



ST. RAPHAEL

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

JULY 4, 2021 | THE FOURTEENTH 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

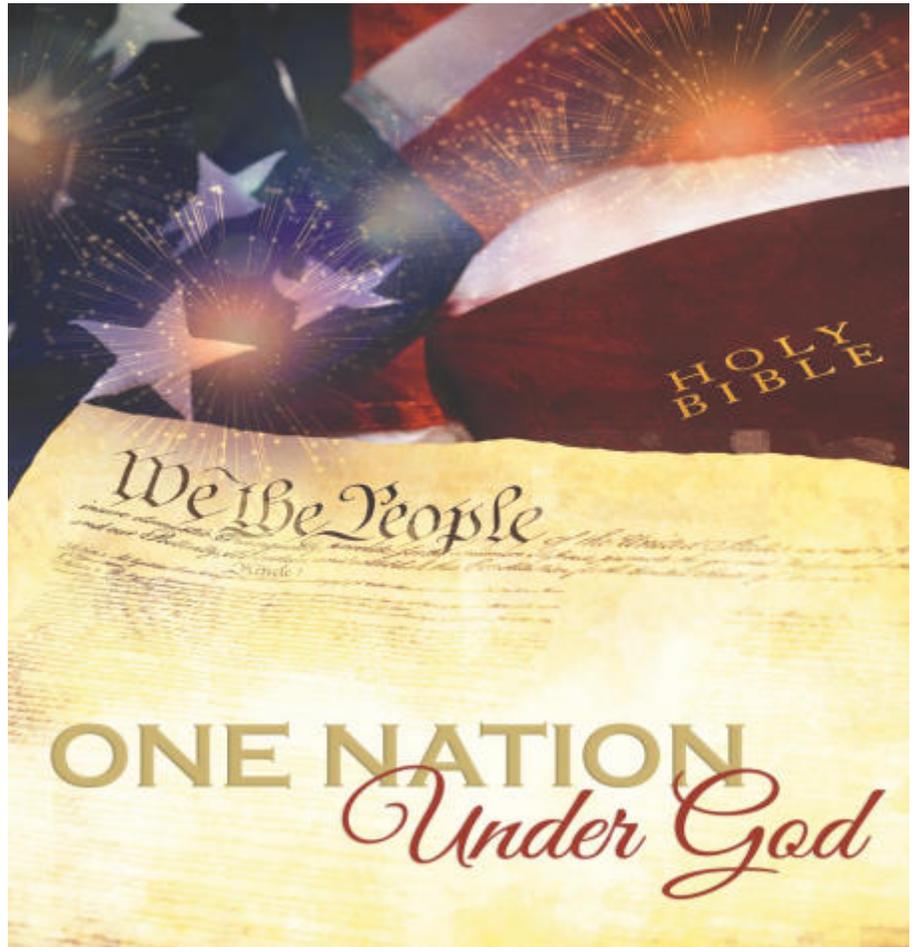
Sunday | 4:30PM-5:15PM (Español)

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: dorothybress@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.

God Bless America

I would like to comment on the speeches by politicians when they end their speeches by saying "God Bless America". I commend them all for saying this, but how can we ask that of God when we have pushed him out of our lives and kicked him out of our public schools and buildings? Our "laws" forbid him to be mentioned there.

How can we ask him to bless us when our laws allow us to kill the unborn by abortion? These babies were gifts from God.

How can we face him after some agree that euthanasia for the elderly should be made legal?

Our children should have the right to talk about God at school, sing his praises and put up nativity scenes in his honor. Maybe then our school systems and the children will improve.

If we put God first in our lives and hearts, we will see the error of our ways and abortion will be seen for what it is - the slaughter of the innocents - and our elderly will again be respected and protected.

We have to stop playing God ourselves, and then God will truly bless us and America.

*Ruth Weber
Davenport Iowa*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 3, 2021

5:00PM Andy & Nancy Fleischman
Req. Rosemary Stonequist

Sunday Jul 4, 2021

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

Monday July 5, 2021

8:00 AM †Geri Ellsworth
Req. Galasso Family

Tuesday July 6, 2021

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

Wednesday July 7, 2021

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

Thursday July 8, 2021

8:00AM †Merle Fowler
Req. Lee

Friday July 9, 2021

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

Saturday July 10, 2021

8:00 AM †Catherine Sasse
Req. Lynn Rinzel
5:00PM †Mark Anthony Quintana
Req. Dad & Mom

Sunday Jul 11, 2021

8:00 AM Parishioners
10:00 AM Celia Chavez
Req. Rosamary Rodriguez & Family
12Noon †James E. Handleton, Jr.
Req. Grandchildren, Elaine Doyle & Brian

The Office of Family Life will be hosting free virtual information session during NFP week. Join us for an Introductory Session of the Creighton model Fertility *Care* System. The hour long sessions will be on July 26th or 27th at 7PM. The Creighton Model System allows women to monitor their reproductive health and couples to plan their families in a way that is moral, medically safe, and reliable. Find out if the Creighton Model System is right for you! To register go to <https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/fertility-awareness-introduction-session>

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

"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.

Retrouvaille, hope for troubled marriages, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

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.

Hi, it's me, your spiritually adopted baby. At 15 weeks old I have become a very playful little baby and discovered my first toy- the umbilical cord! It's fun to grab and pull, but sometimes I get a little carried away and clutch so tightly that I get a little less oxygen than normal. But don't worry, I can't hold on to it long enough to hurt myself. And, I'm doing a fine job of working my lungs. I inhale and exhale the amniotic fluid to develop my respiratory system. I'll continue to do this until I'm born and get my first breath of air. ***"In his hand is the soul of every living thing, and the life breath of all mankind."***- Job 12:10

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

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.**

Why Should I Use My Envelopes?

The regular use of Sunday envelopes is very important. Whenever we do not have a record of contributions or when contributions have ceased, we have no way of knowing whether someone is still joining our community for worship or not. Unless we know someone is a practicing Catholic, delays and hard feelings can result when people want to be married, when they want to get their child baptized, when they are needing a letter for immigration or when they want to be a godparent or a sponsor. We go through this with people every day. It is the Church, not just this parish, which insists that signs of good faith-commitment -be present on these occasions.

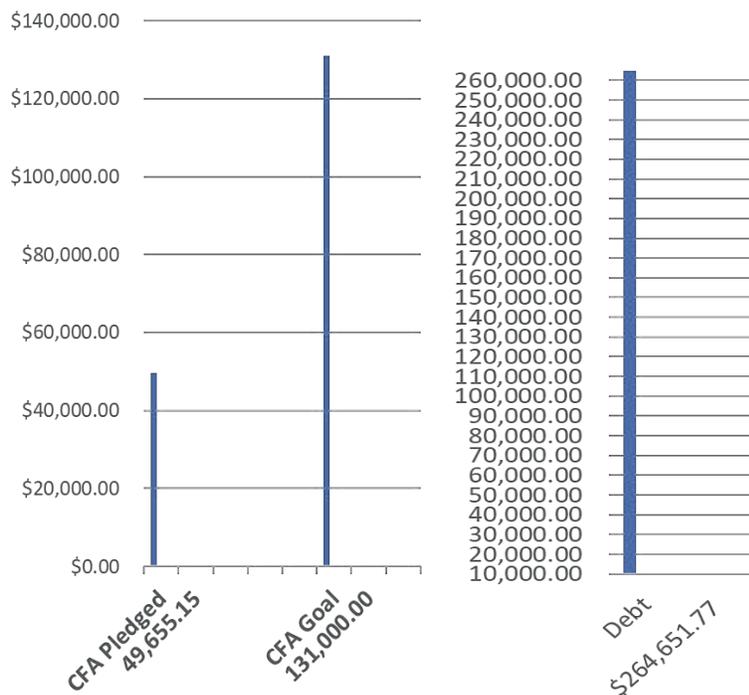
It is simple to establish and maintain a record of attendance at Mass and parish support - simply by using the envelopes the parish provides. This is also necessary in order to enroll your child in our religious education or sacramental preparation programs and to obtain a favorable tuition rate at a Catholic school. You must be able to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic - that you are participating at Mass and contributing to the support of the Church. Filling out a registration form alone does not accomplish this. USING ENVELOPES ON SUNDAY DOES. It also enables us to thank you and provide you with a record of your contributions for tax purposes.

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.

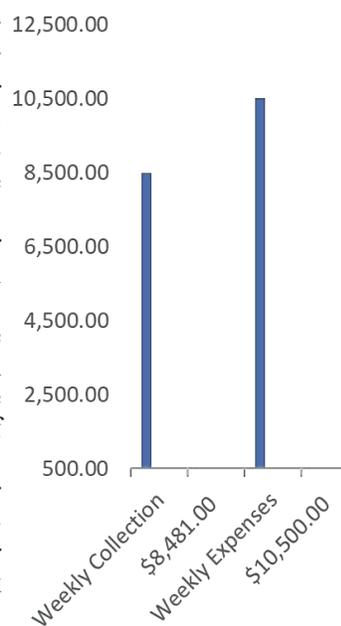
The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) contributes to the pastoral, education, and charitable support of those in need in the Diocese of Venice. Our parish also benefits from the CFA if we exceed our goal of \$131,000.00. Join those in our parish family who have made a gift to the 2021 CFA. Your gift will make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

June 26th & 27th
\$8,481.00
Attendance: 912



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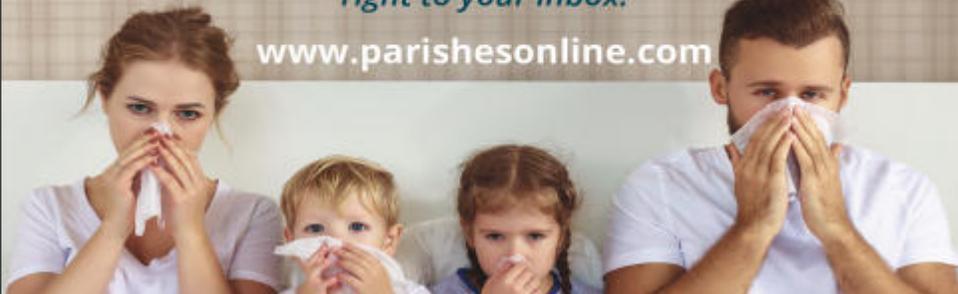


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