



SAINT RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

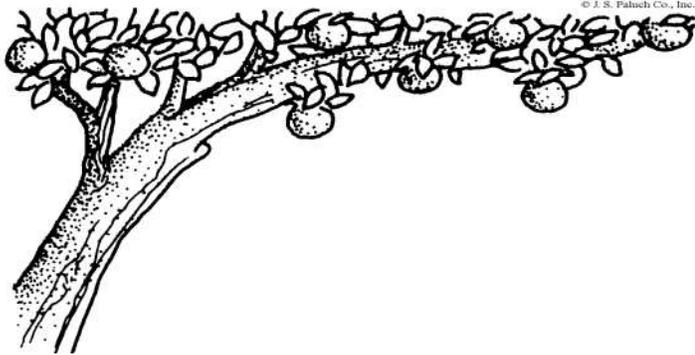
Couples who are registered parishioners must see a priest or deacon AT LEAST six months before anticipated wedding date. Do not rent a hall for a reception before your wedding is placed in the Parish Calendar.

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.



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 17, 2018

They that are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

—Psalm 92:14

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48
 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15
 Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18;
 Mt 6:19-23
 Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34
 Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17;
 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17; Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the acts of giving from our abundance and attending to the needs of the poor open us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

ST. RAPHAEL TREASURE CHEST

Weekly Offering



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Offertory 06/10/2018

Loose: \$ 2350.10

Env.: \$ 4204.00

Total: \$ 6554.10

Carmelite Seminary Collection: \$2328.22

2018 Catholic Faith Appeal 06/03/2018

GOAL: \$ 159,000 % OF GOAL: 62.74 %

PLEDGED: \$ 99,756.34 RECEIVED: \$ 83,276.34

% of HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING: 28.42 %

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

Gospel — It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34)

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Father's Day

Tuesday: St. Romuald

Thursday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga; Summer begins

Friday: St. Paulinus of Nola;

Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

THE MASTER STORYTELLER



In today's Gospel, Jesus is presented to us as the master storyteller. He loved to use parables as a tool for comparing one thing to something else. In most of his parables, Jesus revealed who God is by comparing God's essence or actions with something familiar to his listeners. In the parable of the mustard seed,

Jesus proclaims a marvelous and irrefutable truth. His small band of disciples, as insignificant as they may have felt, would one day produce a mighty kingdom whose growth was initiated by God. The seeds of this kingdom were planted by God and it is God who will harvest the fruit brought forth from those seeds. The extent of the growth of God's kingdom cannot be predicted. We must trust the work of the Master's hand as we, the mustard plant, grow and grow. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

FATHER

Father! To God himself we cannot give a holier name.

—William Wordsworth



SUMMER

One swallow maketh not summer.

—John Heywood

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 more specifically on Refugee Resettlement & serve as an aide to build bridges of reconciliation, understanding & hospitality, in keeping with the spirit of Share the Journey. Are refugees a security risk?

1. The most difficult way to enter the United States legally is as a refugee. No other category of traveler to the United States undergoes such a rigorous and detailed screening process. Source: White House
2. The screening process typically takes 18-24 months and involves numerous federal intelligence and security agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of State, the Department of Defense, the National Counterterrorism Center, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Source: The U.S. Department of State
3. Fewer than 1% of all refugees are even considered for resettlement. Refugees undergo biographic and fingerprint security checks to confirm their identity. They are also extensively interviewed by specially trained officers from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

MARRIAGE RALLY

"The One Man - One Woman: Marriage Rally" in defense of keeping marriage as God intended, from 10am. to noon, Wednesday, June 20, at the intersection of U.S. 41 and Olean Boulevard in Port Charlotte. For more information please contact Linda de la Cruz at ldelacruz@yahoo.com.

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.

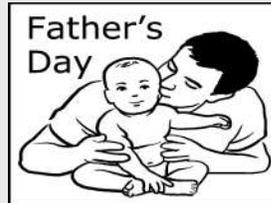
During this hurricane season we turn to You,
O loving Father.

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.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY A PRAYER FOR FATHERS

God our Father,
We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.
We pray for young fathers,
newly embracing their vocation;
May they find courage and perseverance to balance work,
family and faith in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for our own Fathers around the world
whose children are lost or suffering;
May they know that the God of compassion
walks with them in their sorrow.
We pray for men who are not fathers
but still mentor and guide us with
fatherly love and advice.
We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers
who are no longer with us
but who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love. Amen.

*Wishing you a day filled with the
Lord's blessings!*

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Thus says the Lord God: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar,
from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it
on a high and lofty mountain; Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it,
every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. Ez 17:22,23

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



Gathering

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other excited crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart.

The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name," he told his disciples, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus' invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes,

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MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

For Homebound Catholics who view the Sunday Mass on FOX4, on Sundays, **June 17 and June 24**, the Mass will air at 6:30 a.m. rather than its usual time at 10:30 a.m. due to two sporting events. The Mass will return to its normal time Sunday, July 1. The Mass is also available on the Diocese of Venice website, www.dioceseofvenice.org/tvmass. Please note the decision to air sporting events in lieu of the Mass at its regular time is the decision of the television network and not the desire of the Diocese of Venice.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WEEK

Calling all to pray and act in support of Religious Liberty during Religious Freedom Week June 22-29. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-actions/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week/index.cfm>

Religious Freedom 14 Day Film Festival - Create a short video on Religious Freedom. Individuals/teams will write, shoot, edit & upload the video to the Communications Director at the DOV. Top prizes will be awarded. For info. visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/2018-religiousfreedomcontest/>.

FREE! Religious Freedom Movie Night and Film Festival Tues., June 26 at Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School, in Sarasota 6:30-8:00pm. Light refreshments. Registration required. For info/registration, contact Gail at 941-484-9543 or ardy@dioceseofvenice.org.

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

Scholarship Recipient

The Knights of Columbus Council at St. Raphael Church has awarded Kaley Kleiss-Hoefl a \$1000 scholarship for education. This scholarship is given to an active, participating member of the parish in their senior year of high school who is planning to attend an accredited college. Applicants must meet the requirements of the council's scholarship program. Kaley will be attending the University of Tampa in the fall. Congratulations Kaley!

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

HUMANAE VITAE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Join the Diocese of Venice in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Encyclical *Humanae Vitae* written by Pope Paul VI in 1968. Find out how this Encyclical asserted a vital truth; how it ensured the Church would never be at peace with the sexual revolution; and how it predicted with such foresight the breakdown in relations between the sexes. This document holds firmly to what was spoken through *Casti Connubii* by Pope Pius XI in 1930; through the seventeenth-century Catechism of the Council of Trent; the medieval theologians and the Church Fathers. Join in a discussion of how to promote the teachings of the Church and uphold the dignity and sanctity of life. Held at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice from 6:30-8:30pm every Friday for 5 weeks starting June 15th, with dinner at 6pm. Babysitting provided. Register at www.dioceseofvenice.org/calendar. Cost for the study book is \$25 per couple/individual. Space is limited.



“IF A FRIEND told you she was pregnant and considering abortion, would you know what to do? Learn concrete tips for loving her in a way that is life-affirming for both her and her child. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “What to Do When a Friend Is Considering Abortion” www.usccb.org/l-o-v-e

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 June 18 through Sunday June 24

Mon.	1:00PM	Prayer Shawl Group
Tues.		
Wed.		
Thur.	7:00PM	K of C Officers Mtg
Fri.	9:30AM	CCW Craft Group
Sat./Sun.		

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

The Institute for Catholic Studies Each class is eight weeks and is presented to your computer or smart device. Cost \$200 and utilizes user-friendly reading materials. Opportunities for live questions and interactions. 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 needed! No previous experience required; newcomers are paired with experienced volunteers. Contact Robert Hiniker: 863-558-0407, hinbob5@hotmail.com.

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 for information.

EPIPHANY SCHOOL DRAWING

May winner Peggy & Lew Ottavani of Venice -ticket # 575.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday June 18 through Sunday June 24

Mon	8:30AM	People of the Parish
Tues	8:30AM	Stella Jadlowiec Req. by Jim & Mary Kat Sundahl
Wed	8:30AM	Jack Coakley Req. by the family
Thur	8:30AM	Special Intention Req. by Dorothy Seymour
Fri	8:30AM	Robert B. Seymour Req. by Dorothy Seymour
Sat	8:30PM 4:00PM	Purgatorial Society Intentions of Roberta Osborn Req. by Madeline Sienkiewicz
Sun	7:30AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	People of the Parish Thomas Heilman Req. by Dan & Patricia Heilman Elizabeth Ventimiglia Req. by her husband

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