



# ST. RAPHAEL

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

OCTOBER 17, 2021 | THE TWENTY-NINTH 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

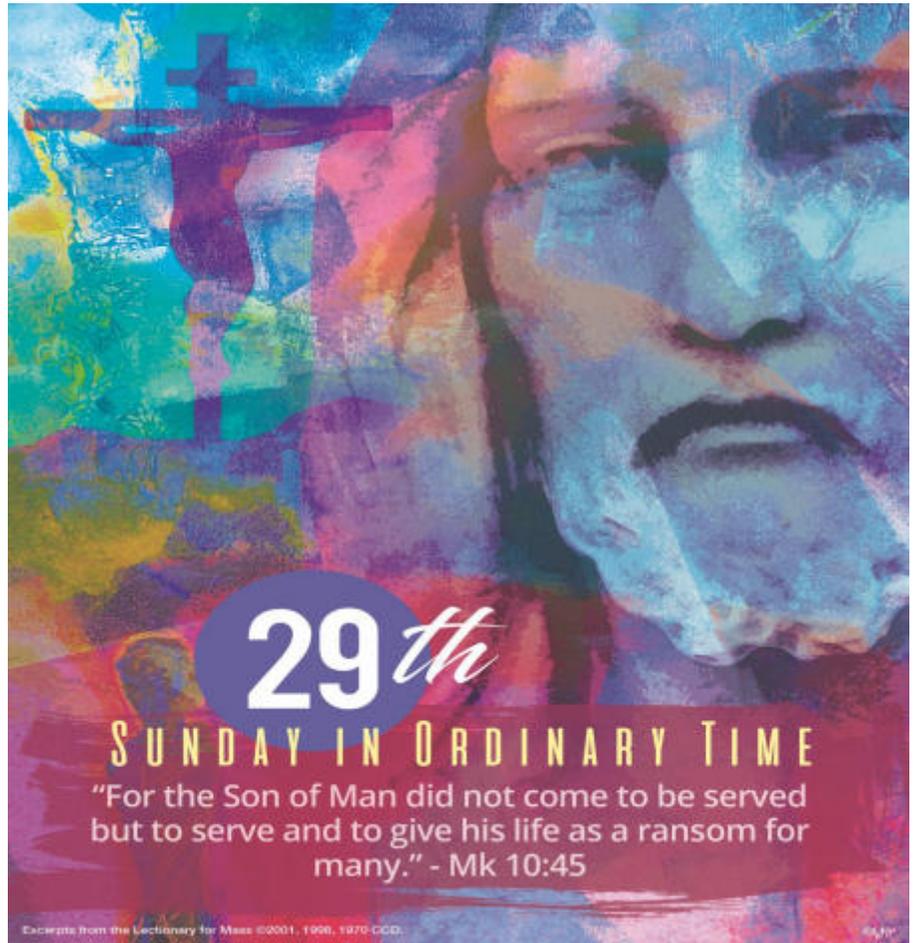
Saturday | 4:00PM-4:45PM

Sunday | 4:30PM-5:15PM (Español)

## PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michal Szyszka, *Administrator*

Rev. Deacon Joseph W. Allison,  
*Director of Religious Education*



29<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served  
but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for  
many." - Mk 10:45

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## 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.

**Legion of Mary** - Tuesdays in the school building at 2:00PM.

**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.

**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.

### If Abortion Is Outlawed, Women Would Be Forced to Unsafe Back Alley Abortions

For years, the abortion industry has concocted statistics to frighten people into supporting their agenda. The fact is that every study ever conducted (including figures released by the pro-choice Alan Guttmacher Institute) proves that so-called "back-alley abortions" were extremely rare, prior to abortion being legalized in 1973.

Moreover, the idea that women would be forced to unsafe "back-alley abortions" if abortion was again illegal, has now been discredited by an actual "test market" so to speak.

For 44 years under Nazi and then Communist rule, abortions were legal in Poland. In 1993, the new freely elected Parliament passed a law forbidding abortion. The media screamed: "You will not stop abortions; they will just go underground and women will be injured and die and there will be a flood of miscarriages".

However, the law was passed and not only did abortions drop precipitously (from around 138,000 to 99 per annum), but none of the ominous predictions of the prochoice lobby materialized. In fact, quite the reverse is true. Miscarriages dropped from around 59,076 in 1990 to 41,568 in 1999. Deaths due to pregnancy and birth dropped from 70 to 24 and neonatal deaths per 1,000 live births dropped from 19 to 9. Not only did none of the dire predictions materialize, but instead, Polish women are healthier and have fewer gynecological problems than when abortion was legal and common. So here we have a modern, western nation of 40 million people that decided to forbid abortion by law. The result shatters and completely destroys the long-standing pro-abortion argument about "back-alley" abortions.

*Pro-Life Articles*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday October 16, 2021

5:00PM †Ann Lee  
Req. Friend

### Sunday October 17, 2021

7:30AM Parishioners  
9:00AM †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

### Monday October 18, 2021

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

### Tuesday October 19, 2021

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

### Wednesday October 20, 2021

8:00 AM †David Tice, Sr.  
Req. Sharon Tice

### Thursday October 21, 2021

8:00AM †Mark Anthony Quintana  
Req. Dad & Mom

### Friday October 22, 2021

8:00AM †Catherine Eisinger  
Req. Eisinger Family

### Saturday October 23, 2021

8:00 AM †Joan Page  
Req. Clark Family  
5:00PM †Awilda Torres  
Req. Barbara Hartnett

### Sunday October 24, 2021

7:30AM Parishioners  
9:00 AM Doris A. Eisinger  
Req. Bob Eisinger  
10:30AM †Aleida Reyes Tascon  
Req. Adiola Martin  
12:00PM †James E. Handleton, Jr.  
Req. Patrick & Doreen Doyle

Pennies for Babies is an ongoing program in the Diocese of Venice to help women in crisis pregnancies. All the money collected remains within our Diocese and helps expectant mothers pay for doctor appointments, electric bills, rent, and more. By collecting your spare change, you can encourage a woman to say yes to life. During the month of October, Respect Life Month, please donate all your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters (and dollar bills!). All donations can be placed in the wooden bins marked Pennies for Babies in the main foyer of the Church. Any questions about Pennies for Babies or to help with Respect Life activities, call or text Deb Jones at 239-338-7753.

### 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 for the **Health of Family & Intentions of Maribella Vieyra Lopez.**

### CHAPEL CANDLE

The chapel candle has been donated this week for the **Health of Family & Intentions of Maribella Vieyra Lopez.**



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

## Faith & Wine

Lee County

**"Never Doubt"**  
Presenter: Joann Andrews

Thursday, October 28, 2021  
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm  
St. John XXIII

Suggested Donation \$12.00  
(Ticket registration starts Sept. 28th)

All women...join us for an evening of faith and fellowship. For updated protocol at this event please visit our website: [www.faithandwineleecounty.com](http://www.faithandwineleecounty.com)  
Ticket registration starts October 1.

Or mail a check payable to Faith & Wine Lee County. Include attendee name(s), address, telephone number, email and parish.  
Mail to: Julie Richards, 6946 Pickadilly Ct, Fort Myers FL 33919

Season Tickets are also available for a suggested donation of \$55.00 (\$5savings) for all four events.

**Hi, it's me, your spiritually adopted baby.** I can turn my head from side to side now! With my eyes seeing and my head turning I'm not going to miss anything! I also have some fine wispy locks of hair atop the head of my 3 3/4 pound body. **"I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord, and my God is now my strength."** Isaiah 49:5 God created us just the way we are- and He really knows what is best for us. Let's thank Him that we are gloriously made in His image and likeness!

# 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.**



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.

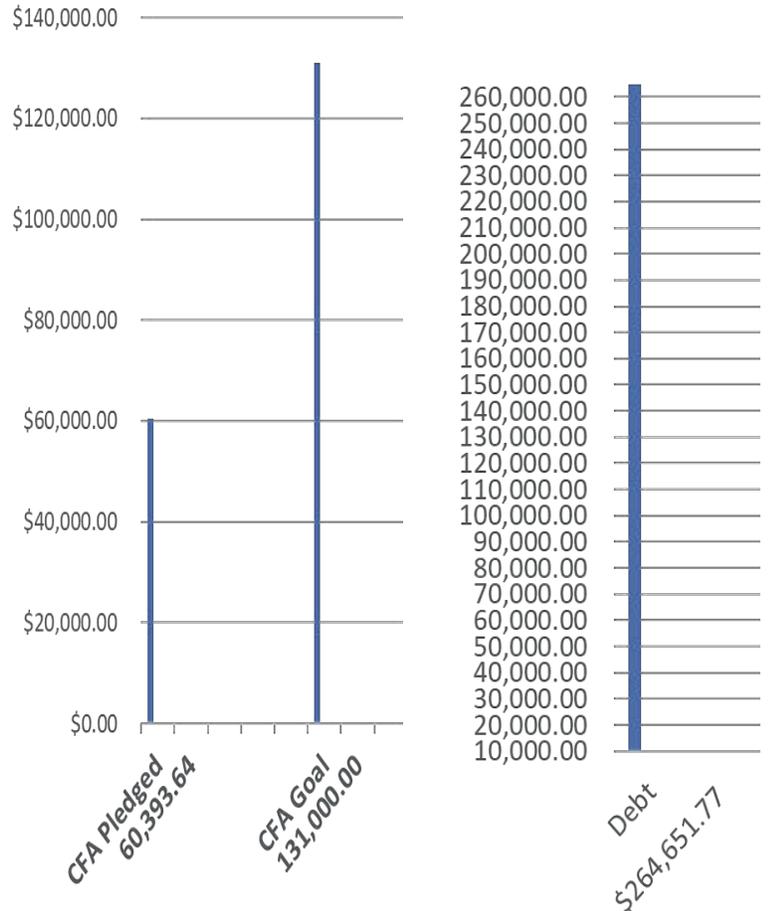
Those whose names are presented will be remembered in all Masses offered on our altar during November.

Envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets.

***“It is a Holy and saving thought to pray for the dead.”***

The 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.



October 2nd & 3rd \$9,251.00  
Attendance: 1,317

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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