



# SAINT RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 22, 2018

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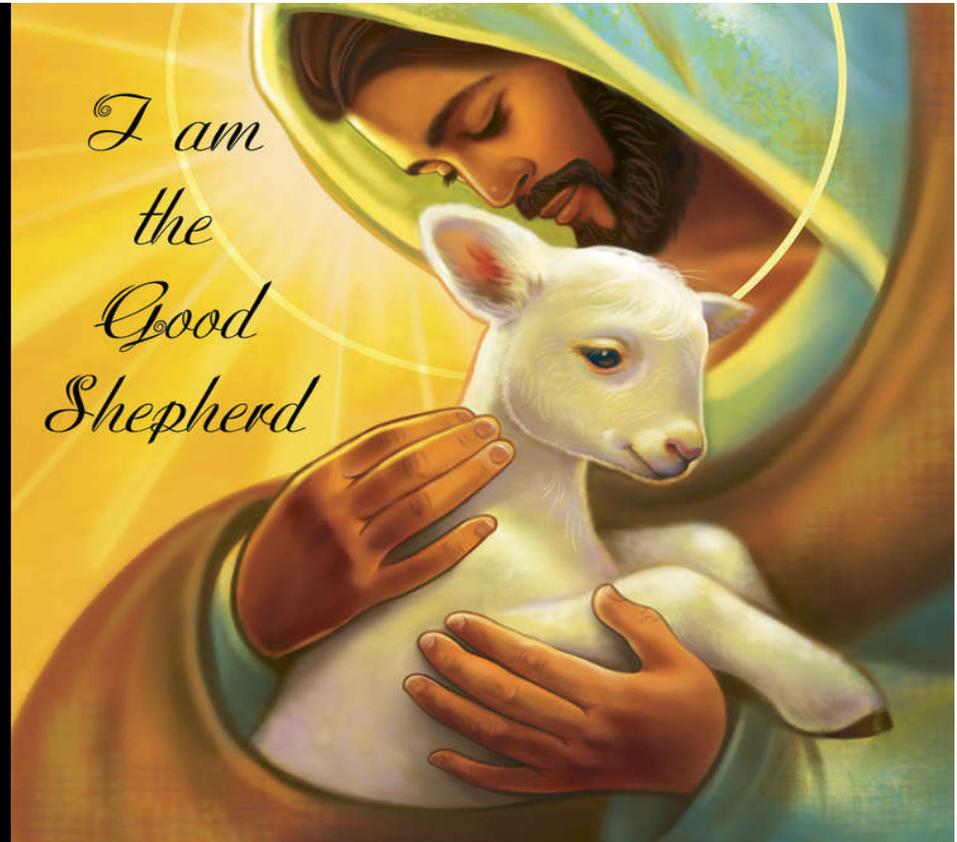
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## Masses

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

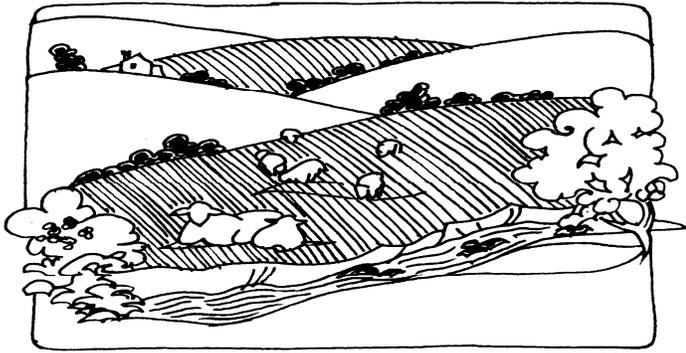
Couples who are registered parishioners must see a priest or deacon AT LEAST six months before anticipated wedding date. Do not rent a hall for a reception before your wedding is placed in the Parish Calendar.

## 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-



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# Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

— 1 John 3:1

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10  
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30  
 Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3,6-7,16-17; Mk 16:15-20  
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27; Jn 13:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14  
 Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32;  
 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

## ST. RAPHAEL TREASURE CHEST

Weekly Offering Offertory  
 04/15/2018



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Loose: \$ 5843.25  
 Env.: \$ 6520.00  
 Total: \$ 12363.25

## 2018 Catholic Faith Appeal 04/08/2018

GOAL: \$ 159,000 % OF GOAL: 53.20 %  
 PLEDGED: \$ 84,595.34 RECEIVED: \$ 60,133.84  
 % of HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING: 24.00 %

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — There is no other name under heaven by which we are to be saved than the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene (Acts 4:8-12).

**Psalm** — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

**Gospel** — I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Earth Day;  
 World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
 Monday: St. George; St. Adalbert  
 Tuesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen  
 Wednesday: St. Mark; Administrative Professionals Day  
 Friday: Arbor Day  
 Saturday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

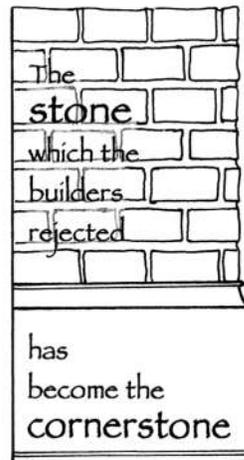
## AT WORK

Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world.  
 —Anonymous

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord's Passover: *Pasqua* in Italian, *Pâques* in French, *Paach* in Dutch, *Pascha* in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name, the name of a pagan goddess, Eoster. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King's chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Eoster once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn't take to the new Latin name (*Pascha Domini*) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: Yule.

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



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## SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who

was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock?

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## SILENCE

Silence is a gift of God, to let us speak more intimately with God. —St. Vincent Pallotti

## PRAYERFUL RALLY TO PROTEST PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Saturday, April 28, "Protest Planned Parenthood" rallies will be held nationwide, including at Planned Parenthood in Sarasota on Central Avenue at 8th Street. The schedule is:

- 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; you 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. Call James Kurt 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 heritage of the Catholic Church's Tradition. Choose from a variety of topics. Cost \$200 per class-(8 sessions/class)

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](http://institute-dov.org) or call 941-766-7334.

## 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](http://WWME.org) or call 813-270-7832.

## THE LASTING IMPACT OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Would you like to make a significant difference in the lives of others for years to come? Are you interested in making sure your parish, school or favorite ministry continue well beyond your lifetime? Consider creating an endowment fund with the Catholic Community Foundation. Endowment funds help provide long-term stability and sustainability by investing your original donation and using the earnings to support the Catholic organization of your choice. For information about endowment funds, contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 941-441-1124.

## 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.

## 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.*

## "BE HEALED" RETREAT

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Venice, is holding a retreat from 4pm Wednesday, May 9 through lunch on Friday, May 11. This retreat is an invitation from Jesus to reflect on what's holding us back from experiencing ever more the power and promise of the Resurrection. Drawing upon Dr. Bob Schuchts book, "Be Healed" and directed by Father Shawn Monahan, OMV, give yourself time to encounter the Divine Physician in personal prayer allowing the Lord to heal the wounds that may be holding you back from living a more abundant life. Cost is \$284.50 and includes accommodations and meals. To register, <https://olph-retreat.org/ignatian-healing-retreat> or call 941-486-0233.

## YOUTH SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

**Epiphany Cathedral** June 4- July 27. Activities include sports computers, Bible study, arts and crafts, cooking, team activities, music, dance and theater. Weekly field trips. Cost for a full day is \$150 per week or \$100 per week for half days. Call Nicole Loseto, 941-488-2215 for further information.

**St. Charles Borromeo** Port Charlotte is offering Summer Camp from 8am-4pm weekdays, June 4-Aug. 3. STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Math) classes change each week. Before care and after care available. For info contact Marie Tambasco at 941-625-553.

**Vacation Bible School** - Epiphany Cathedral, 9am-12pm June 18 to June 22. This year's theme is "Totally Catholic Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus." The camp is available to children kindergarten through fifth grade. Aftercare is available. To register or volunteer, visit [epiphanycathedral.org](http://epiphanycathedral.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](http://RelevantRadio.com).

## 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.



### MONTH 1 Developing Baby "My heart is beating!" Spiritual Adoption Program

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. His heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from his mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of his mother to give him the most precious gift of all - - the gift of life.

*Jeremiah 1:5 - "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you..."*

## 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.



## ROSARY AND MAY CROWNING

**Friday, May 11th  
9:30AM**

May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially been dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts as especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance." (Paul VI; Encyclical on the *Month of May*, no.1). This year 2018 marks the 101st anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal, where the Blessed Mother appeared once each month from May 13 until Oct. 13, 1917. We invite the faithful to gather in the church on **Friday May 11 at 9:30AM** to recite the Rosary and sing hymns in honor of Our Lady. We will also have a crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue. All are welcome!

### The Little Ones

Jim Burrows





## HEAVENLY FATHER...

Give us love for all people,  
especially the most vulnerable,  
and help us bear witness to the  
truth that every life is worth living.  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Every Life is  
Worth Living" Prayer Card, [www.usccb.org/worth-living](http://www.usccb.org/worth-living)

## 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.

## 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>.

## 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.

## 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.**

## ST. RAPHAEL ACTIVITY CORNER

**Monday April 23 through Sunday April 29**

Mon.	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.

## CREATE A CATHOLIC LEGACY

Support Seminarian Education! - Think about the joy that will be yours when you know you have created a Catholic legacy that will provide priests to the diocese forever. This year, we have a record number of new seminarians and we need your help to support them in their discernment of the call to priesthood. A gift to the Timothy Endowment Fund will help provide income to train our future priests. If you would like more information about the "Timothy Fund", contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 941-441-1124

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday April 23 through Sunday April 29**

Mon	8:30AM	Robert B. Seymour Req. by Dorothy Seymour
Tues	8:30AM	John & Eileen Durnberger Req. by the family
Wed	8:30AM	For a greater respect of all human life
Thur	8:30AM	Nick Monaco Req. by Jim & Terri Powell
Fri	8:30AM	John VanElls Req. by his brother Tom
Sat	8:30PM 4:00PM	Purgatorial Society Emily, Katherine, Margaret & Joseph Sr. DiFrancesca Req. by Joseph & Patricia DiFrancesca
Sun	7:30AM	Cora Masselli Req. by grandson Nicholas
	9:00 AM	Thomas Heilman Req. by Norma & Douglas Gherlone
	11:00 AM	People of the Parish

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