



ST. RAPHAEL

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 | THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday | 8:00AM

Saturday | 8:00AM, 5:00PM

Sunday 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:00PM
(English)

10:30AM & 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



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 (in school building)

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:
dorothybress@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.

The Mission To Stop Abortions

The missionary image of Our Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe visited the Quad Cities 18 years ago. Her message is the same now as it was in Mexico in 1531, when she came to stop the slaughter of innocent human beings. She converted about nine million people and the bloody human sacrifice ended.

She brings hope and love to all. She wants to continue the mission she began in 1531 and put an end to abortion and bring all people closer to her Son, Jesus. People must heed her pleas and her warning.

Abortion is an evil we cannot and should not ignore. What kind of mentality or rationality is it that says abortion is legal up to the moment of birth, but accuses a new mother of murder if she throws her newborn baby in the river, in the garbage, or under a bed the moment after birth? There is no difference! The baby is dead and by the hand of one who should love it the most.

How will we one day explain our thinking to God?

*Ruth Weber
Davenport Iowa*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 11, 2021

5:00PM †Angelo Torrens
Req. Santiago Family

Sunday September 12, 2021

7:30AM Parishioners
9:00AM Franziska Mummert
Req. Bernhard Mummert
10:30AM Sherrill Torres
Req. Family
12:00PM †Zita Lee
Req. The Altar & Rosary Society

Monday September 13, 2021

8:00AM †Rev. Dennis Cooney
Req. Sister Providence

Tuesday September 14, 2021

8:00AM †Michael Praisner, Jr.
7th Anniversary
Req. Sister, Joan Williams

Wednesday September 15, 2021

8:00AM †Catherine Sasse
Req. Lynn Rinzel

Thursday September 16, 2021

8:00AM †Leonard Peters & Leo Wilder
Req. Eisinger family

Friday September 17, 2021

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

Saturday September 18, 2021

8:00AM †Souls In Purgatory
5:00PM †Gene Marie
Req. Wilma & Randy Terenna

Sunday September 19, 2021

7:30AM Parishioners
9:00AM †Luis Bernardino
Req. Rachel Garcia
10:30AM All Marriages in Crisis
12:00PM †James E. Handleton
Req. Great Grandchildren Tristina & Dominic
Doyle, Evan Doyle & Kaylee

Men of St. Joseph will be having their monthly meeting on Monday evening at 7PM at the Knight's Hall on Business Way. All men of the parish are invited to join us for a time of study, fellowship and prayer.

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 Renaissance Committee.**

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.**

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



Taco Fundraiser !!! September 12th

Stop by the parish hall and get a homemade taco. Tacos will be available starting after 10:30AM Mass throughout the entire day.

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.



Traveling Companions' book club will be reading our October selection, 'The Secret of the Rosary,' by St. Louis DeMontfort.

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

Hi, it's me, your spiritually adopted baby. Do you know what I can do? I can dream just like you! There's a lot of brain tissue developing now and those characteristic grooves on the brain's surface are now appearing on my brain! That's pretty heavy stuff, isn't it? Speaking of heavy, I'm a whopping 2 pounds! It took me 21 weeks to hit the one pound mark and now in only four weeks I've doubled it! Remember that last week I was trying to open my eyes? Well, this week they open and close with ease! So much happens so quickly. I'm also sleeping and waking at regular intervals. *"In his hand is the soul of every living thing, and the life breath of all mankind."* – *Job 12:10* Time to catch some more ZZZZZZZZZZ's

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

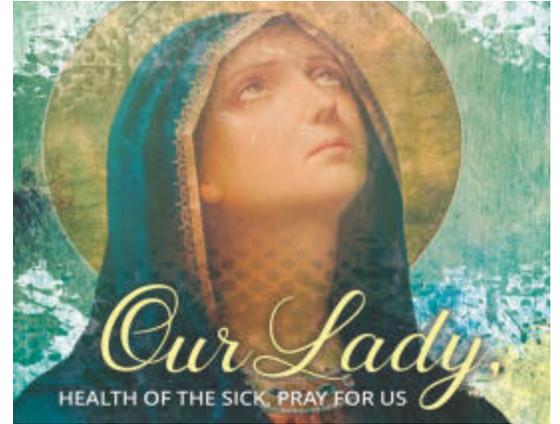
the mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit and help them to praise your Heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners. By your same Holy Spirit put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted.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

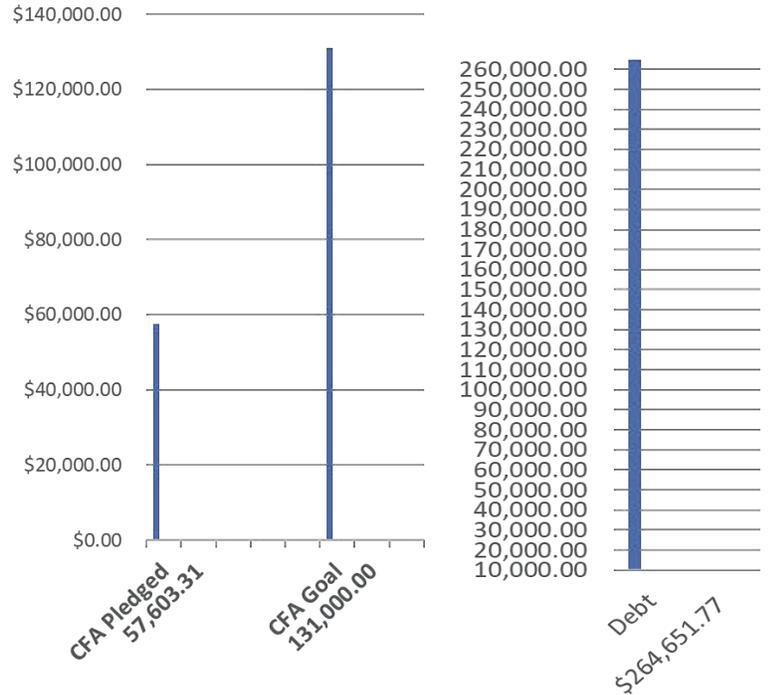


Will you not spend one hour with me? "The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates the heart of the mystery of the

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

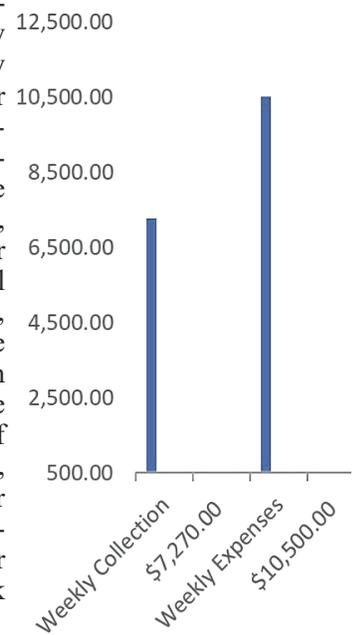
The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) contributes to the pastoral, education, and charitable support of those in need in the Diocese of Venice. Our parish also benefits from the CFA if we exceed our goal of \$131,000.00. Join those in our parish family who have made a gift to the 2021 CFA. Your gift will make 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 28th & 29th
\$7,270.00
Attendance: 898



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