



SAINT RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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-



Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

You alone, O LORD,
bring security to my dwelling.

— Psalm 4:9

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,
17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;
1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

ST. RAPHAEL TREASURE CHEST

Easter Offertory 04/01/2018	Offertory 04/08/2018
Loose: \$ 9829.40	Loose: \$ 5965.89
Env.: \$ 11965.72	Env.: \$ 6694.00
Total: \$ 21795.12	Total: \$ 12659.89

Holy Land Collection: \$ 1959.00

2018 Catholic Faith Appeal 04/02/2018

GOAL: \$ 159,000 % OF GOAL: 53.16 %
PLEDGED: \$ 84,525.34 RECEIVED: \$ 54,028.84
% of HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING: 23.90 %

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The God of our fathers has glorified his servant Jesus (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:35-48).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Tuesday: Income Tax Day
Saturday: St. Anselm



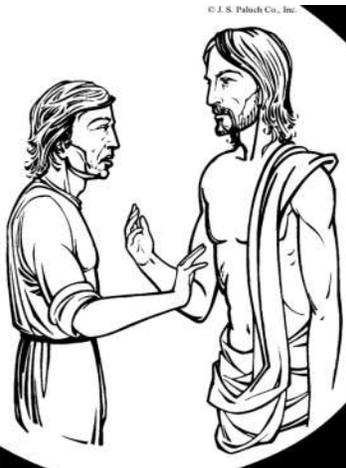
WINGS

Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar to Heaven. —St. John Climacus

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There are many ways in which religious communities are organized. Some have a central authority in a congregation, and others have a "rule" that is shared by all the members, but are a kind of federation of independent houses. Sometimes, congregations with distinct histories and ministries decide to merge. Several years ago, one of the largest mergers on record took place. Seven independent congregations of Dominican women religious, most in the Midwest, are now one new congregation enfolding more than seven hundred members spanning thirty-six states. The oldest of the founding groups, the so-called "Kentucky Dominicans," began as a frontier community in 1822. Other communities have European roots. To get to this historic moment, the sisters spent many years in conversation, and approved the new structure by a two-thirds majority vote. This was then ratified by the Holy See. The merger allows the sisters to pool their resources in order to be more effective in ministry. They are living the Paschal Mystery, experiencing Christ's dying and rising in an inspiring way.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

YOM HASHOAH

The annual Yom HaShoah Hour of Remembrance will be held at 2:30 p.m., this 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.

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 or 941-371-7339.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

The Institute for Catholic Studies in the Diocese of Venice is offering on line classes to learn more about the beautiful heritage of the Catholic Church's Tradition. Choose from a variety of topics. Cost \$200 per class-each class is comprised of 8 sessions.

May/June: Introduction to Revelation

July/Aug.: The Bible and Salvation History

Sept./Oct.: Pillars of Faith The Creed

Nov./Dec.: Pillars of Faith The Sacraments

Jan./Feb.: Moral Decision making

Mar./Apr.: The Mass

To learn more or to register contact the Institute for Catholic Studies at institute-dov.org or call 941-766-7334.

MASS ETIQUETTE

Fast before Mass. It is Church law that one fasts for at least 1 hour before receiving Holy Communion. Water and medicine can be consumed. The purpose is to help us prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

No Food and Drink in Church. The exceptions would be a drink for small children, water for the priest or choir (if discreet) and water for those who are ill.

Don't chew gum in church. It breaks your fast, it's distracting, it is consider impolite in a formal setting.

Dress modestly and appropriately. As Catholics we believe that God comes down to meet us at every Mass. So, why would we not dress up?

Show up at least a few minutes early. Getting to Mass early allows you to pray and prepare yourself better for Mass. If for you are late, please enter quietly so you don't disturb others.

Cell phones should never be used in Mass for calls or texting. The exceptions are emergencies (big ones, not everyday ones). If you must do so, please walk out of church to use it.

When we enter and leave Church, genuflect or bow toward the Tabernacle. Christ is present for our sake. By reverencing the Tabernacle we acknowledge He is our Lord and God. If someone is physically unable to genuflect, then a bow is sufficient. During Mass, if you pass in front of the altar or tabernacle, bow reverently.

Please be quiet while in church. Once you enter the sanctuary – it is not the time or place to visit with those around you. If you must talk do so as quietly and briefly as possible. Remember that your conversation might be disturbing someone who is in prayer, which is much more important.

Children have bad days. Everyone knows that sometimes the baby is going to have a bad day. If you have to step out, people will understand. There is no reason to be embarrassed. It is worse to allow them to disturb Mass continually.

Prepare your offering before Mass. Be polite and don't hold up the ushers as they collect the offertory.

No bulletin reading during Mass. Imagine if you invited a guest to your house and before dinner (or during) they decided to read a magazine instead of talking to you. That is what is happening in God's house when you read the bulletin.

Respect Boundaries others may have. You might want to hold hands to pray, they may not. They might be sick and not want to shake during the sign of peace. These are all OK. Do not make judgment because they worship differently.

Bow before receiving Holy Communion. You are receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. Show respect with a bow of the head.

Respond Amen when receiving Communion. The priest holds up the Host and says, "The Body of Christ," the response is "Amen". It means "So be it" "I agree." "I believe."

Do not leave early. We should stay to the end of the recession and the hymn that accompanies it. Leaving church before the dismissal ignores an important part of the Liturgy. At the dismissal, we celebrate our commission as set forth by Jesus Christ himself. Our liturgy has a beginning ("In the name of the Father ...") and an end ("Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord...").

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.

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.**

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

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 or call 813-270-7832.

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 for information.

WHAT DOES THE GOSPEL SAY ABOUT REFUGEES

1. The Catholic Church in the United States has been helping immigrants and refugees since the founding of this nation. Indeed, it is what the Gospel calls us to do: in Matthew (25:35) Jesus tells his disciples, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Source: Matthew, Chapter 25

2. Refugees are fleeing persecution and violence and have suffered great loss, including loss of their homes, livelihoods, possessions and families. Only 1% of these refugees get resettled. Migration Refugee Services (MRS) assists with food, clothing, shelter, employment, English as a second language, and orientation to a new community and culture.

Source: MRS

3. MRS works to create "a world where immigrants, refugees, migrants, and people on the move are treated with dignity, respect, welcome and belong ing."

Source: MRS Vision Statement.

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





“A MODEL OF CARE has been developed specifically for families whose infant is likely to die before or after birth. Often called ‘perinatal hospice,’ it’s a way of caring for both the baby and the baby’s family before, as well as after, birth.”—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis” www.usccb.org/prenatal-diagnosis

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 wish 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.

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>.



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.

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.

ST. RAPHAEL ACTIVITY CORNER

Monday April 16 through Sunday April 22

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

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 can seat approximately 20 adorers. Parishioners from all parishes are invited to participate. To schedule a Holy Hour call Jenny 441-7495.



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.



CHURCH

God sends no churches from the skies,
Out of our hearts they must arise.
—Anonymous

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday April 16 through Sunday April 22

Mon	8:30AM	Intentions of Wanda Cicianian Req. by Wanda Jaworska
Tues	8:30AM	Edward J. Wallace Req. by his wife Florence
Wed	8:30AM	John Manning Req. by his wife Mary Ellen
Thur	8:30AM	Sharon Canale Req. by Mary Ellen Manning
Fri	8:30AM	John Burson Req. by Len & Olga Ferraguzzi
Sat	8:30PM 4:00PM	Purgatorial Society Christine Morrison Req. by the Simmons family
Sun	7:30AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Vocations to the Order of Carmelites People of the Parish Ynes Gonzales Req. by the family

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