



# SAINT RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 8, 2018

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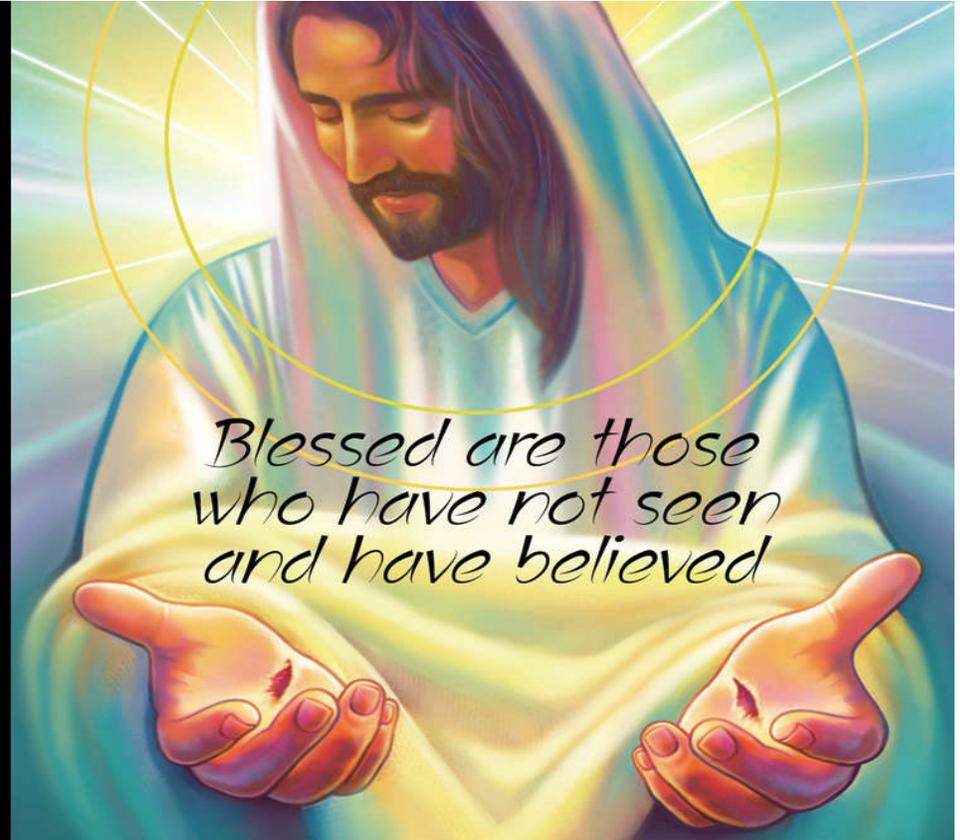
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## Masses

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

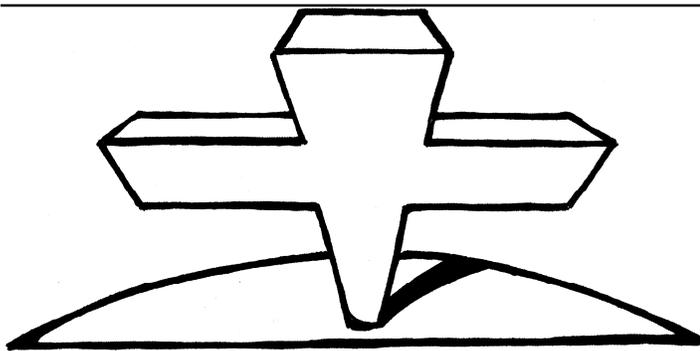
All articles in the parish Bulletin must be approved by the priest. The deadline is 10:00AM on Friday of the week be-

# Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

April 8, 2018

Who indeed is the victor over the world  
but the one who believes that  
Jesus is the Son of God?

— 1 John 5:5



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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;  
Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21  
Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9;  
1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes children acquire nicknames in childhood that stalk them through adulthood: “Pinky,” “Boo-boo,” and the like. This Sunday was once called “Low Sunday,” a step down from Easter glory, and an unfortunate nickname since Easter rejoicing goes on for fifty days. Traditionally this is the day when the newly baptized put away their white baptismal robes and returned to their everyday life after a week of intense celebration. Of course, the goal was to take up everyday duties with a very new point of view.

A long title for the day was *Dominica in albis deposito*, or “The Lord’s Day for Putting Away the Albs,” so no wonder the nickname “Low Sunday” arose. In the old calendar it was also called “Quasimodo Sunday,” after the first word of the opening chant, *Quasimodo geniti infantes*, or “As newborn infants,” a reference to the newly baptized taken from the Epistle of Peter. Victor Hugo’s bell-ringing hero in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* was abandoned as an infant on the threshold of the cathedral of Paris on Low Sunday, 1467, and named “Quasimodo” for the feast.

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## ST. RAPHAEL TREASURE CHEST

**Offertory 03/25/2018**

**Loose: \$ 7559.24 Env.: \$ 6176.00 Total: \$ 13375.24**

**Offertory 04/01/2018 Not available at time of print**

**Easter Flowers: \$ 1959.00**

**Holy Land Collection: Not available at time of print**

**2018 Catholic Faith Appeal 03/25/2018**

GOAL: \$ 159,000 % OF GOAL: 52.89 %

PLEDGED: \$ 84,088.79 RECEIVED: \$ 53,367.29

% of HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING: 23.27 %

## SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday’s Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John’s Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so “that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name” (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that “[e]veryone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God” (5:1)—what we might refer to as being “born again.” Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

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## TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).

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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter  
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy);  
Julian Calendar Easter

Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Wednesday: St. Stanislaus

Thursday: Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Friday: St. Martin I

## NO THEORY

Let your religion so be less of a theory and more of a love affair. —G. K. Chesterton

## EVERYTHING

God, of your goodness give me yourself, for you are enough for me. And only in you do I have everything.

—St. Julian of Norwich



**The Feast of Divine Mercy**, celebrated on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday), is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, this feast was extended to the entire Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina.

St. Maria Faustina Kowalska of the Most Blessed Sacrament, commonly known as Saint Faustina, was born in Glogowiec, Poland, on August 25, 1905. The third of ten children from a poor family, Saint Faustina had little formal education, because she had to work to support her family. After applying to various convents in Warsaw, she was finally accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy on August 1, 1925, and, on April 30, 1926, she became an initiate. Beginning on February 22, 1931, and through her death in 1938, Saint Faustina received revelations and visits from Christ. In 1934, she began recording these in a diary, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*.

On Good Friday 1937, Christ appeared to Saint Faustina and dictated to her the prayers that He wished her to pray in a novena (a nine-day prayer) from Good Friday through the Octave of Easter, now known as Divine Mercy Sunday. These prayers seem intended primarily for her private use, but the novena has become very popular. It is often combined with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, which can also be prayed throughout the year. (Saint Faustina especially recommended that the chaplet be prayed on Fridays at 3:00 P.M., to commemorate the Death of Christ on the Cross.) Saint Faustina died on October 5, 1938, in Krakow, Poland, of tuberculosis. The depths of her devotion to Christ and to His Divine Mercy only became known after her death, when her diary was revealed by her spiritual director, Father Michał Sopoćko. Father Sopoćko promoted the devotion to the Divine Mercy, but the devotion and the publication of Saint Faustina's writing was temporarily suppressed by the Vatican, because of possibly heretical misinterpretations. As archbishop of Krakow, Karol Wojtyła (later Pope John Paul II) became devoted to Saint Faustina. Through his efforts, her works were once again allowed to be published, the Divine Mercy devotion became quite popular, and the cause of her sainthood was opened in 1965. A miracle was attributed to Saint Faustina in March 1981, when Maureen Digan of Roslindale, Massachusetts, was cured of lymph edema, an incurable disease, after praying at Saint Faustina's tomb. The certification of the miracle led to Saint Faustina's beatification on April 18, 1993. A priest who had heart damage was cured on October 5, 1995, and this led to Saint Faustina's canonization on April 30, 2000—Divine Mercy Sunday that year.

A plenary indulgence (the forgiveness of all temporal punishment resulting from sins that have already been confessed) is granted on the Feast of Divine Mercy if to all the faithful (continued...)

who go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, and "in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. 'Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!')." A partial indulgence (the remission of some temporal punishment from sin) is granted to the faithful "who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation."

## PRAYERFUL RALLY TO PROTEST PLANNED PARENTHOOD

On Saturday, April 28, the 3rd annual "Protest Planned Parenthood" rallies will be held nationwide, including at Planned Parenthood in downtown Sarasota on Central Avenue at 8th Street. The schedule is as follows:

- 10AM Speakers on the grounds of the new Community Pregnancy Center located right next to Planned Parenthood at 1419 7th St. (off Central).
- 10:30AM Silent Jericho Walk around the block.
- 11am Gather in front of Planned Parenthood to sing

Those unable to join the Walk can line the street in prayer in front of Planned Parenthood; those who need it may bring a small chair or stool. Parking available behind Planned Parenthood in the Sarasota Military Academy lot. Signs will be available or bring your own. Everyone is asked to keep a peaceful attitude throughout, witnessing to the love of Christ. It is important to remember that Planned Parenthood is the leading provider of abortion, over 320,000 a year by their own statistics. Contact James Kurt at [jameskurt@gmail.com](mailto:jameskurt@gmail.com) or 941-371-7339.

## 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.

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

The Diocese of Venice is hosting a practitioner training for the Creighton Model Fertility Care June 1-8. Contact Kim at [elsmore@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:elsmore@dioceseofvenice.org) for information.

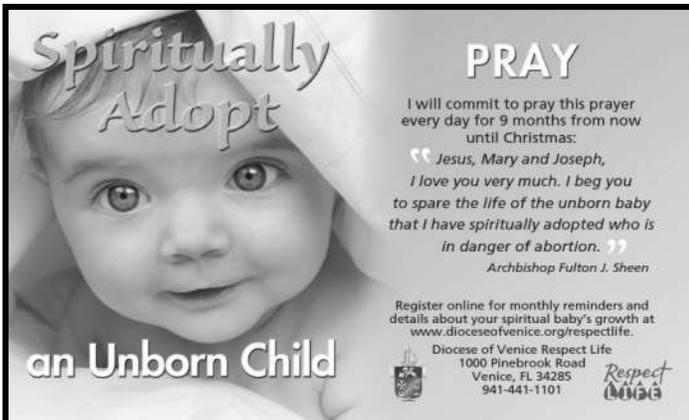
## Church Hours (Parish Center Building)

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.



**Spiritually Adopt an Unborn Child**

**PRAY**

I will commit to pray this prayer every day for 9 months from now until Christmas:  
"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."  
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Register online for monthly reminders and details about your spiritual baby's growth at [www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife).

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Respect LIFE

## 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.

**You are invited** to begin a 9-month journey of spiritually adopting an unborn child who is at risk of being killed by abortion. Each month you will receive an email update showing you the current stage of development for your adopted baby. Through prayer, you will be united with the mother of this child who is considering the decision of abortion. Go to <http://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/respect-life/spiritual-adoption-program> below to register and be a part of this campaign. You will even be able to name this child and keep him/her in your prayers by name!

## COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The CCW will hold its monthly meeting on Wed., April 11 in the Parish Center at 9:30 am. All are invited to attend Mass at 8:30 and then join us at 9:30 for the meeting. Our speaker will be Brenda Dolan, President, Venice Diocese CCW. Guests and new members are welcome. For info call Judie Bull, 9374-5690, or Lorraine Fitting, 609-457-0702.

## K of C SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

High school seniors who are graduating this year and will be attending an accredited college in the fall are invited to apply. You may pick up an application in the parish office. **Deadline to return the completed application is May 5th. No applications will be accepted after this date.**

## WORKSHOP TEACHERS REQUESTED

The Office of Marriage and Family is looking for married couples who are excited about the Catholic Faith and willing to teach a one-day workshop up to three times per year. Training will be provided on the basics of Theology of the Body and the teachings of the Catholic Church on Marriage. A stipend is paid to those couples who assist with this important service. Interested couples should contact Kim Elsmore at [elsmore@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:elsmore@dioceseofvenice.org) for info.

## The Little Ones

Jim Burrows





**“WHILE MANY CATHOLICS** want to help women and men heal from past abortions, most don't know how to begin.” Learn how you can become an instrument of mercy at [www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy). USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing”

**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](http://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*  
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 9 through Sunday April 15**

Mon.	9:30AM	Cornerstone Bible Study
	1:00PM	Prayer Shawl Group
Tues.	9:30AM	CCW Board Meeting
Wed.	9:30AM	CCW Business Meeting
Thur.		
Fri.	9:30AM	CCW Craft Group
Sat./Sun.		

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

For employment opportunities in the Diocese of Venice, go to [www.dioceseofvenice.org/employment](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/employment)

**PROJECT RACHEL**

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

**A MORNING FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN**

Topics include: The Big Picture for Catholic Women; Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis—How do we fit in?; and Working with Difficult People. Saturday, April 14 at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church in Bradenton. Registration at 8:30am. To sign up call Alice at 941-755-6030 or Ellen at 941-721-7393.

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT**

You spend time on your job, career, children and leisure but how much time do you spend as a couple? Make the most of your time and relationship. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend (WWME) and find out how! May 4-6 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice. For info/registration go to [WWME.org](http://WWME.org) or call 813-270-7832.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday April 9 through Sunday April 15**

Mon	8:30AM	For a greater respect of all human life
Tues	8:30AM	Kelly Moustakeas Req. by Paul & Linda Goguen
Wed	8:30AM	Intentions of Alison Westcott Req. by Dorothy Seymour
Thur	8:30AM	Mark David Muczyk Req. by brothers Michael & David Muczyk
Fri	8:30AM	People of the Parish
Sat	8:30PM	Purgatorial Society
	4:00PM	Teresa Becker Req. by Martine & Christine Geraghty
Sun	7:30AM	John & Joyce Pitrone Req. by the Whitmer family
	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
	11:00 AM	Deceased members of the Frawley family Req. by Jim & Annie Conway

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