

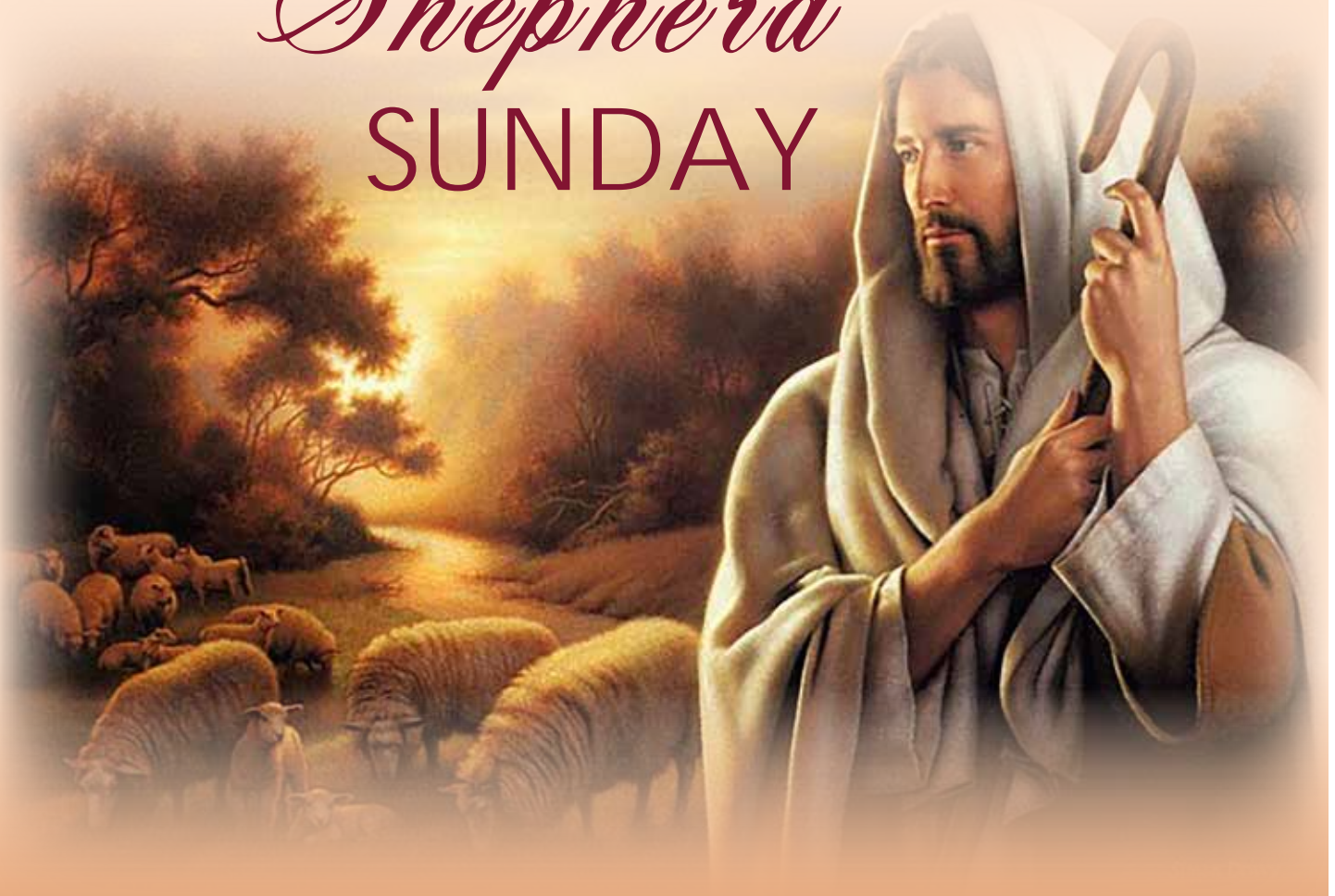


ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

GOOD *Shepherd* SUNDAY



"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."

- PSALM 23

April 21, 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

Hope Hospice

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, APRIL 22

- 8:00 AM † Vivian Pica by her husband, Bruno

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 AM † Paul C. Gallo by Janet & Rich Manczinski

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

- 8:00 AM † Ted Bierch by Alice Bierch

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

- 8:00 AM † Timothy Shea by Amy Shea

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

- 8:00 AM † Christian Hillsman by Lou Cooper

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- 8:00 AM † James Reilly by Carol Garneru
- 4:00 PM † Pietro Vilia Santarossa by Vic, Nadia & family
- 8:00 PM † Joseph - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- 7:15 AM ♥ Parishioners of St. John XXIII
- 9:15 AM † Vincenzo Fiamingo by Tish & Tony Fiamingo
- 11:15 AM † Carmella Paolino by her daughter
- 1:30 PM - 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.

APRIL 28, 2024 - READINGS

- 1ST READING ACTS 9:26-31
- PSALM PS 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
- 2ND READING 1 JOHN 3:18-24
- GOSPEL JOHN 15:1-8

Blood Pressure Checks

Last Weekend of the Month



APRIL 27-28
IN THE NARTHEX
AFTER MASSES

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MESSAGE FROM

The St. John XXIII Administrator

Fr. Jay



Dear Friends,

In one of my worrisome chitchats with a few friends about Vocation to Priesthood - on how and why it has been in a declining mode, one of my friends said that perhaps God wants more vocations to the family life to genuinely counteract the chaotic and disordered ideologies that affect the institution of family. He rightly indicated how our spirituality has to permeate deep-down to the family rather than remaining at the periphery of 'Priesthood' and how the Priesthood has to reach deep down to the families. This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Vocation to the Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate and Consecrated Religious Life are especially considered in our prayers. Yet let us remember that Vocation to family life is the most important need.

This Sunday is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. Interestingly there are many similes used in explaining the relationship between God and man like Potter/ Clay, Vine/ Branches, Bridegroom/Bride, Deer/ Live streams of water and **Good Shepherd and Sheep**. Shepherd and Sheep is not simply a simile but **an icon of leadership in our relationship** between God and man. The sheep are raised to be slaughtered one day and yet the (Good) Shepherd pays so much attention and cares for the sheep and is even ready to lay down his life for them.

I read a story about Fr. Thomas Byles who was a Catholic Priest on board the sinking Titanic. Declining to escape with a lifeboat when offered to him, he helped save the lives of so many passengers from second- and third-class decks. Then he started saving the souls of the rest who were left behind without lifeboats by hearing confessions and giving absolution to hundreds. He died along with them but saved himself by being a good shepherd even at the danger of his own death. This is the type of leadership we all need for our country, Church and families.

In the first reading, Peter asks the leaders of people and elders to consider the resurrected Jesus as the corner stone. In the second reading, John reminds us that we are children of God. Keeping Jesus as our corner stone and realizing that we are children of God, will make us listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd and thus help ourselves to become good shepherds to our sheep.

Let us be good (listening) sheep to the Lord and become good shepherds to our country, our church and our family.

God Bless,
Fr. Jay Raju

- **Reading 1: Acts 4:8-12**
- **Reading 11: 1 John 3:1-2**
- **Gospel: John 10:11-18**

Jesus ALWAYS Loves AND Defends HIS FLOCK



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 come to me shall never hunger; and he that believes 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 follows 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 give 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 believe in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever live and believe in me shall never die. Do you believe 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 through me." - *John 14:6*

THE TRUE VINE: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that bears not fruit he take away: and every branch that bears fruit, he purges 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	MaryAnn Hemmer
Gary Neubauer	Girard Cugini
Laura Ford	Edward Virtue
Scott Dugan	Ray & Janie Sucik
Braden O'Halloran	Karen Racz
Infant Anthony Vardaan	Jill Louden
Steve Lane	Darlene Kepshire
Kathleen Fontaine	Crystal Heim
Lucy DeRose	Mimi Weaver
Cynthia & William	Linda Anderson
Sandy Szymanski	Kristen Lipp
Marshall Conner	Denis Ryan
Nancy Hall	Kevin Walsh
Leonard Hall	Janice Herrington
Barbi Cooper	Lucille Ouellette
Abby Newsome	Cora Davies
Collin Carnel	Marie Boutwell
Russ Aubrey	Louis Cooper, Jr.

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 epriayer.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!*

Sharon Ahgren



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Ron Denny**
Requested by: **Diane Harlyvetch**



DOWNLOAD OUR PARISH APP:

myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish. You can also text the word "APP" to 88202!





Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



Monday, April 22

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

Tuesday, April 23

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

Wednesday, April 24

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: Office Conference Room - 10am
- Faith Formation Session 1: PLC - 4:15pm
- Faith Formation Session 2: PLC - 6:15pm
- Parable Project Performance: Main Hall - 6:15pm
- MSYG Session: Main Hall - 6:15pm
- Blaze Bible Study: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7:30pm

Thursday, April 25

- Social Justice Meeting: PLC/Martha/Mary - 9am
- Book Review w/Mike Reese: Main Hall - 6:30pm
- Adult Choir Rehearsal: Church - 6:30pm

Friday, April 26

- Faith & Film: Main Hall: Main Hall - 5:30pm
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

Saturday, April 27

- Blood Pressure Checks: Narthex
- Book Review w/Mike Reese: Main Hall - 9am
- Vigil Mass: Church - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Church - 8pm

Sunday, April 28

- Blood Pressure Checks: Narthex
- 7:15am, **NOTE: 9:15am* Livestreamed** & 11:15am
- Pre-School Bible Class: PLC/St. Susanna - 9:15am
- OCIA: PLC/Martha/Mary/Bernadette - 10:15am
- Spanish Mass: PLC - 1:30pm
- Praise & Worship: Adoration Chapel - 4pm
- Confirmation Year 1: PLC/St. Therese/St. Elizabeth/St. Christina: - 5pm

WATCH AT HOME

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

ONLINE

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



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Karen Oppermann Wasp
- John Mills & Sarahi Bello
- Joseph & Alicia Kascmar
- Logan & Chelsea Hulslander
- Frank & Harriet Prackler

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, June 9, 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

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
 M/Sgt Jarod 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
 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
 Sgt. 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
 Ensign Aaron Humphrey

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Jesus ALWAYS Loves *AND Defends* HIS FLOCK

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 said before reciting the "Regina Coeli" prayer with visitors in St. Peter's Square.

Focusing on the day's Gospel reading (Jn 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," the pope said.

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, he said, is 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.

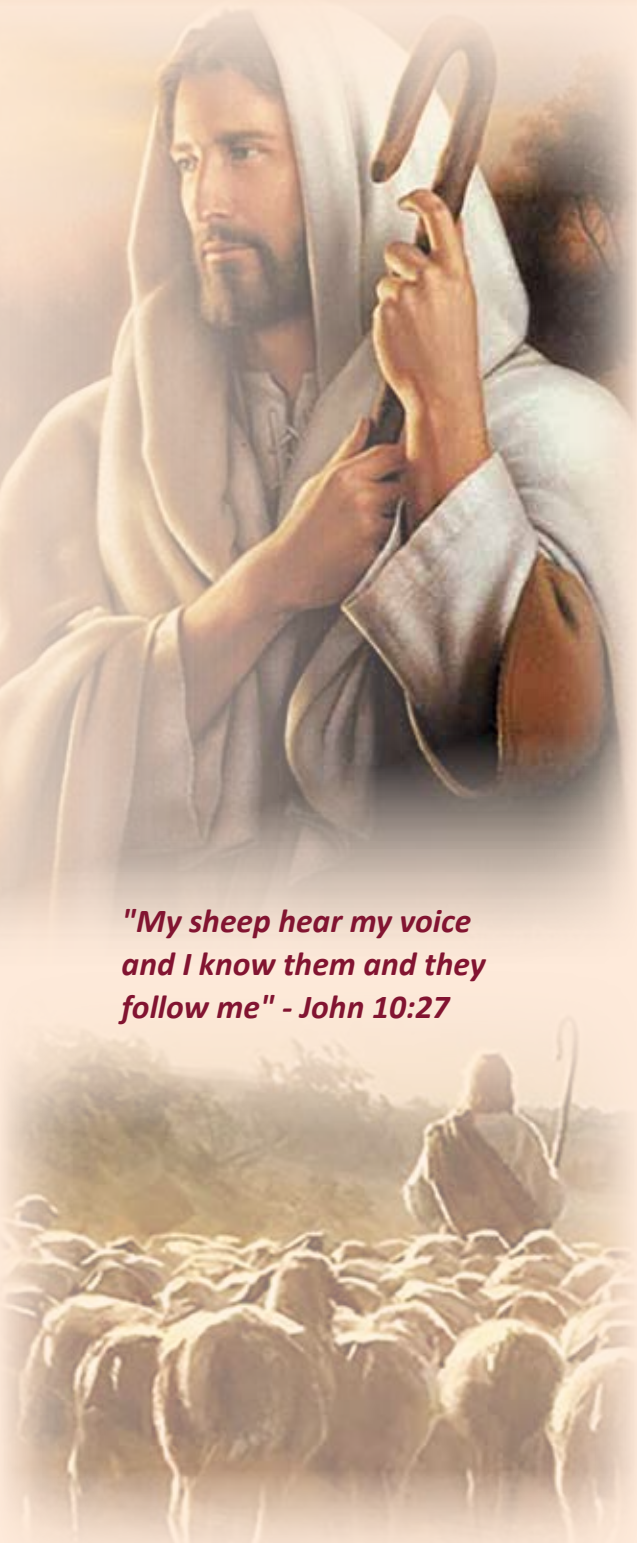
Knowing each person's strengths and defects, Jesus "is always ready to care for us, to heal the wounds of our errors with the abundance of his mercy," he added.

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," the pope said.

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.

Many people, even the majority of them, go to church on special occasions or never, the pope said. "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***

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."

- PSALM 23

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24
6:15PM - PARISH LIFE CENTER
NO COST - All Ages Welcome



MAGIC CARPET THEATRE DRAMA MINISTRY PRESENTS:



**the parable
+ project**

“ Your ministry unleashes the Gospel!
It takes it out of the binding of the
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- Fr. Leo Sabourin, St. Constance Parish

The Parable Project tells the stories Jesus told using drama, humor, and audience participation. This engaging theatre performance helps audiences to experience the parables in a creative and fun way! Jesus knew the power of a good story and this lively retelling of his own parables will entertain you, capture your heart, and make you think. Be inspired as the Parable Project brings Scripture to life and reveals God’s amazing love for us. **Entertaining. Interactive. Holy.** Perfect for all ages!

www.mctdramaministry.org

Wednesday, April 24 at 6:15pm - PLC
THIS EVENT IS FREE - ALL AGES ARE WELCOME
For seating purposes, please tear off and return to the parish office or place in the collection basket. RSVP via email to: holly@johnxxiii.net

**the parable
+ project**

Name _____

Number of Adults _____

Number of Children _____

Faith FORMATION

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

SAVE THE DATES

June 24 - June 28

SCUBA
diving into friendship with God



This summer's vacation Bible School is sure to be "DEEP" as we "SCUBA - dive into Friendship with God!" Registration and more information to follow.



TOTUS TUUS

TOTUS TUUS: GRADES 1- 6
Week of July 15 - 19

(9:00am to 3:00pm)

PLEASE NOTE: at Our Lady of Light Parish

TOTUS TUUS: GRADES 7 - 12
July 15 - July 18

(6:30pm - 8:30pm)

PLEASE NOTE: at St. John XXIII Parish

SAVE THE DATES

Sacrament PREPARATION

If you would like more information on **BAPTISM**, **FIRST COMMUNION** or **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**, please visit the parish website sacraments tab: <https://johnxxxiii.net/sacrament-prep/>

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: For more information or to begin the process, please contact **Marie** in the parish office at **239-561-2245**

CAMP VERITAS

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT

A beautiful transformation of faith and fellowship:

Transformation is the reason why youth ministry is taking kids to camp. Spending time in nature, doing simple activities, and building face to face relationships are exactly what our children need today. Plus, learning our beautiful Catholic traditions and celebrating them daily, gives the kids a completely different outlook on why we do what we do as Catholics.

Camp Veritas Is completely run by volunteers. There are no paid positions. All the money goes to support the kids and their Catholic faith. In fact, most volunteers take a week off of work to volunteer.

Overnight Camp Details:

- Lake Placid, Florida - June 9 to 14
- For ages 12 to 18
- Registration has begun
- \$550 per camper (includes housing, food, and activities. Does not include transportation to and from)

Registration STILL OPEN



A week long sleep away for Catholic Teens ages 12-18, with adoration, engaging talks, praise, worship, team building activities and so much more!

www.campveritas.org



YOUNG ADULT & YOUTH Ministries

Coordinator of Youth Ministries 561-3022 xt 107
Contact: Kelly Evers | 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 sessions:

- **1st Year Study: April 28-** Power to Pray - In the Parish Life Center.
- **2nd Year Study:** Congratulations to all our newly confirmed parishioners!



**SATURDAY, MAY 4
9:00am - 11:30am**

In front of the Parish Life Center



Order of Christian Initiation

OCIA

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

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

The OCIA 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 OCIA experience by making them aware of the Reflection Questions that the participants are discussing each week.

Below are some upcoming reflections:

4/21 - Discernment

Describe a time when you 'felt' God tugging at your heart. How did you respond? Why?

4/21 - Spiritual Gifts

Have your needs, attachments or fears ever kept you from doing what you thought God was inviting you to do?

4/28 - Call to Holiness

Explain what 'holiness' means to you and describe your journey to grow in holiness.

4/28 - Living the Virtues

What are 'virtues'? Describe one virtue that is particularly important to you.

***It is more blessed to
give than to receive.***

ACTS 20:35b





Join OUR Book REVIEW

"Beautiful Eucharist", by author, Matthew Kelly

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 - 6:30pm/PLC

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 - 9:00am/PLC

On Easter Sunday we will be gave out the book "Beautiful Eucharist", by author, Matthew Kelly. For those interested, fellow parishioner, **Mike Reese**, will provide a book review to discuss the book!

Join us in the Main Hall, **Thursday, April 25 at 6:30pm** and **Saturday, April 27 at 9:00am**. NO RSVP Necessary. All are WELCOME!



NO CHARGE!

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

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 How Green Was My Valley. This film tells the story of the Morgans, a hard-working Welsh mining family, relayed from the point of view of their youngest son. It won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 1941.

PLEASE RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 so we know how much food to prepare.

Pizza provided by:

The Knights of Columbus

RSVP via email to:

deaconrich@johnxxiii.net





ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

Weekly Financials



	04-14-24	04-09-23	Difference
Offertory	\$42,623.86	\$44,273.02	(\$1,649.16)
Building Fund	\$1,778.00	\$1,338.61	\$439.39
Total	\$44,401.86	\$45,611.63	(\$1,209.77)
Mass Attendance	3539	3215	
Registered Families	3568	3683	

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

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

2024 Catholic Faith Appeal

2024 Goal	\$492,000.00
Pledge	\$271,400.58
Payments	\$187,769.07

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



REMINDERS FROM THE

Bookkeeping

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.

CFA: (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.

FASHION SHOW UPDATE

The St. John XXIII Women's Guild would like to thank all those who contributed items and time to the 17th Annual Fashion Show that took place last month. We would also like to thank the Vietnamese dancers and the Hispanic Band for providing us with entertainment. Our show was very successful and raised approximately **\$16,000** which will be distributed between a number of charities. Thank you for your continued support of our parish community!



THANK YOU TO OUR

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THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports parishes and missions across the United States. These parishes and missions have Catholic populations dispersed over a wide geographic territory, experience economic hardships, or have diminishing populations because of migration from rural to urban areas. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions.

Grants from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal cover the costs of basic and essential pastoral programs, such as religious education, evangelization, and seminary formation, and parish sacramental programs. For example, with a grant from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, a qualifying Diocese was able to develop a vocations-team approach to encourage young men to explore priestly vocation. This program heightened interest in priestly life among young men through weekend retreats and dinners where young men and their parents can learn about seminary and priestly life.

This year's Catholic Home Missions Appeal is scheduled in the Diocese of Venice next weekend: April 27 and 28.

There is a great need for evangelization and sharing the message of Christ and the beauty of the Church. Your support of this appeal truly makes a difference in the faith lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Thank you for your generosity.

I take this opportunity to assure you and your family of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

MAY CROWNING

SUNDAY MAY 5

The **St. John XXIII Women's Guild** is hosting a May Crowning of the statue, **Mary, Mother of the Life Within**, in the **Memorial Garden** on **Sunday, May 5 at 12:30pm**.

All members of the parish are invited to join us for this celebration. Please bring your rosary and help us honor Jesus' Mother.



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Fr. Jay with guest celebrants!





The St. John XXIII Women's Guild and The Craftie Ladies presented Fr. Jay with an Anniversary Stole. Fr. Jay's mentor, Fr. Pragasam Maria Soosai, who seeded his vocation, placed the stole around his neck!



The children presented Fr. Jay with a banner!



Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Decline to Sign Petition: Abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to have a pro-abortion constitutional amendment placed on the statewide ballot in the November 2024 election. To do so, they need nearly 900,000 signatures. Floridian Catholics should not sign the petition as we approach the November elections.

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed: Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers for our Food Pantry, located at 4235 Michigan Link Avenue in Ft. Myers. Help is needed Wednesday 8:30am-11am and/or Thursday 8:30am - 12pm noon. On Wednesdays we bag the food and receive the delivery. Thursdays is the actual distribution with bagging also occurring. If you would like to help, please contact **Mike Vega** mike.vega@catholiccharitiesdov.org or call (239)270-3291

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 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

Good Counsel Camp: Summer adventures await at Our Lady of Good Counsel Camp in Floral City, FL. This is a co-ed overnight camp which is owned and operated by the Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg. All Children 7-15 years of age are invited to attend. One and two week sessions are currently offered at affordable prices. All information is available on the camp website at www.goodcounselcamp.org or by emailing the camp director at: info@goodcounselcamp.org

St. Andrew Summer Spanish Summer Camp: Children will have Spanish lessons based on the day's theme via visual support, tasting food, storytelling, dance and art. 4 weeks available from 9am -3pm. (June 3-7, June 10-14, June 17-21 and June 24-28. \$200 per week/per child. Payment due by May 24. For sibling discounts or more information, contact ymartinez@standrews.org or chinks@standrews.org

Ave Maria University Conference: Join our 13th Annual Ave Maria Eucharistic Conference, May 10-12 at Ave Maria University. With speakers and special breakout sessions will be offered in Spanish. For more information, visit: aveconferences.com or email: aveconferences@gmail.com

TEC Retreat: "To Encounter Christ", a Catholic Retreat for Young Adults. Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday, May 25 to Monday, May 27. Location: Cursillos de Cristiandad, 16250 SW 112 Ave. Miami, FL. For more information and sign up, visit www.SonshineTEC.com

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- Saturday, April 27 - 7:00pm
- Sunday, April 28 - 5:00pm

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