



SAINT RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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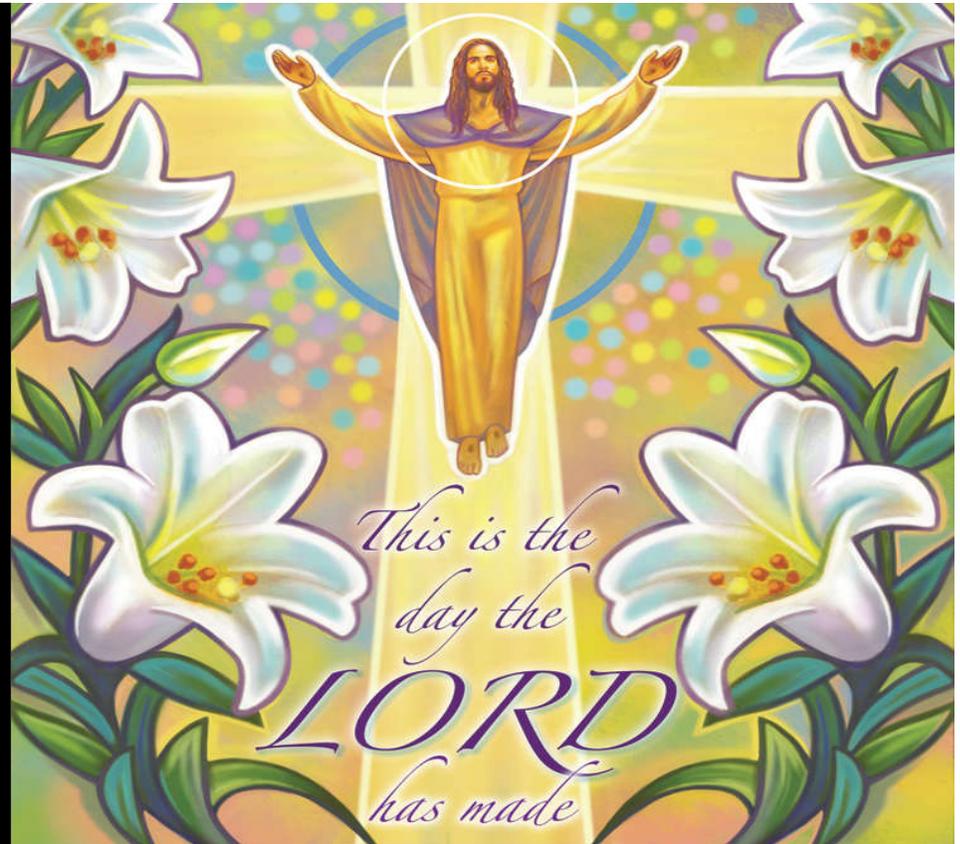
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Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00PM
Sunday Masses 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00AM
Weekday Mass 8:30AM

The Rosary is prayed Monday through Saturday morning at 7:50AM, prior to the morning Mass. All are invited to participate.

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass 4:00PM
Holy Day 8:30AM & 7:00PM
unless noted otherwise in bulletin

Parish Office

8:30AM—12:30PM Monday thru Friday
1:30PM—4:30PM Monday thru Thursday

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday: 9:00—9:30AM and 2:30—3:00PM

Sacrament of the Sick

Anointing is available upon request before surgery, serious illness and emergency at any time. Please call the Parish Office.

Baptism

Registration for Baptism will be held on the First Sunday of each month at the Parish Office shortly after the 11:00 AM Mass. Please call the office for an appointment.

Preparation for Baptism is required for both parents and sponsors and will be available at the Parish Office on the second Saturday of each month beginning at 10:00 AM. Arrangements for and the scheduling of baptism will not take place until after the required preparations have been completed.

Rite of Baptism will be celebrated after the last Mass on the last Sunday of each month.

Marriage

Couples who are registered parishioners must see a priest or deacon AT LEAST six months before anticipated wedding date. Do not rent a hall for a reception before your wedding is placed in the Parish Calendar.

Religious Education (September-May)

Please call (941)473-2359 for information

Parish Bulletin

All articles in the parish Bulletin must be approved by the priest. The deadline is 10:00AM on Friday of the week be-



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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 1, 2018

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.

— Psalm 118:17

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14,22-33; Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11; Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21;
 Mk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

ST. RAPHAEL TREASURE CHEST

Offertory 03/18/2018

Loose: \$ 6630.15 Env.: \$ 6216.00 Total: \$ 12,846.15

Offertory 03/18/2018 Not available at time of print

Holy Land Collection: Not available at time of print

2018 Catholic Faith Appeal 03/18/2018

GOAL: \$ 159,000 % OF GOAL: 52.22 %

PLEGGED: \$ 83,028.79 RECEIVED: \$ 47,237.29

% of HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING: 22.62

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Mark 16:1-7 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
 Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
 Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
 Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
 Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
 Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter;
 First Friday; Julian Calendar Good Friday
 Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter;
 First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Paschal Mystery is the key to our Christian faith: the dying and rising of Jesus that is the pattern of our life. In their first steps on the road of faith, the catechumens feel the cross of glory traced over their eyes, on their lips, across their shoulders, on their ears, over their heart, and on their feet. The mystery is that even death gives way to life for those who are held in the embrace of Jesus. Today, many new Christians arise from the waters of the font. Yet the font is not the destination of their journey. The goal is Pentecost, fifty days from now, and a lifetime of praise to the Father, in Christ, in the embrace of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the world. “Neophyte,” our ancient word for newly-baptized people, means “newly-planted” in Greek. If someone in your parish has just been baptized, welcome them today. The smiles on their faces and the light in the eyes is a foretaste of heaven. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PROCLAIM THE RISEN CHRIST

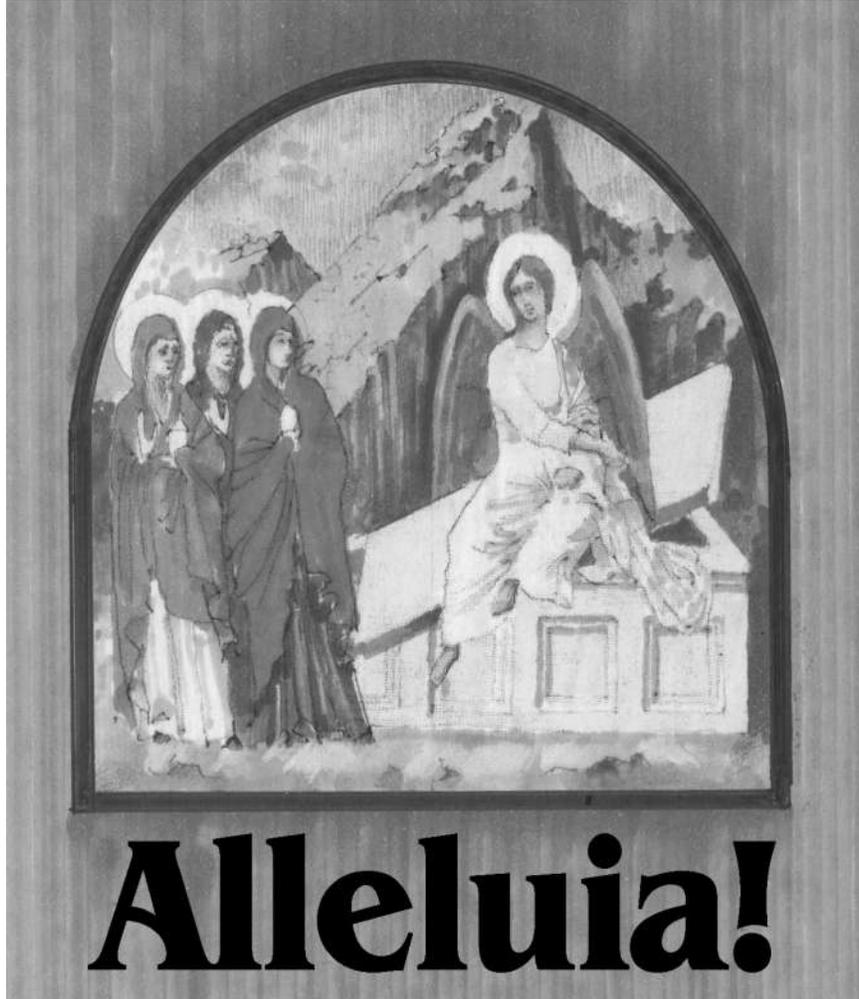
On Easter morning everything—the spring weather, the flowers, birds and butterflies, the people around us in their finery, the beautiful liturgy and music—everything seems to bear witness that Jesus Christ is risen today! Like the eyewitness accounts in today’s scriptures, the glorious and joyful life all around us helps us to believe the good news of the Resurrection and sing “Alleluia!”

In the scriptures today we hear from Peter and Paul and John. All three speak with conviction about witnessing the resurrected Christ. John’s Gospel account includes Mary of Magdala, who also was privileged to witness the Resurrection and tell others the good news. On this glorious Easter Sunday can we ourselves give eyewitness accounts that Jesus Christ is risen today, alive and active in our lives?

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Christ is risen
and
we are called
to rise
with him into a
new life.

**Happy
Easter!**

*Fr. Mark, Fr. Greg,
and the staff
Jean, Connie, Jeffery,
Judy, Rodi & Steve*



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Easter, 2018

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great joy that we sing Alleluia! Jesus Christ has indeed Risen.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the source of Christian hope. By His action, Christ conquers sin and death and unlocks for the Faithful the path to life eternal.

This is a message that resonates with the deepest aspirations of the human heart. From the earliest times to the present, it is hope that has inspired so many Christians to endure suffering and even martyrdom due to religious persecution. Profound belief in the Resurrection is the very cause of persecution while at the same time the strength in the face of persecution for many Christians. This is especially true in the lands where Our Lord and Savior walked.

Let us pray in joyful hope for peace throughout the world and that everyone can fully celebrate Easter.

May the hope and the joy of the Risen Christ be with you and your family throughout this Easter Season! God Bless You!

+Bishop Frank J. Dewane

PLEASE NOTE:

**THERE WILL BE
NO MORE**

5:30

**SATURDAY VIGIL
MASSES UNTIL
NEXT JANUARY.**

Beginning Saturday, April
7th we will resume the
regular Saturday Vigil
Mass schedule with
4:00PM Mass only until
next season.

Church Hours (Parish Center Building)

Monday thru Saturday Morning
Saturday Afternoon
Sunday

doors open at 7:45AM
doors open at 2:30PM
doors open at 6:30AM

doors close at 9:30AM
doors close at 5:00PM
doors close at 12:00PM

Please note: For security purposes, access to the church area will be restricted to the times listed above. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

THE RETURN OF EASTER

The return of Easter should be to the Christian life the call of a trumpet. It is the news of a great victory. It is the solution of a great perplexity. It is the assurance of a great triumph. —Frederick Temple

MASS FOR VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE

April is Child Abuse Awareness Prevention Month. The Diocese of Venice will hold a Mass for Victims of Child Abuse on Thurs., April 5 at Epiphany Cathedral at 8:30 a.m. All are encouraged to attend.

YOM HASHOAH

The annual Yom HaShoah Hour of Remembrance will be held at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 15 at Epiphany Cathedral. The Diocese hosts this commemoration of the Holocaust as an interreligious gathering bringing members of the Catholic and Jewish communities together to recommit to the promotion of peace and solidarity among all peoples. Guest speaker will be Bishop James Massa, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn, previously a Consultor to the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and a Member of the Joint Working Group between the Holy See and the World Council of Churches. All members of the Jewish Community are encouraged to attend, especially survivors of the Holocaust and their families, as well as members of the Catholic Community of the Diocese of Venice in Florida. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

MARY FRAN CARROLL Scholarship

The Catholic Community Foundation is offering ten \$3,000 Mary Fran Carroll Scholarships to residents of Sarasota County for tuition, books and fees at an accredited college, university or vocational program (housing and living expenses not eligible). **Traditional Scholarship:** Seven academic scholarships of \$3,000 each are available. Open to graduating seniors and recent high school graduates (within the last 2 years) from Catholic, private or public high schools in Sarasota County who wish to pursue an undergraduate degree in any accredited college or university. **Non-traditional Scholarship:** Three academic scholarships of \$3,000 each are available. Open to adult learners who are returning to school to obtain a college degree or vocational certification after being out of high school for three or more years Apply: www.ccfdioceseofvenice.org. Deadline: All applications and supporting documents must be submitted electronically by April 6, 2018 at 5pm Renewable up to a total of five academic years for students maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 (unweighted) scale.

FLU PRECAUTIONS

All parishes/missions/chapels in the Diocese of Venice in Florida are being asked to take the following precautions to help mitigate the spread and effects of the flu.

- The faithful should be encouraged to share the Sign of Peace without touching hands. This can be done with meaningful eye contact, smiles and a bow if the head in reverence to one another.
- Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should be especially reminded of the need to practice good hygiene.
- Ushers should not shake hands to greet people. They can extend a verbal greeting and welcome.
- The faithful should be encouraged not to hold hands during the recitation of the Our Father.
- Parishioners should not come to church if they are not feeling well. If you are sick Center for Disease Control recommends that you stay home to limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows





“REFLECTING on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He

makes all things new. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
2017-18 Respect Life Reflection, www.usccb.org/be-not-afraid

CCW CLUB OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Anyone who is experiencing physical or emotional distress & needs to feel the touch of God & His love may receive a blessed shawl. Call Jackie 474-7828 or Anne 460-2733.

CRAFT CLUB is looking for members. Fridays 9:30am-11am in the parish center. Info call Marianne 474-1329.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Couples who wishes to celebrate their wedding anniversary are invited to participate in the renewal of their wedding vows at the 11AM Mass on the last Sunday of their anniversary month. Please call the parish office to register.

WITNESSING FAITH

Join Bishop Frank J. Dewane for his monthly radio program "Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane" on the last Friday of each month at 10:30am online at RelevantRadio.com.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please call Dorothy Seymour at 474-8904 if prayers are needed. Prayer intentions are passed on only to those who are part of the prayer chain. All information is confidential.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Any group or club that has members who have not complied with the requirements of safe environment will no longer be able to hold meetings, advertise and hold fund raisers, etc. on parish property until such time when all club/group members have complied and completed the Safe Environment requirements of the Diocese of Venice. **Please note: This includes all ministries that are affiliated with St. Raphael Church, including those who meet offsite.** If there are individuals who require Safe Environment training, contact the office for a schedule of training sessions.

OUR PARISH IS A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

committed to protecting children, youth and vulnerable adults. Report all abuse to the Florida Department of Children and Families at (800)-962-2873. To report abuse by Diocesan personnel or volunteers, call the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator at (941)416-6114. For further information visit <http://www.dioceseofvenice.org>.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

"Nowhere does Jesus hear our prayers more readily than in the Blessed Sacrament." — Bl. Henry Susa

Grand opening on Sunday, April 8th. The Epiphany Cathedral Perpetual Adoration Chapel will seat approximately 20 adorers. Parishioners from all parishes are invited to participate. To schedule a Holy Hour call Jenny 441-7495.

ST. RAPHAEL ACTIVITY CORNER

Monday April 2 through Sunday April 8

Mon.	CLOSED	
Tues.	9:30AM	Cornerstone Bible Study
Wed.	6:15PM	Rel. Ed.
Thur.	7:00PM	K of C Business Mtg
	7:00PM	Ladies Aux. Business Mtg
Fri.	9:30AM	CCW Craft Group
Sat.		
Sun.		

Alleluia! Christ is risen!	THE VICTOR Today the Victor o'er his foes For human consolation rose. Alleluia. <i>—Surrexit Christus hodie, Translated by J. M. Neale</i>	Alleluia! Christ is risen!
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For employment opportunities in the Diocese of Venice, go to www.dioceseofvenice.org/employment

PROJECT RACHEL

If you are suffering after an abortion contact Project Rachel. Go to project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org for information or call Fonda at 239-719-7210.

EPIPHANY SCHOOL DRAWING

The March winner was Joseph Fulginiti of Venice with ticket # 438.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday April 2 through Sunday April 8

Mon	8:30AM	Faithful Departed of the Parish
Tues	8:30AM	Wilbur Pope Req. by Richard & Margaret Redmond
Wed	8:30AM	Elizabeth & David Thomas Req. by Rene & Lorraine Dube
Thur	8:30AM	Richard Dudash Req. by Diane Meloche
Fri	8:30AM	Carolyn Bruno Shankovich Req. by private intention
Sat	8:30PM	Purgatorial Society
	4:00PM	Joseph P. Basso III and the deceased members of the Basso family Req. by Mr & Mrs. Joseph Basso Jr.
Sun	7:30AM	Aldona Stanton Req. by the Balmes family
	9:00 AM	Jessica & Kenneth Tomblin Req. by Julie & Pat Welch
	11:00 AM	Robert Pellegrinelli Req. by his wife Rose Marie

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the parish and all who have gone before us in the faith.