



SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 | THE TWENTY-FIFTH 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 | 6:00PM-7:00PM

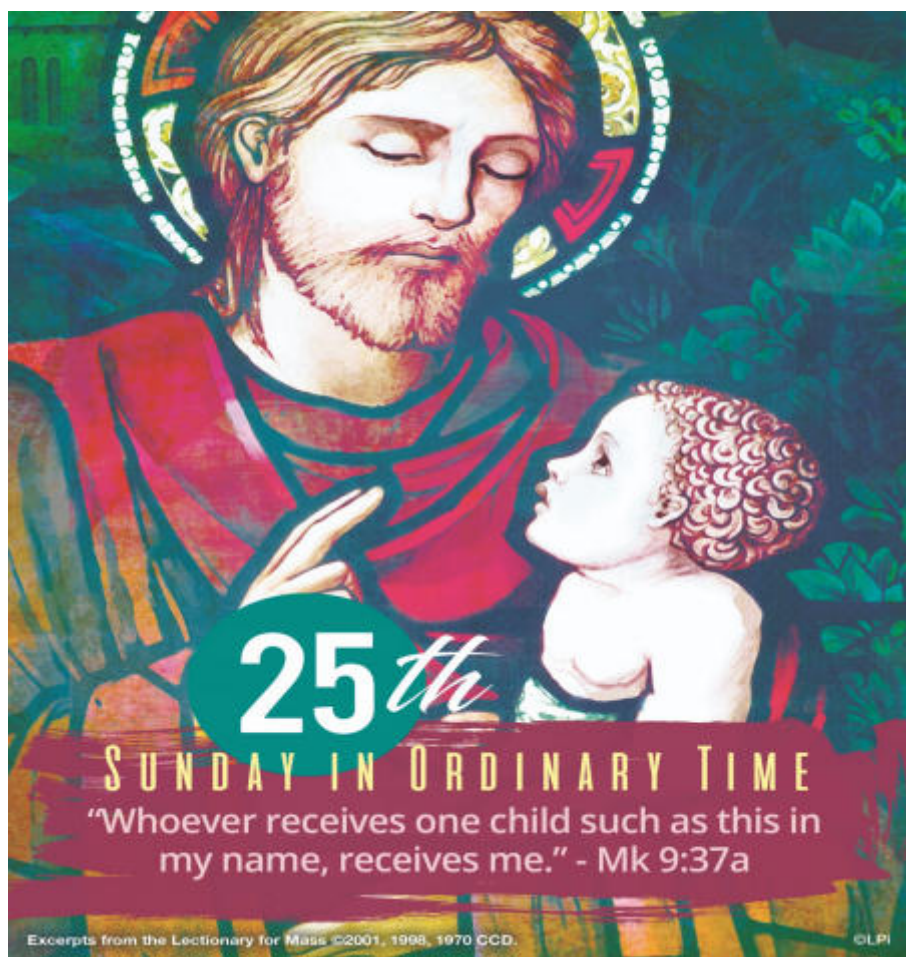
Saturday | 4:00PM-4:45PM

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: 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.

Mother Teresa's Words of Wisdom

By abortion, the mother kills even her own child to solve her problems, By abortion, the father is told that he does not have to take responsibility at all for the child he brought into the world.

The father is likely to place other women in the same trouble. So abortion leads to abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.

"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish. How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers," The first person in the world to welcome Jesus, to recognize Him in the womb of His mother was a child: John the Baptist. How wonderful, God chooses an unborn child to announce the coming of His redeeming Son.

Mother Teresa

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 18, 2021

5:00PM †Gene Marie
Req. Wilma & Randy Terenna

Sunday September 19, 2021

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

Monday September 20, 2021

8:00 AM †Amelia DeFeo
Req. Theresa Honsaker & Sharon Tice

Tuesday September 21, 2021

8:00 AM †John Bress
Req. Dotty Bress

Wednesday September 22, 2021

8:00 AM †Candice Colkitt
Req. Jacquelyn Nagg

Thursday September 23, 2021

8:00AM Crystina Marquez
Req. Dad, Mom & Family

Friday September 24, 2021

8:00AM †Deceased Parishioners

Saturday September 25, 2021

8:00 AM †Catherine Sasse
Req. Family
5:00PM †Clarice Wilson
Req. Daughter, Micheline Crispin

Sunday September 26, 2021

7:30AM Parishioners
9:00AM †Mark Anthony Quintana
Req. Dad & Mom
10:30AM Students & Staff of East Lee County
High School
12:00PM †Tony Pizarro
Req. Frenny James



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

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.**



2021 Rosary Rally

JOIN THE 2021 PUBLIC SQUARE
ROSARY CRUSADE TODAY!

What: The Holy Rosary
Where: St. Raphael Church
When: October 16, 2021 (12 Noon)

For more information contact **Alba Pineiro** at **239-464-4617** and leave a message.



The food pantry is in need of spaghetti sauce (cans or jars), boxed potatoes, canned vegetables (spinach, carrots, corn & mixed), chili, cream of chicken soup and Chef Boy Ar Dee meals.

Knights of Columbus

BINGO

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY'S

TIME: 6:00 TO 9:00 PM

LIMIT OF 50 PEOPLE **MASKS REQUIRED** **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
JOSE (239)841-3303
BILL (239)569-3009

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.**



DIocese OF Venice IN Florida
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 2021

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Church remains at the forefront in speaking out on the issue of the sanctity of life, from conception to natural death, regardless of age or condition. This year, we are focusing on St. Joseph, defender of life. His unhesitating adherence to God's will as he faithfully and lovingly protected the Christ Child and the Blessed Mother bears witness to our own call as Christians. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between.

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. During the weekend of October 2 and 3, 2021, Parishes across the Diocese of Venice in Florida will conduct a special collection to enhance this life-affirming work of the Diocesan Respect Life Office. These funds help facilitate our witness as a faith community in southwest Florida.

Please continue to pray for a greater appreciation of the sacredness of all human life. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this annual collection so that the Diocesan Respect Life Outreach can be expanded.

May God bless you with a deep appreciation for the gift of life and the courage to defend the sanctity of life. Let us remain united in prayer.

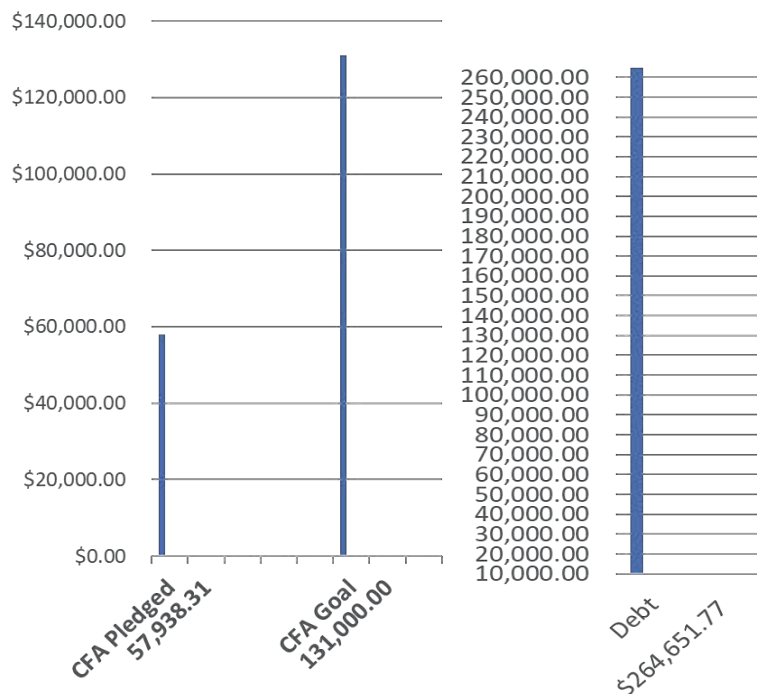
Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Hi, it's me, your spiritually adopted baby. Uh-oh! Fat layers are forming! That's Ok. I will need them to help keep me warm after birth. I gained a whole ½ pound this week! I also have fingernails starting to appear. Right now they are tiny but I know they'll grow- just like me! ***"You created every part of me; you put me together in my mother's womb."- Psalm 139*** -13 God takes care of every little detail- He does so much for us!

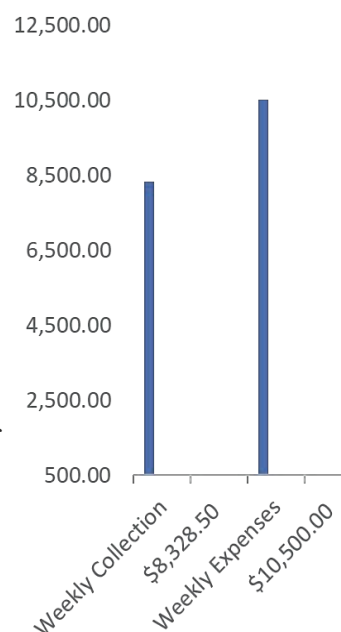
The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) contributes to the pastoral, education, and charitable support of those in need in the Diocese of Venice. Our parish also benefits from the CFA if we exceed our goal of \$131,000.00. Join those in our parish family who have made a gift to the 2021 CFA. Your gift will make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

September 4th & 5th
\$8,328.50
Attendance: 846



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