



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

I AM THE TRUE *Vine*

*"I am the vine;
you are the
branches. If you
remain in Me
and I in you,
you will bear
much fruit; apart
from Me you
can do nothing."*

- John 15:5



April 28, 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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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday,
8:00am-Noon & 1pm-4pm
239-561-2245
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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 29

- 8:00 AM † Joseph & Rosemary Riccione by their family

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- 8:00 AM † José F. Salazar by Elena Salazar & family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

- 8:00 AM † Guillermo & Rosa Taitano by Mike & Cleo Hesselbach

THURSDAY, MAY 2

- 8:00 AM † Philip Wayco by Larry & Arlene Schuetz

FRIDAY, MAY 3

- 8:00 AM ♥/† Living/Deceased Members of Marina Bay Italian Club

SATURDAY, MAY 4

- 8:00 AM ♥ Peter Paonessa by Robert LeFevre
- 4:00 PM † Roger J. Dombrowski by Mary Ann Ferry
- 8:00 PM † Marla - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 5

- 7:15 AM † Leonard Konkowski by Steve & Jennifer Engelman
- 9:15 AM † Dottie Sutton by Kevin & Stephanie Sutton
- 11:15 AM † Ronald Steele by his wife
- 1:30 PM ♥ Parishioners of St. John XXIII - 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.

MAY 5, 2024 - READINGS

- 1ST READING ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
- PSALM PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
- 2ND READING 1 JOHN 4:7-10
- GOSPEL JOHN 15:9-17

FOOD PANTRY Donations

The local food pantries are getting low now that our seasonal members have gone home. Buy one/get one free is a great way to teach your children the gift of giving to those in need. Non-perishable items can be dropped off in the Narthex.



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MESSAGE FROM

The St. John XXIII Administrator

Fr. Jay



Dear Friends,

Last week, Jesus proclaimed, "I am the Good Shepherd" and this week He proclaims, "I am the true vine". While He announced last week that He is a Good Shepherd who always remains with His sheep, this week He pleads with His disciples to 'remain in Him'. This 'remaining in Him' is not something physical, but means to bear fruit which, is not simple or easy! To bear fruit, the vine needs to be pruned. To get the best wine, the grapes have to be pressed. No pain no gain!

As part of my daily learning of the English language, I recently came across a word - 'Jesus nut' which is main rotor retaining nut in some helicopters. During the Vietnam war, our soldiers used mostly helicopters for transportation and 'Jesus nut' became a slang term during this time. If the Jesus nut were to fail, the rotor would detach from the helicopter and the crew has no other option but to pray to Jesus for their lives.

If pruned by Jesus, we bear fruit; if detached from Jesus we die. Saul in the first reading is a perfect example. As Saul, he was killing the early Christians and when he was pruned by Jesus, he turned into Paul, bearing fruit and building up the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria.

In the second reading, John explains how one could be remaining in Jesus- not merely in word but in deed and truth.

How do we choose to remain in Him? How do we prune ourselves in our current living? Let us add glory to our Father by bearing much fruit and becoming His worthy disciples.

I thank you wholeheartedly for all your love, prayers, blessings, greetings, wishes and gifts for commemorating the gift of Priesthood in my life for 25 years. You made the occasion grace-filled by adding glory to His name and rejuvenating my commitment to serve Him and you. Thank you all.

God Bless,
Fr. Jay Raju

- *Reading 1: Acts 9:26-31*
- *Reading 11: I John 3:18-24*
- *Gospel: John 15:1-8*

Prayer BEFORE Communion

*Oh Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God, Who by
the will of the Father and with
the cooperation of the Holy
Spirit has by His death given
unto the world: Deliver me by
this, His most sacred Body and
Blood, from all my sins and
from every evil. Make me cling
to His commandments
and never permit me to
be separated from Him.
Amen*

Prayer List

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

Marlene LaRose
Gary Neubauer
Laura Ford
Scott Dugan
Braden O'Halloran
Infant Anthony Vardaan
Steve Lane
Kathleen Fontaine
Lucy DeRose
Cynthia & William
Sandy Szymanski
Marshall Conner
Nancy Hall
Leonard Hall
Barbi Cooper
Abby Newsome
Collin Carnel
Russ Aubrey

MaryAnn Hemmer
Girard Cugini
Edward Virtue
Ray & Janie Sucik
Karen Racz
Jill Louden
Darlene Kepshire
Crystal Heim
Mimi Weaver
Linda Anderson
Kristen Lipp
Denis Ryan
Kevin Walsh
Janice Herrington
Lucille Ouellette
Cora Davies
Marie Boutwell
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 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!

Francis Burns
Salvatore Munizza
Sandra O'Neill
Lee Dysard
Sylvia J. Gibson



PLEASE HELP OUR ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT BY INCLUDING YOUR ENVELOPE # ON YOUR DONATION

REMINDER

When you are writing a CHECK for your donation please only use BLACK or BLUE INK because other colors DO NOT show up when they are scanned at the bank.



Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



Monday, April 29

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

Tuesday, April 30

- 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 1

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: Office Conference Room - 10am
- 1st Communion Rehearsal: Church/Chapel - 5pm
- 1st Communion Rehearsal: Church/Chapel - 6:30pm

Thursday, May 2

- Cypress Point Mass: Discovery Commons - 9:30am
- Adult Choir Rehearsal: Church - 6:30pm
- Rooted: PLC/St. Therese - 7pm

Friday, May 3

- 1st Friday Adoration: Church - 8:30am
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am-8pm
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm
- MSYG Overnight Retreat: PLC/Classrooms



Saturday, May 4

- 1st Communion: Church - 10am & 1pm
- Hispanic Group Rosary: Memorial Garden - 10am
- Vigil Mass: Church - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Church - 8pm

Sunday, May 5

- 7:15am, **NOTE: 9:15am* Livestreamed** & 11:15am
- Separation/Divorce Group: PLC/St. Michael - 9am
- Pre-School Bible Class: PLC/St. Susanna - 9:15am
- OCIA: PLC/Martha/Mary/Bernadette - 10:15am
- May Crowning: Memorial Garden - 12:30pm
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm
- End of Year Potluck Social (Walking w/Purpose): PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 5pm

WATCH AT HOME

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

ONLINE

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



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Elizabeth McDonald
- Richard & Alana Farah
- Eduardo Salas & Isabel Olvera
- Francis & Kelly Graham
- Thomas & Susan Cox

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 Broemmell
Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo
BG Scott C. Woodward
Andrew Hawkinson, USN
Cavalry Scout Specialist,
Ryan Silva, Army
2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC
Jared Broemmell, US Navy
2nd Lt. Edward Hudson
Tillinghast IV, Army
Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force

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

FIRST FRIDAY

Adoration

MAY 3

ADORATION CHAPEL
open: 8:30am - 8:00pm

PLEASE NOTE: Chapel Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:45pm and Saturday 8:30am-3:30pm. Every first Friday has extended hours 8:30am-8pm

For more information:

EMAIL:

stjohnxxiiiadorationchapel@gmail.com

WEBSITE:

johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/



PLEASE NOTE: Fr. Jay has made the decision to cancel the 1st Saturday Adoration and Benediction on May 4th due to the First Communion Mass beginning at 10:00am.

Confessions that day will only run from 8:30am until 9:15am to allow adequate time for the priests to prepare for First Communion.

DOWNLOAD OUR PARISH APP:

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



STAY CONNECTED and get **UPDATES!**

Scan the QR code or sign up at:

StJohnXXIIICommunity.flocknote.com



SCAN ME

MONTHLY *Blessings*

Join us **NEXT WEEKEND,**
MAY 4-5, as we offer the
MONTHLY BLESSINGS
for all
ANNIVERSARIES
and **BIRTHDAYS.**

The blessing after the homily will be dedicated to anyone celebrating an anniversary that month. Parishioners can just stand in place.

Birthday blessings will take place after Mass once a month.

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.



MONTH OF MAY



Women's Guild



SHOWER

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Faith FORMATION

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

REGISTER NOW



Sign up today for this summer's Vacation Bible School. It is sure to be "Deep" as we "SCUBA"- dive into Friendship with God!"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 24 - June 28

(8:00am - 12:30pm)

ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

PLC - Main Hall/Classrooms

DEADLINE: May 31, 2024



Online Registration Link:

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

Use the QR code to Register



TOTUS TUUS

TOTUS TUUS: GRADES 1- 6

Week of July 15 - 19 (9:00am to 3:00pm)

OUR LADY OF LIGHT PARISH

Fee: \$75 per child, \$125 (2 children)

\$200 (3 children) \$300 (4+ children)

debbie@ourladyoflight.com

DEADLINE: May 31, 2024

TOTUS TUUS: GRADES 7 - 12

July 15 - July 18

(6:30pm - 8:30pm)

ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

Summer Nights Fee: \$20 per child

kelly@johnxxxiii.net

DEADLINE: May 31, 2024



Use the QR code to Register

ATTENTION PARENTS



INFANT, CHILD AND ADULT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

6:00pm - 9:30pm

PARISH LIFE CENTER

St. Michael/St. Bernadette



The South Trail Fire Department is offering a First Aid /CPR class that will include instruction for infant, child and adult CPR!

This class has a limit of 15 participants and will be on a first come first serve basis.

COST

The cost is \$40/participant which will be paid directly to STFD the evening of the class.

SIGN UP

To sign up, please email **Paula Froio** at paula@johnxxxiii.net or call **Frannie Cerniglia** at 239-561-7499

DEADLINE

Please sign up by **Tuesday, May 7**



YOUNG ADULT & YOUTH Ministries

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

Rooted at St. John XXIII

Join us for Rooted Game Night on **Thursday, May 2**
from **7pm to 8:30pm**. (dinner, games, and adoration)



Thursday, May 2 - PLC/Classroom - 7pm

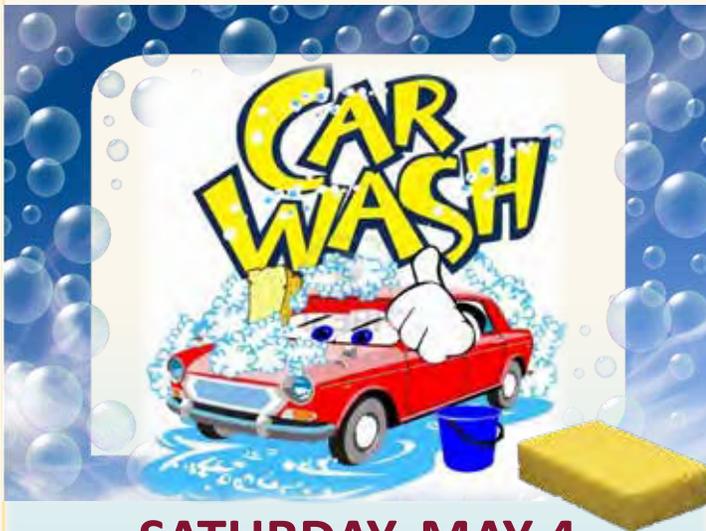
Help Needed:

We are still looking for a host to oversee the 26 to 35 small group, 36 and over small group, and married with children small group.

Confirmation Program:

Our next sessions:

- **1st Year Study: April 28-** Power to Pray - In the Parish Life Center.



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 the last session reflections:

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.

Information Websites

Below are suggested websites to stay current on what is happening in the Catholic church:

WHISPERS IN THE LOGGIA:

whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com

CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE:

www.catholicnews.com

CRUX:

cruxnow.com

BISHOP BARRON:

www.wordonfire.org

FR. RICHARD ROHR:

cac.org/category/daily-meditations

Guardian Angels WALKWAY

PAVER MEMORIALIZATION



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



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

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

Guardian Angels WALKWAY

Name _____

Address or PO Box _____

Unit/Apt # _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

I would like to pay by:

CASH CHECK CREDIT CARD

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

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

LARRY EVENER: larryevener@yahoo.com

The Women's Guild Contact:

SUE EDWARDS: sgedwards007@gmail.com

PAVER ORDER FORM

Please circle the graphic to be added to the stone:



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

LINE 1 NAME _____

example: John Doe

LINE 2 RANK _____

example: SGT. USMC

LINE 3 SERVICE _____

example: WWII

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

PRINT NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____



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Weekly Financials



NO UPDATE	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



GIVING TO THE CFA Through a Qualified Charitable Distribution

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

FOR TRADITIONAL ACCOUNTS THIS INCOME IS TAXABLE!

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

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

DOUBLE YOUR GIFT

Matching gifts are a type of corporate philanthropy that allows donors giving smaller donations the opportunity to maximize the impact of their donation on an organization.



In a matching gifts program, a company donates to a nonprofit organization in response to one of their employees giving a gift.

These gifts can range in maximum sizes and ratio, but many companies will match an employee's donation at a 1:1 ration, starting at \$25. Retirees and/or spouses may also qualify.

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

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



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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.
- **Our Weekly Newsletter:** Visit <https://www.johnxxiii.net/e-newsletter-sign-up/> and enter your email address.
- **St. John XXIII Flocknote:** Sign up for updates at StJohnXXIIICommunity.flocknote.com
- **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>
- **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**
- **Low Gluten Hosts:** If you are interested in receiving low gluten hosts at Mass, please see a Sacristan to make a request.
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:45pm and Saturday 8:30am-3:30pm. Every first Friday, the chapel is open 8:30am-8:00pm. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit: johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/ or email: stjohnxxiiiadorationchapel@gmail.com
- **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
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St. John's Outreach Ministry would like to thank you for your support both financially and through physical donations during Lent. By your generosity and a kind donor who owns a women's undergarment company, we were able to provide all of the following to those in need within our parish and beyond:

- 14 parish families with Easter baskets for their kids, pantry essentials and an Easter dinner!
- We collected 200 long sleeve shirts for farm workers and our working poor in the fields
- Thousands of healthy snacks to get the kids at Pinecrest Elementary in Immokalee through their week of state testing, 100 gently used toys for their reward program, and 800 new bras for the girls and women in their community
- 1,500 bras were given to the homeless and hurricane recovery population at Fort Myers Beach through FMB strong!
- SMDP received 200 undergarments and all of the weekly donations from the Narthex PLUS over 500 cans of lacking food items for their pantry AND frozen veggies to cook meals for the homeless!
- The Villas senior co-op received toiletries and pantry staples PLUS an Easter meal for their residents.
- St. Matthew's House women's shelter received 600 new women's undergarments
- One More Child, Christ centered foster care and human trafficking recovery team, received 800 undergarments, an infant car seat and crib!
- We were also able to start shopping for kids shoes for our Back to School drive from the generous Soles for Souls fundraiser.

If you would like to be involved, please contact **Elizabeth Andrews** and join our email list for upcoming needs at elipchik@hotmail.com



FMB gratefully accepts bra donations and started handing them out right away!



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**SEPARATION/DIVORCE
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SUNDAY, MAY 5

9:00AM - PARISH LIFE CENTER
Room: St. Michael

You are welcome to attend at any time in whatever stage of separation/divorce you are in.

Join our next session, **Sunday, May 5 at 9:00am** in the Parish Life Center, room St. Michael. We will meet every other Sunday through July and you are welcome to come to any session any week.

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HAPPENINGS



MORNING WITH MARY

SATURDAY, MAY 18

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

The St. John XXIII Women's Guild invites **ALL WOMEN** of the parish to a gathering on **Saturday, May 18** from **9:00am to 12:00pm** in the Parish Life Center Main Hall. Come and join us for a light breakfast, a great speaker, and a rosary.



Featured Speaker:
**FATHER ANGELO
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About Fr. Angelo:

I was born in Savannah Beach, GA, 1943, where my father volunteered to do the ballast for navy ships during WW II. Both my parents were born in Italy, my father in Naples and my mom in Asti Piedmont.

We moved to Brooklyn, NY when I was 9 months old. Even though I left Brooklyn when I was 18, Brooklyn totally is a part of me.

At the age of 18 I began my 9 year preparation for the priesthood in the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of American (MARYKNOLL). After ordination I was assigned to Korea. When my father had a severe stroke I returned to the US and began to work in the Diocese of Bridgeport. After serving in three parishes I was appointed Pastor of St. Gregory the Great in Danbury, CT. I was Pastor there for 27 years, retiring in August of 1990. I moved to Fort Myers, Florida, September 1 of 1990 and began my service to St. John XXIII and the parish community.



MORNING WITH MARY SATURDAY, MAY 18 • PLC 9AM-12PM

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

NAME: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

Please return to the parish office or drop in the collection basket by May 13th

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

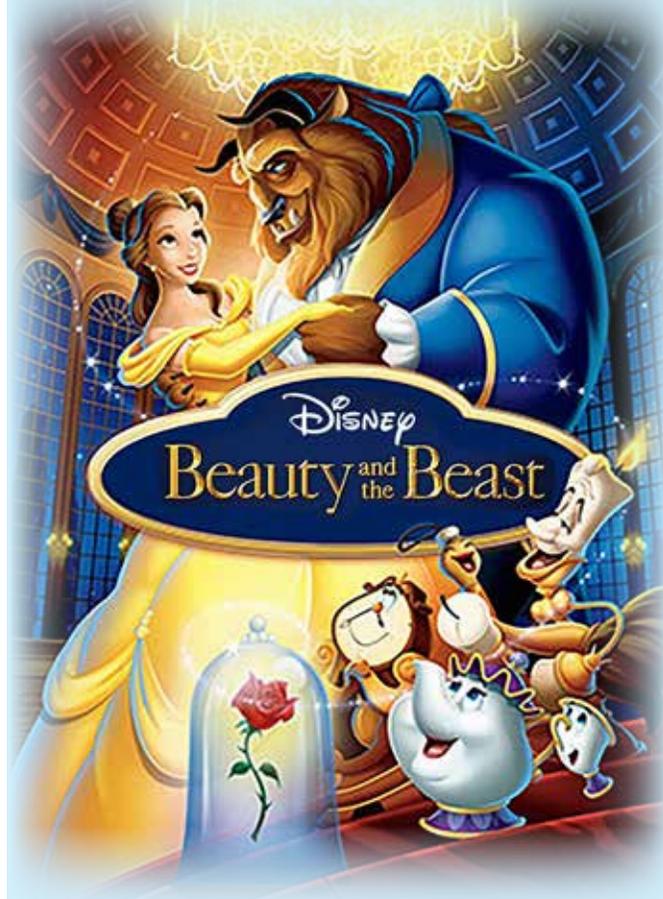
TEC Retreat: "To Encounter Christ", a Catholic Retreat for Young Adults. Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday, May 25 to Monday, May 27. Location: Cursillos de Cristiandad, 16250 SW 112 Ave. Miami, FL. For more information and sign up, visit www.SonshineTEC.com

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: Suicide and Crisis Lifeline provides 24/7 service for those in emotional distress. Veteran services are also available. **Simply call 988**



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