



# ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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**January 14, 2024**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## *Called* BY THE *Holy Spirit*

*"May the God of  
Hope fill you  
with Joy and  
Peace as you  
Trust in Him,  
so that you may  
Overflow in the  
power of the  
Holy Spirit."*

- Romans 15:13

**January 14, 2024**

**Please Note:**  
**SATURDAY**  
**CONFESSIONS**  
takes place in the  
church from  
**8:30am-9:30am**

**Livestreamed**  
**9:15am 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.

**FORT MYERS:**  
**St. Columbkille**  
239-489-3973  
**Health Park & Hope Hospice**

**St. Francis Xavier**  
239-334-2161  
**Lee Memorial Hospital**  
**St. Vincent de Paul**  
239-693-0818  
**Select Hospital**

**LEHIGH ACRES:**  
**St. Raphael**  
239-369-1831  
**Hope Hospice, Lehigh Hospital**  
**and Health & Rehab Center**

**BONITA SPRINGS:**  
**St. Leo the Great**  
239-992-0901  
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*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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 15

- 8:00 AM † Christine Nardin by Bertrand Nardin

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

- 8:00 AM † Kenneth Kelly by Kay Kelly

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

- 8:00 AM † Rogers & Podolak Families by Rita Rogers

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

- 8:00 AM † Jennifer Cels by Deborah & Richard Schaake

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

- 8:00 AM † Bill Gerardy by Jim & Peggy Schweitzer

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

- 8:00 AM † Mark Anderson by Amy Shea
- 4:00 PM † William Fleming by Julie Faircloth & Donna Knorr
- 8:00 PM † All Souls - Vietnamese Mass

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

- 7:15 AM ♥ For the Parishioners of St. John XXIII
- 9:15 AM † Thomas Conway by Sean & Mona Burke
- 11:15 AM † Cipriano Camacho Lopez by the Chung Family
- 1:30 PM † Isabel Monegro by her family - Spanish Mass

### \*\*\* MASS INTENTION UPDATE \*\*\*

The Mass Book for 2024 is almost full. Please know we have another option of "Unannounced Masses." This means the particular intention under the Unannounced Masses will be given to a religious or retired priest of DOV to be celebrated at a time of their choosing. Please call the parish office for more details.

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## JANUARY 21, 2024 - READINGS

- 1ST READING JOHN 3:1-5, 10
- PSALM PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
- 2ND READING 1 COR 7:29-31
- GOspel MARK 1:14-20



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024**

MESSAGE FROM

The St. John XXIII Administrator

Fr. Jay



Dear Friends,

Alec Guinness was a popular and famous British film actor in the 1950s. He was born in an Anglican family, but secretly claimed to be an Atheist. One day, while acting in a film as Father Brown, which was made in France, he was walking back to his hotel room, still in his priest's costume, after a tiresome day of filming. Along the way, a little boy approached him, held his hand, said something in French, mistaking him for a real Catholic priest. They both strolled a bit, chattered much, and with a joy-filled heart, the boy trotted off. Later, he recalled the joyful voice of that boy, "Pere". He felt the holiness of his words and later he, along with his wife, Merula, and son, Matthew, converted to Catholicism.

We read similar impressive stories in the first reading, 'the Calling of Samuel' and the story of 'the calling of Andrew and Peter' in the Gospel. We, as Catholics, have received the calling by the sacrament of Baptism. Yet, we can experience the revelation of God if we live our lives as temples of the Holy Spirit, as expressed in the second reading. Our lifetime is a gift to us and we need to realize and experience the calling of God and say 'Yes' like Mother Mary with utmost humility.

Let us keep all our senses open: to see, hear, touch, breathe and taste the calling of God. He speaks to us through our spouse, children, elders, friends, colleagues, priests, and sometimes even through the person who criticizes us. Nothing could stop us from becoming His disciples once we receive His calling.

Remember, **YOU ARE CALLED!**

God bless. Have a joy filled week ahead!

Fr. Jay Raju

• Reading 1: 1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19

• Reading 11: 1 Cor. 6: 13c-15a, 17-20

• Gospel: John 1:35-42



*Parish*  
**NURSING MINISTRY**



**LUNCH  
& LEARN**

**ESTATE PLANNING & MORE**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**  
12:30pm - 2:00pm  
Parish Life Center: St. Michael

Please join the parish nurses and several other parishioners for LUNCH AND LEARN. This very informative program will take place **January 14**, from 12:30pm-2pm, in the Parish Life Center, room St. Michael. This session is titled Estate Planning and More. This includes information about your cars, real estate, investments, insurance, savings and more.

Attending this talk could save unnecessary burden on your family and friends. Without this plan, the courts will decide what happens to your possessions, and this can be very costly.

All are welcome to join us **January 14** and then plan ahead to **February 11**, for another Lunch and Learn session, titled: Elder Orphans. This is especially beneficial for those who live alone.

**RSVP** to **Judy Balyeat** RN, FCN (614) 588-5917  
*Sponsored by your Faith Community Nurses:  
Helen, Joanne and Judy*



## *Prayer List*

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

<b>Marlene LaRose</b>	<b>Beverly Jean Pierce</b>
<b>Gary Neubauer</b>	<b>Mary Ann Owen</b>
<b>Ron Hudepohl</b>	<b>Kristin Bentz</b>
<b>Laura Ford</b>	<b>Mary Ann Russo</b>
<b>Scott Dugan</b>	<b>Daniel C.</b>
<b>Braden O'Halloran</b>	<b>Lucy DeRose</b>
<b>Infant Anthony Vardaana</b>	<b>Helen Totte</b>
<b>Steve Lane</b>	<b>Elizabeth Baldwin</b>
<b>Kathleen Fontaine</b>	<b>Joanne Feyereisen</b>
<b>Cynthia &amp; William</b>	<b>Patrick Daleiden</b>
<b>Finn Harvey</b>	<b>Sandy Szymanski</b>
<b>Bob Harvey</b>	<b>Sandra J. Duttko</b>
<b>Lucy Sloan Pautler</b>	<b>JoAnne Walsh</b>
<b>Myriam Mora</b>	<b>Jack Gannon</b>
<b>Antonio Reda</b>	<b>William Bissett</b>
<b>Bill Acini</b>	<b>Linda Bissett</b>

**These names are kept in the bulletin for one month.** If you would like continual prayer, please add your name to the prayer book in the Narthex.

The best way to ensure your loved ones are consistently prayed for within our greater e-prayer community, email [epayer.stjohn23@gmail.com](mailto:epayer.stjohn23@gmail.com)

Join our ePrayer community and give the gift of prayer. Register at: <https://johnxxiii.net/e-prayer/>



## *Honoring Your Loved One*

You can honor or remember your loved ones by donating the Tabernacle Candle or Eucharistic Host for \$15 for the week. Please inquire in the parish office.

## *Prayers for Eternal Life*

*Life is changed, not ended.  
Eternal rest grant unto them, Oh Lord!*

**Carole Zarembo**



## *Tabernacle Candle*

In Memory of: **Louis Re**  
Requested by: **Ron & Marie Snekenberg**



## **CREDIT CARD POLICY:**

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

*Thank You!*



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Catholic Church

## Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



### Monday, January 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, January 16

- Opening the Word: Zoom/PLC - 9am
- Walking with Purpose: Main Hall - 10am
- Bereavement: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- Evening of Adoration & Benediction: Church - 6:30pm
- Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group: Chapel - 6:45pm
- AA Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

### Wednesday, January 17

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: Office Conference Room - 10am
- Walking with Purpose: ZOOM - 10am
- Faith Formation Session 1: PLC - 4:15pm
- Pizza Social: Main Hall - 5:30pm
- Faith Formation Session 2: PLC - 6:15pm
- MSYG Session: Main Hall
- Beloved Young Women Bible Study: OCR - 7pm
- Blaze Bible Study: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7:30pm

### Thursday, January 18

- Church & Sacristy Tour/Mike Reese: Church - 9am
- Faith & Ale: Main Hall - 6pm
- Walking with Purpose: PLC Martha/Mary/ZOOM - 7pm

### Friday, January 19

- Usher/Greeter Training: Church - 6pm
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm



### Saturday, January 20

- Growing Rich in Mercy: Main Hall - 9am-12pm
- New Altar Server Training: Church - 1:30pm
- Vigil Mass: Church - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Church - 8pm

### Sunday, January 21

- 7:15am, **NOTE: 9:15am\* Livestreamed** & 11:15am
- RCIA: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 10:15am
- New Family Orientation: Church - 12:15pm
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm
- Carmelite Meeting: PLC/ St. Joanna - 1:30pm
- Confirmation Year 1: PLC/Classrooms - 5pm-6:30pm
- Confirmation Year 2: PLC/Classrooms - 5pm-6:30pm

### WATCH AT HOME

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



### ONLINE

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



## WELCOME

### *New Parishioners*

- **Kenneth Johnsen & Stephanie Leszczynski Johnsen**
- **Jose & Gabrielle Roque**
- **Tracey Cunningham**
- **Yanet Hidalgo Loyola**

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, January 21, 2024 after the 11:15am Mass.**

Registering at St. John XXIII is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community. Please let the parish office know your email address or you can even update it on the parish website: [www.johnxxiii.net](http://www.johnxxiii.net)

Frequently, those seeking to celebrate marriage, baptisms or serve as sponsors for confirmation or baptism, request a letter stating that they are parishioners. To receive such a letter, you must be registered in the parish, attend Mass regularly and be committed to stewardship of time, talent and treasure. One means of verifying participation is through the use of parish offertory envelopes. If you choose not to participate or are unable to contribute at this time, please note your support on your envelope and place it in the weekly offertory basket.

## PRAYERS FOR

### *Our Military Personnel*

PFC Bryan Bard  
Sean Ball  
Major Bart Boma  
Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove  
Sgt. Phil Dellibovi  
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  
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  
BG 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  
Eric Sanchez, US Air Force  
Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army,  
82nd ABN  
CPL Eric Lyons, USMC  
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  
Andrew Duffy, USSF  
A1C Mark Greenwald, USAF  
Col. Jeffrey Greenwald, USMC  
Sarah Lambert, USAF  
2nd Lt. Jarod Pankau  
2nd Lt. Curi Pankau  
Charles Robert Connolly, US Navy  
PFC Abner Casiano, US Army  
Ranger



ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

# SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 11am-2pm

**HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS AND MORE PROVIDED**



**Magic Show • Bingo • Fire Trucks • DJ/Music  
Carnival Games • Face Painting • Slides**

**Bring your own lawn chairs for outdoor seating.  
Table and chairs are set up inside the Parish Life Center.**



**Saturday, January 27 PARISH PICNIC 11am - 2pm  
PLEASE RSVP BY SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**

*Please tear off and return to the parish office or place in the collection basket.  
Filling out this form will give us a head count for ordering food. Thank You!*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_



# EVENING *Holy Hour*



TUESDAY, JANUARY 16  
6:30pm - 7:30pm

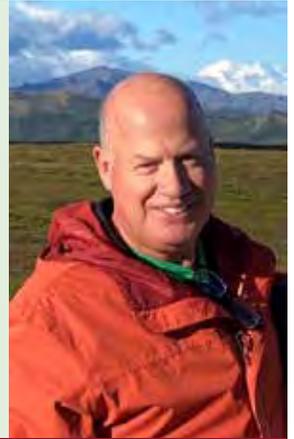
Our next Evening Holy Hour is Tuesday, January 16 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel.

As we continue to celebrate the National Eucharistic Revival at the parish level, we are providing an additional opportunity to participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, especially for those who find it difficult to visit our Adoration Chapel during the week. It will include Exposition and Benediction.

We invite you to come spend some quiet time with Jesus amidst all the hustle and bustle of the holidays.



## Church and Sacristy TOUR



hosted by: **MIKE REESE**

**Back by Popular Demand!**

**JANUARY 18 - 9:00AM**  
**JANUARY 23 - 6:30PM**  
in the Church

Parishioners of all ages are welcome to join a fun, entertaining conversation with ample time for questions during our 40 minute tour. (Find out why we call it the Narthex!)

- Learn about the history, function and proper name of the many Church spaces and why we have the architecture and design we do at St. John XXIII. What is the sanctuary or nave?
- Learn about the Sacristy and many items stored there used throughout the year at Mass. An explanation of the many priest vestments and the altar items used at the consecration.
- Learn how our roots in Judaism and our Roman Rite history influence what we do at Mass and every liturgical church event. How was our altar consecrated and why must it be stone?



### *About our Presenter:*

Mike Reese is a member of the St. John XXIII parish family and a Catholic educator for more than 30 years. He has presented at Men's Conferences, Parish Adult Education Programs, retreats and classes across the country.

# Faith FORMATION

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

## 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 after the preparation process is completed by the parents 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 **Frannie** 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. For more information or to begin the process, please contact **Frannie** at **239-561-7499**. 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, contact **Kelly Evers** at **239-561-3022** to begin the process.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Congratulations on your decision to enter the beautiful sacrament of marriage! The heart of Marriage Preparation in the Catholic Church is the realization that "your wedding is one day but your marriage lasts a lifetime." Couples wishing to be married will need to contact us at least six months prior to the desired date. A venue should not be booked prior to first meeting with a priest and getting a confirmation from the parish office. The engaged couple will complete the Witness to Love program alongside a mentor couple, fill out the required forms, provide updated Baptismal Certificate(s) and attend a Diocesan retreat. For more information or to begin the process, please contact **Marie** in the parish office at **239-561-2245**.

# New Parishioner Orientation

**Sunday, January 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



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*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.



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

### Rooted at St. John XXIII

We are reformatting the Rooted Ministry and looking for small group leaders. If you have a small group idea and would like to meet on the first Thursday of each month 7pm -8:30pm, please contact Kelly Evers.

*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:

Our next session is **December 10 at 5pm (please arrive by 4:45pm)** in the Parish Life Center.

- **1st Year Study:** Eucharistic Retreat in the Church.
- **2nd Year Study:** Eucharistic Miracles and Adoration. Meet in the Parish Life Center and move to Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel for Adoration.

### High School Youth Group

All High School students and friends are welcome to attend our gatherings on select Sunday mornings in the Parish Life Center between the 9:15am & 11:15am Masses. **(1/28, 2/4, 3/3, 4/14, 5/12)**

### Middle School Youth Group

Visit our Parish website at [johnxxiii.net](http://johnxxiii.net) under the Education tab to also see dates and topics.

### Youth Council

Mission statement: 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 St John XXIII Community.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Scan this code with your mobile device photo app to be directed to the sign up genius webpage for opportunities to volunteer.



# RCIA

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

*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

## *Welcome to Participate!*

## *Reflection* QUESTIONS

We would like to invite parishioners to share in the RCIA experience by making them aware of the Reflection Questions that the participants are discussing each week.

*Below are some upcoming reflections:*

### **1/14 - Sacrament of Matrimony**

What are the differences between marriage as a contract, and marriage as a covenant (sacred bond)?

### **1/14 - Sacrament of Holy Orders**

What impact does the sacrament of Holy Orders have on the community of believers?

### **1/21 - Christian Moral Living**

Recall a moment when you acted against your conscience? Does your life essentially reflect the right order the Lord desires you to live.

### **1/28 - The Early Church**

How do you, or would you, fulfill the commission/mission to spread the Good News?

### **1/28 - Church History**

Consider an event, person, or time in Church history that you would like explained more clearly and see what information you can find out about it.



# Exploring **BEYOND GUILT TO GIFTEDNESS**

## **COME JOIN** *Fr. Bill Jarema*

**OVERVIEW:** The Growing Rich in Mercy Program is a dynamic and exciting program that empowers each person committed to a way of holiness. We believe that Spiritual growth is a pilgrimage that takes us on a journey that we walk together and alone.

A well-balanced spiritual life touches, integrates and becomes aware of how God mingles with our whole-person. God is continually healing and redeeming the spiritual, physical, social, and psychological dimensions of our personhood; each reflecting His image and likeness. (*1 Thes. 5:23*)

The 2024 Growing Rich in Mercy Program will explore *Beyond Guilt to Giftedness*. We Christians believe that "Grace builds on Nature" and therefore we need to grow in our capacity to be at home with ourselves. (St. Teresa of Avila) Come and explore how you can pray the blessings and burdens of your family system and discover additional ways to encourage healing and forgiveness.

Our ultimate goal for those who journey with us in the Growing Rich in Mercy Program is to become more aware of God's mercy and active loving influence within our daily life.

Sharing the spiritual journey with a loving community will enhance your desire to become a generous distributor of God's Mercy.

The cost is **\$100.00** with half going to the Mercy Center and half to the parish for the workbook and supplies. You can make out a check to St. John XXIII and drop it off at the office or in the collection baskets along with your registration.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

- **SATURDAY, JANUARY 13** - *Psycho-Spiritual Development*
- **SATURDAY, JANUARY 20** - *Challenges to a Spirituality of Mercy*
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3** - *Genealogy of Jesus*
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17** - *Genogram: Family System Roles*
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 2** - *Spiritual Companion*
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 16** - *Healing Shame and Guilt*



**Rev. William J. Jarema**, BA, MS, M.Div., MAS. NCC, is an international retreat and workshop provider. He has been an ordained Catholic priest for 40 years and a clinical psychotherapist for 43 years. Fr. Bill has published numerous books and CD's on healing and personal growth and development. Fr. Bill's books and CD's will be available at the classes.

For more information about Fr. Bill and his work with the Mercy Center Inc. and a list of all his retreats and workshops held in Colorado Springs, books and CD's go to:

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



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## Weekly Financials



	01-07-24	01-01-23	Difference
Offertory	\$44,139.01	\$54,863.84	(\$10,724.83)
Building Fund	\$1,598.00	\$812.00	\$786.00
Total	\$45,737.01	\$55,675.84	(\$9,938.83)
Mass Attendance	3465	2710	
Registered Families	3626	3714	

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	\$564,954.44
Payments	<b>\$563,432.68</b>

## Planning Your Will



### Remember St. John XXIII

A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings! The gift you give establishes a lasting legacy of love for others by helping the Church to continue our Catholic heritage through its many ministries.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Leaving money to the Parish in your will is not assessed and 100% goes to the parish.

The following is possible wording for including a bequest in your will:

*"I bequeath the greater of \$\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_% of the residue of my estate to Bishop Frank J. Dewane, (or his successor), Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida, a corporation sole, whose principal office is located at 1000 Pinebrook Rd., Venice, FL 34285, For the benefit of St. John XXIII Catholic Parish, in Fort Myers, Inc."*

The actual wording in your will should be determined by you and your attorney.

For more information, questions, or wish to consider a gift annuity or trust for St. John XXIII Catholic Church, then please email:



Holly Atkins: [holly@johnxxiii.net](mailto:holly@johnxxiii.net)

# WRITING CHECKS

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## Congratulations

### FALL RAFFLE WINNERS

#### NOVEMBER 13: \$100 EACH

- Dennis Cosentino
- Gerald Gesiakowski

#### NOVEMBER 20: \$200 EACH

- Calvin Whitehead
- Melanie Loaiza

#### NOVEMBER 27: \$300 EACH

- Anne Simeone
- Ralph Abate

#### DECEMBER 4: \$400 EACH

- Arthur Ziegler
- Fernandez/donated back

#### DECEMBER 11: \$500 EACH

- Mary Moyles
- Edwin Rush

#### DECEMBER 18: \$2,500 GRAND PRIZE

- Doug Fortunato

# PARISH LIFE CENTER GUIDELINES

Treat Our PLC with TLC

## REGISTRATION:

- Submit a registration form and have it approved by authorized staff to reserve a requested space and be added to the parish calendar.

## SAFETY:

- Take care of yourself and be respectful of others. Document and report all accidents or injuries to a parish staff member.
- At least one authorized, trained kitchen user must be present. You must be at least 15 years old to be in the kitchen, unless special permission has been granted by authorized staff.
- All spills or trip hazards are to be contained and corrected. Report maintenance or repair needs.
- The stages are reserved for speakers, performers, and authorized personnel. Always keep children safe and off the stage.

## CLASSROOMS:

- When having a meeting in one of the flex rooms, please DO NOT move any of the panels/walls. Those are to be moved by trained staff for security purposes. If you need a smaller room than what is provided please advise when requesting the room for your meeting. Also if any tables or chairs are moved please return everything back to where it goes.
- Classrooms are food-free zones. No food or drinks are allowed in the five stand-alone classrooms.

## UPKEEP:

- Keep walls, windows, and doors free of decorations. Free-standing banners, easels, and portable walls are available for approved requests.
- Table decorations are allowed, including weighted balloons. All decorations must be removed during event clean-up.
- Only floor cord protectors, not tape, are to be used for extension cords.
- Refrain from placing feet on walls.

## CLEAN UP:

- Return the PLC to pristine condition after your event. All trash must be removed.
- Tables/chairs must be returned to original placement.
- Do not leave extra items without staff approval.

## TECHNOLOGY:

- Air conditioning and heating will be controlled only by authorized staff.
- Audio/visual equipment is to be operated by authorized and properly trained personnel.



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 - 6PM**

**ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH LIFE CENTER**

**\$10 DONATION**

Please register online:

[www.faithandale.com](http://www.faithandale.com)

**Guest Speaker:**

**JIM HAVENS**

*"Top Seven Decisions of Saintly  
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**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 - 6:30PM**

**ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH LIFE CENTER**

**\$20 DONATION**

Please register online:

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# Out & About



Our Parish Community

## CHRISTMAS COOKIES & CANDY SALE UPDATE

The St. John XXIII Women's Guild would like to thank all those who supported the *Christmas Cookies and Candy Sale*, by baking, purchasing or donated items to our sale. Due to your generosity, we raised **\$2,100!** These funds will be distributed among the charities we support.

### Our Parish Home:

We have wonderful volunteers that work hard to go through our pews and straighten the books and envelopes. However, they often pick up tissues, food items and more. Please help us keep our pews tidy by straightening the books and collect the envelopes before you leave the pews to keep everything neat.

If we make our homes cheerful, clean, and inviting, our loved ones will want to be there. - *Thank You*



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IN CHRISTMAS**

### Congratulations

POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Ages 5-7: **Anthony Barrios**

Ages 8-10: **Finn Ward**

Ages 11-14: **Jacob Kazor**



## Wedding Anniversary Celebration Masses



All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Masses will be celebrated in two locations:

- **FEBRUARY 3 - 11am**  
St. Leo the Great Parish  
28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs, FL
- **FEBRUARY 24 - 11am**  
Epiphany Cathedral  
350 Tampa Avenue West, Venice, FL



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

# RESPECT LIFE



## JANUARY 22

DAY OF PRAYER  
*for the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children*



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

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

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If you would like more information, or interested in volunteering, email: [respectlifejohn23@gmail.com](mailto:respectlifejohn23@gmail.com)

# IS THE LORD CALLING YOU?

**EVERY CATHOLIC MAN**

*should at least  
consider the  
priesthood as an  
option.*

The Melchizedek Project is a discernment Group for young men (ages 16-24) who love Jesus Christ and His Church, and who are willing to talk with other like-minded men about their future. The group will use Fr. Brett Brannen’s “To Save a Thousand Souls: A Guide for Discerning a Vocation to Diocesan Priesthood”.

**Presentation & Dinner - 6:30pm**  
**All meetings are confidential.**

## JOIN US

**January 16, February 13, March 12,  
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## RSVP

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Fr. David at:

**[dportorreal@stleocatholicchurch.org](mailto:dportorreal@stleocatholicchurch.org)**  
or call (239) 992-0901

*If you are a Catholic man (25+) and feel the Lord is calling you to the priesthood, please reach out to Fr. David about joining a different discernment group.*

# Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

**Decline to Sign Petition for Dangerous Pro-Abortion Ballot Initiative:** An extremely grave initiative is underway in Florida that seeks to erase pro-life protections by inserting language into the Florida Constitution banning regulation of abortion. Abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to place a pro-abortion constitutional amendment, titled Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion. Floridians should not sign the petition. For more information, contact Jeanne Berdeaux at [berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org)

**Televised Mass for the Homebound:** For those who are unable to attend Mass due to medical or physical limitations, the Diocese of Venice offers a televised Mass each Sunday. For viewers in the northern portions of the Diocese, the Mass airs at 9:30am on the CW Network; and for those in the southern portions of the Diocese, the Mass is at 10:30am on **WFTX-TV (FOX-4)**.

**Novena of Masses for Life:** Participate in a Mass near you and pray for life! Visit [www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife) for the monthly schedule of Novena of Masses for Life.

**Healing after Abortion:** For more information or questions, contact Sylvia Jimenez by email or on the Project Rachel Helpline at **(941) 412-5860**

**Cana Dinner & Dance for Married Couples:** All friends and family are invited to a celebration of family on Saturday, January 20 immediately following the 4pm Mass. Location: St. Cecilia, 5632 Sunrise Drive, Marian Hall, Building D. Dinner, champagne toast, wine, full cash bar and wedding cake. Tickets are \$40 per person. Advance purchase only. Cash/Check. RSPV by email to: [4parishdance@gmail.com](mailto:4parishdance@gmail.com)

**Catholic Street Evangelization:** Register now for the January 27 Saint Paul Street Evangelization (SPSE) training at St. John the Evangelist Parish, 625 111th Ave N, Naples. Registration deadline is January 23 at 11:59pm. The organization seeks to train others to witness effectively to the truth, beauty, and goodness of Jesus and His Church in the public square. All Catholics who are 18 years of age and older are cordially invited to register. \$15 per person and includes continental breakfast and lunch. To register, visit <https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2024-st-paul-street-evangelization> For more information contact Jim Gontis at [gontis@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:gontis@dioceseofvenice.org)

**2024 Venetian Ball Help Needed:** The Venetian Ball of Catholic Charities on March 9 needs your help. If you have creative ideas and can offer some time, please volunteer. You can work from home on your computer or telephone. The time and talent you offer could help supply housing, rent, electricity, food and even counseling to the many needy in our diocese area. Please call **(239) 225-0264**

**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/>

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# FASHION SHOW

## silent auction

We are getting excited about the Women's Guild 17th Annual Fundraiser Fashion Show taking place on Saturday, March 9th in the Parish Life Center. Here is a sneak peek of some silent auction items!

- Tickets to Hamilton at Barbara B. Mann
- Hideaway Country Club Golf Outing
- Gulf Coast Symphony Tickets
- A Wine Class from Total Wine
- Michael Kors Handbag
- Fontanini Nativity and MORE



Entertainment will include a liturgical dance by the women of the Vietnamese congregation and music by the Hispanic Band.

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To make your reservation contact: **Dot Buchholz** at [dorothyb99@embarqmail.com](mailto:dorothyb99@embarqmail.com)

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**PLEASE PRINT** - *Contact Person*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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