



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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June 9, 2024

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE *Lord* IS MY *Light*

AND MY *Salvation*

June 9, 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
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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 10

- 8:00 AM † Evan Ames by St. John XXIII Youth Ministry

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

- 8:00 AM † Mary Stoffel by her family

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

- 8:00 AM † Rose Mary Riccione by St. John XXIII Pastoral Team

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

- 8:00 AM † Timothy Shea by Doreen Herring
- 4:00 PM † Leonardo Hugo Flores by his family
- 8:00 PM † Francis Xavier - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 - FATHER'S DAY

- 7:15 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:15 AM and 1:30 PM Spanish Mass

ALL FATHERS/GRANDFATHERS LIVING & DECEASED

Happy FATHER'S Day!

***** 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 16, 2024 - READINGS

- 1ST READING EZ 17:22-24
- PSALM PS 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
- 2ND READING 2 COR 5:6-10
- GOSPEL MK 4:26-34



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CONQUER *Fear* with the Lord as Your *Light* and *Salvation*

by: **Heather Adams - crosswalk.com**

It's said that when we have a problem, we can choose to have either fear or faith. Fear usually puts the focus on us - our situation, and what we can do to affect the outcome. Conversely, faith sets our mind on God's authority, His control of our lives, and acknowledges His goodness.

It's clear by Psalm 27's powerful message which path David has chosen to follow. His trust in the Lord is evident from the opening declaration in verse 1, and carries all the way through to a calm direction in the final phrase, "...be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."

What Does "the Lord Is My Light and My Salvation" Mean?

David's use of the word "light" here shares a long tradition of Scripture authors before and after him. He may have heard some of these passages as a boy. The Lord may have revealed this picture of Himself as light into David's spirit while he tended sheep in the fields. However it came to him, the thought brought David both peace and joy.

In this context, David is proclaiming that God is with him even in the midst of trouble. This is a common theme in his writings, because of so many times David had seen this truth already. From facing a lion in the wilderness to confronting the giant Goliath, David had experienced God's presence and deliverance.

God Is Our Shield Against Fear

Imagine being a soldier in David's day, getting ready to go out into battle. You would take great care to equip yourself with defensive armor, from the helmet on down, to be protected from the enemy's attacks. The final piece you'd need would be a shield to wear or hold in front of you for an extra layer of protection.

In his songs, David compared putting on a strong shield before battle with asking God to go with us as we face struggles in life. He wasn't the first Scripture writer to do that, either. Moses recorded God's words in a vision Abram had, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield..." (Genesis 15:1). Moses himself used the phrase as he spoke blessings over the tribes of Israel: "He is your shield and helper and your glorious sword" (Deuteronomy 33:29).

This picture of God reveals a challenging truth, namely that God is more interested in growing our character than giving us perfect lives. So, He often lets us go through difficult times, using situations and issues to mature us. But, as we walk into our battle, however big or small, God promises to cover us. He protects our hearts and minds from attacks that the enemy (that is, Satan) launches, while strengthening us to stand firm.

PRAYER FOR

Salvation

Lord Jesus, I confess my sins and ask for Your forgiveness. Please come into my heart as my Lord and Savior. Take complete control of my life and help me to walk in Your footsteps daily by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you Lord for saving me and for answering my prayer.

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
David Hilson
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
Cora Davies
Marie Boutwell
Louis Cooper, Jr.
Bill Acini
Kathleen Atkins
Leyla A. Bolivar
Kate Maloney
Kathy Privhinello**

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!

**Hubert Hudson
Vernon Strauss, Jr.
Paul Close
Antonia Mendes Ribeiro
Wayne Maloney**



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Marie Cohen**
Requested by: **Tim & Diane Newman**



Adoration Chapel

In Memory of: **Cathleen Fontaine**
Requested by: **Bill & Barbara Catineau**





Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



Monday, June 10

- Men's Gospel Forum: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7am
- KofC Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Tuesday, June 11

- Opening the Word: Zoom/PLC - 9am
- Bereavement: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- Bingo: Main Hall (Doors open 5:30pm/Games 6:30pm)
- Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group: Chapel - 6:45pm
- AA Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Wednesday, June 12

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: Office Conference Room - 10am

Thursday, June 13

- Manor Care Mass - 10am
- Journey to Hope: PLC/St. Therese - 6pm

Friday, June 14

- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

Saturday, June 15

- KofC Food Drive: Parking Lot 10am-1pm
- Vigil Mass: Church - 4pm
- Hispanic Movie Night: Main Hall - 5pm-8pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Church - 8pm

Sunday, June 16 - Father's Day

- 7:15am, **NOTE: 9:15am* Livestreamed** & 11:15am
- Separation/Divorce Group: PLC/St. Michael - 9am
- Pre-School Bible Class: PLC/St. Susanna - 9:15am
- Summer Choir Rehearsal: Chapel - 10:30am
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm
- Carmelite Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 1:30pm
- Praise & Worship: Adoration Chapel - 4pm

WATCH AT HOME

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

ONLINE

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



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- **Saul Rubio & Leticia Rubio**
- **Kenneth & Pamela Milsted**
- **Jordan Taillon & Amanda Gonzales**
- **Jason Farah & Marcela Romero**

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 this 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: stjohnxxiiadorationchapel@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
- **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.
- **Non-Perishable Donations:** Please consider bringing your nonperishable items to church. These donations fill pantries in our area. Items can be dropped off in the Narthex. Please check expiration dates.
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TUESDAY, JUNE 11
PARISH LIFE CENTER

Doors open at 5:30pm
Games begin at 6:30pm

- 1 book of game cards is \$20
- 2 books of game cards is \$35
- Daubers cost \$1
- Each game pack includes 18 chances to win!
- Food and snacks available for purchase.

MUST BE 21 TO PLAY

All proceeds will go to a charity in our community.



FOOD

COLLECTION
church parking lot

NON-PERISHABLE

SATURDAY, JUNE 15
10AM-1PM



PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES

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

RSVP to MaryAnn maryann@johnxxiii.net

FRAUDS & SCAMS TUESDAY, JUNE 18 • PLC 1:30PM

For seating purposes, please RSVP to maryann@johnxxiii.net 239-561-2245

NAME: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

Please return to the parish office or drop in the collection basket by Sunday, June 16

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**.



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



Join Us!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

The St. John XXIII Liturgical Ministries are always open to new volunteers interested in serving our parish community. We can use bright, smiling faces at the doors of the Church welcoming all those who enter, as well as, friendly faces inside the Church guiding our congregation to their pews. We are also continuously searching for volunteers who feel a calling to bring the Body and Blood of Christ to their brothers and sisters through the Eucharistic Ministry.

*"for it is in giving
that we receive."* - St. Francis of Assisi



For more Information:

If you have an interest in volunteering as an Usher, Greeter, or Eucharistic Minister, please call the parish office at (239) 561-2245 to speak with:

Bethany Myers, Liturgy Coordinator
email: bethany@johnxxxiii.net



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

- **JULY 3 - St. Michael 7:00pm**
Rooted 18-22
- **JULY 3 - Parish Life Center 7:00pm**
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.



Parenting Pointer:

June 16 is Father's Day and June 19 is Juneteenth which celebrates the end of slavery in the USA. Do these days have anything in common? Perhaps free a father of heavy work on June 16 by becoming his "slave for a day." Then reflect on how freely serving one another regardless of gender or race can strengthen society.

"by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net"

ECO-FRIENDLY TIPS AND TRICKS

while you're out and about

ENERGY USE

EASY: When possible, use stairs instead of elevators. It doubles as exercise.

CHALLENGING: During hot weather, try to minimize air conditioner use by using a small fan or maybe install a whole house fan.

For eco-friendly food packaging ideas visit:

<https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/eco-friendly-food-packaging>



Marriage Moment:

Kid's notes to God: "Dear God, instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the ones you got now." (Jane) Have you and your spouse talked about death? Go beyond finances and a funeral. Talk about how you will feel if your spouse dies first.

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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.

FYI

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



	06-02-24	06-04-23	Difference
Offertory	\$32,296.48	\$36,591.47	(\$4,294.99)
Building Fund	\$920.00	\$1,360.00	(\$440.00)
Total	\$33,216.48	\$37,951.47	(\$4,734.99)
Mass Attendance	2494	2283	
Registered Families	3592	3694	

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	\$361,038.67
Payments	\$269,671.21

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

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.



ST. JOHN XXIII

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Contact: **John Renfro** | musicdirector@johnxxiii.net
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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! You are welcome to join 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!

JOURNEY TO HOPE

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 13 • 6pm
PARISH LIFE CENTER
St. Therese Classroom

This support group **MEETS MONTHLY** to offer resources, support and hope in a caring and confidential setting to those who have a loved one with a mental health condition or co-occurring alcohol/substance use disorder. Our next meeting is **Thursday, June 13** at **6pm** in the Parish Life Center. *(please ring the doorbell)*

In a mental health crisis, help is available from the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at **988** or our local Mobile Crisis Team at **844-395-4432**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact **Joanne Halt** at jhalt@namilee.org

SEPARATION/DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP



SUNDAY, JUNE 16
9AM - 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, June 16 at 9am in the Parish Life Center, room St. Michael.

Deacon Rich will speak on annulment.

For more information contact:

Carole Wheeler-Antle (239) 850-7443
email: cdwantle819@gmail.com



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

Thank You Recycling Notice



Our container for cardboard and paper will be removed soon. They no longer offer us money for the recycling. Thank you for all 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. We ask that you not use these containers for your personal use.



Parish NURSING MINISTRY AVOID FALLS

“FALLING IS NOT A NORMAL PART OF AGING”

Falling can be prevented by addressing the risk factors in our homes and living areas. The Fire Department recently provided a presentation at St. John XXIII Catholic Church and the information is critical in keeping you healthy. They describe their goal as preventing you from having “One Bad Day” (a fall!). The acronym “AVOID FALLS” can help you to minimize some of those risk factors.

A = Awareness of Risk Factors

V = Vision (have it checked)

O = Other medical problems

I = Imbalance (balance training is very helpful to prevent falls, and falls prevent fractures!)

D = Drug interactions (address your medications and over the counter medicines with your doctor)

F = Faulty Footwear (closed toe sneakers and sturdy shoes are best)

A = Assistive Devices

L = Living space environment is free of trip hazards

L = Level of activity is appropriate for your abilities

S = Step Wise Lee (a program to help prevent falls in Lee County)

BE SAFE, and if you have any of these risk factors, discuss them with your doctor.

For falls prevention resources, call the elder helpline at **800 963-5337** or call **911** for ALL medical emergencies. If you do fall and only need help getting back up, you can say “Lift Assist Only” if you call EMS/911. But it’s much better to prevent that fall in the first place!



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For more information, please contact **Clayton Goodridge**, Tuesday through Saturday at **(239) 433-4097** or email: thrift@johnxxiii.net

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Running the tap water while brushing your teeth or shaving can result in over two gallons of water running down the drain.

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Think how efficiently you would use water if you had to walk a distance to a well and back home again! Water is indeed a precious resource.



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FLORIDA BISHOPS OPPOSE Extreme Abortion Amendment *Vote No on Amendment 4*



Prayer TO DEFEAT AMENDMENT 4:

Florida Amendment 4, which will appear on Florida's November 2024 ballot, is an extreme proposal that legalizes fullterm abortion with no protections for the preborn child, including when the child is capable of feeling pain. This proposed amendment to our state constitution would prohibit all restrictions on abortion before viability and create a broad exception that any healthcare provider could exploit to allow abortion up to birth.

Furthermore, the amendment would effectively overturn or seriously jeopardize common-sense state laws that have regulated abortion for years. These include basic health and safety requirements for clinics where abortions are performed, requiring a physician to perform abortions, informed consent requirements, laws limiting public funding of abortion, and parental consent requirements before a minor's abortion.* These risks demonstrate the extreme nature of the amendment.

We urge all Floridians of goodwill to stand against the legalization of late-term abortion and oppose the abortion amendment. In doing so, we will not only protect the weakest, most innocent, and defenseless of human life among us but also countless women throughout the state from the harms of abortion.

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision of society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. In our state, human life is repeatedly being destroyed by abortion. Over 84,000 vulnerable and voiceless children were aborted in Florida in 2023.

This matter concerning the respect for human dignity and the fundamental value of human life is of grave importance to both our Church and our state. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent public policy priority. Therefore, we support a coordinated campaign to mobilize against the proposed amendment.

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

Most Rev. Thomas G. Wenski
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* Florida law distinguishes between parental consent prior to a minor's abortion (Ch. 390.01114(5) which would be invalidated by Amendment 4 and parental notice of a minor's abortion (Ch. 390.01114(4)), which would be retained.



Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Prayer for Safety During Hurricane Season: Hurricane Season continues until November 30. All are encouraged to pray for protection from the storms that can and have threatened Southwest Florida. The devastation, as witnessed by Hurricane Ian, reinforces the fact that we need to pray for God's protection and care during these next months.

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.

Safe Environment Training: The Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. For further details please visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/programs/safeenvironment/>

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**

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

Free Mental Health Counseling: Catholic Charities is providing free mental health counseling services. For help or support, please call our staff at (844) 385-2423

Witnessing the Faith: Join Bishop Dewane for his monthly radio program on Relevant Radio. The next broadcast can be heard at 8:30am on Friday, June 28. Anyone can access to the program at <https://dioceseofvenice.org/our-bishop/relevant-radio-podcasts>

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>

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**



ST. MARTIN DEPORRES (SMDP) OUTREACH needs your help to continue to serve the poor and needy in the Tice region of Fort Myers. **WE NEED 15-30 VOLUNTEERS DAILY** to feed and clothe the needy in this area and 4 volunteers daily (Monday-Thursday) to assist children in breaking the cycle of poverty.

Our mission is all about connection to each needy person, to allow them to be heard, and to get them the specific help or training that they need to "get on their feet". You will find yourself volunteering alongside many who were or are on the other side of this assistance. If you are interested in serving weekly, monthly or even just once with food or clothing or once/week to work with children from kindergarten to 4th grade, contact our **Operations Manager, Lisa Munkelwitz** or **Founder, Fernando Castillo** at **239-693-4711**

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- Serve and clean up from 2:30pm-6pm, Monday- Friday.
- Help 100 needy families on Friday mornings.
 - Organize clothing donations and hand them out.
 - Give groceries.
- After School Program that helps young children complete their homework and develop language skills-volunteer one day/week, 3-5:45pm, Monday-Thursday.
- Committee works to plan, update and enlarge our building to better serve all of our clients.
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SHROUD OF JESUS EXHIBIT

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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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