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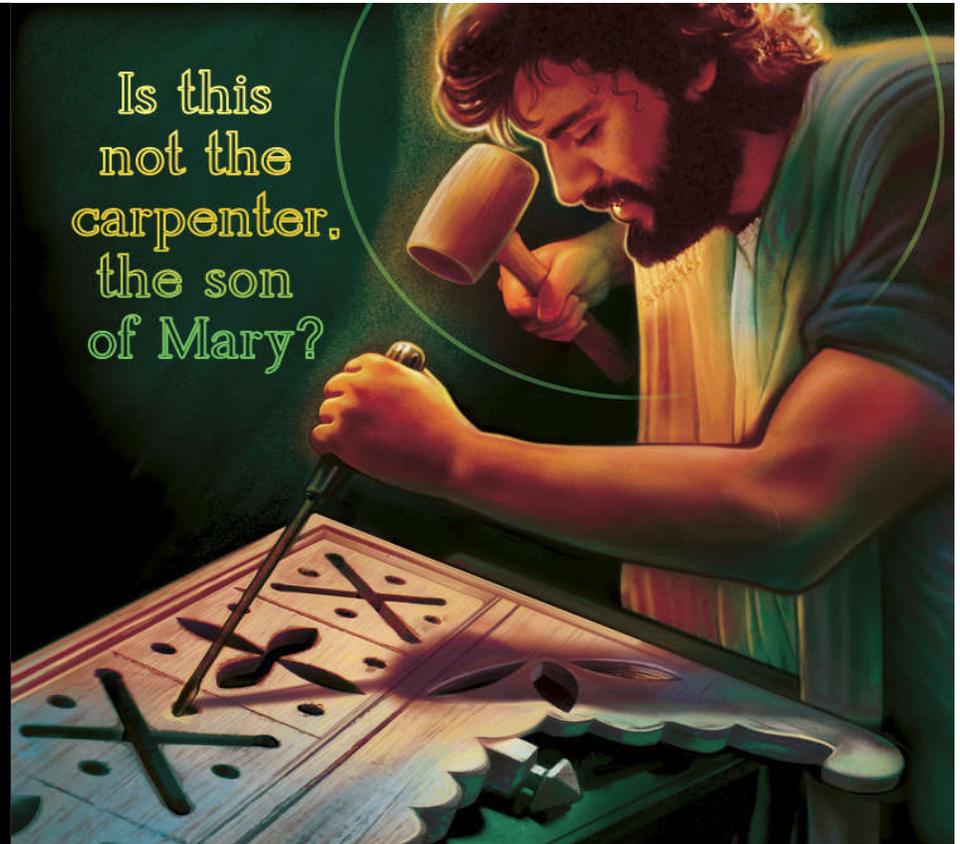
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Is this
not the
carpenter,
the son
of Mary?



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Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00PM
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 *Summer Hours*

8:30AM—12:30PM Monday thru Friday
Closed in the afternoon for the summer.

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

Please call the parish office 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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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8, 2018

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.

— 2 Corinthians 12:9

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9;
Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16;
Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17;
Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14;
Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

ST. RAPHAEL TREASURE CHEST

Weekly Offering



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Offertory 07/01/2018

Loose: \$

Env.: \$ Not available at time of print

Total: \$

Peter's Pence: Not available at time of print

2018 Catholic Faith Appeal 06/24/2018

GOAL: \$ 159,000 % OF GOAL: 62.86 %

PLEDGED: \$ 99,941.34 RECEIVED: \$ 89,900.84

% of HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING: 31.52 %

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

Psalm — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

Second Reading — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

Gospel — The people said: "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" (Mark 6:1-6).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
Wednesday: St. Benedict
Friday: St. Henry
Saturday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week's Treasure mentioned the "Nuns of the Battlefield," religious sisters from several communities who served as nurses in the Civil War. Florence Nightingale had only instituted female nurses a decade before in the Crimean War, so the idea of women tending to wounded soldiers was extraordinary. The medical and sanitary conditions on the battlefields were appalling, and the sisters were nearly all teachers. Few had any medical training beyond what they had learned as youngsters in the family. Anti-Catholic prejudice was so deeply entrenched in America that sisters could not wear their habits in public. These sisters were the first, and people on both the Union and Confederate sides soon began to marvel at their bravery, efficiency, and respect for Protestant soldiers. More than six hundred sisters from twenty-one communities went to war, serving in wretched conditions. They were tough and single-minded, efficient and fearless.

After the war, sisters could appear in public everywhere in the reunited nation, and often received the praise and gratitude of grateful soldiers and family members on behalf of their sister nurses. An outdoor monument to the "Nuns of the Battlefield" stands in Washington at M Street and Rhode Island Avenue. The inscription reads: "They comforted the dying, nursed the wounded, carried hope to the imprisoned, gave in His name a drink of water to the thirsty."

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

OBSTACLES

The prophet Ezekiel, Saint Paul, and the Lord Jesus share something in common in today's scripture readings. They all experience obstacles to their ministry. Ezekiel is summoned to prophesy to the Israelites, who are "[h]ard of face and obstinate of heart" (Ezekiel 2:4). Saint Paul recounts how he has been given a "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7). The Lord Jesus is unable to perform many signs in his native place. The Gospel tells us that "[he] was amazed at their lack of faith" (Mark 6:6). We too sometimes encounter obstacles as we travel along the journey of faith. So often we experience weakness on this journey. Let the words of the Lord to Saint Paul encourage us today: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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.

SHARE THE JOURNEY CONTINUES...

The Diocese of Venice continues to promote Share the Journey, a worldwide two-year initiative of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. This series is designed to answer questions focusing on Refugee Resettlement & serve as an aide to build bridges of reconciliation, understanding & hospitality, in keeping with the spirit of Share the Journey.

What Do Other Countries Do?

1. Historically, the U.S. has maintained a resettlement program and has welcomed three million refugees since 1975. While the U.S. has the largest resettlement program, 28 other nations also resettle refugees. During 2015-16, Germany has resettled 456,023 Syrian refugees. The U.S. has resettled 18,007 Syrian refugees. Sources: UNHCR, Migration Policy Institute, The U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement

2. The lion share of refugees are either internally displaced in war-torn countries or seek safety in host countries. Lebanon, for example, currently hosts over one million refugees fleeing the Syrian conflict, which amounts to about 1 refugee for every 5 people in Lebanon. Source: Amnesty International

3. Refugee crisis is a global crisis. In addition to providing aid and resettlement, U.S. involvement is key to facilitating the stability of the regions where these crises are occurring.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Experienced fathers who are willing to coach rookie dads in how to take care of their family and be great fathers are needed at Pregnancy Solutions Inc.. Offices in Venice, North Port & Port Charlotte. For details, contact Pregnancy Solutions Executive Director Callie Cowan at 941-408-7100.

PRAYER FOR SAFETY DURING HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world,
hear the humble voices of your children.

The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order
and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea.

We live in the shadow of a danger
over which we have no control:

the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant,
can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep
its conventional boundaries, invade our land,
and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You,
O loving Father.

Spare us from past tragedies whose memories
are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse
to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother,
we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf,
so that spared from the calamities common to this area
and animated with a true spirit of gratitude,

we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son
to reach the heavenly Jerusalem,
where a stormless eternity awaits us.

Amen.

BE A WITNESS FOR LIFE

For many years, volunteers from Catholic Churches in Charlotte County have been praying at the abortion clinic on Olean Blvd. in Port Charlotte. Prayers have been directed at the woman considering abortion, that she will have a change of heart and let the new life continue on his/her journey to birth. Prayers are also offered for the conversion of the abortionist and his staff, that they also will have a change of heart and close shop. The abortionist recently closed his North Fort Myers office, but unfortunately has increased his Port Charlotte office hours and the number of women coming there. Additional volunteers are needed to cover the extra hours so that a small group is always seen praying outside the center when it is open. Shifts are 1-2 hours long on Tuesday & Wednesday, 2-4PM and Thursday & Friday, 9-11AM. Please call the Volunteer Coordinator Dennis at 941-380-0025 to schedule a time. You can make a difference!

“**[RELIGIOUS] FREEDOM** remains one of America's most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it.”—Pope Francis, “Address on the South Lawn of the White House,” September 23, 2015. © 2015 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

WORDS

Fair words butter no parsnips. —John Clarke

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord God:
And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house—
they shall know that a prophet has been among them. Ez 2:4-5

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 5:00PM

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.

FEAST OF FAITH



The Sign of the Cross

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say “in the *names*,” but “in the *name* of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our *yes* to all this, our first profession of faith. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PHILOSOPHY COURSE

For Physicians, Allied Health Workers

The Catholic Medical Association of Southwest Florida invites all physicians and Allied Health Workers to a three-part course to backfill knowledge of the philosophic traditions of the Catholic Faith to gain a better understanding of our bio-ethical teachings. Held at 6pm on Saturdays, July 14, July 28 & August 11, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Fort Myers, the presentation will be by Timothy Kearns, Adjunct Professor of Philosophy from the University of Connecticut and Diocese of Venice Institute for Catholic Studies and Formation. Space is limited. Cost: \$125 for all three sessions or \$50 each. Register at <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=hcncm>, or contact Dr. Steve Hannan at 239-849-6908 or shannan0@comcast.net.

GRILLING WITH GRACE

Looking for something entertaining and spiritual to do this summer? The Office of Evangelization is hosting a summer series entitled Grilling with Grace! Each Tuesday in July, the group will meet at 6p.m. in the chapel at Incarnation Parish, Sarasota, for a Holy Hour followed by a barbeque and talk and concluding with more fellowship! The final Grilling with Grace will take place on Siesta Key Beach at the pavilion with Bishop Frank J. Dewane as the speaker! \$5 suggested donation for food. For more information visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/daily-resources/calendar/>.

ONLY HALFWAY

You can only go halfway into the darkest forest; then you are coming out the other side. —Chinese proverb



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

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

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

Epiphany Cathedral Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Parishioners from all parishes are invited to participate. To schedule a Holy Hour call Jenny 441-7495

A PRAYER FOR TRUST

O Christ Jesus,
when all is darkness
and we feel our weakness and helplessness,
give us the sense of Your presence,
Your love, and Your strength.
Help us to have perfect trust in
Your protecting love and strengthening power,
so that nothing may frighten or worry us,
for, living close to You,
we shall see Your hand,
Your purpose,
Your will through all things.
Amen.



“GRACIOUS FATHER I thank you for the mercy you have shown in forgiving my sins and for the peace that comes from being reconciled with you and with your Church.”

“Trust in God’s Mercy” USCCB Prayer Card (Post-Abortion Healing)*

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 wish to celebrate their wedding anniversary are invited to participate in the renewal of wedding vows at the 11AM Mass on the last Sunday of their anniversary month. Please call the parish office to register.

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>.

CREATE A CATHOLIC LEGACY

Support Seminarian Education! A gift to the Timothy Endowment Fund will help to train our future priests. For info call the Catholic Community Foundation at 441-1124.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Consider creating an endowment fund with the Catholic Community Foundation. Funds invest your original donation and using the earnings to support the Catholic organization of your choice. For info. call 941-441-1124.

ABORTION RECOVERY

Do you often think about an abortion you had years ago? There is someone there to listen. Call Sylvia at 941-412-5860 or email projectrachel@dioceseofvenice.org. All calls are confidential. See www.dioceseofvenice.org for more information about Project Rachel.

ST. RAPHAEL ACTIVITY CORNER

Monday July 9 through Sunday July 15

Mon.	1:00PM	Prayer Shawl Group
Tues.		
Wed.		
Thur.		
Fri.	9:30AM	CCW Craft Group
Sat.		
Sun.		

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

The Institute for Catholic Studies. Classes are eight weeks and presented to your computer or smart device. Cost \$200. For details, visit www.Institute-dov.org, 941-766-7334.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

PRISON MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

No previous experience required; newcomers are paired with experienced volunteers. Contact Robert 863-558-0407.

WORKSHOP TEACHERS REQUESTED

Looking for married couples who are willing to teach a one-day workshop up to three times per year. Training provided. Stipend paid. Contact Kim at elsmore@dioceseofvenice.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday July 9 through Sunday July 15

Mon	8:30AM	Cheryl Lynn Brown Req. by Maria Higgins
Tues	8:30AM	John & Eileen Stasko Req. by the family
Wed	8:30AM	Joe Consolmagno Req. by the Prayer Shawl Group
Thur	8:30AM	Carol Carey Req. by Mary Ellen Bradley & Mary Convey
Fri	8:30AM	Intentions of Susan S. Westcott Req. by Dorothy Seymour
Sat	8:30PM	Purgatorial Society
	4:00PM	Fern & Paul Downing Req. by Richard Downing
Sun	7:30AM	Lynn Morongell Req. by Paul & Lorraine Hiznay
	9:00 AM	Thomas Heilman Req. by Dan & Patricia Heilman
	11:00 AM	Kathryn Davia Req. by Mary Kay & Richard Buehler

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