



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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September 28, 2025

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



GUARDIAN *Angels* GOD'S HEAVENLY CHAMPION

*“For He
will order
His angels to
protect you
wherever
you go”*

- Psalm 91:11

September 28, 2025

Please Note:

**SATURDAY
CONFESSIONS**
take place in the
church from
8:30am-9:30am

**Livestreamed
9:15am MASS on
Facebook/Website**

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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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

MASS SCHEDULE:

8:00am Daily Mass (Monday-Saturday)
4:00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)
7:15am, 9:15am, 11:15am (Sunday)
1:30pm Spanish Mass (Sunday)
5:00pm Vietnamese Mass (Sunday)

PRAYING THE ROSARY:

7:15am Mon-Fri & Saturday 7:00am
Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel
ADORATION CHAPEL:
8:30am-6:00pm (Mon Tue Thurs Fri)
8:30am-3:45pm (Wed)
8:30am-3:30pm (Saturday)

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 8:00 AM † Antonio & Beatriz Fagel by the family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 8:00 AM ♥ Andrea Cantarero by Marcela Cantarero

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 8:00 AM † Kate Fontaine by Carmelites of St. John XXIII

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 8:00 AM † Deceased Members of the Nardin Family
by Bertrand & Gail Nardin

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Duerr by Lou & Jude Falango

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 8:00 AM † John Izral by his wife, Martha (Lori) Izral
- 4:00 PM † Leann Arney by Carolyn Smith

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 - RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

- 7:15 AM † Rhea Kepple by Randy & Peggy Kepple
- 9:15 AM ♥ Francis Factora by the family
- 11:15 AM ♥ Parishioners of St. John XXIII
- 1:30 PM † Julio Baez by Ada - Spanish Mass
- 5:00 PM † Micae & Phanxico - Vietnamese Mass

*** MASS INTENTIONS INFORMATION ***

Mass Intentions for **JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026** are NOW
available in the parish office. Each registered family may request four
Masses (2 weekend and 2 weekday) per calendar year.

Another option for you to consider is "Unannounced Masses" which
are available by anyone at any time. These "Unannounced Masses" are
said privately by a DOV priest. Please contact the parish office with any
questions. All Mass donations are \$10 each.

OCTOBER 5, 2025 - SUNDAY READINGS

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|---------------|------------------------|
| • 1ST READING | HABAKKUK 1:2-3; 2:2-4 |
| • PSALM | PSALM 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 |
| • 2ND READING | 2 TIMOTHY 1:6-8, 13-14 |
| • GOSPEL | LUKE 17:5-10 |

IN MEMORIAM

**A FUNERAL MASS will be held in the CHAPEL
Saturday, October 3 at 10:00am for:**

Kenneth Haas

Visitation: 9:30am/Narthex Burial: 11:00pm/Memorial Garden

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20 WAYS

OUR GUARDIAN ANGELS HELP US

by: **Stephen Beale - Catholic Exchange**

Imagine you had a bodyguard who was always with you. He did all the usual bodyguard things like protecting you from danger, warding off assailants, and generally keeping you safe in all situations. But he also did more than this: he offered you moral guidance, helped you become a stronger person, and led you to your ultimate calling in life.

We don't have to imagine it. We already have such a bodyguard. Christian tradition calls them guardian angels. Their existence is supported by Scripture and Catholics believe in them

But too often we neglect to tap this great spiritual resource. In order to better enlist the aid of guardian angels, it might help to have a better appreciation of they can do for us. **Here are 20 ways:**

1. Ward off Demons
2. Protect Us From Harm
3. Strengthen us Against Temptation
4. Give Us Courage and Confidence
5. Intervene Miraculously to Save us From Trouble
6. Guard Us Beginning at Our Birth
7. Guard All of Us - Including Unbelievers
9. Remind Us of God's Care for All
10. Bring our Needs to God
11. Bring us Closer to God
12. Move us to the Good
13. Reinforce God's Commands
14. Illuminate the Truth
15. Strengthen our Minds
16. Communicate Through our Imagination
17. Influence our Wills
18. Aid in our Salvation
19. Remind us of our Ultimate Goal
20. Never Leave Us

A LETTER FROM

Bishop Dewane

RESPECT LIFE COLLECTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The theme for Respect Life this year is *"Life: Our Sign of Hope,"* chosen by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' and reflects the ongoing Jubilee Year of Hope. It is a time to more deeply consider why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

Each year on Respect Life Sunday, the first weekend in October, Parishes across the Diocese of Venice conduct a special second collection to support this life-affirming work. These funds facilitate the Church's witness as a faith community to life in southwest Florida.

Please continue to pray for a greater respect and appreciation for all human life, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. Your generosity in supporting this collection assists the Diocesan Respect Life Office to maintain programs, including the USCCB's Walking with Moms in Need, Project Rachel, and Catholic Days at the Capitol. The Respect Life Office also works with students and youth groups to support life and build Catholic leaders in our community through clubs and events.

Let us remain united in prayer and action. May God bless you for your dedication and generosity!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane

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Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

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
Braden O'Halloran
Steve Lane
Cynthia & William
Sandy Szymanski
Ben Dryden
Kathleen Kelmer
Bryce Smedley
Linda Bissett
Linda Anderson
Bob Van Arnum
Kevin Rando
Bob McQueary
Kevin Walsh
Anthony Donatelli Jr.
Michael Alicanti

Meghan Hemmer
Mary Ann Owen
Chuck Nieset
Glen Beatty
Marilyn Ditttrich
Jackie Ryall
Anthony Prichinello
Ted Veenhuis
Carol Quid
Cooper Family
Robert Irving
William & Laraine Horan
Sara Amparito del Aguila
George Flaherty
Rev. Stan Dombrowski OSFS
Jocelyn DaSilva
Carla Brown
Dr. James Rudolph

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!*

Ana Meire Fernandes
Kenneth L. Haas



Tabernacle Candle

In Honor of: **Matt Talley**
Requested by: **Paul Talley**



Eucharist Host

In Memory of: **Katherine Stofanak**
Requested by: **Bonnie Rogers**





Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



Monday, September 29

- Rosary - 7:15am/Daily Mass: Chapel - 8am
- Men's Gospel Forum: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7am
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am - 6pm
- Pilgrim Confession: 11:15am/Pilgrim Mass: 12pm - Chapel
- Craftie Ladies: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 1pm
- Walking w/ Purpose: PLC/St. Christina - 7pm

Tuesday, September 30

- Rosary - 7:15am/Daily Mass: Chapel - 8am
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am - 6pm
- Opening the Word: Zoom/PLC - 9am
- Walking w/ Purpose: PLC/Multiple Classrooms - 10am
- Bereavement: PLC/St. Michael - 1:30pm
- Pilgrim Confession: 5:15pm/Pilgrim Mass: 6pm - Chapel
- Pilgrim Adoration & Benediction: Chapel - 6:30pm
- Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group: Chapel - 7pm
- AA Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Wednesday, October 1

- Rosary - 7:15am/Daily Mass: Chapel - 8am
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am - 3:45pm
- Walking w/ Purpose Bible Study: ZOOM - 9am
- Pastoral Staff Meeting: Office Conference Room - 10am
- Pilgrim Confession: 11:15am/Pilgrim Mass: 12pm - Chapel
- Faith Formation Session 1: PLC/St. Michael - 4:15pm
- Blaze (MS Girls): Parish Office Conference Room - 6pm
- Faith Formation Session 2: PLC/St. Michael - 6:15pm
- Middle School Youth Group: Narthex - 6:15pm
- Sisters of Strength: Parish Office Conference Room - 7:30pm

Thursday, October 2

- Rosary - 7:15am/Daily Mass: Chapel - 8am
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am-6pm
- Pilgrim Confession: 11:15am/Pilgrim Mass: 12pm - Chapel
- Handbell Rehearsal: Narthex - 5:30pm
- Rooted - Ages 18-35: PLC/St. Martha/St. Mary - 6:30pm
- Adult Choir Rehearsal: Chapel - 6:30pm
- Rooted Young Families: PLC/St. Susanna - 7pm
- Walking w/ Purpose Bible Study: ZOOM - 7pm

Friday, October 3

- Rosary - 7:15am/Daily Mass: Chapel - 8am
- 1st Friday Adoration: Chapel - 8:30am
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am - 6pm with Overnight Adoration from 6pm-8am
- Pilgrim Confession: 11:15am/Pilgrim Mass: 12pm - Chapel
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Chapel - 8pm

Saturday, October 4

- Rosary - 7am/Daily Mass: Chapel - 8am
- Benediction/Adoration/Confessions after 8am Mass
- Adoration Chapel open 10am - 3:30pm
- First Saturday Devotions: Main Hall - 10:30am
- Blessing of the Pets: St. Patrick's Patio - 11am
- Vigil Mass: Main Hall - 4pm
- Birthday Blessings after the 4pm Mass

Sunday, October 5 - Respect Life Sunday

- 7:15am, **NOTE: 9:15am* Livestreamed** & 11:15am
- Birthday Blessings after the Masses
- NO PRE-SCHOOL BIBLE CLASS
- High School Social Gospel: PLC/ Therese - 10:10am
- OCIA: PLC/St. Christina/St. Elizabeth - 10:30am
- Adult Choir Rehearsal: Chapel - 10:30am
- Spanish Mass: Main Hall - 1:30pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Chapel - 5pm
- Hispanic Catechist Meeting: PLC/Martha/Mary - 6:30pm

WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Diego Mauricio Lopez Gonzalez & Alejandra Guerrero Osorio
- Jahzeel Areni Hernandez Coca & Claudia Yazmin Garcia Olmos
- Emani Prado Araujo & Alexsara Cardoso Coelho Prado
- Jose Gregorio Gracia Avellano & Solvey C. Romero de Garcia
- Reyes Villegas Luna & Guadalupe Rodriguez Rojas

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, November 17, 2025 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	Sgt. Eric Lyons, USMC
Sean Ball	Capt. Nicholas Meunier, US Army
Major Bart Boma	Robert Trenton Morell, Medic
Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove	Specialist US Army
Sgt. Phil Dellibovi	Michael Thomas Morell, US Navy
M/Sgt Jarod Gaudet	SPC 4 Judy Martinez, US Army
Capt. Kellyn C. Hall	Christopher Dominski, PFC ARNG
Andrew Herman	2nd Lt. Sara Wulff
Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl	Sean Dryhurst US Navy
PFC Michael P. Hughes	Lt. Amanda Macaluso
SPC Michael Jednak	Anthony An Schroeder,
PFC Andrew Kanopkh	11 Bravo Infantry
Michael Klem	Derrick Hambling, Army
Lt. Col. Bradley Laux	Airborne Infantry
Capt. Jacob Mundo, US Army	Maj. Paige Blevins USAF
SSGT Anthony Padula	Maj. Christopher Blevins USAF
Master SGT Peter Parison	Capt. Cameron Hortman USAF
Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army	PFC Alan Copeland
Lt. Col. Brady Sexton	Zachary Gagis, Lt. Cdr, USN
Christian Troutner, US Navy	Andrew Duffy, USSF
Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic	A1C Mark Greenwald, USAF
PFC Jordan Feil, USA	Col. Jeffrey Greenwald, USMC
Aaron Crump, USCG	Sarah Lambert, USAF
Sgt. Nathaniel Broemmell	1st Lt. Jarod Pankau USAF
Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo	1st Lt. Curi Pankau USAF
BG Scott C. Woodward	Charles Connolly, US Navy
Ryan Silva, Army	PFC Abner Casiano, US Army Ranger
2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC	Ensign Aaron Humphrey
Jared Broemmell, US Navy	Lieutenant Adam Blevins USAF
2nd Lt. Edward Hudson	Lt. Colonel Ken Hussey
Tillinghast IV, Army	Lt. Com. Zachary Gagis
Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force	1st Lt. Alyssa (Peters) Flores, US Army
Eric Sanchez, US Air Force	Sgt. Julio Flores, USMC
Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army, 82nd ABN	

THE FEAST OF *St. Michael* THE ARCHANGEL SEPTEMBER 29, 2025



WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THE *St. Michael* PRAYER?

On October 1, 1884, Pope Leo XIII had a deeply disturbing mystical experience at Mass. He had just finished celebrating in his private chapel when he suddenly stood transfixed in front of the altar. For perhaps 10 minutes he stood there as if in a trance, his face drained of color. Then he went to his office and composed a prayer to St. Michael. He told his staff the prayer should be offered throughout the Church.

He explained that he had heard two voices in the vicinity of the tabernacle. He believed they were the voices of Our Lord and of Satan. Pope Leo heard Satan boast that he could destroy the Church in 75 or 100 years, if given the opportunity. Then he heard Our Lord give Satan permission to try. (This sounds somewhat similar to what we read in Job 1.)



The prayer which Pope Leo XIII composed was 10x the length of the version we use today. Use of the prayer was discontinued in 1964. Thirty years later, in his Regina Coeli address, Pope John Paul II revived use of the prayer. He said, "I ask everyone not to forget it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of the world." The pope clearly intended that we should offer this prayer in our homes as well.

*St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle. Be
our defense against the
wickedness and snares of
the devil. May God rebuke
him, we humbly pray, and
do thou, Oh Prince of the
heavenly hosts, by the
power of God, thrust into
hell Satan, and all the
evil spirits, who prowl
about the world seeking
the ruin of souls.*

Amen.





DEACON RICHARD KLISH SEPTEMBER 30



About Deacon Rich

Richard Michael Klish was ordained on September 30, 2000. Rich and his wife Barb, went to formation classes together for three years. They never anticipated how much it would enrich their marriage. Their favorite class during formation was hospital chaplain, where they visited patients and talked about their experience the whole ride home.

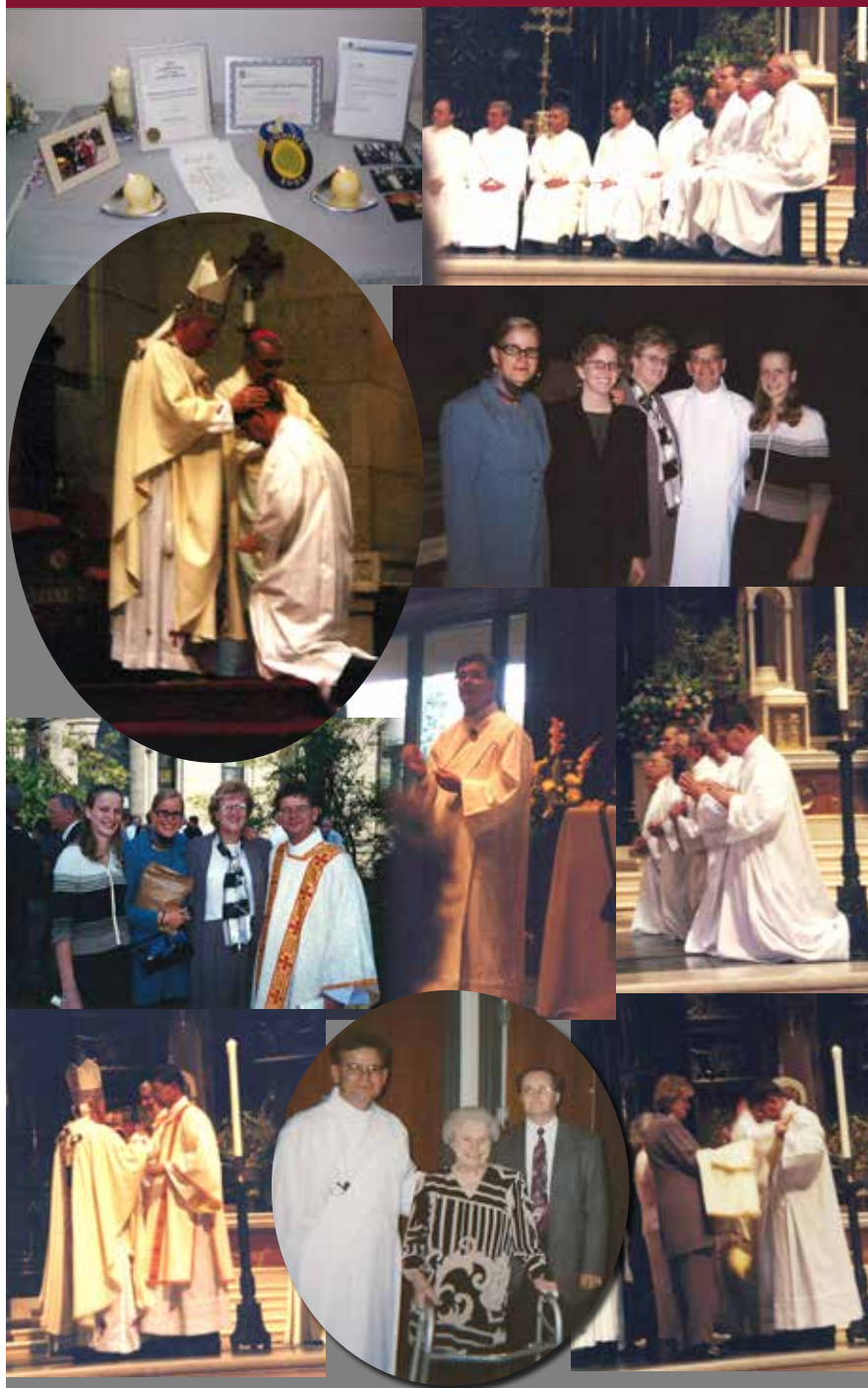
Archbishop Harry Flynn ordained twelve men at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul, Minnesota where family and many friends gathered to witness the celebration.

Deacon Rich celebrated his first Mass at his home parish, St. John Neumann in Eagan, Minnesota.

Rich worked for ten years for the Diocese St. Paul Diocese where he was the head of the Tribunal for several years. He also served at St. John Neumann through 2012, until he joined St. John XXIII in 2013. We are blessed to have such a vibrant and caring deacon at our parish!

In his Honor

We hope to have a reception for Deacon Rich at a future date. However, next weekend, October 4-5, we will provide a table for him in the lobby of the Parish Life Center if you would like to drop off an anniversary card or gift.





ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

Contact: **John Renfro** | musicdirector@johnxxiii.net

Join our Choirs!

The St. John XXIII Music Ministries has openings for all our choirs and are open for all ages!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, October 8th from 5:30-6:15pm in the Rosary Chapel.

HANDBELL CHOIR

Handbell Choir rehearsals take place on Thursdays from 5:30-6:20pm in the Church Narthex.

ADULT CHOIR

The Adult Choir rehearsals take place on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00pm in the Rosary Chapel.

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR

Rehearsals will usually take place on the second Wednesday of the month beginning at 6:30pm in the Parish Life Center Main Hall.

CONTACTS: **John Renfro**
Gabby Frei (239) 281-2760

HISPANIC CHOIR

The Hispanic Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 11:00am in the Rosary Chapel.

CONTACT: **Greg Lopez (239) 471-6942**

VIETNAMESE CHORUS

The Vietnamese Choir take place Friday evenings at 8:00pm in the Rosary Chapel.

CONTACT: **Adam Nguyen (239) 223-6733**

INSTRUMENTALISTS

For advanced instrumentalist
CONTACT: **John Renfro**



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

All parishioners are invited to share in the OCIA experience by making them aware of the Reflection Questions that the participants are discussing each week.

Below are the next session reflections:

9/28 - Catholic Prayer and Practices

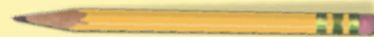
What intrigues, confuses, or concerns you about the Catholic approach to prayer?

10/5 - The Saints/Mary

How would you explain/defend the Church's teachings on Mary and the Saints?

10/12 - Divine Revelation

God wants to reveal himself to your heart. How do you receive this revelation of love?



A Journey Through The Catholic Faith





Coordinator of Youth Ministries 561-3022 xt 107
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Rooted at St. John XXIII

Visit our Rooted Facebook page for more information or join our Flocknote contact group: <https://StJohnXXIIICommunity.flocknote.com/Rooted2024-2025>

ROOTED 18-35

MEETS Every Thursday
6:30pm - PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary

ROOTED YOUNG FAMILIES (children welcome)

MEETS THE First Thursday
OF EACH MONTH
7pm - PLC/St. Susanna



Confirmation Program

Please look for an email from Kelly Evers regarding updated information.

- **First Year Study:** Class with take place **October 26.**
Topic: **"Faith & Creed"**
- **Second Year Study:** Class with take place **October 26.**
Topic: **"Choosing a Saint Name"**

Gospel Talks for Teens

Gospel Talks meets every Sunday at 10:15am

All high school parishioners are welcome to join in on the conversation from 10:15am to 11:15am on the **following**
Dates: 9/28, 11/14, 11/21, 1/18, 1/25, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/22, 3/29, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3

Middle School Youth Group

Youth Group is held on Wednesday evenings from 6:15pm to 7:30pm.

Dates include: 10/1, 10/8, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/25, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22

Faith in Action Team (F.I.A.T.)

This is a group of Middle and Highschool aged youth (grade 7 to 12) who come together to plan activities and events for youths in the parish.

Volunteer Opportunities

Scan this code to be directed to our SignUp genius page to register for youth volunteer opportunities.



Our parish's Young Adult Ministry is a growing community for anyone ages 18 to 35 seeking connection, purpose, and a deeper relationship with Christ. Whether you're in college, working, single, married, or somewhere in between, you are welcomed, supported, and encouraged here.

We meet every Thursday at 6:30 PM—usually in the Parish Life Center—with a different activity each week. These include faith discussions, game nights, service projects, and relaxed social gatherings. We also host casual weekend hangouts like beach days, dinners, and Bible studies at local coffee shops. It's all about building real friendships rooted in faith.

Since relaunching in June, we've had a consistent group of 12 to 15 members, and we're excited to welcome more. A strong young adult ministry is essential to the future of our Church and community. It's a place where young people can be seen, heard, and loved.

If you're a young adult, we'd love to meet you! You may know someone who might benefit from a community like this: your children, nieces, nephews, coworkers, or friends. Please share this with them.

Join our GroupMe chat using the QR code in the bulletin to stay connected. We're here, and we're growing together in Christ.



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:

LINDA HEINZ: LMHeinz1016@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 _____



Blessing of the Pets

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
11:00AM
ST. PATRICK'S PATIO 

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the Blessing of Pets will take place **Saturday, October 4 at 11:00am** on the **St. Patrick's Patio**.

Please make sure your furry loved ones are on a leash or caged and don't forget a baggie in case of an accident!







OCTOBER 5

11:00 AM



10420 Washington Palm Way
Fort Myers, Florida 33966


If you plan on attending
PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3
Carole Eckhout (248) 385-4100



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

Weekly Financials



	9-21-25	9-22-24	Difference
Offertory	\$24,695.82	\$22,724.91	\$1,970.91
Building Fund	\$1,743.00	\$938.00	\$805.00
Total	\$26,438.82	\$23,662.91	\$2,775.91
Mass Attendance	2698	2545	
Registered Families	3841	3645	

No money is kept on Church property. Thank you for your continued generosity!
***Please make your checks payable to "St. John XXIII"**

2025 Catholic Faith Appeal

2025 Goal	\$512,000.00
Pledge	\$527,605.56
Payments	\$495,077.63

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



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MONTHLY *Blessings* REMINDER

OCTOBER 4-5

1st Weekend of the Month

Birthday Blessings

take place once a month after Mass **every first weekend of the month.**

OCTOBER 11-12

2nd Weekend of the Month

Anniversary Blessings

take place once a month **every second weekend.**

The blessing after the homily will be dedicated to anyone celebrating an anniversary that month.

Parishioners can just stand in place.

RESPECT LIFE

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Fall Campaign

www.40DaysforLife.com/FortMyers

VIGIL HOURS *Every Tuesday*

11:00AM - 3:00PM

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. The 40 day fall campaign runs through November 2.

Vigil Location: PLANNED PARENTHOOD

6418 Commerce Park Drive, Ft. Myers, FL

Parishioners from St. John XXIII have been asked to help cover the hours every Tuesday, 11:00am to 3:00pm, a peak time for abortions at the clinic.

For more information, contact **Frances Lacson** at respectlifejohn23@gmail.com

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Parish Life Center Classroom

THURSDAYS:

October 9, 16, 23 (9:00am - 10:30pm)
Parish Life Center Classroom

Rosary RALLY



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

12:00PM NOON

in the Memorial Garden

The Rosary Rally is sponsored by the St. John XXIII Women's Guild and America Needs Fatima. It will be one of over 22,500 rallies that will take place across the United States on October 11. The goal of America Needs Fatima is to win the heart and soul of America for Mary by spreading Our Lady's Fatima message and promoting devotion to Her Immaculate Heart.

In "*The Secret of the Rosary*", Saint Louis de Montefort said: "*Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God. To call down His Mercy and Holy Mother Church guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering*".

Please join the members of the Women's Guild on **Saturday, October 11 at 12:00pm noon**, in the Memorial Garden. If needed, please bring water and a chair.

For any questions or more information, please call **Joann Bernstein at (502) 939-8659**



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



SPECIAL *Jubilee* CELEBRATIONS

Mondays, Wednesdays Thursdays & Fridays:

- 11:15am - 11:45am Confessions
- 12pm(Noon) Pilgrim Mass

Please Note: The Adoration Chapel is open until 6:00pm during the week but closed at 3:45pm on Wednesdays.

Tuesdays:

- 5:15pm - 5:45pm Confessions
- 6:00pm Mass
- 6:30 Adoration
- 7:00pm Benediction

The 9 prayer site locations selected below are located around our campus. Visitors to our parish will be able make this pilgrimage! We are so honored to share this opportunity with our parish community.

1. Relics in the Church: St John XXIII and St. Maria Goretti
2. St. Gerard Majella: Patron Saint of Fertility & Pregnancy
3. St. Patrick's Patio
4. Vietnamese Martyrs Memorial
5. Memorial Garden
6. St. Michael the Archangel Statue
7. The Grotto of Our Lady of Guadalupe
8. Rosary Walk
9. Adoration Chapel



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

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EVERY 1ST SATURDAY

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Parish Life Center
Main Hall

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Would you like to be a soldier for Our Lady?
Join Fr. Greg and fellow soldiers for fraternity, meditation, and training every 1st Saturday from 10:30am - 12pm(noon) in the Parish Life Center.

For more information, contact:
Fr. Greg at Frgreg@johnxxiii.net



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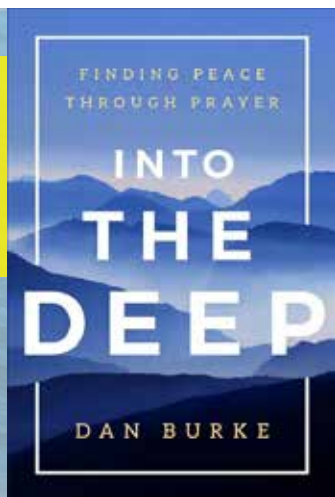
MEN'S RETREAT 2025

POSTPONED

The Men's Retreat, Eucharist: Source and Summit, originally scheduled for Saturday, October 4, has been postponed until the Spring and will be rescheduled.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have already paid for the retreat, please contact Viviana in the parish office at (239) 561-2245 to be refunded. - *Thank You*





Into the Deep: Finding Peace Through Prayer VIDEO SERIES SESSIONS

"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trials and joy." - St. Therese of Lisieux

Registration Sign-Up DEADLINE: October 10

Do you desire a prayer life? What is prayer, exactly? What sets authentic Christian prayer apart from the many "spiritual" practices promoted today? How does one pray? Is prayer even necessary?

These questions—and many more—are answered in the video series by Dan Burke, *Into the Deep: Finding Peace Through Prayer*.

- **Session 1: Your "Yes": The Doorway to Authentic Prayer**
- **Session 2: Clearing the Confusion**
- **Session 3: Mental Prayer: Part 1**
- **Session 4: Mental Prayer: Part 2 & Prayer, Conversion, and Witness**

Join us for this video series as we prepare for the season of Advent. We will gather in the Parish Life Center Flex Rooms, St. Michael/St. Bernadette. Tuesday Evenings and Thursday Mornings. ***Both evening and morning presentations are available on the following days:***

TUESDAY EVENINGS (6PM - 8PM)

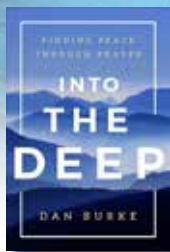
- 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18

THURSDAY MORNINGS (9AM - 11AM)

- 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20

Come learn about this beautiful gift of prayer from God in the Jubilee Year of Hope!
"Lord, teach us to pray." - Luke 11:1

For more information contact: **Peggy Kepple** at (734) 223-8151 or peggykepple@yahoo.com



Into the Deep: Finding Peace Through Prayer VIDEO SERIES SESSIONS

Registration Sign-Up DEADLINE: October 10

NAME: _____

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\$6.00 PAYMENT for the BOOK is DUE at the FIRST CLASS



Requests

FROM THE

Women's Guild

As we prepare for our 2026, 19th Annual Fashion Show Fundraiser, we are in need of donated items for our gift baskets which will be raffled off at our event.

The proceeds from this event fund our many charities that support disadvantaged children, the homeless, seniors, veterans, single mothers and the poor.

We ask for NEW items. NO Non perishable or clothing items please.

Some possible items include:

- Gift cards, gift certificates of any kind and any denomination
- Pet items
- Kitchen, bath, bed items
- Spa items such as shampoo, conditioner, bath soap, nail polish
- Glassware, statues, figurines
- Religious items
- Candles and candle holders
- Holiday items
- Coffee, tea, wine
- Snacks, cookies, candy, jellies, and jams
- Baby, toddler, and children's items
- Toys, games, puzzles, books, sports items
- Sauces, oils, vinegar
- Jewelry, perfume, cologne
- Home décor such as picture frames, decorative pillows, etc.
- Dry goods such as pasta, rice, etc.

All items may be dropped off in the lobby of the Parish Life Center before or after all Masses on Saturday, October 11 and Sunday, October 12.



COLLECTING Toiletries

St. John XXIII Outreach Ministry is collecting toiletries for Pinecrest Elementary School in Immokalee which gives great care and attention to children in poverty. This is a labor of love which we are proud to support.

Please drop off full size toiletries or monetary donations to support 600 children in need.

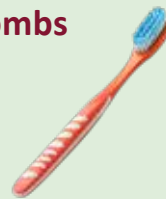
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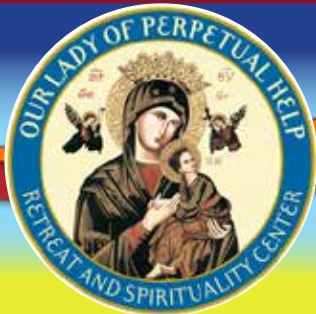


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We appreciate your generosity caring for those less fortunate.

All donations may be left in a box located in the Parish Life Center.

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NOVEMBER 7-9, 2025

11th Annual Women's Retreat

For more information contact either:

MARY KAZOR
(239) 233-1675
mary.kazor@gmail.com

CATHY ROBERTSTAD
(262) 719-0690
crobertstad@yahoo.com

Hope as an Anchor

PLACE: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center
3989 S. Moon Drive • Venice, FL 34292 (944) 486-0233

DATE: Arrival: Friday, November 7, 2025
Check-in: 3:00pm Welcome Introductions: 4:00pm Dinner: 5:00pm Retreat Begins: 6:30pm
Departure: Sunday, November 9, 2025 by 12:00 Noon

COST: \$360.00 per person (Includes all meals) - All Rooms Double Occupancy

PROGRAM: There will be time for private and communal prayer, brief presentations, quiet reflections, Mass, sharing joyful song and fellowship. An email containing specific details will be sent out prior to the retreat.

PLEASE NOTE: Walking is necessary between buildings at the retreat center.

11th Annual Women's Retreat - Registration Form

NAME _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

EMAIL _____ May we share on the roster? ___Yes___No

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Age: _____ 20-35 _____ 36-50 _____ 51-66 _____ 66 and up

Special Needs, Requests or Roommate Preference: _____

Dietary Restrictions PLEASE NOTE Additional \$45 Cost Per Person: ___Gluten Free ___Dairy Free ___Vegetarian

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SPACES ARE LIMITED. PLEASE RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND FULL PAYMENT.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2025

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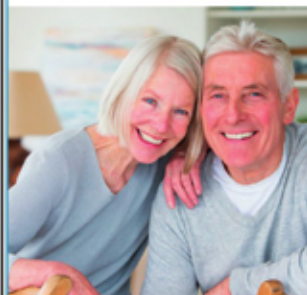
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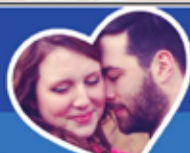
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