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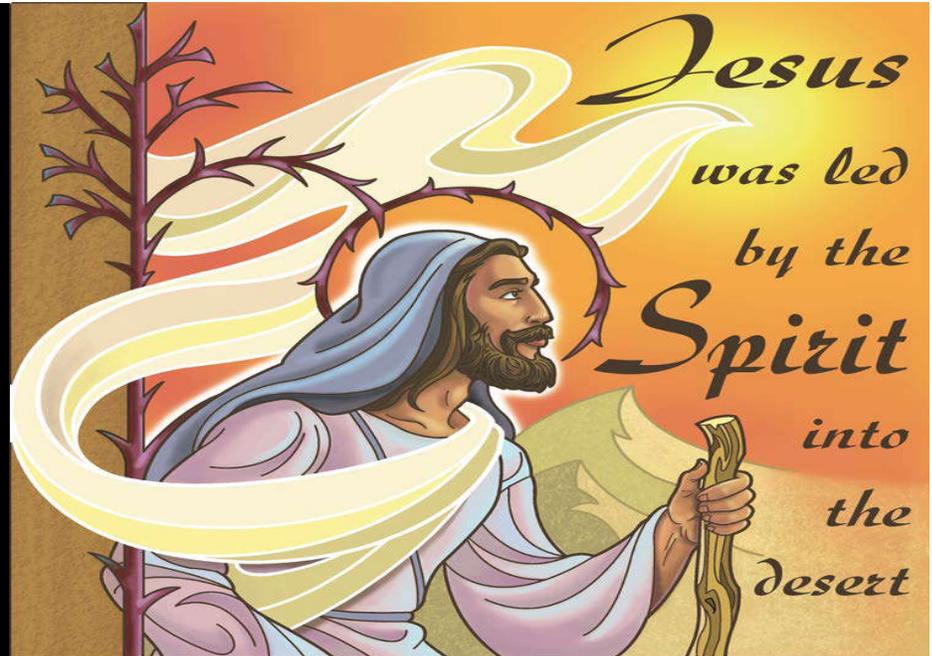
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Masses

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.

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



First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019

The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.

— Romans 10:8

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
 Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;
 Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three "pillars" of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

ST. RAPHAEL TREASURE CHEST

Weekly Offering 03/03/19 Offertory
 Loose: \$ 8098.60
 Env.: \$ 7603.00
 Total: \$ 15701.60

2019 Catholic Faith Appeal (02/25/19)

GOAL: \$ 168,000 % OF GOAL: 32.93
 PLEDGED: \$ 55,325.71 RECEIVED: \$ 25,485.71
 HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING: 10.82 %

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election;
 Rite of Calling the Candidates to
 Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending;
 Daylight Saving Time begins;
 Girl Scouting Sunday

Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins

Friday: Abstinence



ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we "set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God's] presence" (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you're tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound. 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





DIocese OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During Lent Catholics embark on a forty-day journey which begins on Ash Wednesday. It is precisely through our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving that we respond to Pope Francis's invitation to Share the Journey by supporting those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities.

Throughout the Season of Lent, we have the opportunity to participate in the symbolic Catholic Relief Service, (CRS) Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter the needs of the world with the hope of the Resurrection. Reflection on how we plan to encounter Christ during Lent and the subsequent action taken can be transformative.

As we prepare for this Holy Season of Lent, it is especially important to come together as a family and reflect on the crosses of hunger, poverty and war that have forced our brothers and sisters to flee their homes. In so doing, let us pledge to stand alongside these members of our human family, supporting them as the Gospel calls us to do.

Please give charitably to Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. While a portion of your aid goes to CRS, twenty-five percent of the total contribution remains here in the Diocese of Venice supporting families through food pantries and soup kitchens. On behalf of those who benefit from your participation, I express their appreciation and add my acknowledgement of your continued support. Thank you for your generosity!

I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration as well as my prayers throughout this Lenten Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane

Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

RETREAT CENTER

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Venice
Come to the Water - Second Wednesday of the month 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 or call 941-486-0233 ext. 3002.

A GUIDE TO SAVING GRACE

Spend an evening with author Susan Tassone, a regular on EWTN. Held at Epiphany Cathedral Wed. March 13th at 6:30PM in the parish hall. For info call 847-204-5610.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

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

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 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.

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.

ILL HABITS

Ill habits gather by unseen degrees—

As brooks make rivers, rivers run to seas. —Ovid

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



FEAST OF FAITH



The Lord's Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the great "Amen," the acclamation of assent by the assembly. Then the Communion rite begins with the Lord's Prayer. We pray this prayer in many contexts, both inside and outside the Church's liturgy. Here, in the context of the Mass, the Lord's Prayer is profoundly eucharistic. When we ask for our "daily bread," we are asking for the gift of the Eucharist. When we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others, we are seeking forgiveness and purity of heart before we approach the altar to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood—"so that what is holy may in truth be given to the holy" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 81).

At Mass, a prayer for peace is inserted between the prayer and the doxology. In this prayer, called the embolism, the Church asks God for freedom—freedom from sin and all distress. We are living in an in-between time; even as we rejoice in Christ's presence, we await his coming in joyful hope. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



LENTEN 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.

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).

CATHOLIC COUNCIL OF WOMEN

The CCW Business Meeting will be held on March 13th in the Parish Center. The meeting will follow 8:30AM Mass. Karen Meneghini will present the Life of St. Joseph. All are invited to attend.

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

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.

EXPEDIENCY IS NO JUSTIFICATION

No one is justified in doing evil on the ground of expediency. —Theodore Roosevelt



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

saint snippets
March 13



Bl. Irma Dulce

20th-century Brazilian sister who cared for the homeless and the poor on the streets

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My mission is to love. I do not have time to tear others down.



“MAYA DISCOVERED she was pregnant six months into her freshman year of college. When her son was born, she placed him with a very kind adoptive family; she ‘just knew they were the right choice.’ Now, years later, Maya emphasizes the importance of offering ongoing support to expectant mothers considering adoption.” Learn how at www.usccb.org/women-considering-adoption.—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption”

CCW ACTIVITIES

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 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.

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.

ST. RAPHAEL ACTIVITY CORNER

Monday March 11 through Sunday March 17

Mon.	9:15AM	Cornerstone Scripture Study
	1:00PM	Prayer Shawl
Tues.	9:00AM	CCW Board Meeting
Wed.	9:00AM	CCW Business Meeting
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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Information at www.dioceseofvenice.org/employment.

MARRIAGE STRUGGLING?

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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

PAST AND FUTURE

There is no saint without a past—and no sinner without a future. —Anonymous

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday March 11 through Sunday March 17

Mon	8:30AM	John & Eileen Durnberger Req. by the family
Tues	8:30AM	Margaret Pilifas Req. by Cheryl & Mike Scanlon
Wed	8:30AM	Victoria Garraus Req. by Susan
Thur	8:30AM	Joseph Giambo Req. by his wife Mary Anne
Fri	8:30AM	Madeline Sienkiewicz Req. by friends
Sat	8:30PM	Purgatorial Society
	4:00PM	Mary Bindas and deceased members of the family Req. by Mary Ann Hlusko
	5:30PM	People of the Parish
Sun	7:30AM	Edward J. Wallace Req. by his wife Florence
	9:00 AM	Stephen Konowal Req. by his parents
	11:00 AM	Christina Pridham Req. by her parents

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