



# ST. RAPHAEL

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

**JUNE 6, 2021 | THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**



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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

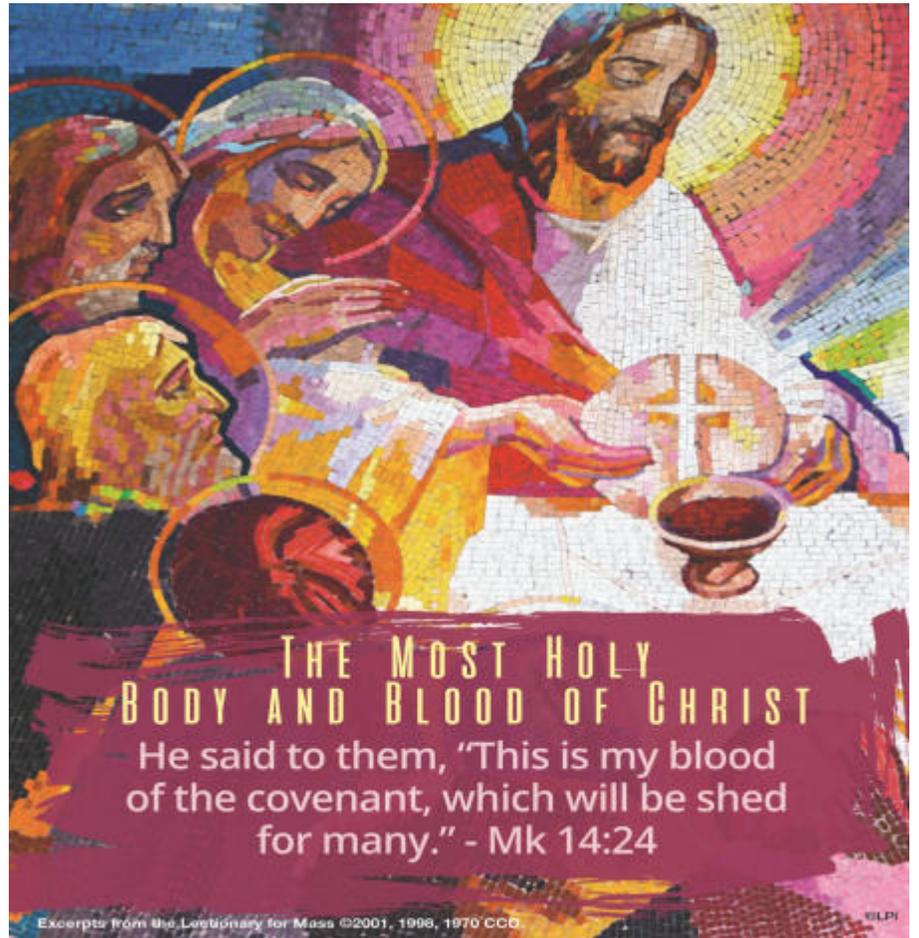
Sunday | 4:30PM-5:15PM (Español)

## 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: dorothebress@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)** - For information please call the parish office.

**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.

### Patron Saints

Question:

Why are some saints honored as “patron saints”?

Answer:

Each person is unique and each of us has different gifts, interests, talents, and, yes, even struggles and areas where we need to grow. This is no less true of those holy women, men, and children who have been canonized or beatified.

Because we believe that the saints and blessed are both models of faith and intercessors, Christians have looked to certain holy people as role models and heavenly protectors for occupations, spiritual charisms, and even places. Although the Church sometimes names a person as a patron saint (e.g. Saint Philip Neri as the patron of Rome, Saint Clare of Assisi as the patroness of television, or Saint Aloysius Gonzaga as the patron of youth and young adults), more often it is popular devotion that inspires lay Christians to turn to a particular saint or blessed for heavenly help and support. This is how, for example, Saint Cecilia came to be honored as the patroness of musicians, Saint Toribio Romo as patron of migrants coming into the United States, and Saint Gertrude of Nivelles as patroness of cat lovers. Although there are official and unofficial lists of patron saints, we should always feel free to ask any and all the saints to give us their patronage and protection in whatever it is that we need.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday June 5, 2021

5:00PM †Alan & Christine Maystre  
Req. Galasso Family

### Sunday June 6, 2021

8:00AM Parishioners  
10:00AM †Rev. Dennis Cooney  
Req. Mary Rahmes  
12Noon †Donald O'Grady  
Req. Nieces, Linda Zastrow & Rita Healy

### Monday June 7, 2021

8:00AM †Maud Brutus  
Req. Guirlande Delva

### Tuesday June 8, 2021

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

### Wednesday June 9, 2021

8:00AM †Catherine Sasse  
Req. Lynn Rinzel

### Thursday June 10, 2021

8:00AM †Crispen & Luisa P. Molina  
Req. Family

### Friday June 11, 2021

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

### Saturday June 12, 2021

8:00AM Darlene Sardone  
Req. Mr. & Mrs. Michael Turco  
5:00PM †Elizabeth Mariani  
Req. Ed & Helen Smith

### Sunday June 13, 2021

8:00AM Parishioners  
10:00AM †Joshua Hunter Brown-Perez  
Req. Gustavo Sandoval  
12Noon †Rev. Dennis Cooney  
Req. Sister Providence

**Hello again, it's me, your spiritually adopted baby!** At 11 weeks old I have finally hit the three inch mark in length and the scale is tipping slightly over the ½ ounce mark. Check out this baby's reflexes! If you touch my palm, my fingers will close; and if you touch the bottom of my feet, I'll curl my toes! *"I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord, and my God is now my strength."* – *Isaiah 49:5*



Traveling Companions' book club: Our June book is, 'St. Therese of Lisieux, Story of a Soul' We meet every two weeks, on Tuesday at 6PM, 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.'

### ALTAR FLOWERS

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

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle has been donated this week in loving memory of **Angelo & Steven Edward Torrens** requested by **Lydia Torrens & Family.**

### CHAPEL CANDLE

The chapel candle has been donated this week in loving memory of **Angelo & Steven Edward Torrens** requested by **Lydia Torrens & Family.**

### ADORTION CHAPEL

**"My mission, to make God loved"**  
**St. Therese of Lisieux**

St. Therese is the patroness of missionaries, although she never left the convent. She died at the early age of 24, yet accomplished great things through the power of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The Church made her the patroness of missionaries to emphasize this most important truth: one soul coming before the Blessed Sacrament can change the world!

**"There is only one thing to do here below, to love Jesus, to win souls for Him that He may be loved."**  
**(St. Therese)**

Angel of my Eucharist  
it is you who will delight my heart  
yes, it is your sweet melody  
that will console my sorrow.

I thirst to give myself to souls  
but too many hearts are indifferent  
seraphim, give them your flames  
bring them with your sweet songs.

I would like the soul of a Priest  
to look like the heavenly seraphim!  
I would like him to be born anew  
before going up to the Altar!

In order to obtain this miracle  
some souls near the tabernacle,  
praying unceasingly,  
should offer themselves to me every day.  
*(Words of Jesus from a play by St. Therese)*

St. Therese donated her gold bracelet to be melted down and used as part of a monstrance at Le Sacre Coeur in Montmartre, France, where Jesus in the Sacred Heart is lifted up in love through Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration to this Day!

**Would you consider signing up for an hour with Jesus?  
If so, please contact Miriam at 239-250-4649.**

# 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!



## 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

## 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 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.

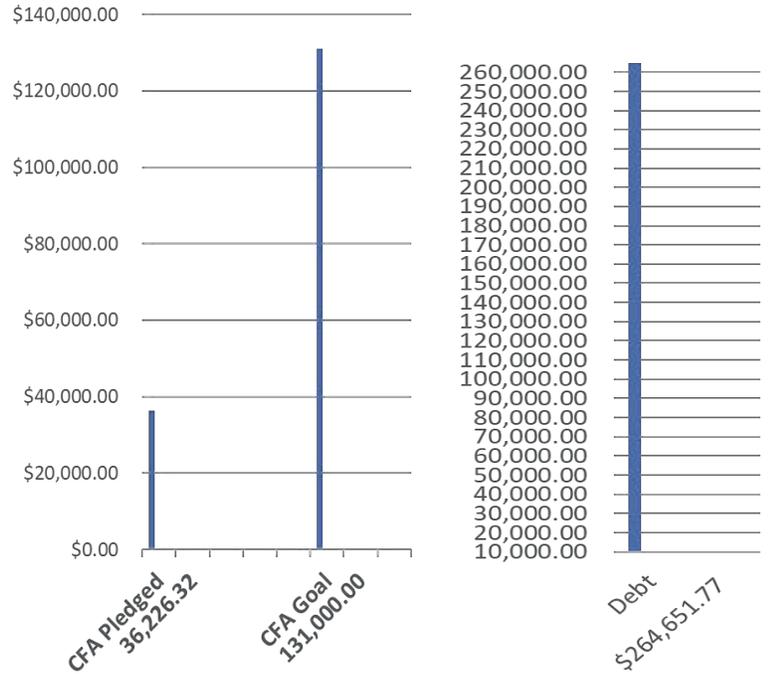


## FATHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

Beginning Father's Day St. Raphael's will be having **A Nine Day Novena of Masses** for the intentions of all the names submitted on the Father's Day Envelopes. The names will be placed on the Altar during the Nine Day Novena.

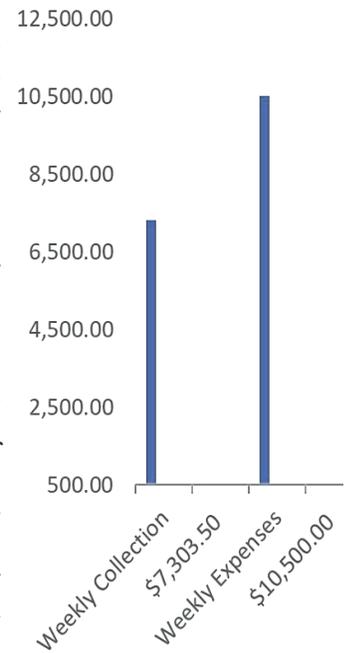
The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) contributes to the pastoral, education, and charitable support of those in need in the Diocese of Venice. Our parish also benefits from the CFA if we exceed our goal of \$131,000.00. Join those in our parish family who have made a gift to the 2021 CFA. Your gift will make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



May 29th & 30th  
\$7,303.50  
Attendance: 841

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.



**Knights of Columbus**

**BINGO**

**WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY'S**

**TIME: 6:00 TO 9:00 PM**

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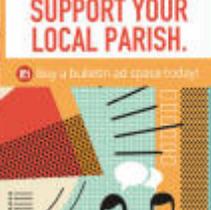
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