



ST. RAPHAEL

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

AUGUST 22, 2021 | THE TWENTY-FIRST 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

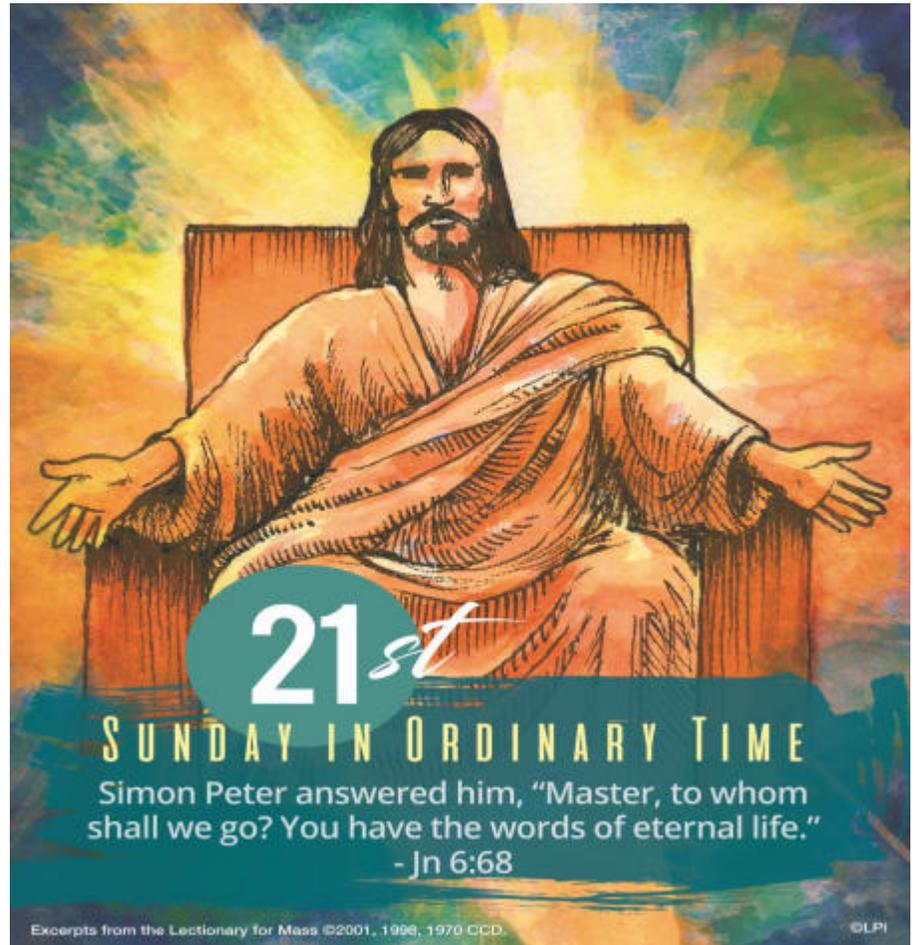
Sunday | 4:30PM-5:15PM (Español)

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 – Fifth Grade

Sunday Mornings 8:30AM – 9:45AM or 10:30AM – 11:45AM

Middle School Class Sunday Afternoons 2:00PM – 3:15PM

Confirmation Class

Sunday Afternoons 3:45PM – 5:15PM

Sacramental Prep Classes

Wednesday Evenings 6:30PM – 8:00PM

RCIA

Monday evenings 7:00PM – 9:00PM in Spanish & Tuesday evenings 7:00PM – 9:00PM 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 every day from 8:30AM - 4:30PM .

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 2:00-5:00PM 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 8:00AM-Noon.

Emaus: Men's/Women's Groups - Mondays at 7:00PM in the parish hall.

Haitian Prayer Group - Fridays in the school building from 6:00-8:00PM. For more information call 491-6719.

A Walk with St. Monica Prayer Group - 1st Thursday of the month in the Church after 8:00AM Mass. For more information call Mary at 491-8103.

Role of Catholics in Society

Question:

We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?

Answer:

The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, “In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God” (On the Lay Members of Christ’s Faithful, 15).

God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we’re there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday August 21, 2021

5:00PM †Jonathan Keese & Rev. Dennis Cooney
Req. Galasso Family

Sunday August 22, 2021

8:00 AM Parishioners
10:00 AM †Mario Potvin
Req. Sister, France & Al Mansur
12Noon †James E. Handleton, Jr.
Req. Grandchildren Elaine & Brian Doyle

Monday August 23, 2021

8:00 AM †Candice Colkitt
Req. Jacquelyn Nagg

Tuesday August 24, 2021

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

Wednesday August 25, 2021

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

Thursday August 26, 2021

8:00AM Pauline LaFleur
Req. Friend

Friday August 27, 2021

8:00AM †Deceased Parishioners

Saturday August 28, 2021

8:00 AM †Yoland Charles, Adrien Osias, Elizabeth
Paul & Andrienne August
Req. Lourdes Charles
5:00PM †Amelia DeFeo, 30th Anniversary
Req. Sharon Tice & Daughter, Theresa

Sunday August 29, 2021

8:00 AM Parishioners
10:00 AM Ismael Hernandez
Req. Crystal Hernandez
12Noon †Stanley Damon, 45th Anniversary
Req. Stan & Mitzi Damon



Traveling Companions' book club will be reading our September selection, 'The Dialogue of St. Catherine of Siena,' by St. Catherine of Siena.

Please join us as we 'walk with Jesus and Our Blessed Mother while reading the saints and others.' Meetings are through Zoom twice monthly, on Tuesday's at 6PM. For more information call: 239-994-7125

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 **The Knights of Columbus & Auxiliary.**

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.**

Taco Fundraiser !!!



August 22nd & September 12th
Stop by the parish hall and get a homemade taco. Tacos will be available starting at 10AM throughout the entire day.

The Men of St. Joseph will be hosting a Holy Hour on Monday evening at 7PM in the Church. All are welcome.

Hi, it's me, your spiritually adopted baby. I gained another ¼ pound this 22nd week! That is a 25% weight gain! Still I have very little body fat but am well proportioned. My skin is still quite thin and fragile. The most rapid growth taking place right now is in my brain. I know I just shared this Bible verse last week, but it is one of my favorites. **"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a real blessing." -Psalm 127:3** That always makes me feel so good! **I love being one of God's children- our God is so awesome!!!**

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

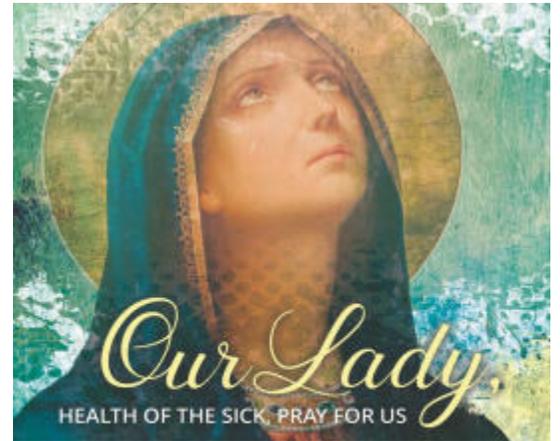
the mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit and help them to praise your Heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners. By your same Holy Spirit put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted. 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.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

St. Raphael Catholic Church will be starting RCIA Sessions on Thursday, September 14th.

RCIA, or the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, is the normal means by which people enter the Catholic Church. These sessions are for:

- Any adult who is not Catholic, baptized or not baptized.
- Catholic adults who have not yet received their First Communion or Confirmation.

People are free to attend RCIA sessions without making any commitment to join the Catholic Church.

We will be having an **Inquirer's Meeting on Thursday, September 7th, from 7:00pm – 8:00pm**

in the School Building. This will be an informal meeting to learn more about the RCIA process, as well as a chance to ask any questions regarding the Catholic faith.

Special Note to all St. Raphael parishioners:

Do you have a friend, neighbor or co-worker who has ever expressed an interest in the Catholic Church? If so, please invite them to the Inquirer's Meeting on September 7th.

This just might be the chance you've been looking for to share your faith with them.

Please call Deacon Joe Allison, at 369-6424, for more information.

Religious Education Classes will be starting on Sunday, September 12th

Registration forms and Handbooks are now available at the Religious Education Office.

There will be a registration drive after all the Masses on the weekend of August 28th - 29th.

Sunday Class Schedules

Kindergarten through Fifth Grade
 Session I 8:30am – 9:45am
 Session II 10:30am – 11:45am

Middle School 2:00pm – 3:15pm
 Confirmation Preparation 3:45pm – 5:15pm
 (Ninth through Twelfth Grade)

Sacramental Preparation

There will be a Sacramental Prep Parents Meeting on Wednesday, September 22nd, in the Church Hall, 7pm-8:00pm for:

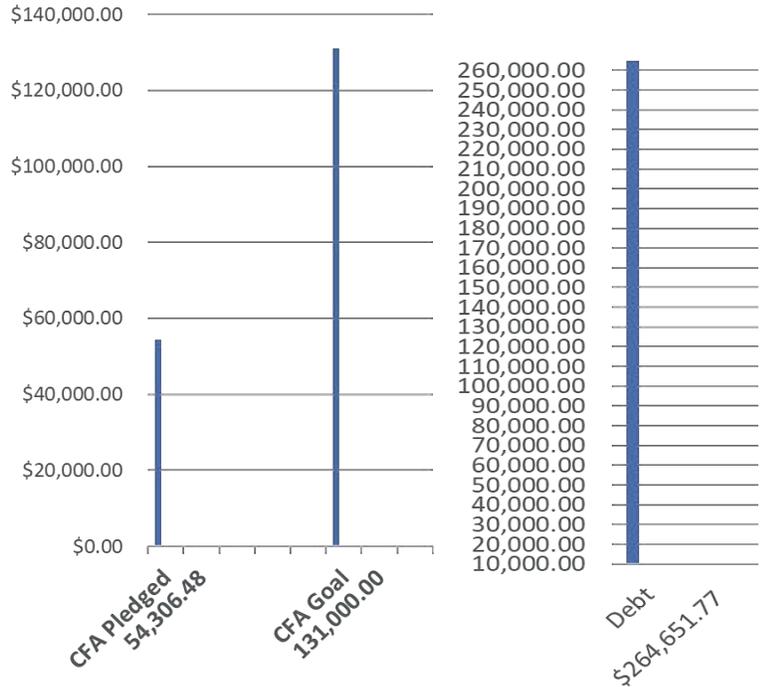
Parents with children in the second year of First Communion or Confirmation Preparation at St. Raphael's

Parents with children enrolled at a Catholic School who are in second or tenth grade

Call Dcn. Joe Allison at 369-6424, for more information

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.

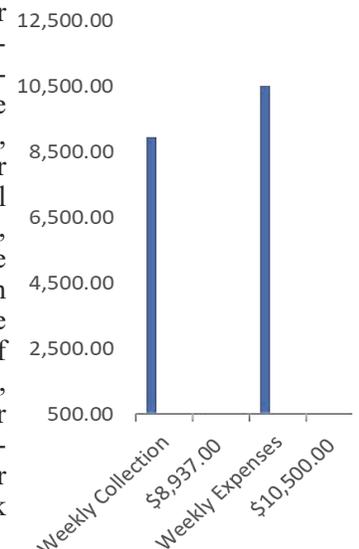
To make a gift, visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/> or complete a pledge envelope located at the back of the church and submit it either to the Parish office or in the offertory basket. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



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.



August 7th & 8th
 \$8,937.00
 Attendance: 983



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