



ST. RAPHAEL

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

JANUARY 17, 2021 | SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday | 8AM

Saturday | 8AM, 5PM

Sunday 8AM, 10AM, 12Noon (English)

5:30PM (Español)

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday | 6PM-7PM

Saturday | 4PM-4:45PM

Sunday | 4:30PM-5:15PM (Español)

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michal Szyszka, *Administrator*

Rev. Deacon Joseph W. Allison,
Director of Religious Education

Rev. Deacon Edward J. Gwiazda



PRAYER TO ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Glorious Archangel St. Raphael, great prince of the heavenly court, you are illustrious for your gifts of wisdom and grace. You are a guide of those who journey by land or sea or air, consoler of afflicted, and refuge of sinners.

I beg you, assist me in all my needs and in all the sufferings of this life, as once you helped

the young Tobias on his travels. Because you are the "medicine of God," I humbly pray you to heal the many infirmities of my soul and the ills that afflict my body. I especially ask you the favour (name it) and the great grace of purity to prepare me to be the temple of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SCHEDULE AND RESOURCES

Baptisms - Parents must be registered parishioners. Call the parish office for more information.

Marriages - Please contact a priest at least six months prior to the date.

For information on other sacraments or sick calls please call the rectory.

Kindergarten-6 Grade Classes - Contact Deacon Joe Allison for online registration.

7th & 8th Grade Classes - Contact Deacon Joe Alison for online registration.

Confirmation Sacramental Prep Classes- Wednesday 6:30-9:00PM

Communion Sacramental Prep Classes - Sunday 1-9PM (time varies according to group).

RCIA - Monday 7-9 PM in Spanish & Tuesday 7-9PM in English

Catholic Charities - 239-337-4193

Prayer Line - Please call 369-3111 and leave your prayer request on the recording or email it to: doroathybress@gmail.com

Perpetual Adoration - The chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Pregnancy Resources - Any woman who is pregnant and in need can turn to the pro-life movement for help. Community Pregnancy Clinic 689-1543, Birthright 1-800-550-4900, Carenet/Heartbeat 1-800-395-HELP or Bethany Christian Services 1-800-238-4269.

Knights of Columbus - For more information on St. Raphael's K of C #6265 please call 369-5632 or see the website KofC6265.org.

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary - 1st Thursday of the month 7:00-8:30PM in the Knights Hall. For more information see the Knights of Columbus website or call Kris Repnyek at 239-691-5301.

Knights of Columbus Maidens of The Blessed Mother - Catholic girls

age 10-17. For more information call M.J. at 239-410-7655.

Secular Carmelites Community - 3rd Sunday of the month from 2-5PM in the school building. Please call Pedro Gonzalez at 239-292-3996 for more information.

Legion of Mary - Tuesdays in the school building at 2:00PM.

Altar & Rosary Society - 1st Fridays following Mass September-May.

Cristo Rey (Spanish Charismatic) Prayer Group - Thursdays at 7:00PM in the parish hall.

Emaus: Men's/Women's Groups - Mondays at 7PM in the parish hall.

Haitian Prayer Group - Tuesdays in the school building at 7PM. For more information call 491-6719.

A Walk with St. Monica Prayer Group - 1st Thursday of the month in the Church at 9:00AM. For more information call Mary at 239-491-8103.

Location of Blessed Sacrament

Question:

Why do parishes have the Blessed Sacrament in a separate room?

Answer:

While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document *Built of Living Stones* (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is “integrally connected with the church” which can foster “reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer.” This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the “source and summit” of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 16, 2021

5:00PM †Christine Germak
Req. Tom & Sue Himmelspach

Sunday January 17, 2021

8:00 AM Parishioners
10:00 AM In Thanksgiving to Mother Mary
Req. Pierre Meme
12Noon †Gloria Gordon
Req. Carmela Ramsden

Monday January 18, 2021

8:00 AM †Rev. Dennis Cooney
Req. Sister Providence

Tuesday January 19, 2021

8:00 AM †Donald O'Grady
Req. Nieces, Linda Zastrow & Rita Healy

Wednesday January 20, 2021

8:00 AM †Dorothy O'Grady
Req. Niece, Diana Decker

Thursday January 21, 2021

8:00AM †Sandra Bradford & Oneta Bradford
Req. Bryce Bradford

Friday January 22, 2021

8:00AM †Marge Harrington
Req. John & Beverly Migyanko

Saturday January 23, 2021

8:00 AM †Judy Godin
Req. Natalie Tittiger
5:00PM †Joan Page, Sandra Wood & Mary
DiBenedetto
Req. Family

Sunday January 24, 2021

8:00 AM Parishioners
10:00 AM †Robert Bane
Req. Sister, Dolores James
12Noon Bonnie Rogers
Req. Geri



Join us on January 21st at our next Virtual event to hear Tim Staples speak on *Why Be Catholic? Black & White in a World of Gray*. Mr. Staples is a former U.S. Marine and a convert to the Catholic Church. He currently serves as the Director of Apologetics and Evangelization at Catholic Answers and is a world-renowned author and speaker. The program begins at 6PM on Zoom, please reserve your spot online at www.faithandale.com. The event is free; however, registration is required.

2020 – 2021 Program

February 18 Father Roy Lee, *Catholic Evangelist & Leader of Missions, Retreats & Workshops*
March 18 Immaculee Iilbagiza, *Author & Survivor of the Rwandan Genocide* (Event with Faith & Wine Lee County)
April 15 Dan Hesse, *Former CEO of Sprint & AT&T Wireless*

ALTAR FLOWERS

The church altar flowers have been donated this week by **The Renaissance Committee**.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle has been donated this week in memory of **Edward P. Rosenstein & James Dulaney** requested by **Dr. Thomas Gaetano Palumbo**.

CHAPEL CANDLE

The chapel candle has been donated this week in memory of **Edward P. Rosenstein & James Dulaney** requested by **Dr. Thomas Gaetano Palumbo**.

Calling All Men

As men we watch as our world, our families, and our Church are under constant attack and wonder "What are we to do?" What is the answer?



Go to Joseph

the Patron of Families and the Church

In this Year of St. Joseph all men are invited to join us as we make the Consecration to St. Joseph based on the book by Fr. Donald Calloway.

Drawing on the wealth of the Church's living tradition, Fr. Calloway, calls on all of us to turn to St. Joseph, entrust ourselves, our Church, and our world to our spiritual father's loving care, and then watch for wonders when the Universal Patron of the Church opens the floodgates of Heaven to pour out graces into our lives today.

Dates and Time: Monday evenings starting February 8th, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Meeting Location:
Knights of Columbus Hall
1250 Business Way
Lehigh Acres, FL



We will make the Consecration on March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph at St. Raphael Catholic Church at 6:00pm.

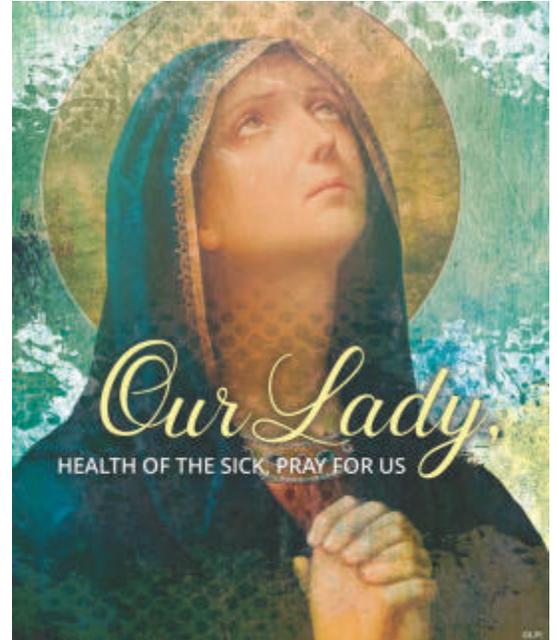
In the most troubling situation in which the Church finds herself today, the fatherly protection of St. Joseph, first exercised in the Holy Family and then in the universal Church, is now more needed than ever.
His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke

Please call Deacon Joe Allison, at 239-369-6424, for more information

Prayer and Worship



Fr. Michal re-opened the Adoration Chapel on Monday, January 11th. On Saturday, January 16th he commissioned all who have made a commitment to a weekly holy hour as official Adorers of St. Raphael Parish. All were given a personal holy hour booklet. He and Fr. Juan Carlos then blessed and thanked all who helped bring this special ministry about. All are welcome to join this ministry. Call the rectory for more information on signing up. God Bless you.



A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shines out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed, in their doubts never despair, in temptation never be destroyed, and in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day

the mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit and help them to praise your Heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners. By your same Holy Spirit put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted. And

may the gift of Mary, your Mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father, Amen.

- SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA VOCATION

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen." Please pray for the following soldiers serving our country. Staff Sgt Brandon Suarez, Lt Col William Schrader, SFC Sean Parker, Sgt Donald Bradley, Private Corey Smolinski, Lance Corporal William Melancon, Private Jonathan Colon, Jonathan Hoisington, Lance Corporal Tyler A Cundiff, Christopher Henderson, Christian Guzman, Jesse Newell, Orlando Soto Jr, Army Specialist Casey J Calvert, Sgt Rudy Davoles, Sr. Airman Corey Kelch, Specialist Anthony Joseph Shrader and Airman Brandon Stalnaker

PRAYER AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen.

- PEDRO DE LA CRUZ

www.CatholicPrayerCards.org

The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) contributes to the pastoral, educational, and charitable support of those in need throughout the Diocese of Venice. In addition, our Parish also benefits from the CFA if we exceed our goal of \$150,000.00. Please join the many in our Parish family who have already made a gift to the 2020 Catholic Faith Appeal. Your gift will make a difference in the lives of those who are assisted by the programs and ministries funded through the CFA as well as our own Parish community.

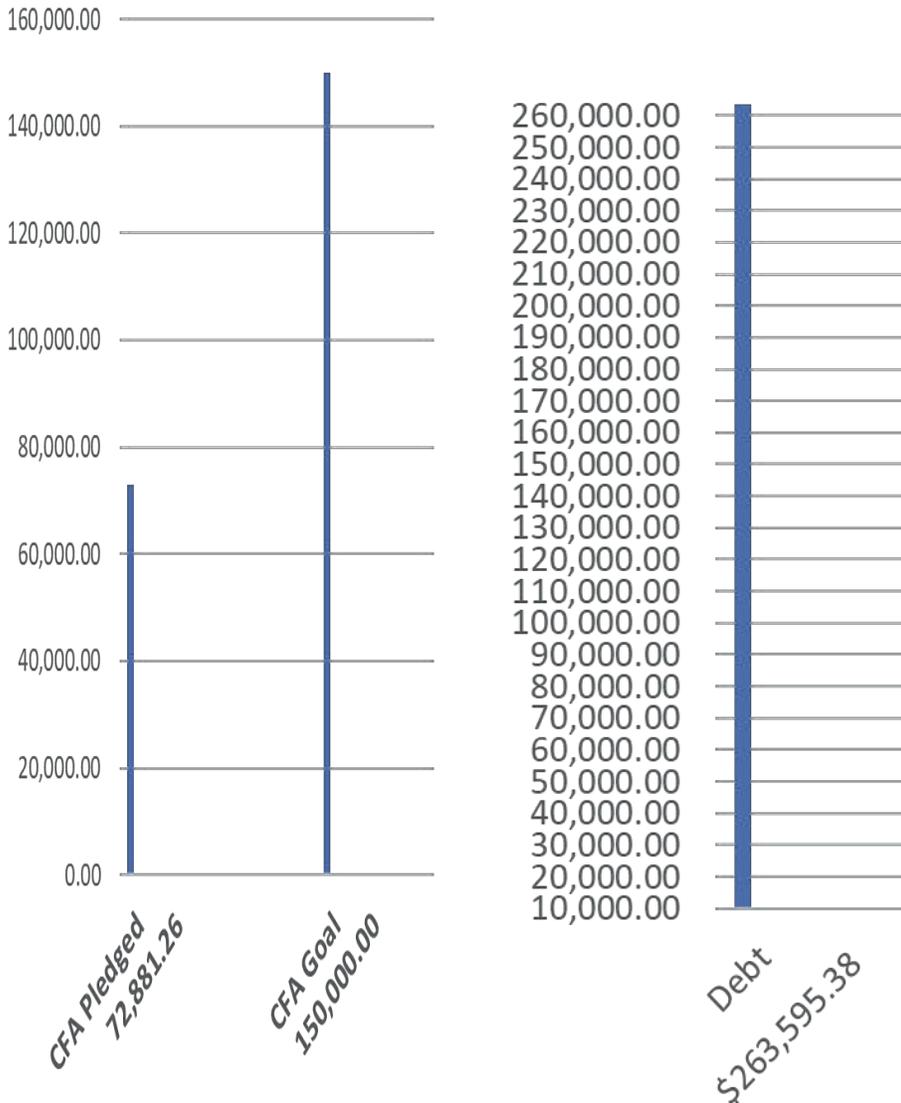
To make a gift, visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/> or complete a pledge envelope located at the back of the church and submit it either to the Parish office or in the offertory basket.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



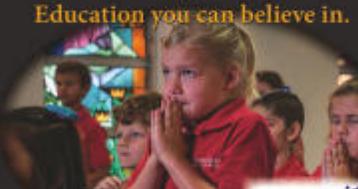
Collection
January 2nd & 3rd \$6,462.00
Attendance: 408
January 9th & 10th \$8,910.50
Attendance: 507

CFA Summary



Help Your Parish - During these challenging times, Parishes face increased risk of financial shortfalls due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic and its effects on everyday life. Parishes depend on weekly financial gifts to continue their ministries, especially in this critical time of crisis. Please prayerfully consider a donation to the parish by using your envelopes, mailing your contribution or online giving. Together we will navigate through this pandemic, aid those in need, and secure the road ahead for the Parishes within the Diocese of Venice. Please continue to pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died, for the recovery of the sick, for the strength of healthcare workers and caregivers, as well as for an end to this health crisis. Thank you for your generosity.

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