



ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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June 2, 2024

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Corpus Christi SUNDAY

*The Eucharist
is not a prize
for the strong
but a source of
strength for the
weak, for the
sinners.*

- POPE FRANCIS



June 2, 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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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, JUNE 3

- 8:00 AM † Mary Jo Smith by Judy Gallo Assante

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

- 8:00 AM † Dorothy Urciuoli by Madeline Paniagua & Elena Salazar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

- 8:00 AM † Patricia DeSantis by Thomas Assante family

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

- 8:00 AM † Susie Minnella by the Palkovic family

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

- 8:00 AM † David Bliss by Robert & Christine Gaetano

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

- 8:00 AM † Elizabeth & Joseph Fiali by JoAnne Walsh
- 4:00 PM † Michael W. Hesselbach by Mike & Cleo Hesselbach
- 8:00 PM † All Souls - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

- 7:15 AM ♥ Parishioners of St. John XXIII
- 9:15 AM † Rich Dirmyer by his family
- 11:15 AM † Myrna Bruno by Karen Peeples
- 1:30 PM † Bertha Hernandez by Nelson & Yvette

*** MASS INTENTION UPDATE ***

There are no more English Masses available for the remainder of 2024. 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.

JUNE 9, 2024 - READINGS

- 1ST READING GN 3:9-15
- PSALM PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
- 2ND READING 2 COR 4:13-5:1
- GOSPEL MK 3:20-35

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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Corpus Christi SUNDAY

by: **Cynthia Genovese - Catholic News Agency**

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ." This feast originated in France in the midthirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. This feast is celebrated on the Sunday following Trinity Sunday.

This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist.

At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of a body in which He is the head. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church.

The Feast of Corpus Christi is commonly used as an opportunity for public Eucharistic processions, which serves as a sign of common faith and adoration. Our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

*"For My Flesh is True Food
and My Blood is True Drink."*

- John 6:55



Corpus Christi PRAYER

God our Father, for Your glory and our salvation You appointed Jesus Christ eternal High Priest. May the people He gained for You by His Blood come to share in the power of His Cross and Resurrection by celebrating His Memorial in this Eucharist, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. 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
Steve Lane
Lucy DeRose
Bill Becker
Cynthia & William
Sandy Szymanski
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.
Bill Acini
David Hilson
Kathleen Atkins
Leyla A. Bolivar
Kate & Wayne Maloney

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



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!
Lu Oulette



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Sylvia J. Gibson**
Requested by: **Kathleen Blackford**



Adoration Chapel

In Memory of: **Salvatore Munizza**
Requested by: **Bob & Janice Ruepple**



Memorial Flowers

In Memory of: **Kathleen Fontaine**
♥ Fontaine Wedding Anniversary
Requested by: **Lou & Alycia Einstein**





Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



Monday, June 3

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

Tuesday, June 4

- 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, June 5

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: Office Conference Room - 10am

Thursday, June 6

- Mass at Cypress Point: Discovery Commons - 9:30am
- Rooted Age Group 18-22: PLC/St. Michael - 7pm
- Rooted Age Group 23-29: Top Golf - 7pm



Friday, June 7

- 1st Friday Adoration 8:30am
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am - 8pm
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

Saturday, June 8

- Spanish Baptism Class: PLC/Michael/Bernadette - 10am
- Vigil Mass: Church - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Church - 8pm

Sunday, June 9

- 7:15am, **NOTE: 9:15am* Livestreamed** & 11:15am
- Pre-School Bible Class: PLC/St. Susanna - 9:15am
- Summer Choir Rehearsal: Chapel - 10:30am
- New Family Orientation: Chapel - 12:15pm
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm

WATCH AT HOME

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

ONLINE

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



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Robert O'Brien
- Oscar & Ana Arroyo
- Hannah Tipton
- Christopher Brooks
- Joseph Filippone
- Will & Denise Aman
- Karen Lopez
- Zachary Leonardi

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
 1st Lt. Jarod Pankau USAF
 1st Lt. Curi Pankau USAF
 Charles Robert Connolly, US Navy
 PFC Abner Casiano, US Army
 Ranger
 Ensign Aaron Humphrey



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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
- **Yarn/Fabric Needed:** The Craftie Ladies are in need of more yarn to make projects. You may drop off the donations in the church Narthex.
- **Keep Our Database Current:** Have you moved, changed email addresses, dropped a landline or changed your cell number? Please email maryann@johnxxiii.net with any changes or additions to your contact information.
- **Human Trafficking Info:** Human Trafficking can happen to anyone, but some people are more vulnerable than others. If you believe human trafficking may be occurring, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or text HELP or INFO to BeFREE (233733)
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POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

2024

JUNE: FOR MIGRANTS

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Sign up for monthly prayers and intentions:
www.popesprayerusa.net/popes-intentions/



ST. JOHN XXIII

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SATURDAY - 10AM - 4PM

Address: 15200 S. Tamiami Trail #110, Ft. Myers, FL

Website: www.bpjthrift.com

ORDINATION

Anniversary



Deacon John

JUNE 7, 2024

16 Year Anniversary

About Deacon John:

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

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

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

You are welcome to send your blessings and cards to Deacon John at the parish office, 13060 Palomino Lane, Ft. Myers, FL 33912

 **belk** charity
sale

JUNE 7, 8, 9

PRE-SALE NOW - JUNE 7

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

When you purchase a ticket for \$5.00, Belk allows the Guild to keep 100% of the ticket proceeds to help fund our Outreach Projects.

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

*Also receive (on the same ticket)
a 25% off stackable coupon!*

It's a WIN-WIN!

PRE-SALE for the
Charity Sale is **NOW**
through **JUNE 7**

Items purchased during
the pre-sale will be rung
up on **Friday, June 7.**

Your purchase can be
picked up any time after
store opening on **June 7.**

**(Orders must be picked up
within 10 days)**

PURCHASE TICKETS

please contact:

STELLA MCCAFFREY

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

Faith FORMATION

Contact: Frannie Cerniglia | 561-7499 | 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 the parish office at **239-561-2245**.



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- 1.) Go to **formed.org**
 - 2.) Click on Register
 - 3.) Create your FREE account by entering our parish code and your email address.
- Our Parish Code is **1823ee**

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





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

Rooted at St. John XXIII

Please visit our Rooted Facebook page for exciting information starting this summer. Email Kelly for for updates: kelly@johnxxiii.net

- **JUNE 6 - St. Michael 7-8:30pm**
Rooted 18-22
- **JUNE 6 - Top Golf 7-8:30pm**
Rooted 23-29
- **COMING SOON**
Rooted and Married
(children welcome)



Confirmation Program:

Classes have ended for the 2023-24 season. Registration will begin July 1 on the Parish website. Both first year and second year candidates must register and commit to all scheduled dates.

High School Socials

Sunday morning Gospel Sessions have ended for the 23-24 season. New dates will be published July 1. Visit our summer offerings page for ways to encounter Christ over the summer

Middle School Youth Group

Sessions have ended for the 2023-24 season. Registration will begin July 1 on our parish website. Visit our summer offerings page for ways to encounter Christ over the summer.

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.



Hispanic Ministry **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Misas en Español

- Lugar: Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII
- Fecha y Hora: Todos los domingos del mes. 1:30pm.

Las misas también están siendo transmitidas a través de YouTube. Recuerda el rezo del Santo Rosario (antes de la misa de los domingos, 12:45pm).

Grupo de Oración de Renovación Carismática

- Lugar: Capilla Nuestra Señora del Rosario.
- Fecha y Hora: Todos los **martes** del mes. 6:45pm.

Contáctanos

Estamos ofreciendo el servicio de misas especiales como Quinceañeras, Bautismos y Matrimonios para más información comunicarse con nosotros al email: comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net



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



Out & About



Our Church Parish Community



Thank You

We would like to thank the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Jack and parishioners who attended Monday's Memorial Day Service in the Memorial Garden. Flags were placed on all graves of those who have served in the military.

"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." - John 15:13



Thank You

"I want to personally thank the Women's Guild for all the wonderful donations to Pinecrest Elementary! Your kindness and generosity is much appreciated."

- Laura Mendicino Principal, Pinecrest Elementary





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Weekly Financials



	05-26-24	05-28-23	Difference
Offertory	\$24,655.01	\$29,197.53	(\$4,542.52)
Building Fund	\$1,482.00	\$1,942.50	(\$460.50)
Total	\$26,137.01	\$31,140.03	(\$5,003.02)
Mass Attendance	2479	2425	
Registered Families	3593	3691	

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	\$360,038.67
Payments	\$268,521.21

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



CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL



THE CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL (CFA) is an annual opportunity for every member of our Faith family to support the life-changing work and outreach programs of the Diocese of Venice. The programs and services assisted by the CFA, make a meaningful impact on the lives of individuals, families and communities. By supporting the CFA, you share in the work of Christ and the grace of Catholic discipleship. Remember, **"The generous will be blessed, for they share ... with the poor"** (Proverbs 22:9).

GIFT SUGGESTIONS:

- **CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD** can be used for a one-time gift or a monthly amount. Please visit www.dioceseofvenice.org and click on Catholic Faith Appeal Donate Now.
- **CHECK** made payable to Catholic Faith Appeal with St. John XXIII in the memo can be placed in the white envelopes in the Narthex and the donation will be sent to the Catholic Faith Appeal.
- **GIFT OF SECURITIES** - Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of the appreciated securities on the date of your gift.
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Contact: **John Renfro** | musicdirector@johnxxiii.net
Church: (239) 561-2245 Cell: (239) 994-3409

A MESSAGE

FROM THE

Music Director



Sing in the SUMMER CHOIR

Do you love to “make a joyful noise to the Lord” with your voice, but do not want to attend weekly rehearsals? If so, I have great news for you! Beginning this Sunday, June, we will introduce the St. John’s Summer Choir. The choir rehearses simple hymns and songs for meditation offerings during the 11:15am Mass. We will meet in the Chapel for rehearsals at 10:30am. I look forward to seeing you!

FIRST FRIDAY

Adoration

JUNE 7

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

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SHROUD OF JESUS EXHIBIT

Welcome to our Shroud of Jesus Exhibit at the Ark Chapel in the Bob Thomas Student Union and on the second floor of the Canizaro Library at Ave Maria University.

The Sign

Come to the Ark chapel and see the visual Sign that Jesus predicted 2000 years ago, telling us who He is. And only now it comes to light. And here, for the first time, is an exhibit of the words of John, the onsite witness, that reveals the meaning of what we see on the Shroud of Jesus. See the first sculpture of the sign that Jesus left us. This sign, that John ingeniously concealed, shows the world that Jesus is the Son of God.

Come to the second floor of the Library to view the life size replica of the Shroud of Turin and view the blood of atonement on the Shroud of Jesus.

To learn more about this exhibit and sculpture please refer to the source of this data in the following book: *The Shroud of Jesus and the Sign John Ingeniously Concealed* by Gilbert Lavoie, M.D., published by Sophia Institute Press. The shroud photos were done by Vernon Miller © 1978. The sculpture, The Sign, by the sculptor Pablo Eduardo, go hand in hand with the book.

There is no more comprehensive book for those who are curious—or skeptical—about the Shroud.

—Scott Hahn, Founder and President,
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Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.

—John 2:19



Do you have the gift of HOSPITALITY?

Do you have a couple hours during the day?

We are in need of new members for our Funeral Hospitality Ministry. We offer this service to families that have had a funeral and want a reception in our Parish Life Center. Family purchases the food and members help to put the food and drinks out, serve and help with clean up. You would be part of a team and they will train you. The families are so grateful for this service. It gives them time to be with family and friends and feel the love and hospitality of the parish.

For more information contact:

Holly Atkins at holly@johnxxiii.net or call the parish office at 239-561-2245

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Recycling Notice**



Our container for cardboard and paper will be removed soon. They no longer off us money for the recycling. Thank you for all the members that have used this in the past as it was a little help to the parish and the environment. We will continue to recycle at the church in the container for our use only. Please do not put your items in those containers.



New Parishioner Orientation

Sunday, JUNE 9
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.

Lee County Sheriff's Office Presents

FRAUDS & SCAMS

An opportunity to learn best practices in keeping information and assets safe. Would you know what to do if you became a victim of fraud?



**FREE
EVENT**

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

Parish Life Center - 1:30PM

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NAME: _____

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Catholic Community **HAPPENINGS**

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.

Venice Child Loss Grief Retreat: Red Bird Ministries is offering an overnight weekend retreat, June 7-9 at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, S. Moon Drive, Venice, FL 34292. This is for grieving mothers of all ages, stages, and circumstances from pregnancy through adulthood. For more information, visit <https://www.redbird.love/revival>

4KIDS Brings Hope: The 4KIDS model and paradigm extends Hope, Homes, and Healing to children and families across 13 Florida counties. Hope is experienced through preventative based care. Homes are open to children in foster care. And Healing is made possible for children and families who have experienced trauma with the help of training and therapeutic care. Here is how 4KIDS brings Hope, Homes, and Healing to those in need. For more information, please call **(239) 266-8354** or visit <https://www.4kids.us/4kidsswfl>

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**

Join a Prayer Group: "Who is Jesus to you? A picture or a statue? Is He flesh and blood to you? We are a group of women who gather to meditate on the Gospels, to develop a personal relationship with the Living Word Himself. To share our experience of the Word, apply it concretely to our daily lives, and provide spiritual support to one another. In short, to "know" Jesus intimately through prayer according to Catholic Tradition and the Doctors of the Church. "Come taste and see the goodness of the Lord." Interested? Gospel Encounter meets twice monthly in the afternoons on the second and fourth Wednesdays. Contact **Peggy Kepple (734) 223-8151** or email peggykepple@yahoo.com for more information.

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

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.

Sign Up for Digital Florida Catholic: Florida Catholic E-edition is FREE! Use this link for the latest E-edition news: <http://Venice.thefloridacatholic.org>

PRAYER FOR SAFETY During Hurricane Season

JUNE 1 - NOVEMBER 30

Oh God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, Oh loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

Oh Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us.

Amen.



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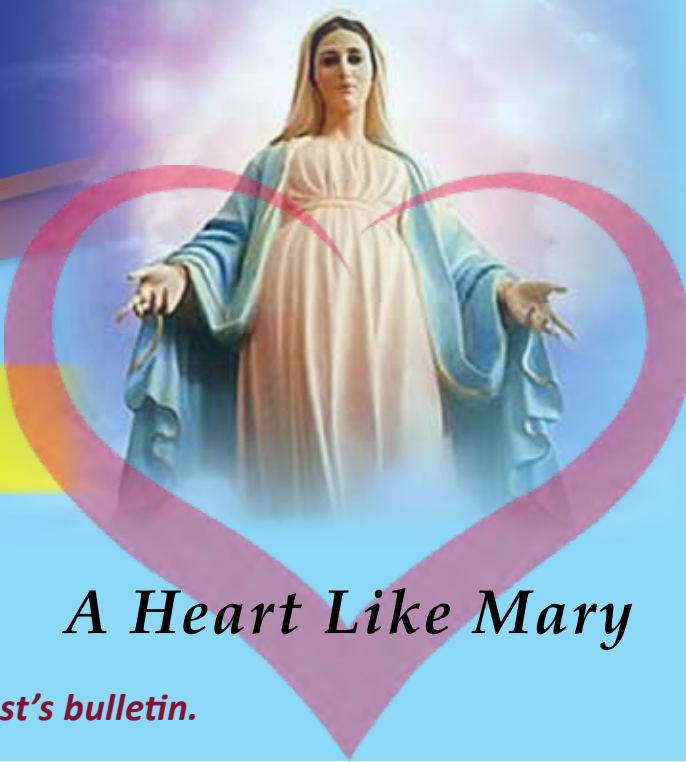
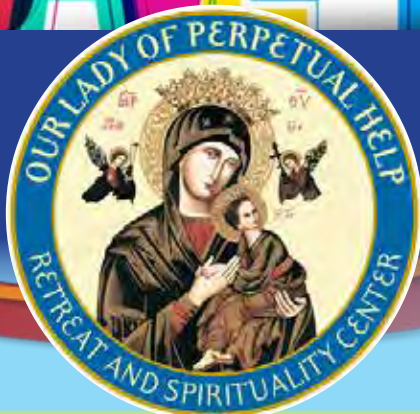
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