



# ST. RAPHAEL

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

**JUNE 27, 2021** | THE THIRTEENTH 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

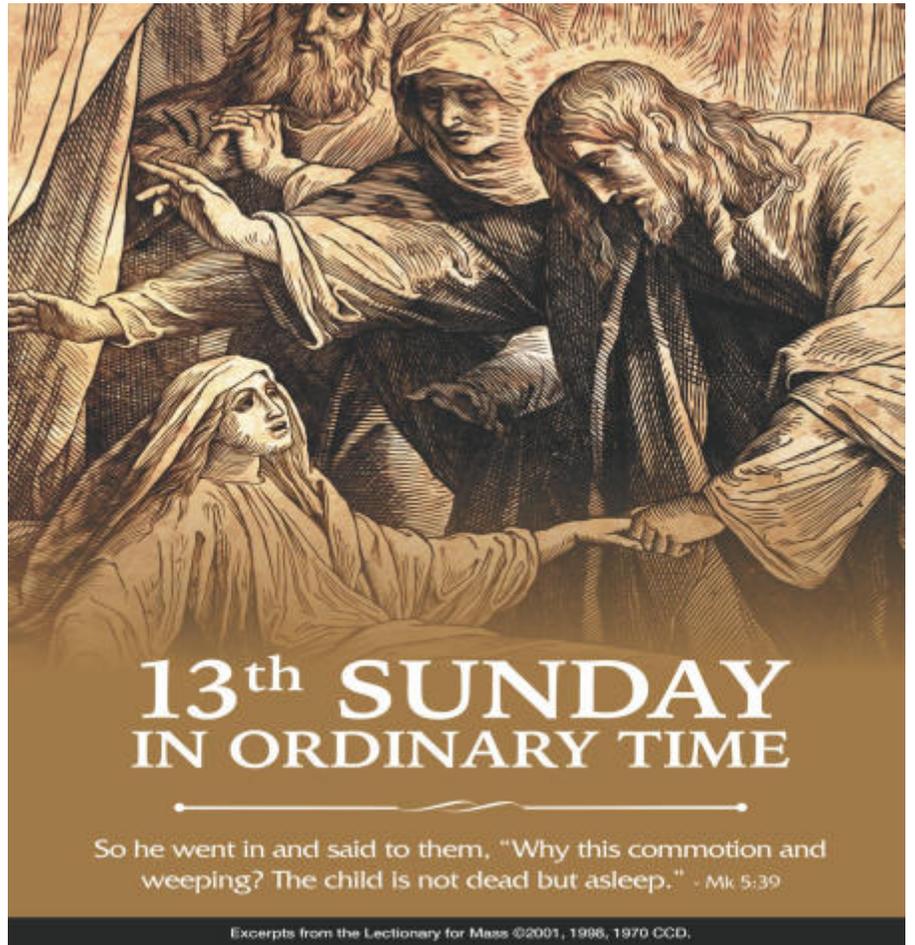
Sunday | 4:30PM-5:15PM (Español)

## PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michal Szyszka, *Administrator*

Rev. Deacon Joseph W. Allison,  
*Director of Religious Education*

Rev. Deacon Edward J. Gwiazda



## 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.

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group (Spanish)** - meets in the school building the 1st & 3rd Saturdays 8AM - Noon.

**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.

### Miraculous Medal

Question:

What is the “Miraculous Medal” and why is it called that?

Answer:

The medal of the Immaculate Conception that has come to be called simply the “Miraculous Medal” dates back to an apparition of Mary to Saint Catherine Laboure, who was then a novice sister with the Daughters of Charity. On November 27, 1830, Our Lady appeared to her standing on a globe, with shafts of light streaming from her hands and the words, “O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee,” surrounding the image. In the same vision, Catherine saw a capital “M” with a cross above it and below two hearts. Catherine seemed to hear a voice telling her to have what she saw struck as a medal and a promise that those who wore the medal would have the protection and intercession of the Mother of God. The first 1,500 of medals were distributed in 1832. Many miraculous favors were attributed to the use of the medal.

Saint Catherine’s “Miraculous Medal” is among the recognizable and popular symbols of modern Catholicism. Reflecting on its widespread use, the 2001 Vatican document, “Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy,” observes that the medal “recalls the mystery of Redemption, the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Sorrowful Heart of Mary. It signifies the mediatory role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mystery of the Church, the relationship between Heaven and earth, this life and eternal life.”

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday 26, 2021

5:00PM †Fredrick Theodue  
Req. Whipple Family

### Sunday June 27, 2021

8:00 AM Parishioners  
10:00 AM †Rev. Hugh Joyeau & Barney Belmar  
Req. Ruby Sylvester  
12Noon †James E. Handleton, Jr.  
Req. Wife, Dolores

### Monday June 28, 2021

8:00 AM †Candice Colkitt  
Req. Jacquelyn Nagg

### Tuesday June 29, 2021

8:00 AM †Elizabeth Mariani  
Req. Sharon Tice & Theresa Honsaker

### Wednesday June 30, 2021

8:00 AM †Catherine Sasse  
Req. Family

### Thursday July 1, 2021

8:00AM †Eugene Cooney  
Req. Family

### Friday July 2, 2021

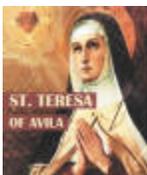
8:00AM †Deceased Members of The Altar &  
Rosary Society  
Req. The Altar & Rosary Society

### Saturday July 3, 2021

8:00 AM †Lois "Smily" Walder & Parents  
5:00PM Andy & Nancy Fleischman  
Req. Rosemary Stonequist

### Sunday July 4, 2021

8:00 AM Parishioners  
10:00 AM Lloyd & Mary Johnson  
Req. Family  
12Noon †Sue Schaff  
Req. Andy & Nancy Fleischman



During the month of July the Traveling Companions' book club, ('...walking with Jesus and Our Blessed Mother while reading the saints and others') will be reading the spiritual classic, Interior Castle, by St. Teresa of Avila. We meet by Zoom every two weeks on Tuesday at 6PM. Please call 239-994-7125 to join our journeys!



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 7PM at 1250 Business Way (next to the bowling alley). We welcome your attendance this week on July 1st at the Knights hall.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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

**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.

### **Deacon Ed Gwiazda Retirement Celebration July 3rd & July 4th**

Help us congratulate our dear friend Deacon Ed Gwiazda by gathering in the parish hall on Saturday, July 3rd after the 5pm Mass and on Sunday, July 4th after the 8AM, 10AM & 12noon Masses

We wish you many blessings for a very happy retirement. Thank you for everything you've done it's much appreciated.

### **Our St. Monica's Prayer Group will not meet in July.**

**It's me, your spiritually adopted baby.** HEL—lo and excuse me, please! I've got the hiccups. They say that when you get the hiccups, you're growing. I'm now 14 weeks old and in only 2 weeks I've gone from weighing one ounce to 5 ½ ounces! Did I mention that I have little taste buds? Anybody for ordering pizza? *"...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.

**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  
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## 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.**



**WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY'S**

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

**WHERE: 1250 BUSINESS WAY  
LEHIGH ACRES  
(NEXT TO THE BOWLING ALLEY)**

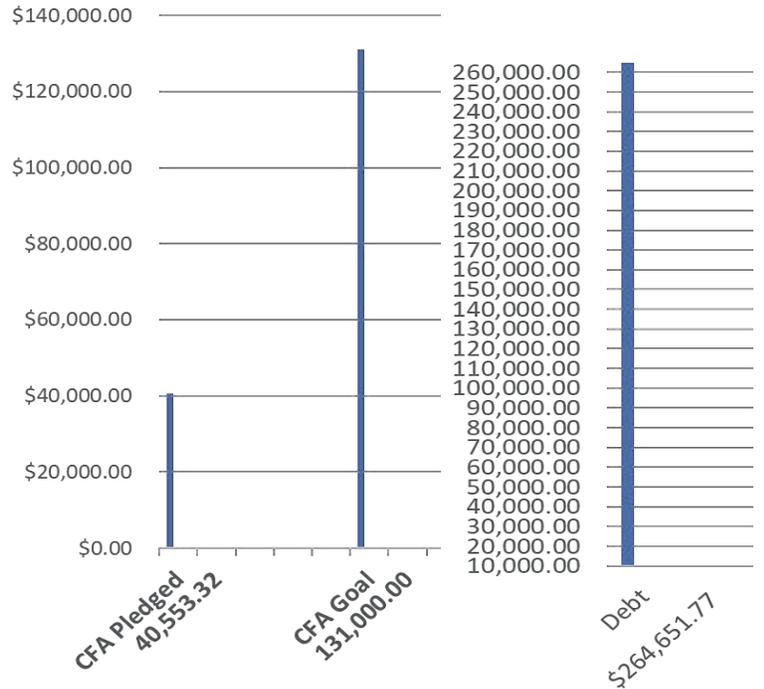


**Will you not spend one hour with me?** "The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates the heart of the mystery of the Church. In a variety of ways she joyfully experiences the constant fulfillment of the promise: "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age' (Mt 28:20), but in the Holy Eucharist, through the changing of bread and wine into the body and blood of the Lord, she rejoices in this presence with unique intensity. Ever since Pentecost, when the Church, the People of the New Covenant, began her pilgrim journey towards her heavenly homeland, the Divine Sacrament has continued to mark the passing of her days, filling them with confident hope. -Missionaries of the Blessed Sacrament, June 2003 Newsletter

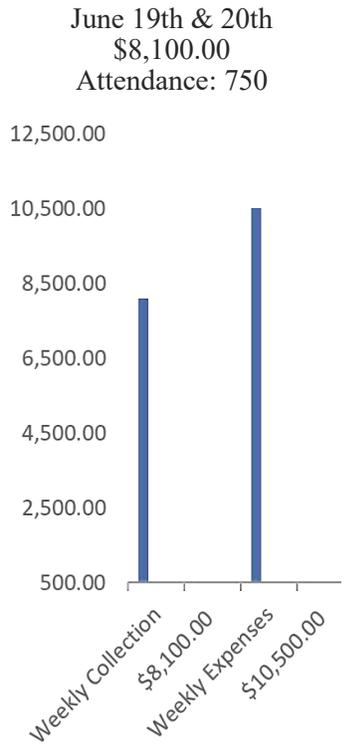
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The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) contributes to the pastoral, education, and charitable support of those in need in the Diocese of Venice. Our parish also benefits from the CFA if we exceed our goal of \$131,000.00. Join those in our parish family who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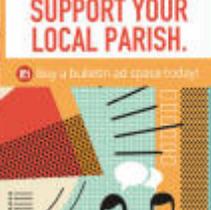
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