



# SAINT RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 28, 2018

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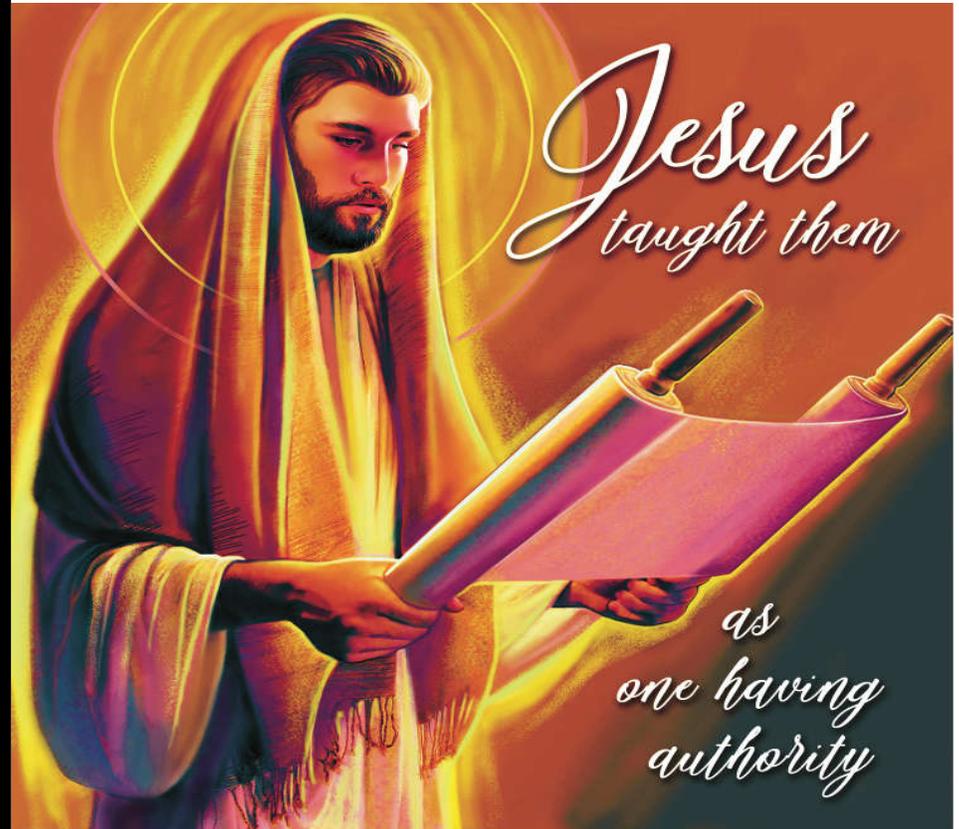
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## Masses

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.



# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

— *Psalm 95:6*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;  
Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13  
Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;  
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34  
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19,  
22-23; Mk 1:29-39

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

**Gospel** — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

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## TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This is the year of St. Paul, and so one of the most visited churches of Rome is also one of the most beautiful: the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Like so many other churches, it was founded by the master-builder (or financier) Emperor Constantine about the year 315. Paul was martyred outside the walls of the City of Rome at a place called Tre Fontaine, probably on June 29, in the year 65, perhaps the first anniversary of St. Peter's crucifixion. Christians buried him in a quiet place about two miles away, and visited to pray. Constantine was running low on bricks, apparently, because the first church was tiny. In 386 it was demolished and today's basilica begun. This vast and towering space looks much the same today as it did in the fourth century.

The centuries have not been kind to ancient Rome, but until the early 1800s St. Paul Outside the Walls survived beautifully, perhaps because it has been assigned for nearly a thousand years to Benedictine monks. It was therefore a vibrant place of daily prayer even through the centuries when Rome was a poor and nearly abandoned city. In 1823 a great fire resulted from a botched repair job to lead on the roof, and St. Paul's was destroyed. It is said that the whole world contributed to its restoration. Even the Russian czar and the viceroy of Egypt gave alabaster, malachite, and lapis lazuli for the pillars and the tabernacle. Several of the precious mosaics were able to be restored, bringing the ancient basilica back to life. One of the great treasures of the basilica is a set of prison chains, said to have been worn by the Apostle in the last days before his martyrdom. Unlike other Roman churches, St. Paul's stands in a garden-like suburban neighborhood, surrounded by stately palm trees, gardens, and parks. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday: St. John Bosco

Friday: The Presentation of the Lord;  
Groundhog Day; First Friday

Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday;  
Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary

## ST. RAPHAEL TREASURE CHEST

### Offertory

01/14 Loose: \$ 6640.85 Env.: \$ 6200.00 Total: \$ 12840.85

01/21 Loose: \$ 6494.05 Env.: \$ 5376.00 Total: \$ 11870.05

Solemnity of BVM \$ 1563.00 Church Latin Am. \$ 3124.15

### 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 %

## 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](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org) or call 941-355-4680, ext. 301.

## CURSILLO VENICE AREA ULTREYA

First Tuesday evening of every month. School of Leaders talk at 6:30pm with regular Ultreya at 7:15pm. The next meeting is on Feb. 6 at St. Frances Cabrini in Parrish. To arrange a ride, call Weulcia at 941-484-3076. We welcome back Cursillistas and look forward to seeing you all at the Ultreya. For more information call Irene Bauer at 726-0368.



## LEADERS

Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock. You find them . . . one at a time. —Anonymous

## 2018 WOMENS CONFERENCE

All women are invited to the DOV Women's Conference on Sat., Feb.3, 9am-3pm at Bishop Verot High School, Fort Myers. Registration on line \$20, students. \$5 Door \$30, \$10 for students. Speakers are Kimberly Hahn, Sonja Corbitt, & Rosario Rodriguez. Info at [dioceseofvenice.org/womens](http://dioceseofvenice.org/womens).

## 2018 MENS CONFERENCE

All men are invited to the 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](http://dioceseofvenice.org/mens).

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

RETREAT CENTER (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. Feb 14. 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.

**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.

## 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  
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 6:30PM  
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](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org) or call 941-485-6264 or email [ourmothershouse@ccdvl.org](mailto:ourmothershouse@ccdvl.org).



## FASHION SHOW

Thursday Feb. 8th at the Waverly Restaurant (former Gulf View Grill). Doors open at 11:30AM-luncheon begins at noon. Fashions by Ivy's on Dearborn. Tickets are \$25 per person. Tickets are available in the parish office or call Sue at 508-308-1380. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary K of C.

## 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

A Ladies Tea Party with a Sprinkle of Fashion will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2018, 12 Noon at the Boca Royale Country Club. The CCW will sponsor this event as a fundraiser for our church and local charities. Tickets will be \$25.00. For more information you can contact Ruby Heissenbittel, 941-473-2431, Susan Santowasso, 732-690-8241, or Sandy Soderstrom, 301-938-8629, co-chairs.

## 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.

**Important!!!** The Diocese of Venice has offered to hold two safe environment classes here at St. Raphael parish. These classes will take place on Thursday, February 1 from 6-8pm and again on Saturday, February 3 from 9:30AM-11:30AM. If you are currently in a group/club/ministry and have not taken the one-time required class as of yet-this is your opportunity to do so. Also, if you are considering participating in a group/club or ministry in the future please consider taking advantage of the opportunity to take the class here on site. You must call the parish office (474-9595) if you wish to attend.

## The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Then they came to Capernaum,  
and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught.  
The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them  
as one having authority and not as the scribes. Mk 1:21-22



**IF A FRIEND** confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn what to do and say in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": [www.bit.ly/friend-had-abortion](http://www.bit.ly/friend-had-abortion).  
—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"

**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](http://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](mailto:project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org)

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

For employment opportunities in the Diocese of Venice, go to [www.dioceseofvenice.org/employment](http://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>.

<b>ST. RAPHAEL ACTIVITY CORNER</b>		
<b>Monday January 29 through Sunday February 4</b>		
Monday	9:45AM	Cornerstone Bible
	1:00PM	Prayer Shawl
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	6:00PM	Safe Environment Training
Friday	9:30AM	CCW Craft Group
Saturday	9:30AM	Safe Environment Training
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](mailto:holdenbnd@gmail.com) or 239-463-3993.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday Jan 29 through Sunday Feb 4</b>		
Mon	8:30AM	Ruth & August DiSomma Req. by their daughter
Tues	8:30AM	Intentions of Kyle Cochran Req. by Dorothy Seymour
Wed	8:30AM	Helen & Stan Cician Req. by Ron & Wanda Cician
Thur	8:30AM	Jake Loeb Req. by his sister Irene Rieger
Fri	8:30AM	John & Eileen Stasko Req. by the family
Sat	8:30AM	Purgatorial Society
	4:00PM	Herb Dalton Req. by Susan & Rick Moretti
	5:30PM	People of the Parish
Sun	7:30AM	Richard Stanton Req. by Ron & Wanda Cician
	9:00 AM	Richard Pikul Req. by Bob & Geraldine Scott
	11:00 AM	Margaret Oraczewski Req. by Joe & Janice Fasciocco

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