



# ST. RAPHAEL

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

MAY 16, 2021 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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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



## 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

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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.

**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.

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group (Spanish)** - Please call the parish office for information.

**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.

### Religious Orders

**Question:** What is the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names?

**Answer:** The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as “religious orders”) are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person’s name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

Other common examples include:

DC = Daughters of Charity

FSC = The Brothers of the Christian Schools/Christian Brothers

OCist = The Order of Cistercians

OCD = Order of Discalced Carmelites

OFM = The Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans)

OFM Cap = The Capuchin Franciscans

OP = The Order of Preachers (Dominicans)

OSF=Franciscan Sisters

SC = Sisters of Charity

SDS = Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian Priests and Brothers and Salvatorian Sisters)

SSND = School Sisters of Notre Dame

SVD = Society of the Divine Word (Divine Word Missionaries)

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday May 15, 2021

5:00PM †Pasquale Siracusa  
Req. Wife, Tatiana Siracusa

### Sunday May 16, 2021

8:00 AM Parishioners  
10:00 AM †Johnanthony Ardolino  
Req. Wife, Nicole Ardolino  
12Noon †Rev. Dennis Cooney  
Req. Sister Providence

### Monday May 17, 2021

8:00 AM †Jose & Juaquina Machado  
Req. Victor & Ida Machado

### Tuesday May 18, 2021

8:00 AM †Bob James  
Req. Wife, Frenny

### Wednesday May 19, 2021

8:00 AM †DeFeo Family Members  
Req. Theresa Honsaker & Sharon Tice

### Thursday May 20, 2021

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

### Friday May 21, 2021

8:00AM †Mario Potvin  
Req. Sister, France & Al Mansur

### Saturday May 22, 2021

8:00 AM †Dorothy O'Grady  
Req. Niece, Diana Decker  
5:00PM †Mary Rafferty  
Req. Whipple Family

### Sunday May 23, 2021

8:00 AM Parishioners  
10:00 AM †Blanchelande Bonneau & Pierre Bonneau  
Req. Guirlande Delva  
12Noon †James E. Handleton, Jr.  
Req. Wife, Dolores

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

**“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>.

### 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 **Edward P. Rosenstein & James Dulaney** requested by **Dr. Thomas Gaetano Palumbo**.

### CHAPEL CANDLE

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

**Hi, it's me again, your spiritually adopted baby.** This 8-week-old “little one” is already 1 ½ inches long and weighing in at 1/3 of an ounce! By the end of this week, my inner ears will be completely formed. But, you know, I sure can't take credit for any of this... **“God created human beings, making them to be like Himself. He created them male and female...” Genesis 1:27**

Traveling Companions' book club: Our June book we will be reading and discussing is the spiritual classic, 'Interior Castles by St. Teresa of Avila' We meet every two weeks, Tues. 6 p.m., through Zoom. (We will help you with Zoom if you need assistance!) Call 239-994-7125 to join us! Traveling Companions' book club!...walking with Jesus and Our Blessed Mother while reading the saints and others..'

**Retrouvaille**, hope for troubled marriages, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

**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.

Whatever your stumbling block is, **GOD** is bigger. And his **grace** breathed into a stumbling block allows it to become a stepping stone.

**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](mailto: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

## A PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Dear St. Ann you were truly twice blessed to have our blessed mother as your daughter and Jesus our Savior as your grandson. I know that every period of our lives has its responsibilities as well as its joys. Today, it seems that grandparents have either too little use or too much; either we are shunted aside to do nothing, or we are called upon to do everything. Help me to know just where my duties lie in my particular situation and to carry them out as best I can. Take care of my family, my children, and their children. Inspire them all to follow your grandson and lead truly Christian lives. Keep all of us in your loving care, never let us turn away from Jesus, and help us in the end to receive the joy of entering into your grandson's glorious presence forever. Good St. Ann pray for us grandparents. Amen.

**Merciful Lord**, your heart is full of loving kindness. Our hearts are full of praise to you. You are worthy of our full devotion. Lord, today we lift up our Church to you. We pray for the sick, for the grieving, for the lonely, for the broken, for the confused, and for *all* those who are needy this day. We pray that you would bring your strength, your healing, your comfort, your wisdom, your restoration, your protection, and your provision. Thank you for giving us a church family to belong to and to love. Amen.



## 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

## PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Lord God, we pray for the institution of marriage and the family which is on the verge of ruin in the world today. The strong waves of the evil one are hitting hard the foundations of marriage and many unions are breaking up very fast. God, we need You to send down the Holy Spirit so that He can teach us Your values and tenets that can guide us to strengthen our marriages. Inspire us with Your knowledge that it is You who gave us the institution of marriage and that You require us to respect it and remain solidly in it. Dear God, we know that we are sinners and we sometimes give in to sin and evil temptations that ruin our marriages. Give us the strength and support to resist all temptations that ruin our marriage. May our children grow up in families that are steady and strong so that they can learn Your good values and become productive people in Your vineyard. **Amen.**

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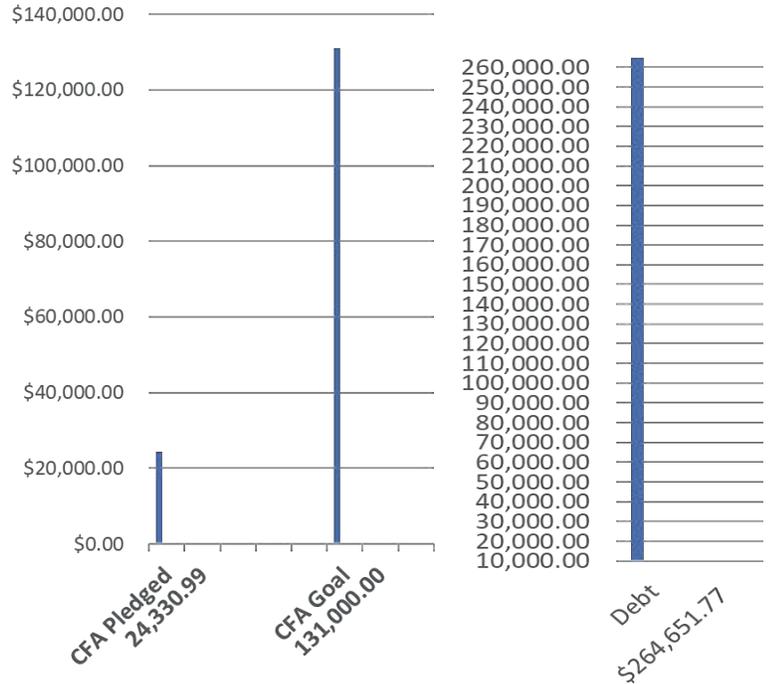
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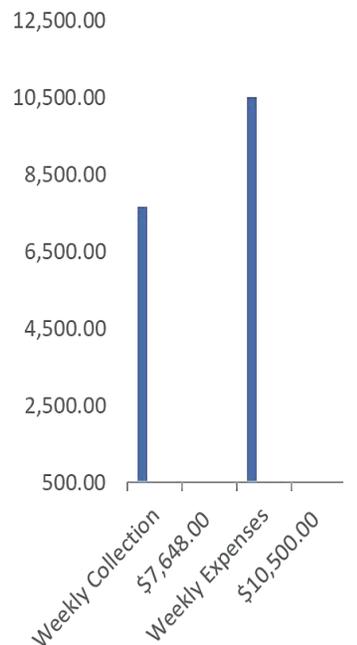
The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) contributes to the pastoral, education, and charitable support of those in need in the Diocese of Venice. Our parish also benefits from the CFA if we exceed our goal of \$131,000.00. Join those in our parish family who have made a gift to the 2021 CFA. Your gift will make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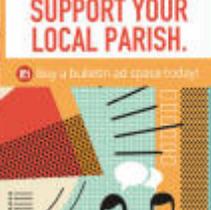
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