



SAINT RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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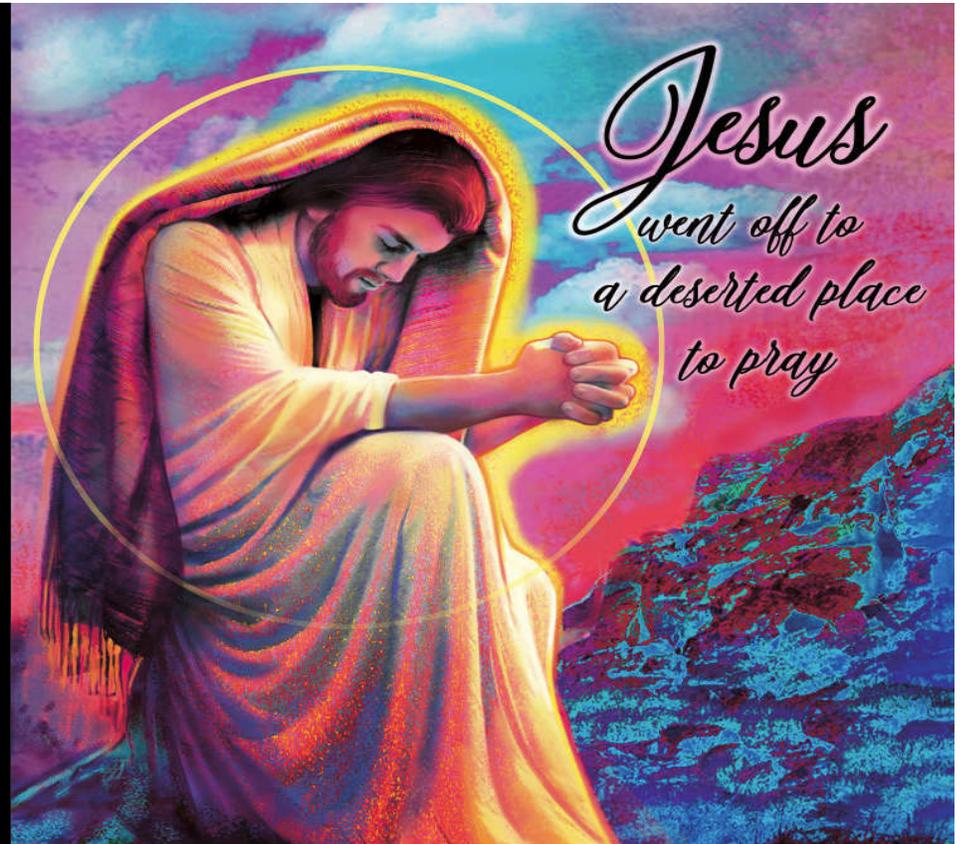
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Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00PM and 5:30PM
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

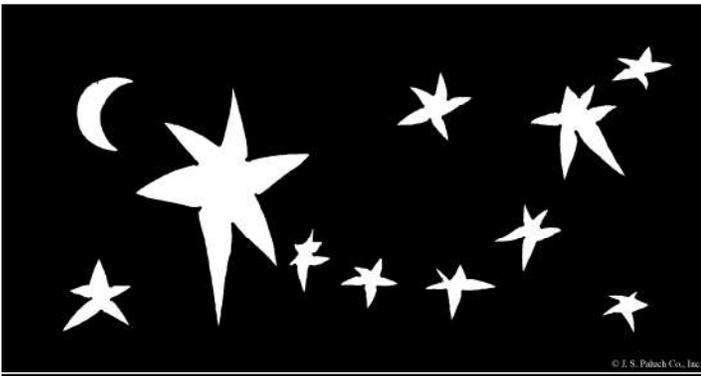
All articles in the parish Bulletin must be approved by the priest. The deadline is 10:00AM on Friday of the week before the date you wish to have the item run.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars
and calls each by name.

— Psalm 147:4



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;
Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11;
Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;
Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40;
Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19;
Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We're reading St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians these days. What was Corinth like? It had a beautiful setting on an isthmus, about fifty miles from Athens. The location makes for very easy exchange by sea routes between Greece and Italy, a factor in its economic success even today. In Paul's day it was a cosmopolitan and wealthy city with inhabitants drawn from all over the world, including a sizeable Jewish community. When Paul arrived about the year 50, the city was only about a century old, but already five times the size of Athens. Paul lived in Corinth for a year and a half, and a few years later came back for three months. The community of Christians there struggled against the influence of a very secular and self-indulgent society that was blind to the plight of the poor. Pagan attitudes afflicted the community, which had a way of breaking Paul's heart; he wrote to them sometimes "with many tears" (2 Corinthians 2:4).

Today, Corinth is a small industrial city. Its historic core has been destroyed by a series of earthquakes over the centuries, and what little remained was totally obliterated in a war with Turkey in the 1820s. There's a core city with glamorous shops to catch the tourists, but it is mainly a cargo port, with piles of marble, tiles, and minerals everywhere, a huge oil refinery nearby, a busy canal, a modern fast rail line to Athens, and a meeting point of major highways. Today, the remains of the Temple of Apollo and the marketplace are more ruined than most such sites. The glory of the city Paul knew well has faded, but the relevance of his words shines through the centuries.

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ST. RAPHAEL TREASURE CHEST

Weekly Offering



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Offertory

01/28/2018

Loose: \$ 6376.30

Env.: \$ 5665.00

Total: \$ 12041.30

2017 Catholic Faith Appeal Revised Final Report

GOAL: \$ 158,000 % OF GOAL: 88.54 %

PLEDGED: \$ 139,885.67 RECEIVED: \$ 139,075.67

% of HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING: 48.68 %

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Job experienced months of misery and troubled nights (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sunday

Monday: St. Agatha

Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

Saturday: St. Scholastica

TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

BISHOP DEWANE CELEBRATION MASS COUPLES WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor on February 17th at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice at 11am. Please call the parish office at 941-474-9595 for reservations. The last date for reservations to be taken will be Friday, February 9.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

2PM on Sunday, March 4 at the Venice Community Center. Features Glenn Leonard Hitsville Live!, an authentic revue with the Temptations lead singer performing hits of favorite Motown acts. Food and drinks for purchase, dancing, auction, and military displays. Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities veteran programs. For info/tickets go to www.catholiccharitiesdov.org or call 941-355-4680, ext. 301.

PRAYER WALK FOR LIFE

Port Charlotte. Mark your calendar to join Bishop Frank J. Dewane on Tues., February 20, for the 8:30AM Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church. Following the Mass, the faithful will walk the 1/2-mile to the local abortion center to pray for an end to abortion. Refreshments will be provided in the parish hall after the walk.

HINDSIGHT

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back. -John Henry Newman

2018 MENS CONFERENCE

DOV Men's Conference from 9am-3pm on Sat., Feb. 24 at Bishop Verot High School, Fort Myers. Registration on line \$20, students \$5. Door \$30, \$10 for students. Speakers are Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Patrick Coffin, & Bob Rice. Info at dioceseofvenice.org/mens.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

RETREAT CENTER (3989 S. Moon Drive in Venice.)

Monthly Day of Prayer - "Come to the Water, Day of Prayer" from 9AM-2:30PM Wed. Feb 14. Includes continental breakfast, lunch, conferences, opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, private meditation and prayer. Concludes with Mass at 2:30PM. Early registration fee: (10 days prior to event) \$30. Regular Registration fee: \$35

Operation OLPH Mystery Dinner Theatre - Saturday Feb.10, Mystery Dinner Theatre. Songs from 40's by the Boogie Woogie Bugle Girls during the cocktail hour.

Ignatian Preached Retreat - Ignatian Preached Silent Retreats with conferences, Mass, and an opportunity to meet with the retreat director. Thurs, Feb. 22-Sun, Feb.25. Topics center around Ignatian spirituality, prayer, and discernment.

For info or to register for the any of these programs, please visit www.olph-retreat.org or call 941-486-0233.

CURSILLO VENICE AREA ULTREYA

First Tuesday evening of every month. School of Leaders at 6:30pm with Ultreya at 7:15pm. The next meeting is Feb. 6 at St. Frances Cabrini in Parrish. For a ride, call Weulcia at 484-3076. For more info call Irene at 726-0368.

GOOD HEALTH HABITS CAN HELP STOP GERMS



1. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
2. Stay home when you are sick. If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.
3. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
4. Clean your hands. Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.
5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose or mouth.
6. Practice other good health habits. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

FLU PRECAUTIONS



Diocese of Venice

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.

Church Hours (Parish Center Building)

Monday thru Saturday Morning

doors open at 7:45AM

doors close at 9:30AM

Saturday Afternoon

doors open at 2:30PM

doors close at 6:30PM

Sunday

doors open at 6:30AM

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.

OUR MOTHER'S HOUSE



Our Mother's House Wine Tasting, Auction and Dinner Dance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb.22 at the Venice Community Center in Venice. All proceeds will benefit Our

Mother's House, a program of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. which is committed to helping homeless mothers and their children achieve self-sufficiency. The evening will include a wine tasting, auctions, dinner, and dancing. Tickets are \$80 a person. For information or tickets visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org or call 941-485-6264 or email ourmothershouse@ccdis1.org.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

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

Epiphany Cathedral Perpetual Adoration Chapel will be opening this fall. The chapel will seat approximately 20 adorers and will be open 24/7. Parishioners from neighboring parishes are invited to participate. To schedule a Holy Hour contact: Jenny Holaday (941) 441-7495.

CCW NEWS

Council of Catholic Women will hold its next meeting on Wed., Feb.7 in the parish center at 9:30am. All are invited to attend the 8:30am Mass then join us for the meeting. Our speaker will be Victor Lorand from Elsie Quirk Library discussing "What the Sarasota County Libraries Have to Offer". Guests and new members are welcome to attend.

LADIES TEA PARTY

Ladies Tea Party with a Sprinkle of Fashion will take place Sat, Feb. 24 at noon at the Boca Royale Country Club. Sponsored by the CCW as a fundraiser for our church and local charities. Tickets \$25. For info call Ruby 941-473-2431, Susan 732-690-8241, or Sandy 301-938-8629.

SUPPORT FOR THE NEEDY

The Teach a Man to Fish Gala will be held at 6PM on Sat. March 10 at the Englewood Elks Club. Proceeds benefit New Paradigm of Catholic Charities which provides affordable, transitional housing to local families who are at risk of becoming homeless as well as the education and training necessary to live an independent life. Evening includes cocktail hour, dinner, live and silent auctions, and chance to win a trip to Ireland! Tickets are \$65 a person. For information and tickets visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org or www.thenpf.org or call 941-681-2194.

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.

EMMAUS WOMEN'S RETREAT

Fri., March 9- Sun., March 11 at OLPH Retreat Center in Venice. Hosted by Epiphany Cathedral Parish. The retreat will help give the gift of time away from the distraction of your daily routine to listen to Jesus and the Holy Spirit in an environment of faith, fellowship and worship. Limited enrollment. Registration \$200 double, \$285 single. Registration deadline Feb. 24. For info call Donna 941-496-4464.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows





ONLY WITH PRAYER - prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls - will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life." —Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Catholic Bishops

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.

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.

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.

PROJECT RACHEL

Post-Abortion Reconciliation & Healing
If you are suffering after an abortion, give yourself the gift of a Project Rachel Healing Retreat. To register for the March 24 retreat or for info. call Fonda at 239-719-7210 or project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

PLEDGE TO END THE DEATH PENALTY

Join Bishop Frank J. Dewane in signing a national catholic pledge to end the use of the death penalty. As Chair of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, Bishop Dewane was one of the first signatories. For info visit: <https://catholicismobilizing.org/action/pledge>.

ST. RAPHAEL ACTIVITY CORNER		
Monday Feb 5 through Sunday Feb 11		
Monday	9:45AM	Cornerstone Bible
	1:00PM	Prayer Shawl
Tuesday	9:30AM	CCW Board Mtg
Wednesday	9:30AM	CCW Business Mtg
	6:15PM	Rel. Ed
Thursday	7:00PM	K of C Business Mtg
	7:00PM	Ladies Aux. Business Mtg
Friday	9:30AM	CCW Craft Group
Saturday		
Sunday		

LIFE PLANNING SEMINARS

The Catholic Community Foundation is partnering with parishes and seasoned professionals across the Diocese to offer free Life Planning seminars to help parishioners plan for their futures. With proper estate planning, an individual or family can not only ensure their wishes are followed, but can also ensure their charitable and financial goals are met. For info about a seminar in your area, contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 941-441-1124.

FREE ROSARY REPAIR

Send your broken rosaries in a padded envelope to Betty and Dick Holden, 7930 Estero Blvd., #502, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. They will be repaired/returned within a week of receipt. Donations of old or broken rosaries are accepted, repaired and sent to missions. Include a note indicating repair, whether to return or donate to a mission. For info. email holdenbnd@gmail.com or 239-463-3993.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday Feb 5 through Sunday Feb 11		
Mon	8:30AM	Stella Jadlowiec Req. by Bridget & Steve Marasco
Tues	8:30AM	Katherine Schaffner
Wed	8:30AM	Vincent Portera Req. by his wife Clara
Thur	8:30AM	Helen Harper Req. by Alice Harper
Fri	8:30AM	Lisa Hunsberger Req. by the family
Sat	8:30AM	Purgatorial Society
	4:00PM	John Moreau Req. by Irene Ferguson
	5:30PM	People of the Parish
Sun	7:30AM	Janusz Smyk Req. by Ron & Wanda Cicilain
	9:00 AM	Katherine Schaffner
	11:00 AM	Pierce Redmond, Thomas McCarthy & John Murray 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.