



# SAINT RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 13, 2018

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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

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

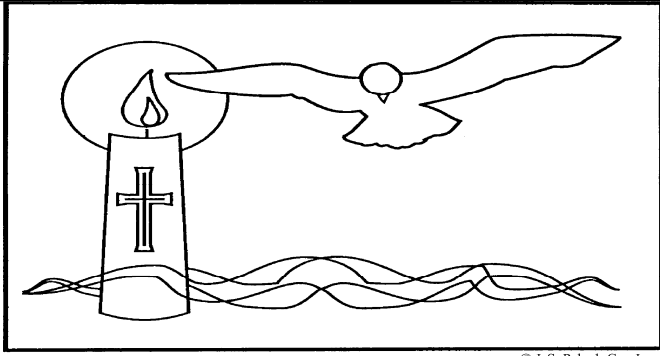
Couples who are registered parishioners must see a priest or deacon AT LEAST six months before anticipated wedding date. Do not rent a hall for a reception before your wedding is placed in the Parish Calendar.

## 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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# The Ascension of the Lord

May 13, 2018

Whoever believes and is baptized  
will be saved.

— Mark 16:16

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17  
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a  
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;  
 Jn 17:11b-19  
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;  
 Jn 17:20-26  
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;  
 Jn 21:15-19  
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4,5,7; Jn 21:20-25  
 Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or  
 Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,  
 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39  
 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;  
 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25;  
 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

## ST. RAPHAEL TREASURE CHEST

**Weekly Offering** Offertory 05/06/2018  
 Loose: \$ 4419.85  
 Env.: \$ 7192.47  
 Total: \$ 11612.32

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## 2018 Catholic Faith Appeal 04/29/2018

GOAL: \$ 159,000 % OF GOAL: 61.14 %  
 PLEDGED: \$ 97,206.34 RECEIVED: \$ 73,846.84  
 % of HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING: 27.64 %

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

**Psalm** — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

**Second Reading** — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or *Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

**Gospel** — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven. (Mark 16:15-20).

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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; Mother's Day;  
 World Communications Day  
 Monday: St. Matthias  
 Tuesday: St. Isidore the Farmer  
 Thursday: Julian Calendar Ascension  
 Friday: St. John I  
 Saturday: Armed Forces Day; Vigil of Pentecost;  
 Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In Ireland and the United Kingdom, Mother's Day is over. "Mothering Sunday" was on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Long ago, people were freed from work to travel on this day to the parish where they were baptized, their "Mother Church." Often, people were reunited with their mothers on this day. Employers would release their workers and servants for this visit. The American celebration, while based on this custom, really has to do with an anti-war movement of mothers in Civil War times. They crusaded for better sanitary conditions for their sons. When President Wilson instituted the first Mother's Day in 1912, it was a day to fly the flag in honor of mothers whose children had died in battle. Knowing the tradition is a good balance to our celebration today. We can enfold in prayer the mothers who have suffered the loss of their children in war.

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

## MISSION STATEMENT

Today we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven and his commissioning of the disciples to carry on his mission in the world. First we hear Luke's description of those events in the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles. Next we hear words of encouragement and guidance from the Letter to the Ephesians. Finally we hear Mark's account of the Ascension, foretelling the mighty words and acts the Christian community would do in Jesus' name.

Together these scriptures give us a vision of the mission of the church of Jesus Christ—a mission statement of sorts. Like mission statements in our parishes and corporations, this mission statement can help us set priorities and focus our activities. It can guide and support us as we strive to continue Christ's messianic mission on earth.

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**They went forth and preached everywhere**

## MOTHER

Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children. —William Makepeace Thackeray

## DEEP DEBT

All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.  
 —Attributed to Abraham Lincoln

## WORRIES

The greatest of worries can't pay the smallest of debts.  
 —Anonymous



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### A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise  
for mothers young and old.  
We pray for young mothers, who give life and count  
toes and tend to our every need;  
May they be blessed with patience and tenderness  
to care for their families  
and themselves with great joy.  
We pray for our own mothers  
who have nurtured and cared for us;  
May they continue to guide  
in strong and gentle ways.  
We remember mothers who are separated  
from their children  
because of war, poverty or conflict;  
May they feel the loving embrace of our God who  
wipes every tear away.  
We pray for women who are not mothers but  
still love and shape us with  
motherly care and compassion.  
We remember mothers, grandmothers and great  
grandmothers who are no longer with us  
but who live forever in our memory  
and nourish us with their love.  
Amen.



*Wishing you a  
Happy Mother's Day  
filled with the Lord's blessings!*



## DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

May 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
His Holiness has encouraged us, "to engage in constructive forms of communication that fosters a culture of encounter." The main goal of the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) is to provide funding so that different forms of communication can do precisely that. The CCC helps enable communication in areas unable to receive the Gospel. Live streaming of events empowers Catholic News Service with teams of reporters, editors, photographers, and videographers, ensuring coverage of events has a global reach. With support of the CCC, a radio station in the Democratic Republic of Congo has been established to share the Gospel with those living in the North Kivu province, on the far eastern border of the country. This radio station will provide people with quality, faith-filled programming to encourage spiritual growth and evangelization. Through your generosity this project, and others like it, can spread the Gospel around the world.

The CCC Collection will take place in the Diocese of Venice the weekend of May 12, and 13, 2018. Generous support on your part of this collection, helps others encounter Christ each and every day. Your gifts will not only support projects on a national and international scale but also here in our own Diocese. Of the funds we collect, one-half will remain here in the Diocese to assist our evangelization efforts through local communications projects.

I take this opportunity to assure you and your families of my continued consideration as well as my prayers. Thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane  
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida



### PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

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

#### Epiphany Cathedral Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Parishioners from all parishes are invited to participate. To schedule a Holy Hour call Jenny 441-7495. Currently there are 244 hours confirmed and 93 yet hours to fill. Consider signing up. Available times are listed below.

Day	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time
Monday	2:00a	3:00a	4:00a	8:00a		3:00p			7:00p	10:00p	11:00p	12:00a		
Tuesday	3:00a	4:00a	5:00a				5:00p	7:00p	8:00p	9:00p	10:00p	11:00p		
Wednesday	3:00a	4:00a		6:00a				5:00p	6:00p	7:00p	9:00p	10:00p	11:00p	12:00a
Thursday		2:00a		4:00a	5:00a						6:00p		11:00p	12:00a
Friday	1:00a	2:00a		4:00a			7:00a	8:00a	9:00a		11:00a	7:00p	9:00p	12:00a
Saturday	1:00a	2:00a	3:00a	4:00a	6:00a		9:00a	10:00a	11:00a	12:00p	2:00p	5:00p	10:00p	12:00a
Sunday	1:00a	2:00a	3:00a	4:00a	5:00a	7:00a	8:00a	9:00a	11:00a	12:00p	1:00p	5:00p	6:00p	12:00a

## 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 5:00PM  
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.

## BOOKKEEPER NEEDED

St. Raphael Church in Englewood is actively seeking an office bookkeeper to work 16 hours per week. Must have experience in bookkeeping, accounting, and possess good organizational skills. Requires a working knowledge of Excel and Quick books. Candidate will be required to take a bookkeeper exam from the Diocese of Venice prior to consideration of position. If interested please send resume with cover letter to office @strapheng.org

## YOUTH SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

**Epiphany Cathedral** June 4- July 27. Activities include sports computers, Bible study, arts and crafts, cooking, team activities, music, dance and theater. Weekly field trips. Cost for a full day is \$150 per week or \$100 per week for half days. Call Nicole Loseto, 941-488-2215 for further information.  
**St. Charles Borromeo** Port Charlotte is offering Summer Camp from 8am-4pm weekdays, June 4-Aug. 3. STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Math) classes change each week. Before care and after care available. For info contact Marie Tambasco at 941-625-553.  
**Vacation Bible School** - Epiphany Cathedral, 9am-12pm June 18 to June 22. This year's theme is "Totally Catholic Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus." The camp is available to children kindergarten through fifth grade. Aftercare is available. To register or volunteer, visit [epiphanycathedral.org](http://epiphanycathedral.org).



## WALK TO OUR LADY

### A Marian Pilgrimage to the May Crowning

All are invited to join the Diocese of Venice in Florida for the 2018 Walk to Our Lady: A Marian Pilgrimage to the May Crowning to be held on Saturday, May 19. The

walk will begin at 8am with check-in beginning at 7:30am at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Venice, and will process while praying the rosary 6.6 miles to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Venice. A hotdog and hamburger lunch will be served at noon, followed by the May Crowning. There is no cost for the event however registration is required. For information contact Gail Ardy at [ardy@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:ardy@dioceseofvenice.org) or Susan Laielli at [laielli@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:laielli@dioceseofvenice.org) or 941-484-9543. To register go to <https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/diocese-of-venice-2018-walk-to-our-lady>. Please note: In the case of unforeseen circumstances, such as inclement weather, participants are asked to meet at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center at noon for lunch and the May Crowning.

## 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.

## The Little Ones

Jim Burrows





**“WE CAN ALL HELP** encourage our government and other institutions to support life. They must always aid and support mothers and children, and never offer to pay for the destruction of life as a ‘solution’ to the challenges women face. The call to uphold women’s dignity and well-being, and that of their unborn children, is one and the same.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Poverty and Abortion: A Vicious Cycle,” [www.bit.ly/poverty-abortion](http://www.bit.ly/poverty-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 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>.

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

The Diocese of Venice is hosting a practitioner training for the Creighton Model Fertility Care June 1-8. Contact Kim at [elsmore@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:elsmore@dioceseofvenice.org) for information.

### 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](mailto:elsmore@dioceseofvenice.org) for more information.

## ST. RAPHAEL ACTIVITY CORNER

**Monday May 14 through Sunday May 20**

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 in the Diocese of Venice is offering on line classes. Cost \$200 class (8 sessions/class)

May/June: Introduction to Revelation

July/Aug.: The Bible and Salvation History

Sept./Oct.: Pillars of Faith The Creed

Nov./Dec.: Pillars of Faith The Sacraments

Jan./Feb.: Moral Decision making

Mar./Apr.: The Mass

To learn more or to register contact the Institute for Catholic Studies at [institute-dov.org](http://institute-dov.org) or call 941-766-7334.

### PROJECT RACHEL

If you are suffering after an abortion go to [rachel@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:rachel@dioceseofvenice.org) or call Fonda at 239-719-7210.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday May 14 through Sunday May 20**

Mon	8:30AM	People of the Parish
Tues	8:30AM	Special intentions of Ann Req. by Dorothy Seymour
Wed	8:30AM	James Harper Req. by Alice Harper
Thur	8:30AM	Edward J. Wallace Req. by his wife Florence
Fri	8:30AM	Carolyn Bruno Shankovich Req. by private request
Sat	8:30PM	Purgatorial Society
	4:00PM	People of the Parish
Sun	7:30AM	Jim Harper Req. by Alice Harper
	9:00 AM	Mary Jane Brown Req. by Ellen
	11:00 AM	Deceased members of the Conway family Req. by Jim & Annie Conway

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