



SAINT RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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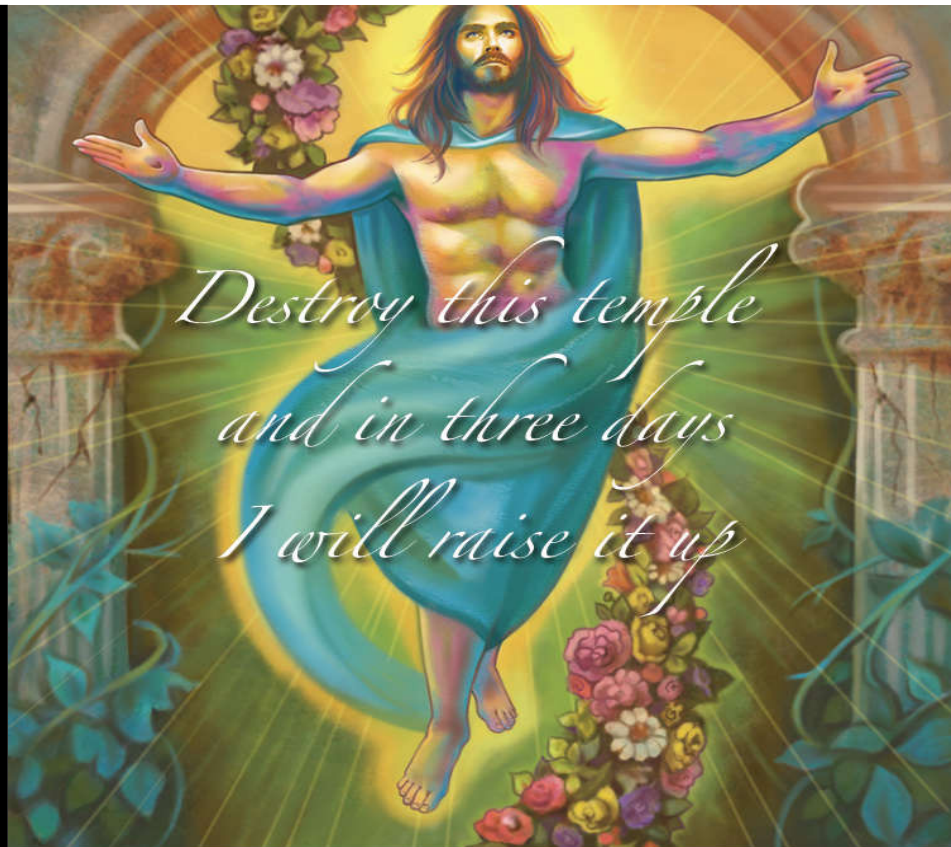
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Masses

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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Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

I, the LORD, am your God . . .
You shall not have other gods besides me.

— Exodus 20:2a, 3

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;
 Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
 Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;
 Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6;
 Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If your parish is reading from Year B of the Lectionary today, and not Year A, as is normally done when there are elect present for the scrutinies and preparing for Easter baptism, you hear about Jesus driving the money-changers from the temple. If you wished to get as close as possible to this site today, you would in fact be at a Muslim shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built on the ruins of Herod's temple. Archeologists believe that this striking, gold-domed crown of a shrine is set precisely where the Holy of Holies once was. Jews believe that the rock is the exact spot where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac. It is not a mosque, as some think, but a shrine, the oldest one in the Muslim world. For them, the rock is the place from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended on a visit to heaven. The Crusaders mistook the shrine for the actual Temple of Solomon, and the infamous Knights Templar used it as their headquarters and model for their churches elsewhere. The geometric perfection of the shrine is a mathematician's dream. The inscriptions are not exactly hospitable though, since they encourage Christians to "depart from error" and declare that "Jesus son of Mary was only a messenger of God." In ancient times, those who prayed here after walking around the rock were given a certificate entitling the bearer to admission to paradise. The ticket had to be buried with them.

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

ST. RAPHAEL TREASURE CHEST

Offertory 02/18/2018	Offertory 02/25/2018
Loose: \$ 6889.40	Loose \$ 7539.15
Env.: \$ 6106.00	Env.: \$ 5927.00
Total: \$ 12995.40	Total: \$ 13466.15

Church in Central/Eastern Europe: \$ 4570.30
 Black & Indian Missions: \$ 3370.56

2018 Catholic Faith Appeal

GOAL: \$ 159,000	% OF GOAL:
PLEGGED:	RECEIVED:
% of HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING:	

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God gives the law through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — Many began to believe in Jesus' name when they saw the signs he was doing (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
 Wednesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
 Thursday: St. John of God
 Friday: St. Frances of Rome; Abstinence

THE SURLY BIRD

Some doctors say that cheerful people resist disease better than grumpy ones. The surly bird catches the germ. Anonymous

KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments. The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nit-picking. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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 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.

CURSILLO – VENICE AREA ULTREYA

First Tuesday evening of every month. School of Leaders talk at 6:30pm and regular Ultreya at 7:15pm. Next meeting March 6 at Epiphany in the Soy Bldg. Room 109 .. For info. call Weulcia at 941-484-3076 or Irene at 941-726-0368.

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.

MARY FRAN CARROLL Scholarship

The Catholic Community Foundation is proud to offer a total of ten \$3,000 Mary Fran Carroll Scholarships to residents of Sarasota County, Florida for tuition, books and fees at an accredited college, university or vocational program (housing and living expenses not eligible). **Traditional Scholarship:** Seven academic scholarships of \$3,000 each will be available. Open to graduating seniors and recent high school graduates (within the last 2 years) from Catholic, private or public high schools in Sarasota County who wish to pursue an undergraduate degree in any accredited college or university. **Non-traditional Scholarship:** Three academic scholarships of \$3,000 each will be available. Open to adult learners who are returning to school to obtain a college degree or vocational certification after being out of high school for three or more years Apply: www.cfdioceseofvenice.org. Deadline: All applications and supporting documents must be submitted electronically by April 6, 2018 at 5pm Renewable up to a total of five academic years for students maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 (unweighted) scale.

SCRIPTURE CONFERENCE

Our Lady of Lourdes (Venice) 10AM-3PM on Friday, March 16. Speaker is Dr. John Bergsma, professor of Biblical Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville, Topics include: Confession as Spiritual Warfare, the Cross and Jesus the Bridegroom, and the Universal Call to Holiness. Cost: \$15 Go to <http://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/evangelization/conferences/scripture-conference/>.



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.

EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT

Easter Triduum Retreat, Thursday, March 29 to Sunday April 1, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice. Begins with supper on Holy Thursday and ends with breakfast on Easter Sunday. Cost includes accommodations and meals. The Liturgies of the Lord's supper, Way of the Cross, celebration of the Lord's Passion, Easter Vigil and Sunrise Liturgy will be celebrated. To register go to <https://olph-retreat-org.sites.ecatholic.com/triduum-retreat>.

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.



“O GOD OUR CREATOR... give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.” USCCB, “Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty” www.bit.ly/ReligiousLibertyPrayer

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

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

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

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

Grand opening on Sunday, April 8th. The Epiphany Cathedral Perpetual Adoration Chapel will seat approximately 20 adorers. Parishioners from all parishes are invited to participate. To schedule a Holy Hour call 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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

FORGIVENESS

If a bad person wrongs you, forgive the person, lest there be two bad people. —Anonymous

ST. RAPHAEL ACTIVITY CORNER

Monday Mar. 5 through Sunday Mar. 11

Monday	9:30AM	Cornerstone Bible Study
	1:00PM	Prayer Shawl Group
Tuesday		
Wednesday	5:00PM	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
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>.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday Mar. 5 through Sunday Mar. 11

Mon	8:30AM	Richard Stanton Req. by Sandy DiSomma
Tues	8:30AM	Richard Stanton Req. by the Prayer Group
Wed	8:30AM	Deceased members of the Sujdak family Req. by Rose Sujdak
Thur	8:30AM	Frances Beale Req. by her sister Irene Rieger
Fri	8:30AM	Aldona Stanton Req. by Bob & Diane Stanton
Sat	8:30AM	Purgatorial Society
	4:00PM	Carol Marschall Req. by Irene Ferguson
	5:30PM	People of the Parish
Sun	7:30AM	Paul Zorawski Req. by the family
	9:00 AM	Deceased members of the Bassi Family Req. by Connie & Nino
	11:00 AM	Vincent L. Portera Req. by his wife

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