



SAINT RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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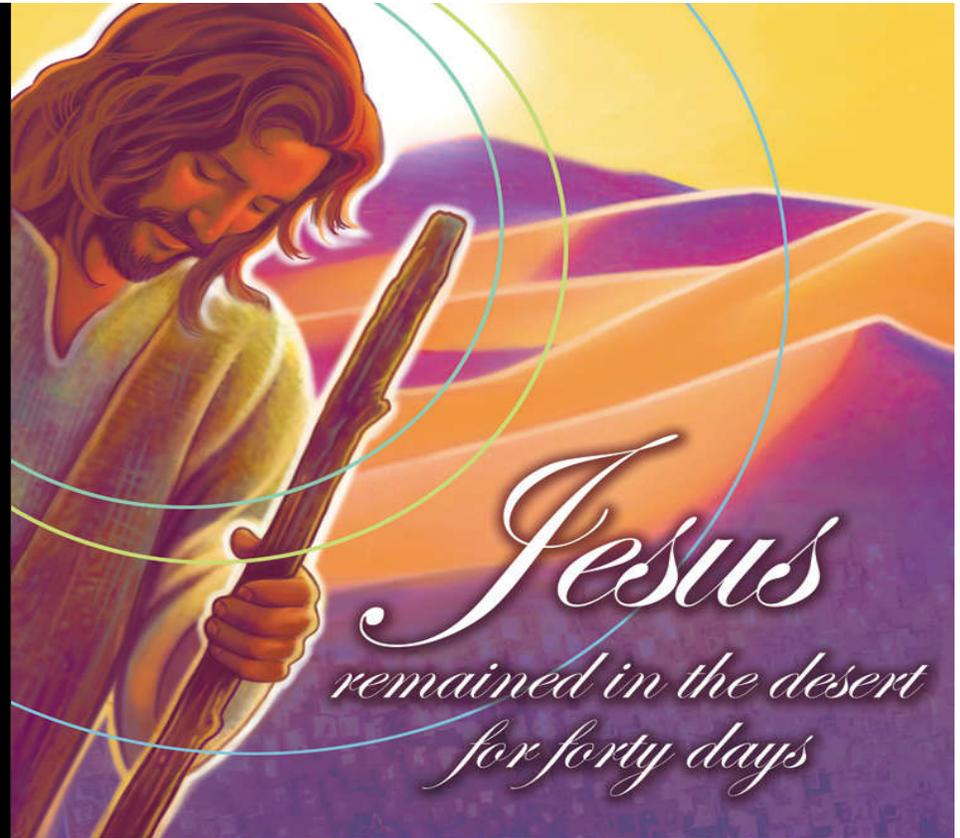
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Masses

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

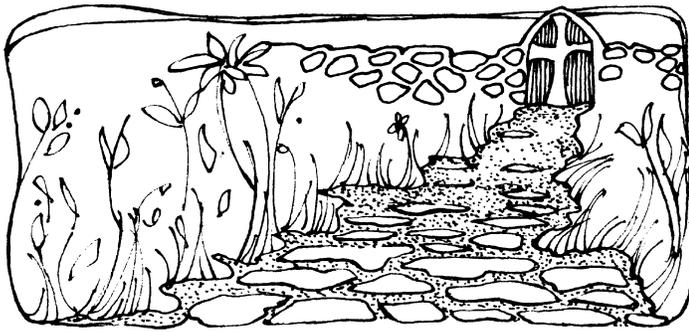
Couples who are registered parishioners must see a priest or deacon AT LEAST six months before anticipated wedding date. Do not rent a hall for a reception before your wedding is placed in the Parish Calendar.

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.



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First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25:4

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,
15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

ST. RAPHAEL TREASURE CHEST

Weekly Offering



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Offertory 02/11/2018

Loose: \$ 7015.25

Env.: \$ 6219.00

Total: \$ 13234.25

2018 Catholic Faith Appeal

GOAL: \$ 159,000 % OF GOAL:

PLEDGED: RECEIVED:

% of HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING:

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election;
Rite of Calling the Candidates to
Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending
Monday: Presidents' Day; Julian Calendar Lent
Wednesday: St. Peter Damian
Thursday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;
Washington's Birthday
Friday: St. Polycarp; Abstinence

GOD'S POWER

We are not in our power, but in the power of God. —St. Perpetua

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Holy Father usually marks the solemn opening of the Lenten fast with a procession and Mass on Ash Wednesday evening. He walks from the Benedictine monastery, San Anselmo, down the Aventine hill to the Dominican monastery of Santa Sabina. This very old tradition was revived by Pope John XXIII in the late 1950s. Have you ever wondered who gives the pope his ashes? It's the cardinal who has been given the "title" of the church of Santa Sabina. The pope's homily at this Mass states his theme for Lent.

Santa Sabina dates from the fifth century, and is one of the most beautiful churches in Rome. One of the panels on its main doors features the Crucifixion, a scene not normally depicted in art until much later. In the year 1219 the pope gave the church to Saint Dominic for his new religious order, the "Order of Preachers," commonly called the Dominicans, and it remains their world headquarters to this day. That pope, Honorius III, was a member of the Savelli family, and this church was their personal family chapel. Sabina was a wealthy Roman lady who became a Christian and was martyred, and whose home became a place of prayer. Later, the church built on that spot was dedicated to her memory.

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PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

February 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Together with Catholics across the United States, a life changing Lenten journey of encounter begins on Ash Wednesday. The tradition is symbolized by the ubiquitous cardboard box, and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl has become a practice for generations of Catholics, shining a light on the Catholic community's commitment to poor and vulnerable families.

CRS Rice Bowl is global in its reach, bringing services and optimism to people in need. CRS Rice Bowl is a faith-in-action program that helps families experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world. For over 40 years CRS Rice Bowl has provided resources for families, parishes and Catholic schools to incorporate into their Lenten Season! CRS Rice Bowl provides a path for Catholics in the United States to build what Pope Francis calls "a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty."

Please give charitably to Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. While portions of your aid goes to CRS, twenty-five percent of the total contribution stays here in the Diocese of Venice supporting families through food pantries and soup kitchens. On behalf of those who benefit from your participation, I express their appreciation and add my acknowledgment of your continued support. Thank you for your generosity!

I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration as well as my prayers throughout this Lenten Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

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.



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.

PRAYER WALK FOR LIFE

Join Bishop Frank J. Dewane on Tues., Feb.20, for 8:30AM Mass at St. Charles Borromeo followed by a 1/2-mile walk to the abortion center to pray for an end to abortion.

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEKEND

St. John Vianney Seminary in Miami. 7PM Fri., Mar.9 –noon Sun., Mar.11. Open to young men, ages 16 and older. It is a time of prayer, talks, sports, and other activities with the seminarians and priests of St. John Vianney. Experience what life is like for one discerning God's call to the priesthood! No cost for the weekend & transportation provided. Call the Vocations Office at 941-486-4720 or contact the Vocations Director, Father Eric Scanlan, at scanlan@dioceseofvenice.org .

EMMAUS WOMEN'S RETREAT

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

FRIDAY LENTEN FISH FRY

Epiphany Cathedral Feb. 23-Mar. 23, 5-7PM. Catered by Sharky's. Fish & Chips plate \$12 or Baked Salmon \$15. Includes your choice of boiled red potatoes or fries, coleslaw, roll, drink and dessert. Takeout available. Purchase tickets at the door or on line at www.epiphanycathedral.org. For info call 416-2244. Proceeds benefit Catholic Education.

2018 MENS CONFERENCE

9am-3pm on Sat., Feb. 24 at Bishop Verot High School, Fort Myers. Registration on line \$20,students \$5. Door \$30, \$10 students. Info at dioceseofvenice.org/mens.



“MANY PARENTS want perfect children. Our culture is obsessed with perfection—a superficial perfection. Photos are airbrushed, and social media sites depict seemingly perfect lives. God calls us to seek perfection, too. He does not call us, however, to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in love.” —USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “A Perfect Gift,” www.usccb.org/perfect-gift

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

HONORING OUR VETERANS

2PM on Sun., Mar. 4 at the Venice Community Center. Features Glenn Leonard Hitsville Live! Food/drinks for sale, dancing, auction, and more. Benefits Catholic Charities veteran programs. For info/tickets call 941-355-4680, ext. 301

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 seats approximately 20 adorers and is open 24/7. Parishioners from all parishes are invited to participate. To schedule a Holy Hour contact: Jenny (941) 441-7495.

TEACH A MAN TO FISH GALA

Sat. Mar.10 at 6PM at the Englewood Elks Club. Proceeds benefit New Paradigm of Catholic Charities. Tickets \$65 includes cocktail hour, dinner, auctions, and chance to win a trip to Ireland! For info or tickets call 941-681-2194.

ST. RAPHAEL ACTIVITY CORNER

Monday Feb 19 through Sunday Feb 25

Monday	CLOSED	
Tuesday	9:30AM	Cornerstone Bible
Wednesday		
Thursday		
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>.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday Feb 19 through Sunday Feb 25

Mon	8:30AM	Jack Meloche Req. by the Dudash family
Tues	8:30AM	Intentions of Charles Voelkel III Req. by Dorothy Seytmour
Wed	8:30AM	Edwin Sembera Req. by his nephew Nicholas
Thur	8:30AM	Robert B. Seymour Req. by Dorothy Seymour
Fri	8:30AM	Intentions of Scott Seymour Req. by Dorothy Seymour
Sat	8:30AM	Purgatorial Society
	4:00PM	Herbert Dalton Req. by Paul Desio
	5:30PM	People of the Parish
Sun	7:30AM	Tammy Sherburne; Deceased members of the Noel & Gagnon families Req. by Jim & Carol Sherburne
	9:00 AM	Charles LaVecchia Req. by Connie & Nino
	11:00 AM	Tommy O'Meara Req. by his parents Tom & Mary

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