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— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

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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

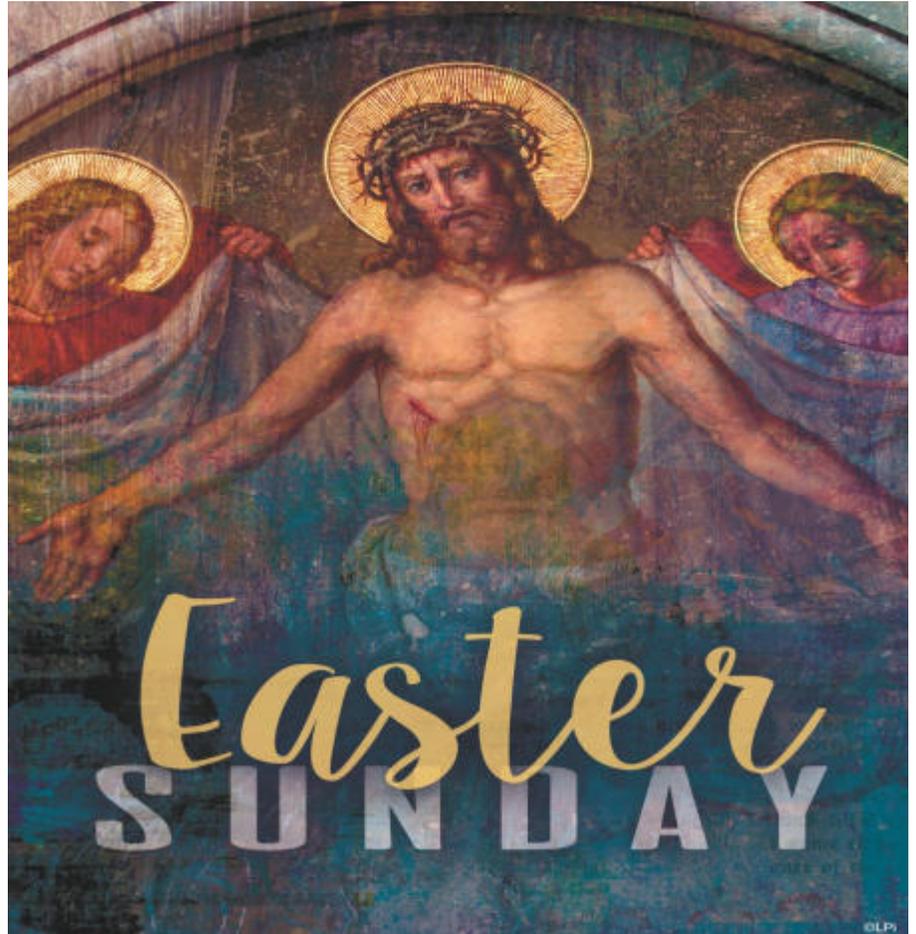
Sunday | 4:30PM-5:15PM (Español)

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 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 after 8AM Mass. For more information call Mary at 491-8103.

Question: Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?

Answer:

The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.

The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: “A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine” (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, “The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour” (Canon 919, §3).

So, if we strictly follow the “letter of the law,” the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 3, 2021

8:00PM †Ann Lomas
Req. Andy & Nancy Fleischman

Sunday April 4, 2021

8:00 AM Parishioners
10:00 AM †Grace Hipp
Req. Husband, Ken Hipp
10:15AM †Fania Michel
Req. Family
12Noon †Stephen LaScala
Req. Fran LaScala, Stephanie & Family

Monday April 5, 2021

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday April 6, 2021

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

Wednesday April 7, 2021

8:00 AM †Salvatore & Louise D'Addona & Alan Blum
Req. Family

Thursday April 8, 2021

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

Friday April 9, 2021

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

Saturday April 10, 2021

8:00 AM †Hilde Mummert
Req. Bernhard Mummert
5:00PM †Catherine Sasse
Req. Lynn Rinzel

Sunday April 11, 2021

8:00 AM Parishioners
10:00 AM †Francois Brutus
Req. Guirlande Delva
12Noon †Patricia, Benedict, Maureen & Joseph
Req. Sister Providence

Hi! It's me your spiritually adopted baby. Time is flying by! I've been so very busy growing and changing. This week I'm developing into an embryo. *"You created every part of me; You put me together in my mother's womb" Psalm 139:13*

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The church altar flowers have been donated this week by **The Knights of Columbus.**

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle has been donated this week in loving memory of **Stephen LaScala** requested by a friend.

CHAPEL CANDLE

The chapel candle has been donated this week in loving memory of **Ramon D. & Alfredo D. Mescallado, Jr.** Requested by **Penn J. & Rose M. Gerardo.**



St. Raphael's is starting a book club, open to all, called : **Traveling Companions' Book Club** '...walking with Jesus and Our Blessed Mother ...while reading the saints and others.'

The first book we will be reading and discussing is one of Pope Francis's recent books, his third encyclical, 'Fratelli Tutti' (brothers all). This is an inspiring book on 'fraternity and social friendship.'

After reading two more recent and awesome Pope Francis books, (Let Us Dream and Rebuking the Devil), we will go to 'The Three Teresas' and read selected books by Saints: Therese Lisieux, Teresa of Avila, and Teresa of Calcutta. We will meet through ZOOM to share inspiration and ideas, until we can meet safely in person. Our first meeting, through ZOOM, will be Tuesday, April 6th, time to be determined.

Please call 239-994-7125 for more information and/or to join our new Traveling Companions' Book Club!



The Knights of Columbus will be having their breakfast on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. They will be serving scrambled eggs, special scrambled eggs, French toast, sausage patties & links, hash browns, gravy & sausage, coffee, juices and milk.

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.

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

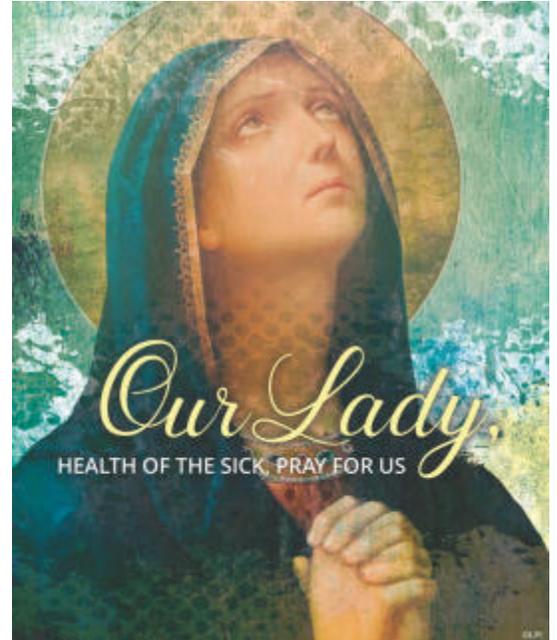
may the gift of Mary, your Mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father, Amen.

- 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

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The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on April 11th at 3:00 pm in the Church. All parishioners and friends are invited and encouraged to attend. (This is not a Mass)

The Feast of Divine Mercy celebrates the “greatest attribute of God” by which undeserving sinners receive the unearned, undeserved love of Christ which is greater and more powerful than sin and death. In His Mercy is our hope and salvation.

We are called not only to be recipients of the Divine Mercy but also the instruments and agents of that Mercy. We are called to practice and live the works of mercy, both corporal and spiritual. The Corporal Works of Mercy are: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, care for the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. The Spiritual Works of Mercy are: to admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive all injuries, and pray for the living and the dead. Divine Mercy pictures and statues may be brought to the Church to be blessed during this service.



Liz Repking

Founder and senior Cyber Safety Expert, Liz is also the mother of 3 children, ranging in age from middle school to college. Liz is the founder of the CASE program, Cyber Awareness & Safety Education, which is implemented in middle schools nationwide. Liz has been seen on WGN News, Fox Morning Show, NBC News and has contributed to many national news outlets and articles.

Sessions are free for parents and topics include: Cyber bullying, Online Predators, Sexting, Online Gaming & Creating an escape or exit plan with parents Register at **dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/protecting-gods-children-online-in-a-hyper-digital-age** by April 10.

Wednesday, April 14 | 6:30 – 8p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Venice

Thursday, April 15 | 6:30 – 8p.m.

St. Francis Xavier, Fort Myers

Appetizers and dessert will be served.

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.



ST. GERTRUDE PRAYER

Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that the following prayer would release 1,000 souls from Purgatory each

time it is said: *“Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most precious blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.”* Approval and Recommendation (sqd.) M. Cardinal Pahiarca, Lisbon, Portugal, March 4, 1936

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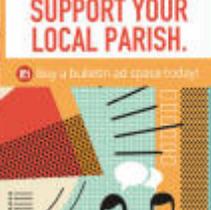
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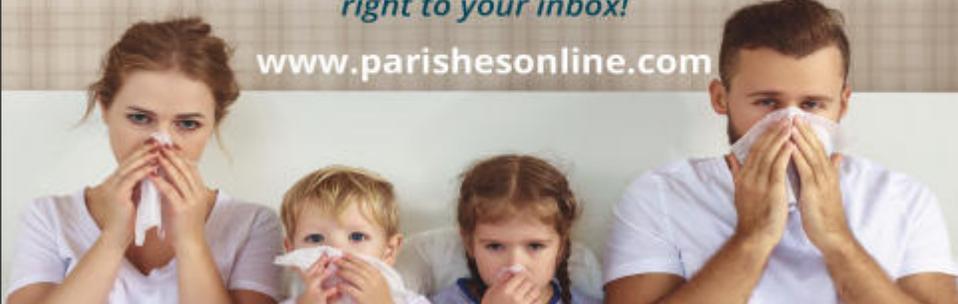
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