



# SAINT RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 3, 2019

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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.

## 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 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.

## Parish Bulletin

All articles in the parish Bulletin must be approved by the priest. The deadline is 10am on Friday of the week before the date you wish to have the item run.

## Hearing Loop

The church is equipped with a hearing loop assistive listening system. (Switch your hearing aid to "T" telephone mode)

## 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



# Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 3, 2019

Every tree is known by its own fruit.  
For people do not pick figs from thornbushes,  
nor do they gather grapes from brambles.

— Luke 6:44

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27  
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31  
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;  
 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25  
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15  
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32  
 Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15;  
 Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

## ST. RAPHAEL TREASURE CHEST

<b>02/17/19 Offertory</b>	<b>02/24/19 Offertory</b>
<b>Loose: \$ 8185.50</b>	<b>Loose: \$ 8117.42</b>
<b>Env.: \$ 6419.00</b>	<b>Env.: \$ 6079.00</b>
<b>Total: \$ 14604.50</b>	<b>Total: \$ 14196.42</b>

### 2019 Catholic Faith Appeal (02/21/19)

GOAL: \$ 168,000      % OF GOAL: 27.96 %  
 PLEDGED: \$ 46,980.71      RECEIVED: \$ 17,760.71  
 HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING: 9.82 %

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

**Second Reading** — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

**Gospel** — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Casimir  
 Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast & Abstinence;  
 Almsgiving  
 Thursday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity  
 Friday: St. John of God; Abstinence  
 Saturday: St. Frances of Rome

## 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

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many Catholics who are not active in the Church will still seek out ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, many Jews who are not otherwise observant will follow the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, with great exactness, fasting and refraining from work and entertainment. People customarily dress in white as a symbol of purity and a reminder of God's promise that our sins will be made white as snow. While the overture to Ash Wednesday for Christians may be a festive Mardi Gras celebration, for Jews it is the New Year feast of Rosh Hashanah. Ten days before the Day of Atonement to God, people are expected to repair breaks in human life. These are days for offering forgiveness and seeking to repair harmed relationships with family, friends, or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and "clear the air" by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deeds in the past year.

Perhaps the ashes you receive will be invested with deeper meaning if you follow a similar plan. This year, Rosh Hashanah will be September 29, and Yom Kippur October 8. A conversation with some Jewish friends or neighbors about their experience of a season of repentance may be a blessing on your Lent. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## THE INSIDE SHOWS

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us.

Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression-words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws.

And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## 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 listings. Missals available at 941-486-4714.



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March 6

**\*\*\*Mass Schedule\*\*\***

7:30 am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 7:00pm.  
**Ashes will be distributed only at Mass.**

**REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday 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.

**\*The office will be closed Ash Wednesday \***



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

**OPERATION RICE BOWL**

At the request of the Diocese of Venice St. Raphael Church will be joining in Operation Rice Bowl as a means of almsgiving during the Lenten Season. Beginning on Ash Wednesday 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 and all donations will go to the diocese for Catholic Relief Services. Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable.



**DIocese OF Venice IN Florida**  
*OFFICE OF THE BISHOP*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year the Church throughout the U.S. takes up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. For almost 75 years the Church in that part of Europe lived under a repressive communist government that restricted both religious and cultural practice. The region faced multiple wars that left a suffering people in their wake. Still today many are rebuilding from this difficult past.

In Central and Eastern Europe, for almost three quarters of a century, the Catholic faith was illegal or restricted, so atheism grew stronger and family values deteriorated. Today the Church is working to rebuild these values. Through your generosity to this Collection you give men and women an option to protect life, make it possible to create homes, to provide food and necessities for their families. With housing, the faithful receive help with child care, employment, and tools necessary to establish stable living and working situations for themselves and their children.

The Diocese of Venice will be taking up a Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019. Please give generously to support those who strive to learn and live their faith. May God continue to bless you for the good you do!

I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration as well as my prayers on this Ash Wednesday, as we begin our Lenten Journey.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
+ Frank J. Dewane

Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

**The Little Ones**

Jim Burrows



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# FEAST OF FAITH



## Doxology and Amen

“Doxology” comes from a Greek word meaning “words of praise.” The Eucharistic Prayer ends with a doxology addressed to the triune God: “Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.” It is an exclamation of praise, honor, and glory to God, reminding us that we receive everything from God through the Son, in the power of the Spirit. At the consecration, the priest held up the host and then the chalice for us to see and adore. During the doxology, the host and chalice are held up again, but this time they are held up and offered to God the Father. With the doxology, the Eucharistic Prayer ends, as it began, with words of praise addressed to the Father: truly, it is right and just to give God praise, and we assent to this in our whole-hearted acclamation, “Amen.” Never was more meaning packed into so short a word. This “Amen,” sometimes and fittingly called “the great Amen,” is our response to the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

—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.*

## 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 until March 15th (or until sold out).

## THANKS

No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.  
—Ambrose of Milan

## RETREAT CENTER

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Venice**  
**Come to the Water** - Mar. 6th. Begins at 9am & includes continental breakfast, lunch, conferences, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation, private meditation & prayer. Mass 2:30pm. Early registration \$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. Visit [www.olph-retreat.org](http://www.olph-retreat.org) or call 941-486-0233 ext. 3002.

## THE DIFFERENCE

The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't. —Henry Ward Beecher



**ALTAR BREAD & WINE** were donated in loving memory of Casmer Boczar by Brenda & Rick Dobrzynski.

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Press forward  
and fear nothing.

**St. Katharine Drexel**  
*She gave up an inheritance of \$7 million to enter religious life and then created a system of Catholic schools for African-Americans*

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March 3



**“HEAVENLY FATHER,** thank you for the precious gift of life. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.” — USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Every Life is Worth Living” Prayer, [www.usccb.org/worth-living](http://www.usccb.org/worth-living)

**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 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](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.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

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

**ST. RAPHAEL ACTIVITY CORNER**

**Monday March 4 through Sunday March 10**

Mon.	9:15AM	Cornerstone Scripture Study
	1:00PM	Prayer Shawl
Tues.		
Wed.	—————ASH WEDNESDAY—————	
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.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**MARRIAGE STRUGGLING?**

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

**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](http://RelevantRadio.com)

**EPIPHANY SCHOOL DRAWING**

February winner: Michelle McMichael of Apopka with ticket # 0292.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday March 4 through Sunday March 10**

Mon	8:30AM	Marie & Giuseppe Bassi Req. by Connie & Nino
Tues	8:30AM	Living & deceased members of the Loeb family Req. by sister
Wed	7:30AM	Faithful Departed of the Parish
	9:00AM	People of the Parish
	11:00AM	People of the Parish
	7:00PM	Faithful Departed of the Parish
Thur	8:30AM	Edward & Stelle Jadowiec Req. by Monica Hilner
Fri	8:30AM	John & Eileen Stasko Req. by the family
Sat	8:30PM	Purgatorial Society
	4:00PM	Kathy Blanding Req. by her husband
	5:30PM	People of the Parish
Sun	7:30AM	Michael Angelo Pace Req. by his family
	9:00 AM	Terry & Paula Tritschler Req. by Gina
	11:00 AM	Vincent L. Portera Req. by his wife Clara

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