



ST. RAPHAEL

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

APRIL 18, 2021 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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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



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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

Confession & First Communion

Question:

Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Answer:

For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: “It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession” (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child’s “First Confession” can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their “First Confession” and “First Communion” help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 17, 2021

5:00PM †Mr. Joseph Beale
Req. M. Barbara Hartnett

Sunday April 18, 2021

8:00 AM Parishioners
10:00 AM †Johnanthony Ardolino
Req. Wife, Nicole Ardolino
12Noon †Rev. Dennis J. Cooney
Req. Victor & Ida Machado

Monday April 19, 2021

8:00 AM †Surra Family
Req. Agnes Thompson

Tuesday April 20, 2021

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

Wednesday April 21, 2021

8:00 AM †Eugene Cooney
Req. Family

Thursday April 22, 2021

8:00AM †Pedro Evaristo Diaz
Req. Rosamary Rodriguez & Family

Friday April 23, 2021

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

Saturday April 24, 2021

8:00 AM †Lou Lahman & Ricky Wallin
Req. Paul & Jenna Clark
5:00PM †Tricia Lynn Jacobs
Req. Joseph Macchia

Sunday April 25, 2021

8:00 AM Parishioners
10:00 AM †Linda Stabenow, 6th Anniversary
Req. Family
12Noon †Dennis Palazzo
Req. Sam & Judy Ross

“Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane” - Join Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, for his monthly radio program on Relevant Radio. “Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane” can be heard at 8:30AM on the last Friday of each month on 1410 AM and 106.7 FM in Fort Myers. All can listen at <https://dioceseofvenice.org/our-bishop/relevant-radio-podcasts>.

The National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) provides free consultation services to individuals facing difficult ethical decisions related to health care. In emergency situations an NCBC ethicist is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 215-877-2660. NCBC ethicists do not provide legal or medical advice.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The church altar flowers have been donated this week by **The Altar & Rosary Society.**

SANCTUARY CANDLE

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

CHAPEL CANDLE

The chapel candle has been donated this week in loving memory of **Zita Lee** requested by a friend.

St. Raphael's Traveling Companions' Book Club
'...walking with Jesus and Our Blessed Mother while reading the saints and others.'

Open to all!

Please call 239-994-7125 for more information.

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.



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.

Hi! It's me your spiritually adopted baby. Can you believe I am already 4 weeks old? Right now my head is oversized compared to my body, but don't worry It'll catch up. My eyes, openings for my nostrils, and openings for my ears are starting to form. My arms and legs are really budding out right now, but my hands and feet look like paddles. My heart has divided into the right and left chambers and is pumping 100 -130 beats a minute. **“...carefully put together in my mother's womb, when I was growing there in secret, you knew that I was there- you saw me before I was born” Psalm 139:15-16**

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

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

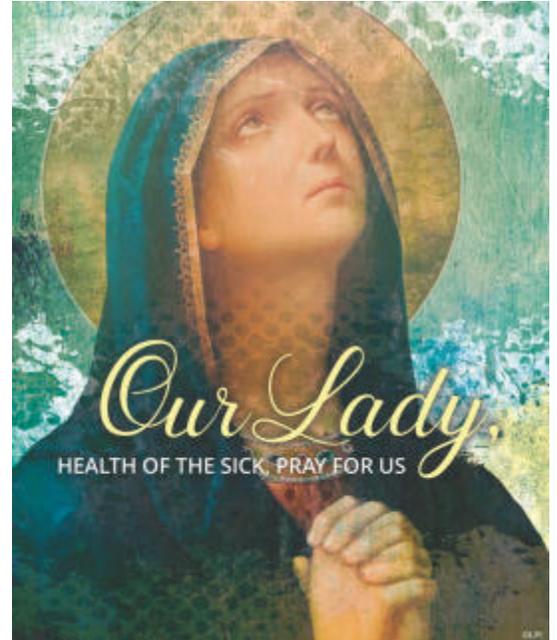
may the gift of Mary, your Mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father, Amen.

- 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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St. Agnes, Naples, April 29 |
8:30AM. – 4:30PM
 Queen of Martyrs, Sarasota,
May 1 | 8AM – 4PM

The Youth Mental Health First Aid USA curriculum is primarily focused on information participants can use to help adolescents and transition-age youth, ages 12-18. Youth Mental Health First Aid USA is an 8 hour public education program which introduces participants to the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents, builds understanding of the importance of early intervention, and teaches individuals how to help an adolescent in crisis or experiencing a mental health challenge. Mental Health First Aid uses role-playing and simulations to demonstrate how to assess a mental health crisis; select interventions and provide initial help; and connect young people to professional, peer, social, and self-help care.

WHAT WILL PARTICIPANTS LEARN?

The course teaches participants the risk factors and warning signs of a variety of mental health challenges common among adolescents. Participants learn to support a youth developing signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in an emotional crisis by applying a core five-step action plan:

- Assess for risk of suicide or harm
- Listening without judgement
- Give reassurance and information
- Encourage appropriate professional help
- Encourage self-help and other support strategies

Cost is \$25 per person. Space is limited to the first 30 people registered at each site. Register at dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/workshop-on-youth-mental-health-first-aid by April 25.

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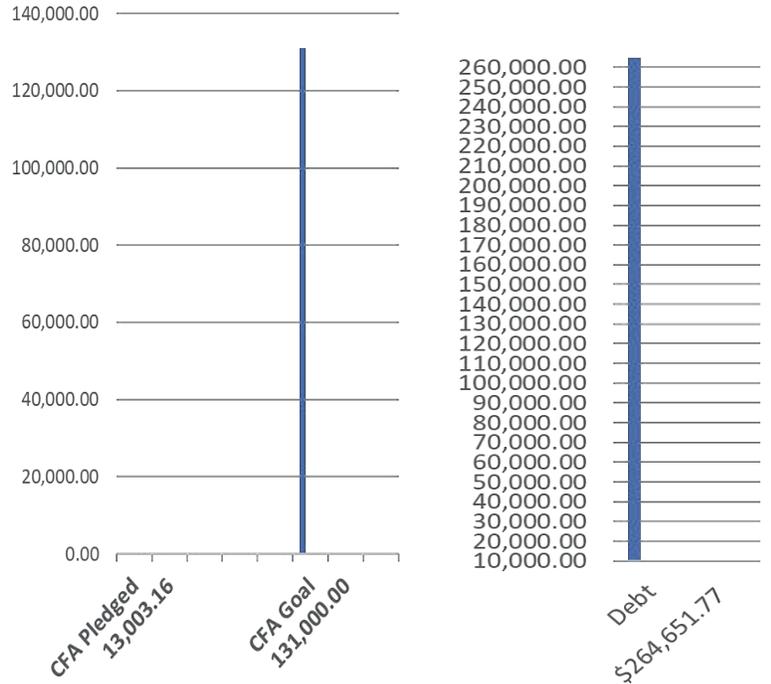
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May 14-16, 2021

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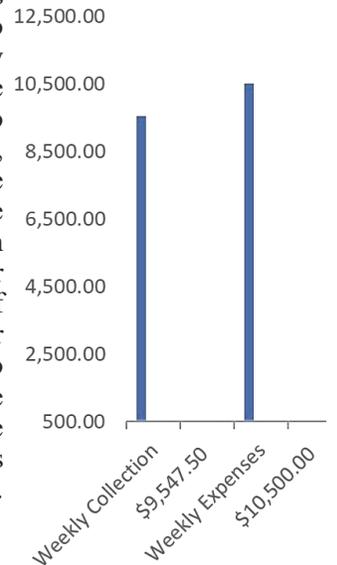
The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) contributes to the pastoral, education, and charitable support of those in need in the Diocese of Venice. Our parish also benefits from the CFA if we exceed our goal of \$131,000.00. Join those in our parish family who have made a gift to the 2021 CFA. Your gift will make a difference in the lives of those who are assisted by the programs and ministries funded through the CFA.

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 offering basket. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



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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 April 10th & 11th
 \$9,547.50
 Attendance: 799



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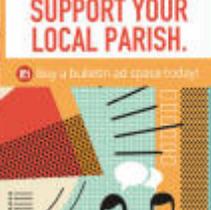
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