



SAINT RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

770 KILBOURNE AVENUE, ENGLEWOOD, FLORIDA 34223

Office: (941) 474-9595
Web Site: www.strapheng.org

Fax: (941) 475-5697
E-mail: office@strapheng.org

February 17, 2019

**REV. MARK SCHAFFNER,
O. CARM.**
Pastor

JEAN BALMES
Office Manager

JEFFREY HERBERT
Director of Music

RODI REYES HERNANDEZ
Maintenance/Custodial Services

ROSEMARY HUTCHINSON
Accountant



Your reward will be great in heaven

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed Monday through Saturday morning following morning Mass. All are invited to participate in these devotions.

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 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.

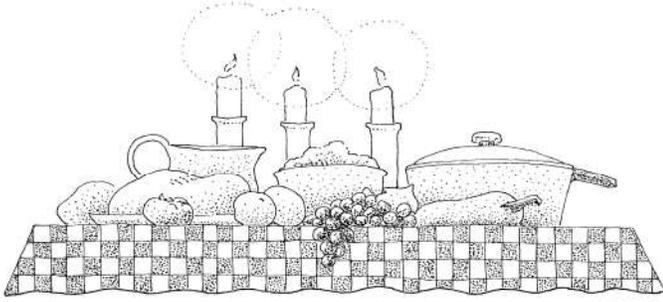
Church Hours

Monday thru Friday	doors open at 7:45AM	doors close at 3:00PM
Saturday	doors open at 7:45AM	doors close at 5:00PM (6:30PM Jan. thru Mar.)
Sunday	doors open at 6:30AM	doors close at 12:00PM

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.”

— Luke 6:20-21a



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26;
Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,
9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19;
Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;
Mk 8:27-33
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8,
10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

ST. RAPHAEL TREASURE CHEST

02/03/19 Offertory	02/10/19 Offertory
Loose: \$ 8287.25	Loose: \$ 8033.50
Env.: \$ 7254.00	Env.: \$ 6134.00
Total: \$ 15541.25	Total: \$ 14167.50

2019 Catholic Faith Appeal

GOAL: \$ 168,000	% OF GOAL: %
PLEDGED: \$	RECEIVED: \$
% of HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING: %	

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalm — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Presidents' Day
Thursday: St. Peter Damian
Friday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;
Washington's Birthday
Saturday: St. Polycarp

PLEASE NOTE: The parish office and parish center will be closed on Monday, February 18 in observance of Presidents Day.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration. Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language. American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy. Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence, but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember too that deafness is an invisible disability, and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL. —James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

BLESSED

When we think of the word “Beatitude” we think of today’s discourse from Luke’s Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins “Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .”). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord” (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John’s Gospel, Christ proclaims, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the *Beati*, the “Blessed,” for they are the ones who lived the “blessed” life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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

**Statement from Bishop Frank J. Dewane
Responding to "No-Limit Abortion" Law in New York**

Let us be reminded that all Life begins at the moment of Conception, which for Catholics is not in dispute despite any new laws such as the recent law passed in New York State and introduced in the Virginia State Legislature.

Regarding abortion, the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law." (2270-2271)

This should remind us that the killing of an innocent child through abortion is abhorrent. It is natural to want to speak out about such egregiousness, but first all are called to pray for an end to the scourge that is abortion. Pray also that our legislators and judges at the state and national levels stop celebrating laws that will end the life of a child.

If you disagree with laws such as the one recently passed in New York State, please write to your state and federal politicians to share your thoughts, disagreement and disgust on this critical issue. Meaningful change pertaining to this matter will not come until all stand together to give a voice to the voiceless, the vulnerable unborn children who in some places can now potentially face death up until the moment of their birth.

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples celebrating 25,30,35,40,45,50, or more than 50 years of marriage in 2019 are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. Mass will be celebrated on March 2nd at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice at 11am. Call the office at 474-9595 to register. Register by February 22.

EMMAUS WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday, Mar. 8 — Sunday, Mar.10 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center. Registration fee \$200 double, \$285 single room. Registration deadline is Sat, Feb. 23. Contact Donna Vodraska donnavodraska@aol.com, 941-496-4464.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MASS

Bishop Frank J. Dewane invites all volunteers of the Diocese to Mass at 11am on Sat., Feb.23, at Our Lady of Light Parish, Fort Myers. Lunch will follow. No cost. Registration required. Register at <https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/mass-in-appreciation-of-volunteers>, or call Gail Ardy at 941-484-9543 or email ardy@dioceseofvenice.org.

NONSENSE

A little nonsense, now and then, is relished by the wisest among us. —Anonymous

CATHOLIC DAYS AT THE CAPITOL

3 day trip to Tallahassee Mar.26 - 28. Free bus transportation. Contact Jeanne Berdeaux at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-374-1068 by Feb. 26.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

March 6 through April 14— 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Peacefully pray outside Planned Parenthood in Sarasota or the abortion facility in Port Charlotte. For information, go to www.40daysforlife.com.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

8am-4pm Sat., Mar. 30 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice. Visit www.dvccr.org for additional information. Bishop Frank J. Dewane will join the conference. Registration fee \$25. Register before March 23 at <https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/catholic-charismatic-renewal-annual-conference-2019>. No walk-ins please

DRUG ADDICTS ANONYMOUS

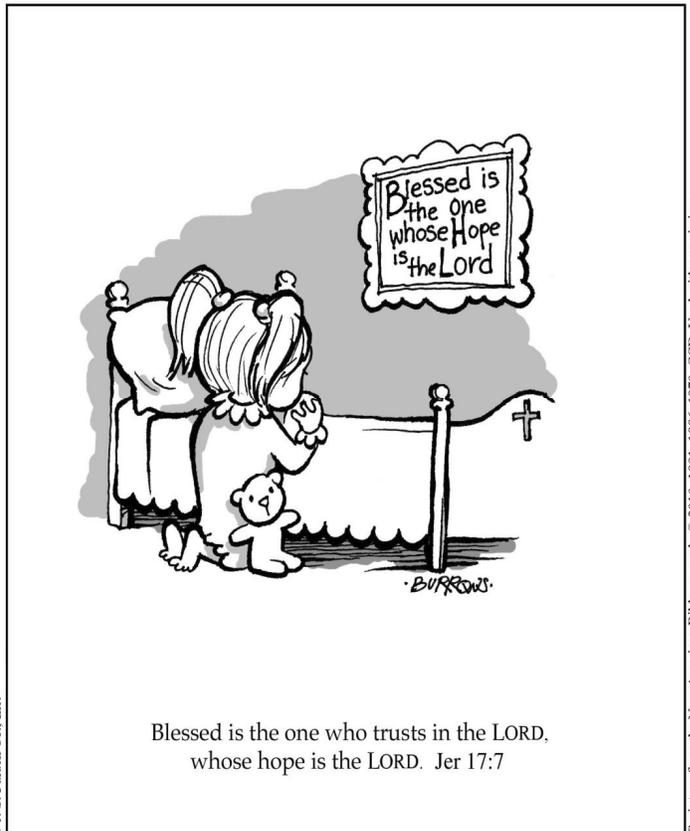
Do You Know a Young Person with a Drug Problem? Based on a twelve-step program, the focus is on the physical, mental and spiritual condition as a whole person; contributing to the individual's social reintegration. For information visit www.daamerica.org or call 561-420-0930.

INSEPARABLE

Faith and works are like the light and heat to a candle; they cannot be separated. —Anonymous

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



© J. S. Palush Co., Inc.

Scripture from the New American Bible, rev. ed., © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970, CCB. Used with permission.

FEAST OF FAITH



Remembering

When Jesus broke the bread on the night before he died, he told his disciples, “do this in memory of me” (Luke 22:19). Christians have been faithful to that solemn command. Our eucharistic remembering is not nostalgia, nor is it merely historical, recalling events and facts of long ago. In the liturgy, remembering is action. “Do this,” Jesus said. In the Eucharist, we remember by doing. And as we remember, the sacrifice of Jesus is renewed, truly made present, no longer then, but now.

After the consecration, each of the Eucharistic Prayers includes a section called the *anamnesis*, a Greek word that means “remembering.” In this part of the prayer, “the Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the Apostles, celebrates the memorial of Christ, recalling especially his blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection and Ascension into heaven” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 79e). We pause and call to mind the whole paschal mystery, Christ’s dying and rising, “[c]elebrating, therefore, the memorial of the Death and Resurrection of your Son” (*Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II*). Obeying Christ’s command, we remember. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**VOLUNTEER
RECOGNITION
DINNER**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019
5:00PM-8:00PM**

Englewood Elks Club

If you are able to attend, please fill in the form below, drop into collection basket or bring to the Parish Office by Friday, March 8, 2019.

**ABSOLUTELY NO LATE RSVP'S
WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

VOLUNTEER
RECOGNITION RECEPTION
RSVP

Name: _____

Ministry: _____

Spouse: _____

Ministry: _____

Please note: Regrettably, we are only able to accommodate volunteers and their spouses (if applicable). We are not able to extend this invitation to other family members or friends. Also, no one under the age of 21 will be admitted.

OUR MOTHER’S HOUSE

Wine Tasting, Auction & Dinner Dance Thurs., Feb. 28—5:30PM at the Venice Community Center. Proceeds benefit Our Mother's House to helping homeless mothers and their children achieve self-sufficiency. Tickets \$85. Visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org or call 941-485-6264 or email ourmothershouse@ccdis1.org

RETREAT CENTER

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center.

3989 South Moon Dr., Venice FL 34292
Phone:(941) 486-0233 Website: www.olph-retreat.org

Come to the Water - Next date: Mar. 6th. Begins at 9am & includes continental breakfast, lunch, conferences, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation, private meditation & prayer. Mass 2:30pm. Early registration 10 days prior \$30. Registration \$35 thereafter. Register at <https://olph-retreats.org/1-day-retreats>.

Third Annual "Starry, Starry Night" - Brian Gurl and the Crooners at 5:30 p.m., Fri., April 12. Seats \$80. Support OLPH by enjoying a great night! Jacket required. Visit www.olph-retreat.org or call 941-486-0233 ext. 3002.

MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

For those who cannot attend Mass, the Diocese of Venice offers a tv Mass each Sunday. Northern Diocese: 9:30am on CW Network. Southern Diocese: 10:30am on FOX-4. Check your local listings. Missals available at 941-486-4714.

✂

saint snippets



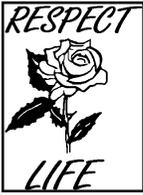
St. Francisco Marto

One of the three Portuguese children who witnessed the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917

Copyright © 2018, Michael Thimons

February 20

✂



“CALLED TO SERVE the people and the common good, [civil leaders] have a duty to make courageous choices in support of life, especially through legislative measures.” Pope St John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 90. © 1995 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

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 9:00am-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.

OUR PARISH IS A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

committed to protecting children, youth and vulnerable adults. Report any abuses against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. To report abuse by Diocesan personnel or volunteers, please also call the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton at 941-416-6114. For further information, visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Any group or club that has members who have not complied with the requirements of safe environment will not be able to hold meetings, advertise, hold fund raisers, etc. on parish property until all club/group members have complied and completed the Safe Environment requirements of the Diocese of Venice. **Please note: This also includes all ministries that are affiliated with St. Raphael Church who meet onsite.** If there are individuals who require Safe Environment training, contact the office for information.

FREE ROSARY REPAIR SERVICE

Send your broken rosaries in a padded envelope to Betty and Dick Holden, 7930 Estero Blvd. #592, Fort Myers, FL 33931. Rosaries repaired and returned within the week of receipt. Donations of old rosaries are also accepted which will be repaired and sent to missions. Please indicate repair or donation. 239-463-3993. holdenbnd@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Help provide support, shelter, food and education to those in the community. Visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org.

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

ST. RAPHAEL ACTIVITY CORNER

Monday February 18 through Sunday February 24

Mon. —————CLOSED—————
 Tues.
 Wed.
 Thur.
 Fri. 9:00AM CCW Crafts
 Sat.
 Sun.

PRISON MINISTRY

Volunteers Needed. No previous experience required. Contact Robert at hinbob5@hotmail.com or 863-558-0407.

ABORTION RECOVERY

Call Sylvia at 941-412-5860 or email projectrachel@dioceseofvenice.org. Calls are confidential. See www.dioceseofvenice.org for info about Project Rachel.

MARRIAGE STRUGGLING?

Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call (813) 816-0711. All contacts/names held in strictest confidence.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Information at www.dioceseofvenice.org/employment.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday February 18 through Sunday February 24

Mon	8:30AM	Wilbur Pope Req. by Richard & Margaret Redmond
Tues	8:30AM	Intentions of Mary & Ted Arel Req. by Florence Wallace
Wed	8:30AM	Intentions of Charles Voelkel III Req. by Dorothy Seymour
Thur	8:30AM	Edwin Sembera Req. by nephew Nicholas
Fri	8:30AM	Robert B. Seymour Req. by Dorothy Seymour
Sat	8:30PM	Purgatorial Society
	4:00PM	Egline Hollfelder Req. by Chris & Vera Dodge
	5:30PM	People of the Parish
Sun	7:30AM	Tammy Sherburne & deceased members of the Noel/Gagnon families Req. by Jim & Carol Sherburne
	9:00 AM	Ray Verdini Req. by Ralph Verdini
	11:00 AM	Terry & Paula Tritschler Req. by Gina

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