, RED, etc. does not scan well when deposited.

ChA: (Catholic Faith Appeal)

The large WHITE envelopes in the pews are for the Catholic Faith Appeal. Please make checks payable to the CFA.



Thank you for helping us save time and keep our records accurate.

All Are Welcome

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Join our biblical teachings! Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites meets the third Sunday of every month in the Parish Life Center/St. Martha & St. Mary from 1pm-4pm.





Contact:

Jonathan Enright 239-560-4646

Pedro González 239-292-3996



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



Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY, MAY 21 - PARISH LIFE CENTER

AFTER THE 7:15am and 9:15am MASSES

The Knights will be selling tickets at Masses this weekend.

ADULTS: \$10

CHILDREN: \$5 (12 and under)

SERVING:

Pancakes • Sausage Scrambled Eggs Coffee • Juice • Water

proceeds benefit St. Martin de Porres



HELP the Knights HELP others!



A HEALING MESSAGE for body, mind and soul



The answer is this: St. Mother Teresa would minister to the poor and vulnerable. As part of her mission, she would continue to care for those afflicted with Hansen's disease (known as Leprosy) who were shunned. The coronavirus of today is similar because it is very communicable. Those with the virus are cared for in controlled, isolated hospital settings under the care of healthcare personnel in a protective environment and need to be separated from family and friends to prevent transmission to others.

Mother Teresa did not shun those afflicted as she prayed to the Blessed Virgin and called upon Mary many times with her favorite prayer, the Memorare. She would repeat this "Flying Novena", as she called it, nine consecutive times. An example was when the Holy Father in 1984 was celebrating Mass outdoors, and as people were gathering, it began to rain very heavily. St. Teresa and her fellow sisters began to pray the "Flying Novena" of nine consecutive Memorares for beautiful weather. By the 7th set of Memorares, the umbrellas folded and by the ninth set of the "Flying Novena" umbrellas closed and the rain stopped. Mother Teresa would often pray the 'Flying Novena" for a very sick child, and to obtain gasoline when fuel was running short on a night-time mission.

Here is the Memorare:

"Remember Oh most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you oh Virgin of Virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. Oh Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your clemency hear and answer me. Amen"

Let us pray this beautiful prayer for our world, all healthcare workers, and first responders. Let's pray also for our faith community.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, was an extraordinary human being who had her own demons of depression. She gave strength, care, and compassion to those in most need. She is a saint for our times.

One last famous quote from Mother Teresa. "Spread love wherever you go: And let no one ever come to you without leaving happier"

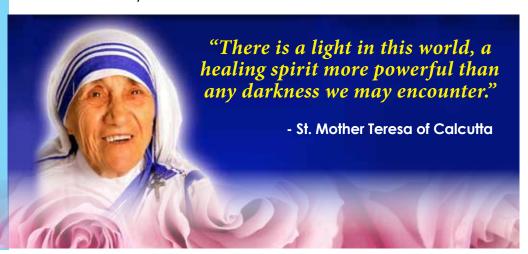
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New Parishioner Orientation

Sunday, May 21 *after the 11:15am Mass*



Those who are new to our parish, or have been attending Mass without being registered, we need your help in staying organized and planning for our future needs. If you have not received a welcome letter, please call the parish office to confirm your registration. All new parishioners or those interested in registering in our parish, are invited to attend the New Parishioner Orientation next Sunday.

Celebrating Children at



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

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

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



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FRIDAY, JUNE 2 6PM TO 8:30PM

PARISH LIFE CENTER

This series is part of our parish's Adult Faith Formation ministry. We will be showing movies in our Parish Life Center, followed by a discussion of the film. It is an opportunity to meet other parishioners and have a faith-filled discussion on an important topic.

Our next presentation is <u>Stagecoach</u>. This 1939 film follows a group of strangers riding on a stagecoach through dangerous territory. In 1995, the film was deemed "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant" by the United States Library of Congress and selected for preservation in their National Film Registry.

PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 30 so we know how much food to prepare.

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MOTHER'S DAY FACTS

- Mother's Day originated in the United States in the early 1900's and was recognized as a holiday in 1914.
- In the majority of the world's languages, the word for "mother" all begin with the letter M.
- Of all the flowers bought for holidays, one quarter are purchased for Mother's Day.
- Approximately \$14 billion dollars is spent on Mother's Day.
- In what was formerly Yugoslavia, children would tie up their mother on Mother's Day.
 The only way she could get free would be to pay her children with treats.
- In the United States alone, an estimated 122 million phone calls are made to moms on Mother's Day.
- Carnations are very popular flowers for Mother's Day and are thought to be made from the tears of Jesus' mother (Mary) when she wept at His feet the day He was crucified.
- The most common flower for Mother's Day is the carnation. Pink and red represent mothers who are alive and white for those who have passed away.
- Mother's Day is celebrated in close to 50 countries in different parts of the world.



MONTH OF MAY



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



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

Catholic Community

Annual Ave Maria Conference: All are invited to the 10th Annual Ave Maria University Marian Eucharistic Conference May 19-21. Join us for this informative and spiritual weekend with guest speakers, Daily Mass, Rosary Walks and Adoration. The cost is \$180 per person and includes lodging, meals and conference fee for the weekend. To register for this event visit www.aveconferences.com or call (239)348-4725, email aveconferences@gmail.com

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

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

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 Adoption: 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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It has been brought to my attention that staff and parishioners have received suspicious emails. These messages often greet the person by name, ASKING FOR A "FAVOR" and include the staff person's name in the closing signature of the message.

This is a well-crafted and targeted attack on the Church across the country which has hit our Diocese again. The messages are "spoofed" fakes that should not be responded to or taken seriously by anyone. The best defense against this sort of scam is to raise awareness in the community and DO NOT respond or open any worrying attachments. It is Diocesan policy that no priest or staff within the Diocese request donations in the form of gift cards, PayPal, MoneyGram, etc.

If a parishioner is worried about any request for money or favor from the parish staff or priest, I ask that you PLEASE DELETE THE EMAIL and call the parish office. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES should you ever respond to these scam requests.



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