



ST. RAPHAEL

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

AUGUST 1, 2021 | THE EIGHTEENTH 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

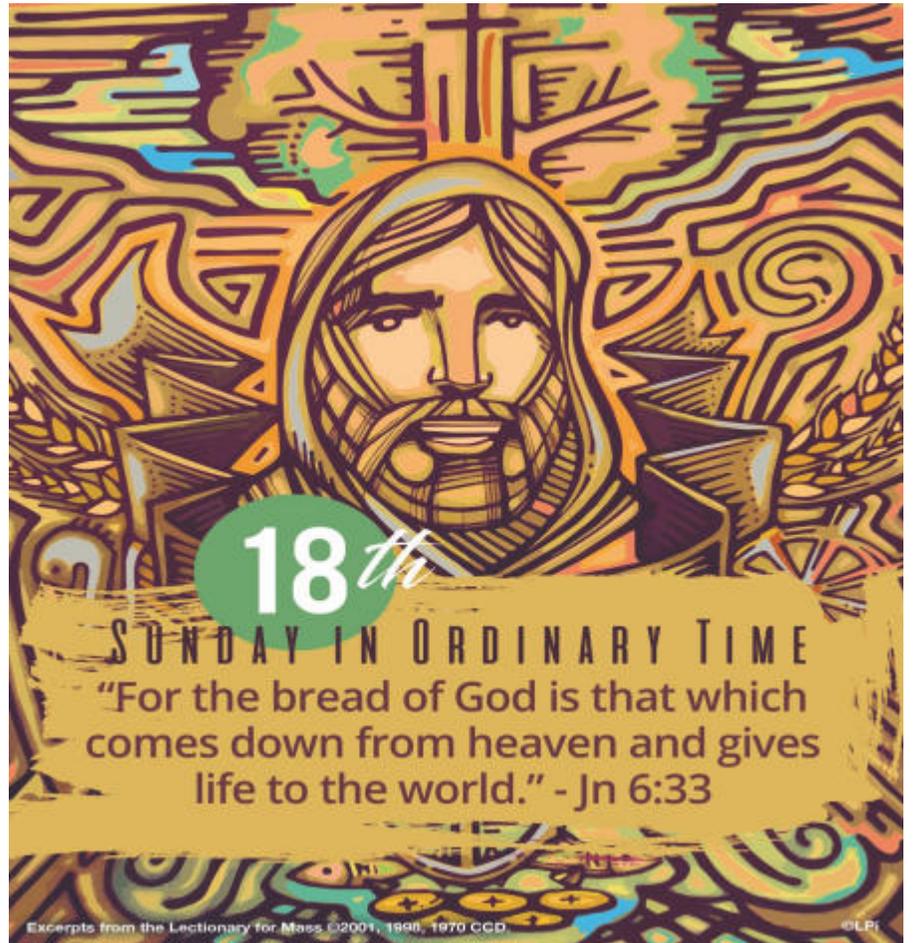
Sunday | 4:30PM-5:15PM (Español)

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.

Roe v. Wade Most Heinous Law High Court Ever Passed

Roe vs. Wade is the most controversial and heinous law our Supreme Court has ever passed. There is nothing that can justify abortion.

Many of our fellow Americans are blind to the facts of the growth of a baby in a mother's womb. At day one of conception, Life begins:

- At 17 days the baby has its own blood cells
- At 19 days, the eyes start to develop
- At 24 days, the heart beats regularly
- At 28 days, the arms and legs are forming
- At 30 days, the ears, nose and nasal tract begin to form
- At 42 days, the skeletal system is complete, the reflexes are present, the nervous system is in place and baby can feel pain - the terrible pain of abortion.

If loved by its mother, the baby continues to grow and develop in all ways. The stomach, liver, kidneys and brain can function by 56 days and the arms and legs move and the baby can suck its thumb by 12 weeks and can cry by 18 weeks.

If the medical facts are not enough to convince you of life in the womb, I recommend reading the story, in the Bible of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Visitation to her cousin Elizabeth who was six months pregnant with John the Baptist. When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the Bible says, 'the babe in her womb leapt for joy.' This is biblical! Scripture did not say fetal tissue in her womb - it said, the babe in her womb leapt for joy.' Little boys and girls can leap for joy. Tissue does not leap.

Our country has slipped morally. We can still right this terrible wrong. We must! We need to heal our country and restore it to its Christian principles. Even with our mistakes, we are still the greatest country on the face of the Earth.

Ruth Weber, Davenport, Iowa

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 31, 2021

5:00PM †Daniel, Neisha & Tyler Yanone
Req. Judy & Sam Rossi

Sunday August 1, 2021

8:00 AM Parishioners
10:00 AM †Henry Leno
Req. Wife, Leona
12Noon †Henry Orzepowski
Req. Wife, Teresa & Son, Michael

Monday August 2, 2021

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

Tuesday August 3, 2021

8:00 AM †Augusta Cesaire
Req. Guirlande Delva

Wednesday August 4, 2021

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

Thursday August 5, 2021

8:00AM Laura Adwell & Aiden Radford
Req. Dad & Mom

Friday August 6, 2021

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

Saturday August 7, 2021

8:00 AM †Salvatore & Louise D'Adonna & Alan
Blum
Req. Family
5:00PM †Dorothy O'Grady
Req. Niece, Diana Decker

Sunday August 8, 2021

8:00 AM Parishioners
10:00 AM †Averie Loraine Figueroa
Req. Fran LaScala & Daughter, Stephanie
12Noon Andy & Nancy Fleischman
Req. Rosemary Stonequist

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

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>.

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



Traveling Companions' book club August selection we will be reading is St. Teresa of Calcutta's, 'Where There is Love, There is God.'

We meet every other Tuesday at 6PM, by Zoom. We invite you to join us as we 'walk with Jesus and Our Blessed Mother while reading the saints and others.' Please call for more info: 239-984-7125.

Hi, it's me, your spiritually adopted baby. It's so cozy and warm in here but it looks like I am covered in snow! Actually, this white substance is a slick fatty coating called vernix. It protects my skin while I'm splashing around here in the amniotic fluid. The vernix also helps to ease delivery, so I'll continue to don it until then. I'm growing about a centimeter each week. That puts this 19 week old right around 9 ounces and 6 ½ inches. **"...I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord, and my God is now my strength."- Isaiah 49:5**

Our St. Monica's Prayer Group meets the first Thursday of the month in the Church at 9AM to pray for our loved ones who have left the Catholic Church. Please join us from 9-10AM this Thursday morning for prayer.



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 August

5th at the Knights hall.

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

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

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.**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Retreat and Spirituality Center in Venice has published their Fall 2021 Group Retreat Schedule. This includes a Men's Retreat in October, Ignatian Preached Retreat in November, and Advent Retreat in December. In addition, the schedule for the Monthly Day of Prayer, held on the second Sunday and Wednesday of each month starting in September, has also been published. Please see the **Schedule of Events** page on our website for more information and to register. The website address is: www.olph-retreat.org. If you have any questions, please contact OLPH at (941) 486-0233.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Church in Africa is growing rapidly! While rejoicing in this growth, it presents several truly difficult challenges. Many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care to support their faith. For example, in Eritrea, government travel restrictions prevent Eritreans under age 50 from going abroad and this prevents pastors in Eritrean parishes from receiving the training they need to effectively administer their parishes.

Your contribution will assist in providing pastoral care and support to large numbers of people throughout Africa as they face many obstacles that come from poverty and unemployment, poor health care, and migration. In addition, your generosity to the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa makes it possible, especially for younger, recently ordained priests, to learn pastoral and leadership skills that they can apply to better serve their parish communities.

The Collection for Solidarity with the Church in Africa will be taken up in the Diocese of Venice on the weekend of August 7 and 8, 2021. When you contribute to this Collection, you are helping people across the African continent grow closer to Christ and to the Church. Won't you please be generous to this collection and pray for our African sisters and brothers?

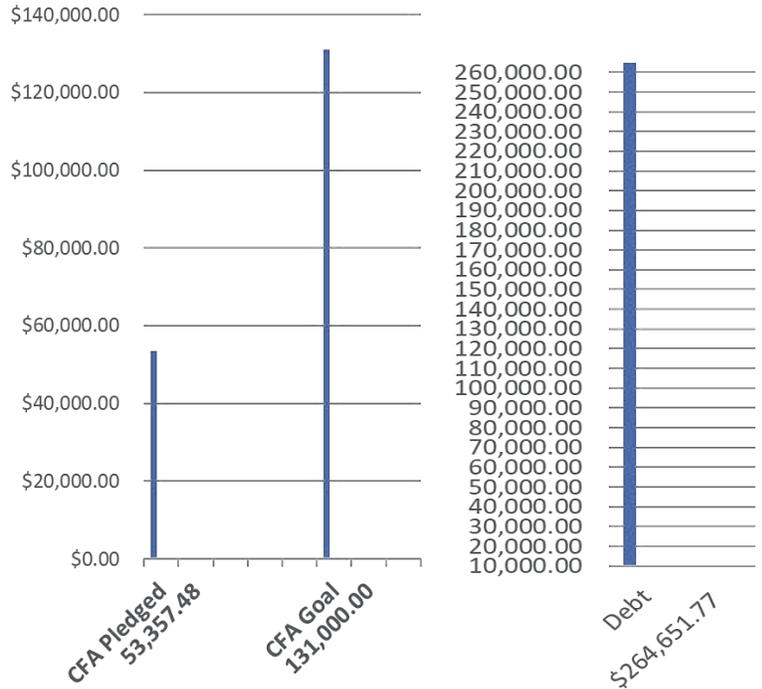
I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration and my prayers!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

†Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

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.

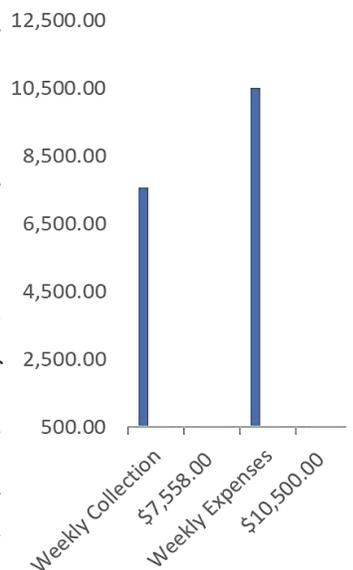
To make a gift, visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/> or complete a pledge envelope located at the back of the church and submit it either to the Parish office or in the offertory basket. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



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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Attendance: 856



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