



# SAINT RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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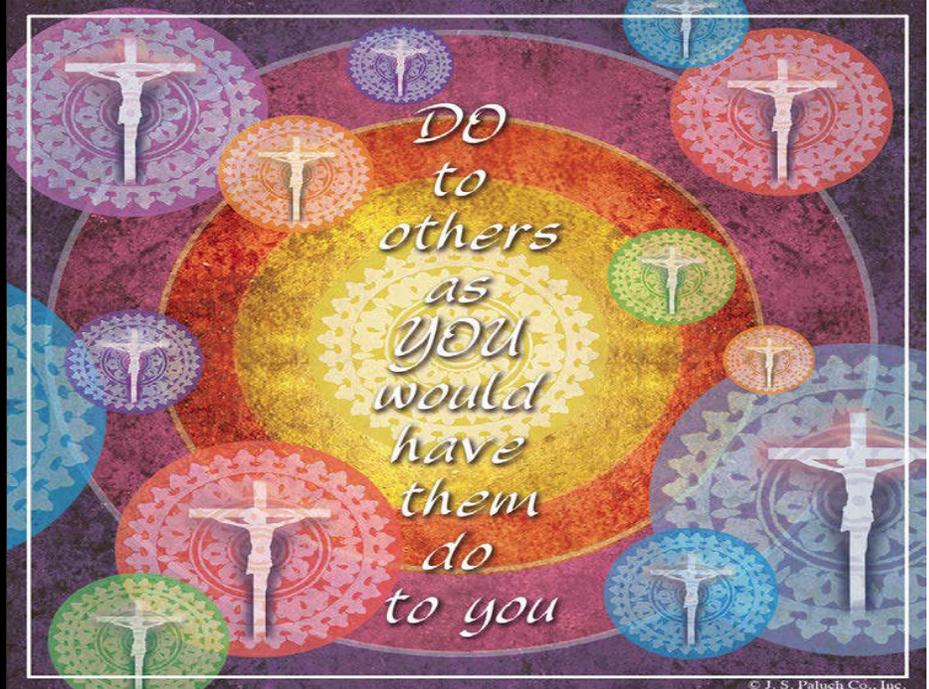
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## Masses

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. 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.

## Church Hours

Monday thru Friday doors open at 7:45AM  
Saturday doors open at 7:45AM  
Sunday doors open at 6:30AM

## 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.

doors close at 3:00PM  
doors close at 5:00PM ( 6:30PM Jan. thru Mar.)  
doors close at 12:00PM



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# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

— Psalm 103:8

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29  
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40;  
 Mk 9:30-37  
 Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165,168,171,172,174, 175;  
 Mk 9:38-40  
 Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50  
 Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35;  
 Mk 10:1-12  
 Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16  
 Sunday: Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58;  
 Lk 6:39-45

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service.

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## ST. RAPHAEL TREASURE CHEST

Weekly Offering



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02/03/19 Offertory

Loose: \$

Env.: \$ Not available at time of print

Total: \$

## 2019 Catholic Faith Appeal

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

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

**Gospel** — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Friday: World Day of Prayer; First Friday  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

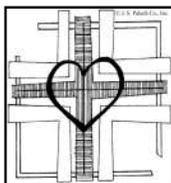
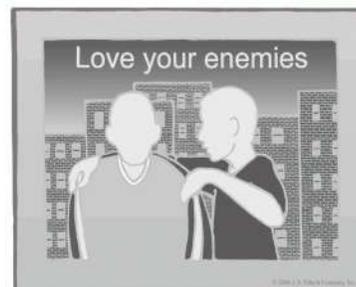
## DO NO HARM

We listen quite a while before we get to the “punch line” of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know

that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture's way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus' teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

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## RECIPROCITY

If God loved us  
 as much as we love God,  
 where would we all be?

—Anonymous

## 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.

## 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](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org) or call 941-485-6264 or email [ourmothershouse@ccdis1.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.

## CATHOLIC DAYS AT THE CAPITOL

3 day trip to Tallahassee Mar.26 - 28. Free bus transportation. Contact Jeanne Berdeaux at 941-374-1068 or [Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org) or 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](http://www.40daysforlife.com).

## CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

8am-4pm Sat., Mar. 30 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice. Visit [www.dvccr.org](http://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](http://www.daamerica.org) or call 561-420-0930.



## 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

## DESTROYING ONE'S ENEMIES

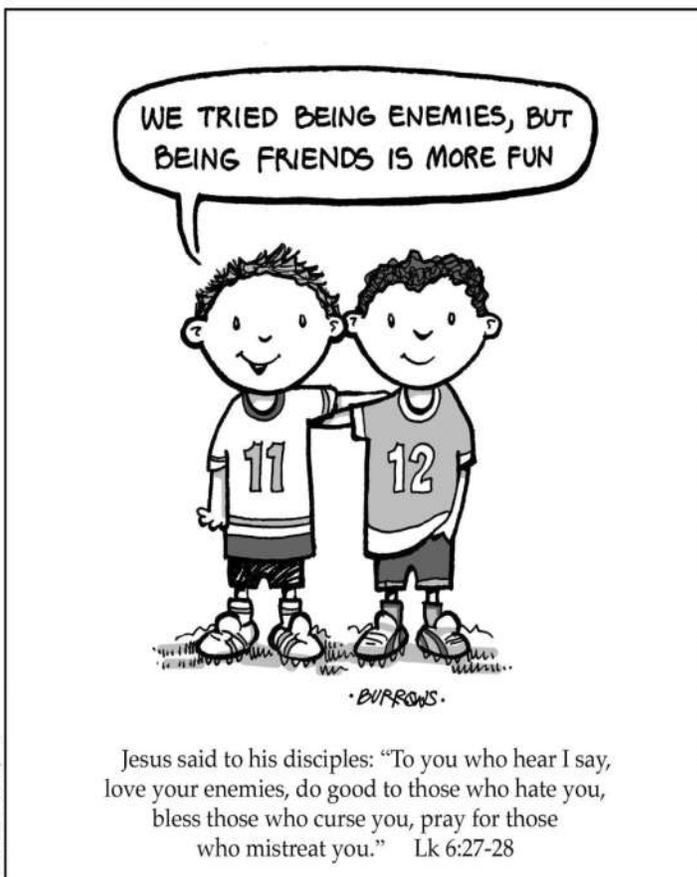
Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them? —Abraham Lincoln

## A GUIDE TO SAVING GRACE

Are you and your loved ones prepared to meet the Lord? How can we avoid Purgatory? How do you pray for the conversion of your Family Members? What to do in these turbulent times! How can you help the sick and suffering today. What are Gregorian Masses? *And much more!* Come spend an evening with award-winning author Susan Tassone, a regular guest on EWTN. Held at Epiphany Cathedral Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30PM in the parish hall. For more information call 847-204-5610.

## The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



# FEAST OF FAITH



## Offering and Intercessions

In this holy moment—with the consecrated bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, upon the altar—we pray for a share in the fruits of Christ’s sacrifice. We offer to God what God has given to us, and we intercede for the Church and the world. We pray for the pope and for all the bishops, and we mention the bishop of our local church by name. We pray for the clergy and for all the people of God. We pray in a special way for those who have died. And we pray for ourselves, that one day, with Mary and all the saints, we may come to that place where Jesus already reigns. These prayers of intercession, like the Prayer of the Faithful earlier in the Mass, broaden our focus and remind us that the Eucharist is offered not just for those gathered, but for the salvation of the entire world. The Eucharistic Prayer leads us from an intense focus on Christ, present in the consecrated host in the hands of the priest, to a loving sweep of prayer that embraces the world.

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## 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.*



## FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, March 1 is First Friday. Benediction will follow the 8:30AM Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12noon. Prayerfully consider spending time with the Lord.

## ANNUAL TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Knights of Columbus will be outside the church this week-end collecting for the annual tootsie roll drive. Donations are used to support programs geared to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. Thank you for your support.

## BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

Baby bottles that were distributed in January will be collected this weekend. If you did not bring your bottle this weekend, please drop it off in the parish office during the week. All bottles should be returned, whether or not you had the opportunity to use them. These bottles are reused and returning them helps to keep down the overhead costs. Many thanks.

## FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON

March 21st at 11:30am at the Waverly Restaurant on Beach Rd. Styles by Fifi’s of Venice. Tickets: \$25. Sponsored by the K of C. Benefits local charities. Tickets available in the parish office. Tickets available until March 15th (or until sold out).

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**Bl. Mariam Vattalil**  
20th-century Indian religious sister who devoted herself to catechetical formation and social justice

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February 25

I have accepted this life of sacrifice because I know that Christ is in the poor.



“**ABORTION** affects countless marriages more than many people recognize. But there is no doubt that God will bring great healing to those who trust in his infinite mercy. If a past abortion can be acknowledged and addressed, a married couple can make great strides in experiencing even more fully God’s design that ‘the two shall become one’ (Mt 19:5).” —“Healing within Marriage from an Abortion” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities NABRE © 2010 CCD. 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](http://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 offsite.** 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](mailto:holdenbnd@gmail.com).

**ABORTION RECOVERY**

Call Sylvia at 941-412-5860 or email [projectrachel@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:projectrachel@dioceseofvenice.org). Calls are confidential. See [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org) for info about Project Rachel.

**ST. RAPHAEL ACTIVITY CORNER**

**Monday February 25 through Sunday March 3**

|            |        |                             |
|------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Mon.       | 9:15AM | Cornerstone Scripture Study |
|            | 1:00PM | Prayer Shawl                |
| Tues.      |        |                             |
| Wed.       |        |                             |
| Thur.      |        |                             |
| Fri.       | 9:00AM | CCW Crafts                  |
| Sat. /Sun. |        |                             |

**PRISON MINISTRY**

Volunteers Needed. No previous experience required. Contact Robert at [hinbob5@hotmail.com](mailto:hinbob5@hotmail.com) or 863-558-0407.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Help provide support, shelter, food and education to those in the community. Visit [www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org).

**MARRIAGE STRUGGLING?**

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

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Information at [www.dioceseofvenice.org/employment](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/employment).

**SAN PEDRO COMMUNITY FESTIVAL**

March 1, 2 & 3. Food, entertainment, Saturday Car Show, rides, drawings, children’s games and unique vendors ! Discounted All You Can Ride wristbands are now available in our church office Call 426-2500 for information.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday February 25 through Sunday March 3**

|      |          |  |
|------|----------|--|
| Mon  | 8:30AM   | Intentions of Scott Seymour<br>Req. by Dorothy Seymour |
| Tues | 8:30AM   | John & Eileen Durnberger<br>Req. by the family         |
| Wed  | 8:30AM   | Moss Lane<br>Req. by Mary & Jim Corman                 |
| Thur | 8:30AM   | Matthew Dwiel<br>Req. by his parents                   |
| Fri  | 8:30AM   | Nick Masselli<br>Req. by his grandson Nicholas         |
| Sat  | 8:30PM   | Purgatorial Society                                    |
|      | 4:00PM   | Dr. Frederick Conlin<br>Req. by his wife               |
|      | 5:30PM   | People of the Parish                                   |
| Sun  | 7:30AM   | Helen & James Harper<br>Req. by Alice Harper           |
|      | 9:00 AM  | Casmer Boczar<br>Req. by Brenda & Rick Dobrzynski      |
|      | 11:00 AM | Rene Lamontagne<br>Req. by the family                  |

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