



SAINT RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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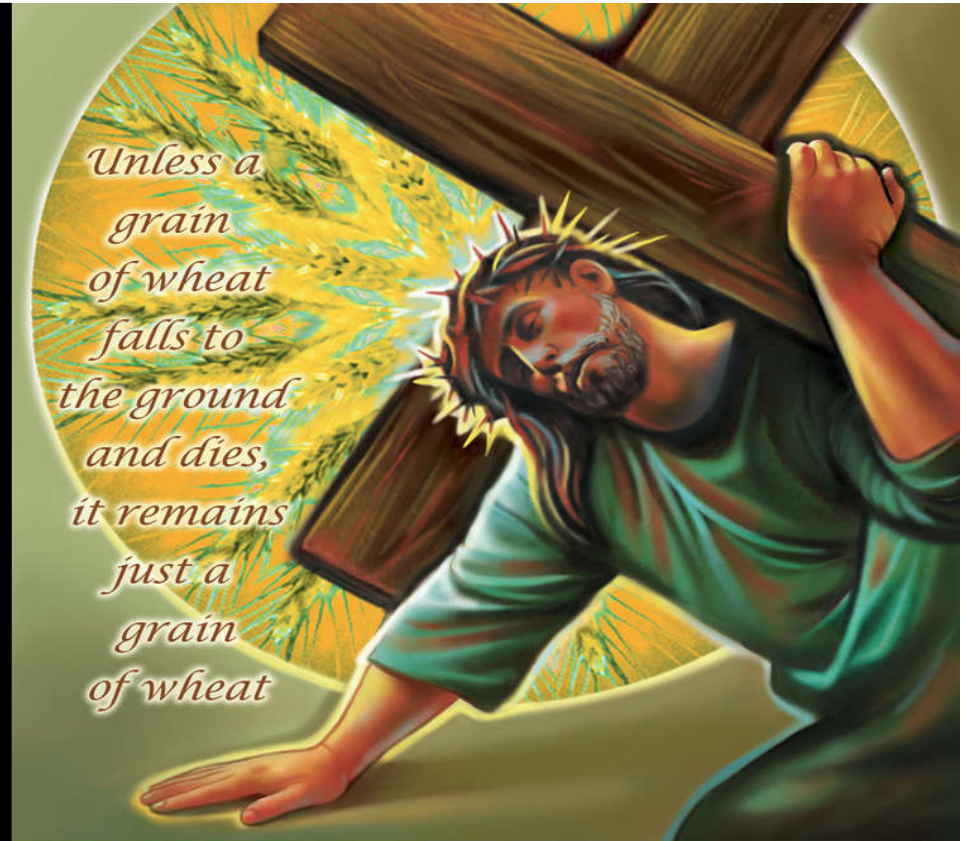
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Masses

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

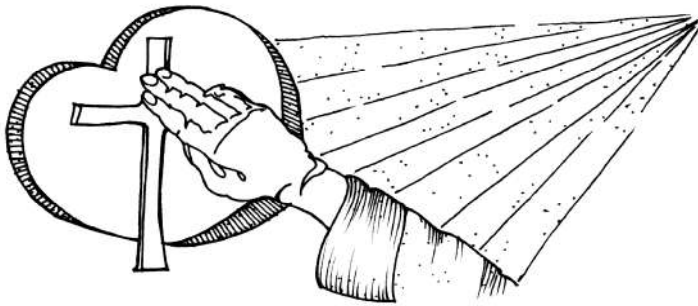
Couples who are registered parishioners must see a priest or deacon AT LEAST six months before anticipated wedding date. Do not rent a hall for a reception before your wedding is placed in the Parish Calendar.

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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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

I will place my law within them and write it
upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

— *Jeremiah 31:33*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;
Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession)
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means “olive press,” and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can’t be eaten off the trees, they need to be cured—knocked from the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a “gethsemane,” and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before his death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says his own blood perspired from him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.

Today, the Mount of Olives is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Basilica of the Agony. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called *Dominus Flevit*, or “The Cry of the Lord,” built in a teardrop shape in the mid-1950s. For centuries, the Franciscan order has had the care of the shrines of the Holy Land, and our Good Friday collection helps sustain these precious sites.

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

ST. RAPHAEL TREASURE CHEST

Weekly Offering Offertory 03/11/2018



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Loose: \$ 6021.85
Env.: \$ 5589.32
Total: \$ 11611.17

Catholic Relief Services:

2018 Catholic Faith Appeal

GOAL: \$ 159,000 % OF GOAL: 17.44 %
PLEDGED: \$ 71,894.79 RECEIVED: \$35,306.29
% of HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING: 17.44

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (*Jeremiah 31:31-34*) or *Ezekiel 37:12-14*.

Psalms — Create a clean heart in me, O God (*Psalms 51*) or *Psalms 130*.

Second Reading — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (*Hebrews 5:7-9*) or *Romans 8:8-11*.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (*John 12:20-33*) or *John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]*.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: Spring begins
Friday: Abstinence; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

BE AWARE

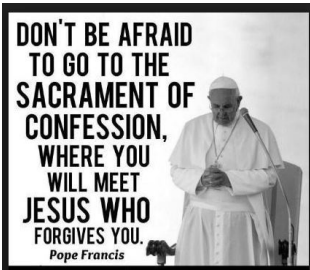
We need to be aware that happiness can sometimes sneak in through the door we didn't know we had left open.

—Anonymous

SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ. Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

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LENTEN CONFESSIONS

This Lent the Diocese of Venice will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation available at the same time at **ALL PARISHES** to allow the faithful ample opportunity to receive God's Mercy.

The Sacrament of Confession will be available from **4-8PM on Friday, March 23** and from **9am-12noon on Saturday, March 24**. The precept of confessing grave sins and receiving Holy Communion at least once during the Lenten Season merits a reminder to the faithful to take advantage of this opportunity. In addition St. Raphael Church will have the regular weekend confession times (Saturday mornings 9-9:30am and Saturday afternoon 2:30-3pm). Please note there is no confession schedule on Saturday, March 31.

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass, which takes place during Holy Week will be held at 10:30am Tues., March 27 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice. During this Mass, the faithful of the Diocese join the Priests, Deacons and Bishop Frank J. Dewane for the blessing of the Holy Oils which are used in the administration of the Sacraments throughout the year. All are encouraged to participate in this important Holy Week celebration. *Please note: The parish office will be closed for the morning to allow the staff to attend this Mass.*

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.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

At the request of the Diocese of Venice St. Raphael Church is participating in Operation Rice Bowl as a means of almsgiving during the Lenten Season. You will find materials on tables by the doors. These "bowls" are to be taken home, assembled and used for your donations. They will be collected at Easter. Donations will go to the diocese for Catholic Relief Services. CRS carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable.

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>.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
will take place
every Friday morning
during the Lenten Season
following the 8:30am Mass.



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.

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.

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.

THE LASTING IMPACT OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Would you like to make a significant difference in the lives of others for years to come? Are you interested in making sure your parish, school or favorite ministry continue well beyond your lifetime? Consider creating an endowment fund with the Catholic Community Foundation. Endowment funds help provide long-term stability and sustainability by investing your original donation and using the earnings to support the Catholic organization of your choice. If you would like more information about endowment funds, please contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 941-441-1124.

CREATE A CATOLIC LEGACY

Support Seminarian Education! - You already know the joy that comes from sharing with the less fortunate. Think about the joy that will be yours when you know you have created a Catholic legacy that will provide priests to the diocese forever. This year, we have a record number of new seminarians and we need your help to support them in their discernment of the call to priesthood. A gift to the Timothy Endowment Fund will help provide income to train our future priests for years to come. If you would like more information about the "Timothy Fund", please contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 941-441-1124.

WORKSHOP TEACHERS REQUESTED

The Office of Marriage and Family is looking for married couples who are excited about the Catholic Faith and willing to teach a one-day workshop up to three times per year. Training will be provided on the basics of Theology of the Body and the teachings of the Catholic Church on Marriage. A stipend is paid to those couples who assist with this important service. Interested couples should contact Kim Elsmore at elsmore@dioceseofvenice.org for more information.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

The Diocese of Venice is hosting a practitioner training for the Creighton Model Fertility Care from June 1 to 8. Anyone interested in the training, please contact Kim at elsmore@dioceseofvenice.org for more information.

MASS FOR VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE

April is Child Abuse Awareness Prevention Month, and in conjunction with the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the Diocese of Venice will hold a Mass for Victims of Child Abuse on Thursday, April 5 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, at 8:30am. All are encouraged to attend.

MARY FRAN CARROLL Scholarship

The Catholic Community Foundation is offering ten \$3,000 Mary Fran Carroll Scholarships to residents of Sarasota County 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 are 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 are 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.ccfdioceseofvenice.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.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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“WHEN GOD CREATED each of us, He did so with precision and purpose... let us treat each person as the masterpiece that he or she is.”USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Flyer: “Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God’s Creation”

www.bit.ly/GodsMasterpieces

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

EPIPHANY SUMMER STREAM CAMP

June 4-July27. Grades Pre-k thru 5. Full or half days. For info contact Nicole at (941)488-2215.

REPENTANCE

God has promised pardon to one who repents, but has not promised repentance to one who sins. —St. Anselm

ST. RAPHAEL ACTIVITY CORNER

Monday Mar. 19 through Sunday Mar. 25

Monday 9:30AM Cornerstone Bible Study

1:00PM Prayer Shawl Group

Tuesday

Wednesday

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. 19 through Sunday Mar. 25

Mon 8:30AM Giovanna Roy
Req. by her son Nicholas

Tues 8:30AM Kelly Traxler
Req. by the family

Wed 8:30AM Eileen & John Stasko
Req. by the family

Thur 8:30AM Robert B. Seymour
Req. by Dorothy Seymour

Fri 8:30AM Ted Perich
Req. by Len & Olga Ferraguzzi

Sat 8:30AM Purgatorial Society
4:00PM Kenneth Tomblin
Req. by MaryEllen Bradley & Mary Conv

5:30PM People of the Parish

Sun 7:30AM Brian Laskowski
Req. by his parents

9:00 AM Margaret Saull
Req. by her daughter Diane & family

11:00 AM James Patrick Phipps
Req. by Cornerstone Bible Study Group

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