



SAINT RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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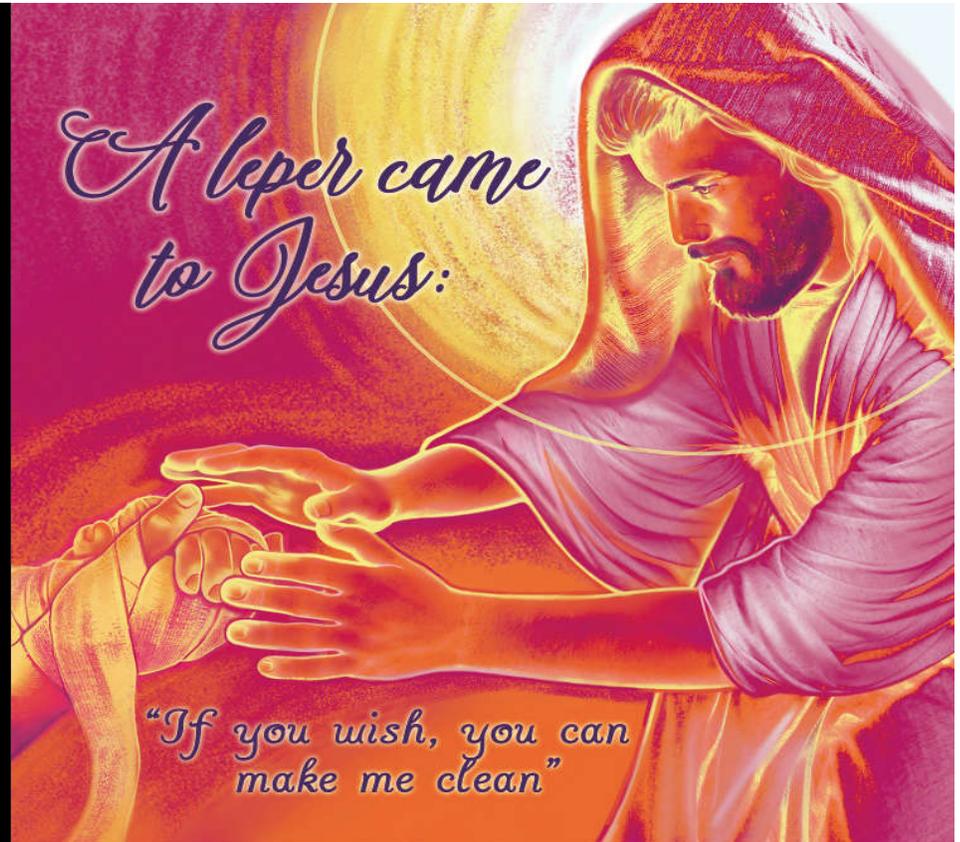
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Masses

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

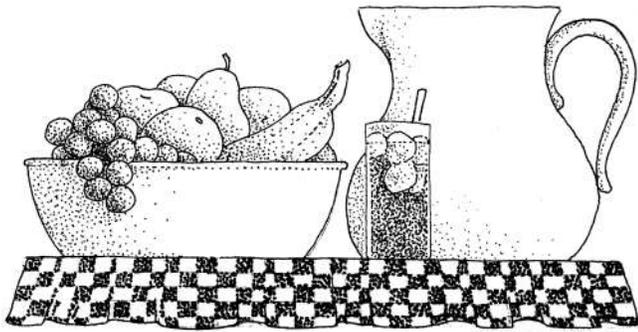
Couples who are registered parishioners must see a priest or deacon AT LEAST six months before anticipated wedding date. Do not rent a hall for a reception before your wedding is placed in the Parish Calendar.

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.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.

— 1 Corinthians 10:31

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76;
Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19;
Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

ST. RAPHAEL TREASURE CHEST

Offertory 02/04/2018

Loose: \$ 7134.50 Env.: 7988.00 \$ Total: \$ 15122.50

Building Fund: \$5669.00

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 — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day; World Day of the Sick
Monday: Lincoln's Birthday
Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day;
Fast and Abstinence
Friday: Abstinence; Chinese New Year 4716
Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

A BOOK TO READ

There is a great difference between the eager person who wants to read a book and the tired person who wants a book to read. —G. K. Chesterton

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's Gospel centers on the plight of a leper and Jesus' response of healing. In Hawaii, the bacterium that causes leprosy probably entered from China in the mid-1800s, and the native islanders were susceptible to the dreaded disease. In 1866, the government literally dumped the sufferers on a remote and virtually inaccessible island peninsula with towering cliffs. Thrown off ships into the sea, the sick people were told to swim for the beach and head for caves, and for seven years the only supplies were similarly cast into the sea to drift ashore. It was then, 1873, that a 33 year-old Belgian priest, Damien de Veuster, went voluntarily to Kalaupapa. Before long, he cajoled the government into funding his mission and its hospital, built a village with proper homes and sanitation, and recruited Mother Marianne Cope to bring sisters from Syracuse, New York, to nurse the sick. Damien, who eventually died of leprosy, has been canonized, and Mother Marianne as well.

Although leprosy has been curable since the 1940s, today a few patients remain in their lifelong home, now a national historic site. The peninsula is still utterly isolated from the outside world, and the speed limit for the few cars there is 5 mph since there's nowhere to go! The hospital is still well-staffed and equipped, but access is regulated and visitors must take an official tour, often involving a descent down the cliffs by "Molakai mule." There are few places on earth that evoke the healing power of Jesus, or our call to follow the Healer, more than Damien's beloved island mission.

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

GIVE GOD THE GLORY

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



DIocese OF Venice IN Florida
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, During the time of communist reign in many Central and Eastern European countries, practicing the faith became illegal and people were forced to hide and secretly share the truths of the Gospel. After decades of oppression and persecution, Catholics still struggle to rebuild not only their physical places of worship but also their church ministries and communities.

The country of Albania, nestled north of Greece on the Adriatic Sea, suffered greatly under communist rule. In the capital of Tirana, the Church is continuing to restore not only its structures but also the spirituality of the faithful after years of suffering. After communism, the congregation of sisters known as the Company of Mary Our Lady opened a school that now serves over 700 children. With your support the youth are educated and are now thriving. The Diocese of Venice will be taking up a Collection on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE). Your generosity helps the religious communities teach children and equips Parishes to provide a space to build peaceful communities. Please give generously to the CCEE Collection for the future of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. May God continue to bless you for the good you do! I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration as well as my prayers on this Ash Wednesday, as we begin our Lenten Journey.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane

Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

February 14

*****Mass Schedule*****

7:30 am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 7:00pm.

Ashes will be distributed only at Mass.



REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 and Good Friday March 30 are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 years (inclusive). On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are all days of abstinence.

Note: If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self denial that are suitable to their condition.

Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
will take place every Friday morning during the Lenten Season following the 8:30am Mass.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

At the request of the Diocese of Venice St. Raphael Church will be joining in Operation Rice Bowl as a means of almsgiving during the Lenten Season. Beginning on Ash Wednesday you will find materials on tables by the doors. These "bowls" are to be taken home, assembled and used for your donations. They will be collected at Easter and all donations will go to the diocese for Catholic Relief Services. Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable.

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

Wine Tasting, Auction and Dinner Dance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb.22 at the Venice Community Center. Proceeds will benefit Our Mother's House, a program of Catholic Charities which is committed to helping homeless mothers and their children achieve self-sufficiency. Tickets \$80 includes a wine tasting, auctions, dinner, and dancing. For info or tickets visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org or call 941-485-6264.

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 and will be open 24/7. Parishioners from all parishes are invited to participate. To schedule a Holy Hour contact: Jenny (941) 441-7495.

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.

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.

PRAYER WALK FOR LIFE

Port Charlotte. Join Bishop Frank J. Dewane on Tues., February 20, for the 8:30AM Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church. After 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.

EMMAUS WOMEN'S RETREAT

Fri., March 9- Sun., March 11 at OLPH Retreat Center in Venice. Hosted by Epiphany Cathedral Parish. Limited enrollment. Registration \$200 double, \$285 single. Registration deadline Feb. 24. For info call Donna 941-496-4464.

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.

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. Tickets \$65 includes cocktail hour, dinner, live and silent auctions, and chance to win a trip to Ireland! For info or tickets call 941-681-2194 or visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org or www.thenpf.org

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows





“THE CHURCH affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity or dependency. Nothing diminishes the unchangeable dignity and sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it.” —USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing” www.usccb.org/end-of-life-considerations

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.

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://catholicmobilizing.org/action/pledge>.

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 call 941-355-4680, ext. 301 or go to www.catholiccharitiesdov.org.

ST. RAPHAEL ACTIVITY CORNER

Monday Feb 12 through Sunday Feb 18

Monday 9:45AM Cornerstone Bible
1:00PM Prayer Shawl

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday 7:00PM K of C Officers Mtg

Friday 9:30AM CCW Craft Group

Saturday/Sunday

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>.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday Feb 12 through Sunday Feb 18

Mon	8:30AM	Intentions of Florence Wallace Req. by Pauline
Tues	8:30AM	Living & deceased members of the Cicilan family Req. by Ron & Wanda Cicilian
Wed	7:30AM	Faithful Departed of the Parish
	9:00AM	People of the Parish
	11:00AM	People of the Parish
	7:00PM	Faithful Departed of the Parish
Thur	8:30AM	Mark David Muczyk Req. by parents Jan & Jennie Muczyk
Fri	8:30AM	James E. Goldman Req. by Madeline Sienkiewicz
Sat	8:30AM	Purgatorial Society
	4:00PM	Edward J. Wallace Req. by his wife Florence
	5:30PM	People of the Parish
Sun	7:30AM	Edward & Catherine Frey Req. by Rene & Lorraine Dube
	9:00 AM	Aaron Pastor Req. by Andy & Helen Pastor
	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.