



# ST. RAPHAEL

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

OCTOBER 10, 2021 | THE TWENTY-EIGHTH 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)

## CONFESIONS

Wednesday | 6:00PM-7:00PM

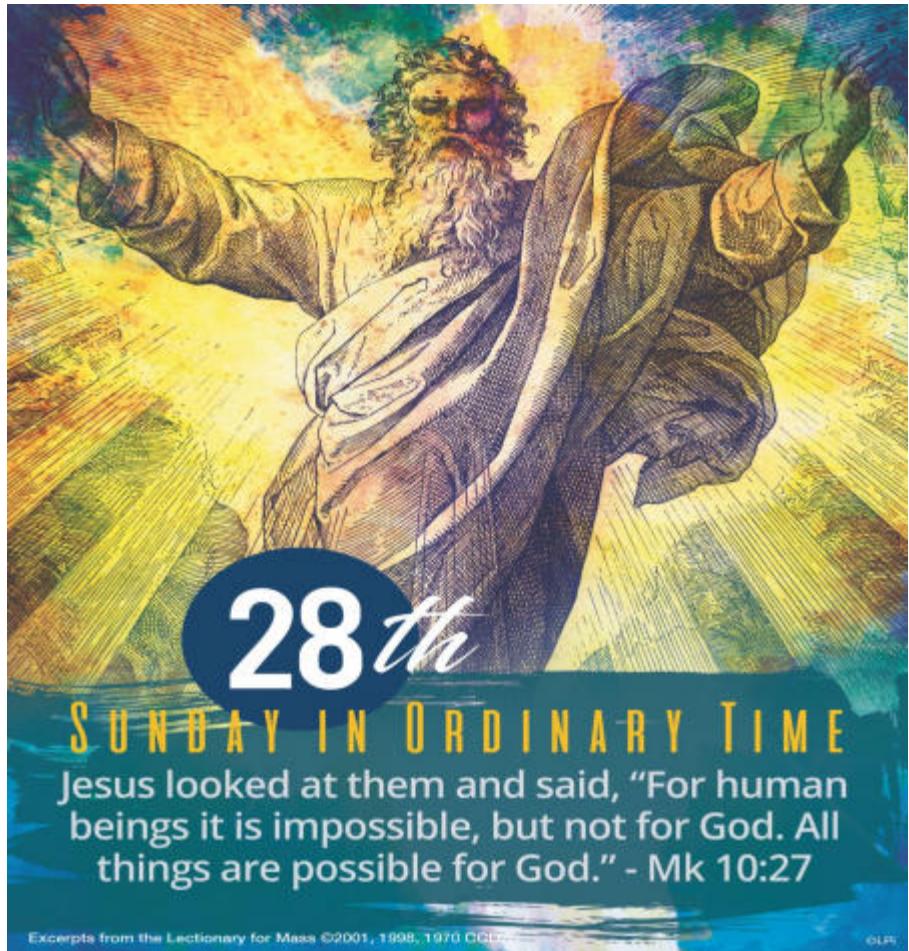
Saturday | 4:00PM-4:45PM

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: 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.

## Victims Of Earthquakes And Abortions

It is heartening to see so many countries and people worldwide opening their hearts and their pocketbooks to help the victims of terrible earthquakes. It shows that when a disaster strikes, we can come together to help our fellow man with love and compassion. It shows that some of us believe in the preciousness of life.

We even show compassion for beached whales and porpoises and are incensed about how animals are slaughtered by various means.

What I don't understand is our lack of compassion toward our own unborn babies! Millions have been killed by abortion. If the people who lost their lives in earthquakes had time to pray before they died, I believe it would have been to beg God for help - to let them live. If the babies in the womb could pray, they too would say "Let me live." But no, we turn a deaf ear to their cries and they are the most vulnerable of us all.

Abortion is the murder of innocent persons whatever the reason behind it. It is genocide of a terrible magnitude. It is an act of violence, an atrocity and has no place in civilized society. It seems even nature cannot stand the stench of the sin of abortion.

Ruth Weber  
Davenport, Iowa

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday October 9, 2021

5:00PM Rev. Michal Szyszka  
Req. Organist

### Sunday October 10, 2021

7:30AM Parishioners  
9:00AM †Robert Beavers  
Req. Frenny James  
10:30AM †Betty Smith  
Req. Steve Murphy & Mary Wimmer  
12:00PM †Rita Ann Johnson  
Req. Ann Hjort

### Monday October 11, 2021

8:00 AM Florence Barthelemy Jean  
Req. Friend

### Tuesday October 12, 2021

8:00AM †Catherine Sasse  
Req. Lynn Rinzel

### Wednesday October 13, 2021

8:00AM †Souls in Purgatory

### Thursday October 14, 2021

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

### Friday October 15, 2021

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

### Saturday October 16, 2021

8:00AM †Edmund Franey  
Req. Wife, Barbara  
5:00PM †Ann Lee  
Req. Friend

### Sunday October 17, 2021

7:30 AM Parishioners  
9:00 AM †Terry Gransee  
Req. Diana Flannery & Family  
10:30AM Lloyd & Mary Johnson  
Req. Natalie Tittiger  
12:00PM †Johnny, Stephen, John & Nettie LaScala  
Req. Lucilla LaScala Benpensata

**Hi, it's me, your spiritually adopted baby.** I'm kicking away all day! I'm beginning to look more like a newborn now because my arms, legs, body are getting more in proportion to my head size. I also have a complete layer of fat beneath my skin and am weighing in at 3 1/4 pounds this week. All my organs continue to grow and more fully develop each day. **"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a real blessing."** Psalm 127:3 Please remember that verse. It might come in handy when I get a little fussy.

## 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.



Traveling Companions' book club will be reading our October/November 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



Wednesday and Friday  
Time from 6PM to 9PM

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

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.

**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.

# 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.

In January 1973 the Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade legalized abortion throughout the United States during all nine months of pregnancy. The onesies displayed in the Church represent the number of abortions in the state of Florida in ONE day. Based on the most recent numbers there are 74,868 abortions per year in Florida. That is 205 babies each day. Please pray for an end to abortion!



## HELP SAVE LIVES IN FORT MYERS

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**  
September 22 - October 21

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

### Here's how to take part:

**Location:** 6418 Commerce Park Drive Ft. Myers

**Hours:** October 23 from 11AM-3PM

**Local Contact:** Claudia Ortiz

Claudiac1993@yahoo.com

Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign: [40daysforlife.com/fortmyers](http://40daysforlife.com/fortmyers)



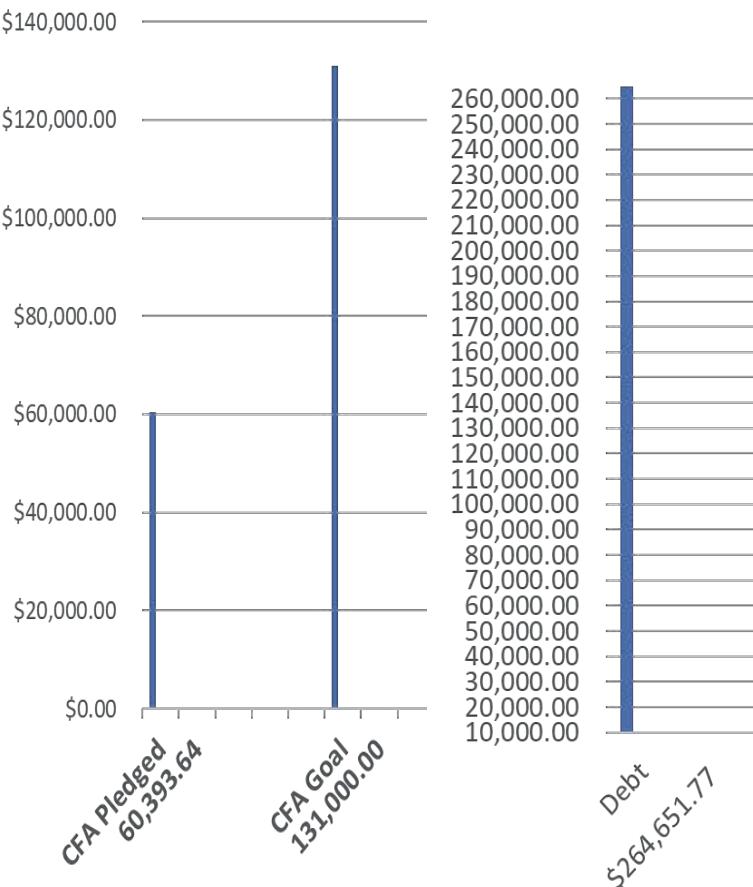
November is traditionally set aside to remember our beloved dead. The All Souls Day envelope was mailed with the regular church envelopes that you receive every two months. All Souls envelopes are also available in the back of the church, so that we may fulfill our obligation of love for our beloved dead. Those whose names are presented will be remembered in all Masses offered on our altar during November. Envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets. ***"It is a Holy and saving thought to pray for the dead."***

The Adoration Chapel is open from 6:00AM - 4:30PM. An open chapel should always have adorers (and guardians) while the chapel is open. Consideration will be given to extending the hours into the evening when we have firm commitments that the hours will be filled.

We are very blessed to have a beautiful place to visit Our Blessed Lord. Let us show Him we appreciate His being here for us. Please call Miriam at 239-250-4649 to sign up for an hour.

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.



September 25th & 26th  
\$8,091.00  
Attendance: 1,319

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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