



ST. RAPHAEL

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

JANUARY 31, 2021 | FOURTH 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



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

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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 8:30AM - 4:30PM Monday – Thursday, Saturday & Sunday . On Fridays Adoration is in the Church 8:30AM – 4:30PM (the chapel is closed on Fridays)

Pregnancy Resources –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 491-8103.

Distraction During Prayer

Question: I get annoyed with myself when I am distracted while I pray. Is it a sin? How can I be more attentive?

Answer:

The mind is a marvelous and complex thing, producing amazing thoughts, images, wisdom and inspiration. Yet at times it is like a two-year-old: it does not follow directions, does what it wants and loves to tell us “no!” This is probably the oldest and most common problem in the spiritual life-dealing with distraction. It comes in all forms: good intentions forgotten, wandering thoughts at Mass, daydreaming, etc. A little poem says it all: When the soul begins to pray, the brain always wants to play!

There are many ways to handle distractions. If we are distracted by thoughts about our families or friends, we should pray for them. If we lose our focus, we need just “re-collect” ourselves. If some worry or concern just won't leave our mind, then we deal with it and come back to prayer or make it part of our prayer. And when words just won't come, the only prayer we might offer is our presence, our suffering, and our desire to be close to the Lord. Most importantly, we need to be patient with ourselves. These things are not sinful, but reminders of our human frailty. Our weaknesses and good efforts are all acceptable to God, who reads the love in our hearts and the good intentions of our minds.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 30, 2021

5:00PM †Leo Zeitz
Req. Wife, Lore Zeitz

Sunday January 31, 2021

8:00 AM Parishioners
10:00 AM †Catherine Sasse
Req. Family
12Noon †Bob James
Req. Wife, Frenny

Monday February 1, 2021

8:00 AM †Souls in Purgatory
Req. Miriam Blanco

Tuesday February 2, 2021

8:00 AM †Pasquale Siracusa
Req. Wife, Tatiana Siracusa

Wednesday February 3, 2021

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

Thursday February 4, 2021

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

Friday February 5, 2021

8:00AM †Deceased Members of The Altar &
Rosary Society
Req. The Altar & Rosary Society

Saturday February 6, 2021

8:00 AM †Judy Godin
Req. Bob & MaryAnn Beaulieu
5:00PM †Bill Rahmes
Req. Daughter, Mary Rahmes

Sunday February 7, 2021

8:00 AM Parishioners
10:00 AM †Salvatore & Louise D'Adonna & Alan
Blum
Req. Family
12Noon †Sarah Cooney
Req. Family

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus invite the women of St. Raphael Parish who are 18 years and over to join us; helping the Knights in their spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Our meetings begin on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00PM at 1250 Business Way (next to the bowling alley). We welcome your attendance this week on February 4th at the Knights hall.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The church altar flowers have been donated this week by **St. Raphael's Bingo.**

Know a Young Person with a Drug Problem?

Maybe you know of a young friend, neighbor or classmate who suffers from drug addiction and does not know where to turn for help. Drug Addicts Anonymous believes all individuals suffering from addiction have a right to access recovery, be self-sufficient and independent. Yet, today many young people affected by drug addiction are deprived of a sense of self-worth because they cannot pay for proper treatment or access recovery resources and support. DAA provides an opportunity for long term recovery and positive change through a no cost service. Based on a 12-step program, the focus is on the physical, mental and spiritual condition as a whole person; contributing to the individual's social reintegration in a dignified and efficient way. For program information and services available, please call 561-420-0930 or visit www.daamerica.org.

Project Rachel is a confidential healing ministry for women and men who have been touched by abortion. If you are struggling after an abortion, don't struggle alone. Call toll free in Florida 1-877-908-1212 or e-mail project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org for help.

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Deane to an **Anniversary Mass** in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in two locations: February 6th at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice at 10AM & 12PM, and March 6th at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at 10AM & 12PM. Please call your local parish office for reservations no later than a week before the event you choose to attend.

The Jay Carano Gift Shop is open before & after the weekend Masses. We have a large selection of gifts.

Great Lenten opportunities for prayer and spiritual growth at our Diocese's retreat center! Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center in Venice is offering its Monthly Day of Prayer on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. and includes two conferences, a simple lunch, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass with distribution of ashes, and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a safe, tranquil setting along the Myakka River. On February 20-21, Fr. Mark Yavarone, OMV will offer a weekend seminar on St. Ignatius' Rules for Discernment of Spirits. The profound wisdom in these rules can help us to pray better and more perseveringly, recognize temptation and reject it, and make good decisions. For more info or to register for either event, call Denise Riley at (941) 486-0233, ext. 3004, or visit our website (www.olph-retreat.org) and click on "Schedule of Events."

Prayer and Worship

The Prayer or Blessing Against Storms

Please pray this prayer against storms. Bless yourself with the sign of the Cross when you see the †

Jesus Christ a King of Glory has come in Peace. † God became man, † And the Word was made flesh. † Christ was born of a Virgin. † Christ suffered. † Christ was crucified. † Christ died. † Christ rose from the dead. † Christ ascended into Heaven. † Christ conquers. † Christ reigns. † Christ orders. † May Christ protect us from all storms and lightning. † Christ went through their midst in Peace, † And the Word was made flesh. † Christ is with us in Mary. † Flee you enemy spirits because the Lion of the Generation of Juda, the root David, has won. † Holy God! † Holy Powerful God! † Holy Immortal God! † Have mercy on us. Amen!

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

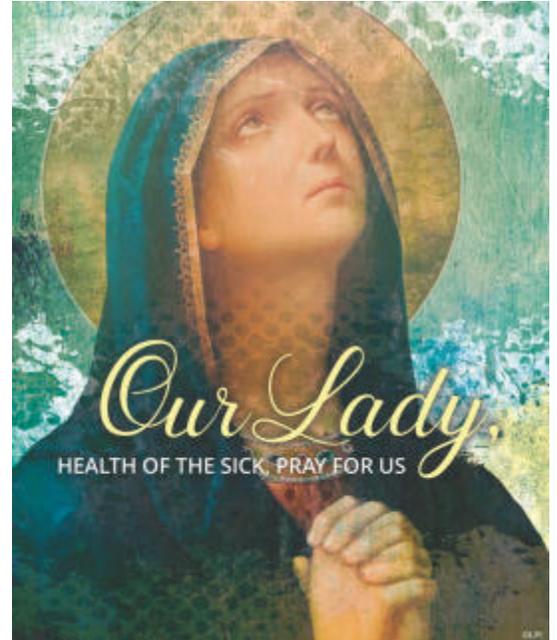
may the gift of Mary, your Mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father, Amen.

- SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA VOCATION SOCIETY

"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. If you would like to add a name please contact the parish office.

Staff Sargent 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

Today we hear one of the principal themes of Mark's Gospel, that is Jesus' Divine authority. Unlike the Scribes, Jesus teaches with authority. His authority is based neither on scholarly credentials nor his ability to quote the law, but on his Divine Sonship and the Holy Spirit manifested at His Baptism. Jesus is the Son of God and His authority comes from his Heavenly Father.

Christ confronts silence and expels the evil spirit that has possessed the unfortunate man we encounter in today's Gospel. The Power of Jesus over evil spirits reveal the ultimate victory the cross of Christ will bring about. In the Kingdom of God the love of God conquers evil and death.

One may be tempted to dismiss the Scribes. However, we too are subject to human frailty. We need to be inspired by scripture and live the Word, pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and approach our Christian duties with humility.

The Catholic Faith Appeal allows the Faithful and others interested in our Faith to deepen their knowledge of the Faith by coming together for Scripture Study; to share their Catholic Faith and ensure that the Holy Mass is celebrated even in financially stressed areas. The Catholic Faith Appeal provides resources that support the Office of Evangelization, our Religious Education and Youth Ministry throughout the Diocese as well the Diocese's outreach to the poor.

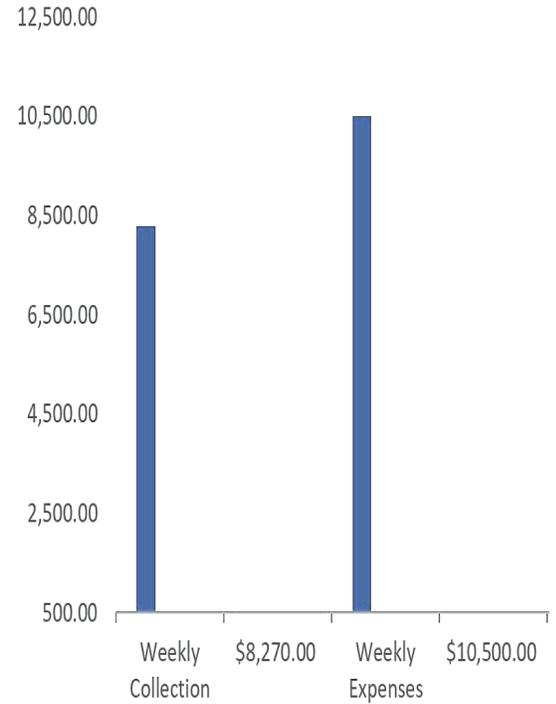
In addition, our Parish also benefits from the CFA if we exceed our goal of \$131,000.00. Please join the many in our Parish family who have already made a gift to the 2021 Catholic Faith Appeal. Your gift will make a difference in the lives of those who are assisted by the programs and ministries funded 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.

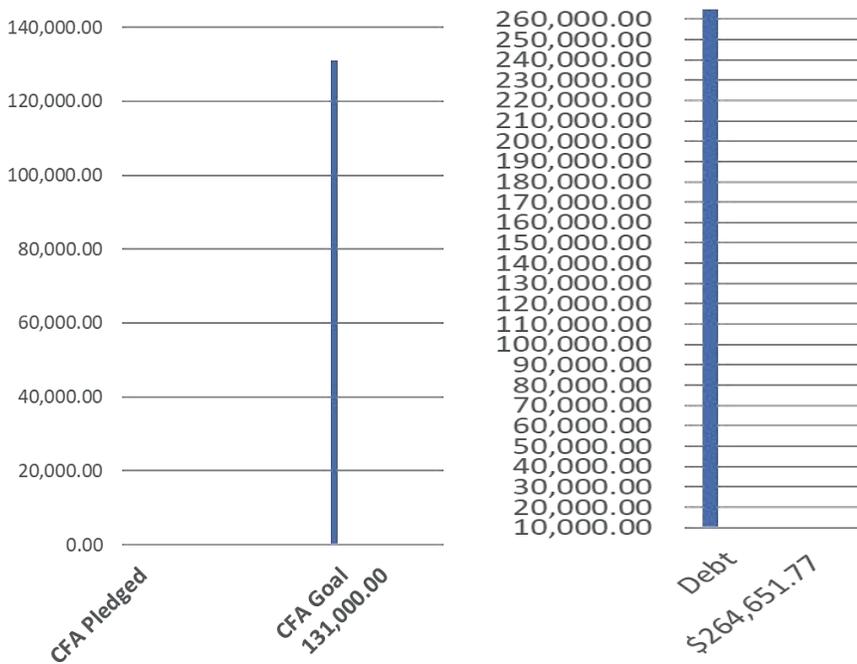
Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



Collection
January 23rd & 24th \$8,270.00
Attendance: 576

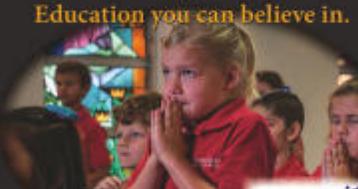


CFA Summary



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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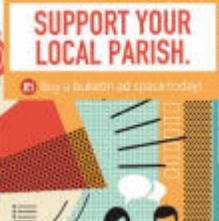
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