



SAINT RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

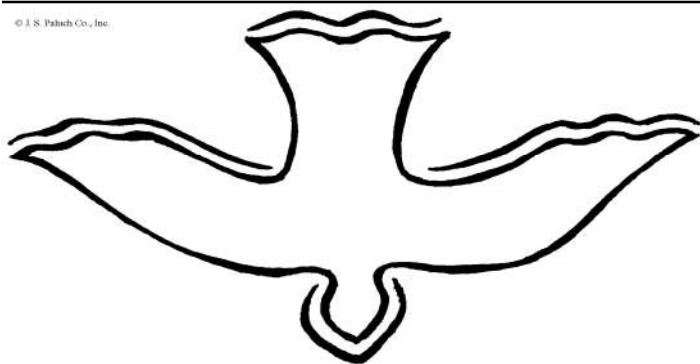
All articles in the parish Bulletin must be approved by the priest. The deadline is 10:00AM on Friday of the week be-

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

— 1 Corinthians 6:19a



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;
Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7;
Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31;
Mk 1:14-20

ST. RAPHAEL TREASURE CHEST

Offertory 12/31/2017 Offertory 01/07/2018

Loose: \$ 6964.00 Loose: 6596.15
Env.: \$ 4774.45 Env.: 7662.00
Total: \$ 11,738.45 Total: 14,258.15

Christmas Flowers: \$ 2182.00
Seminary Support: \$ 3023.29

2017 Catholic Faith Appeal 12/24/2017

GOAL: \$ 158,000 % OF GOAL: 96.61 %
PLEDGED: \$ 152,650.64 RECEIVED: \$ 151,100.64
% of HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING: 47.08 %

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Speak, for your servant is listening
(1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel — Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
Wednesday: St. Anthony
Thursday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Friday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
Saturday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian



PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed this Monday, January 15th in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Ordinary Time” began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecored the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ’s birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.

Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don’t enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE LAMB OF GOD

“Behold the Lamb of God!” We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there’s a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today’s Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John’s own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on February 17th at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice at 11 a.m. Please call the parish office at 941-474-9595 for reservations. The last date for reservations to be taken will be Friday, February 9.

2018 WOMENS CONFERENCE

All women are invited to a faith-filled day at the DOV Women's Conference on Sat., Feb.3, 9am-3pm at Bishop Verot High School, Fort Myers. Cost pre-registration on line \$20, students \$5 Cost at the door is \$30, \$10 for students. Speakers are Kimberly Hahn, Sonja Corbitt, & Rosario Rodriguez. Info/registration at dioceseofvenice.org/womens.

2018 MENS CONFERENCE

Men who desire to encounter the presence of God are invited to the DOV Men's Conference from 9am-3pm on Sat., Feb. 24 at Bishop Verot High School, Fort Myers. Cost pre-registration on line \$20, students \$5 Cost at the door is \$30, \$10 for students. Speakers are Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Patrick Coffin, & Bob Rice. For Conference details and to register go to dioceseofvenice.org/mens.

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 an upcoming a seminar in your area, contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 941-441-1124.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

The Venice Veterans Salute will be held at 2PM on Sunday, March 4 at the Venice Community Center. This is a salute to United States military veterans featuring Glenn Leonard presents Hitsville Live!, an authentic revue with the Temptations lead singer performing hits of favorite Motown acts. Food and drinks for purchase, dancing, an 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 or email nmuth@ccdis1.org.

SARASOTA PRAYER WALK FOR LIFE

Pray for an end to abortion Mon. January 22, at St. Martha Church, 200 North Orange Avenue, Sarasota. Bishop Frank J. Dewane will celebrate Mass at 8:30am. A shuttle bus will provide free transportation to join others in circling around Planned Parenthood in prayer between 9am-2pm. Refreshments will be provided in the hall at St. Martha. For info contact Jeanne Berdeaux, Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-441-1101.)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP RETREAT CENTER

(Located at 3989 S. Moon Drive in Venice.)

Monthly Day of Prayer - All are welcome to attend "Come to the Water, Day of Prayer" from 9AM-2:30PM Wed. January 17. The day includes a continental breakfast, lunch, two conferences, and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, private meditation and prayer. The day concludes with Mass at 2:30PM. Early registration discount, 10 days prior is \$30. Registration increases to \$35 thereafter.

Fashion Show - Sat., Jan.13, at Jacaranda Trace Venice for an afternoon of friendship, fashion & food. Registration 11:30 with a chance to bid on auction items. Lunch 12:00 with a fashion show during dessert. Hosted by Connie Blum. Fashions from Chiccos and Patchingtons.

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.*

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.

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.

PRAYERS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year? The U. S. Catholic Bishops invite you to join thousands of Catholics nationwide for the 9 Days of Prayer for Life campaign from Thurs, January 18—Fri., January 26. Questions? Contact Jeanne Berdeaux at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-374-1068.

SUNSHINE STATE COOK-OFF FESTIVAL

All are invited to the 8th Annual Sunshine State Cook-Off Festival sponsored by Ave Maria Parish in Ave Maria to be held at 5pm on Sat., Jan. 27. This is the largest steak cook-off east of Mississippi River featuring 30-35 grillers cooking 2,500 boneless ribeye steaks, live music, kids zone. Tickets \$20. For details, please visit www.sssscookoff.com

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@ccd1.org.

CHAINS OF GRACE

The chains of grace are so powerful, and yet so sweet, that though they attract our heart, they do not shackle our freedoms. —St. Francis de Sales

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ST. THOMAS MORE'S JANUARY 19 CONCERT!

The concert guests at St. Thomas More Catholic Church (2506 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota, 34231) are in for a real treat the evening of Friday, January 19, 2018, beginning at 7 p.m. Maestro Hector Olivera, internationally acclaimed organist, will be making magical things happen on the church's Rodgers Organ. The celebration is centered around rededicating the organ in its recently remodeled space. The concert, open to the public, is free to all in attendance. Doors open at 6 p.m., and seating is 'first come, first served.' Mark your calendars for Friday, January 19, and be prepared to witness a musical genius in action as Maestro Olivera pulls out all the stops! Info 941-923-1691.

EPIPHANY CATHEDRAL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, January 16, 2018 from 6pm- 7:30 pm

Discover Epiphany Cathedral Catholic School and a tradition of providing exceptional education to generations of families in an innovative, inviting, and safe environment since 1959.

STREAM Dedicated Curriculum

Performing & Visual Arts Programs

Competitive Athletic Program

Safe & Secure Faith-Filled Family Environment

Financial Aid & Scholarship Opportunities

To RSVP for the open house or to set up your private tour, please call Joni Scott at 488-2215. Epiphany Cathedral School is located on the Island of Venice at 316 Sarasota Street. Visit the school online at www.ecstigers.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/EpiphanyTigers.

CORNERSTONE BIBLE STUDY

The Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study continues to be held each Monday beginning at 9:45am. Classes resume January 8 and continue thru April 18. By reading and discussing the Scriptures we are better able to understand God's love for us. For info call Rita at (941)412-8650 or go to thecornerstonescripturestudy.org.

CURSILLO VENICE AREA ULTREYA

Meets the first Tuesday evening of every month. We begin with a short School of Leaders talk at 6:30pm and follow with the regular Ultreya at 7:15pm. We are on an alternating schedule with St. Frances Cabrini parish in Parrish. The next meeting is on February 6. It will be held in the social hall of St. Frances Cabrini in Parrish, FL. To car pool or arrange a ride, please contact Weulcia Wilkins at 941-484-3076. We welcome back Cursillistas from all around the U S and look forward to seeing you all at the Ultreya. For more information please call Irene Bauer at 726-0368.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows





“PRAY WITH A multi-faceted novena that includes a new intention, brief reflection, bonus information, and suggested actions each day. Sign up now & participate Thursday, January 18 – Friday, January 26: 9daysforlife.com” -USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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>.

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.



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. For info, call Fonda at 239-719-7210 or project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org

ST. RAPHAEL ACTIVITY CORNER

Monday January 15 through January 21

Monday	Closed– MLK Day	
Tuesday	9:45AM	Cornerstone Bible
Wednesday		
Thursday	7:00PM	K of C Officers Mtg
Friday	9:30AM	CCW Craft Group
Saturday/Sunday		

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The annual Christmas Appeal will be held December 2017 & January 2018. The goal is to raise \$560,000. The Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal is the agency's largest fundraiser and critical to operating the social service organization. Your donation will benefit Catholic Charities programs and services available throughout Southwest Florida. Please visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org or mail a donation to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., 5824 Bee Ridge Road PMB 409, Sarasota, FL 34233-5065.

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>.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday Jan 15 through Sunday Jan 21

Mon	8:30AM	Intentions of Cassandra Ward Req. by Dorothy Seymour
Tues	8:30AM	Pat Consolmagno Req. by Prayer Shawl Group
Wed	8:30AM	Edward J. Wallace Req. by his wife Florence
Thur	8:30AM	Dennis J. Maher Req. by Mary Ellen Manning
Fri	8:30AM	Maryann Pelc Req. by Maria Pelc
Sat	8:30AM	Purgatorial Society
	4:00PM	Robert Daniels Req. by his son Nicholas
	5:30PM	People of the Parish
Sun	7:30AM	Paul Brown Req. by his wife Ellen
	9:00 AM	Bobb Hoyt Req. by his family
	11:00 AM	John Conway 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.