



# ST. RAPHAEL

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

OCTOBER 24, 2021 | THE THIRTIETH 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

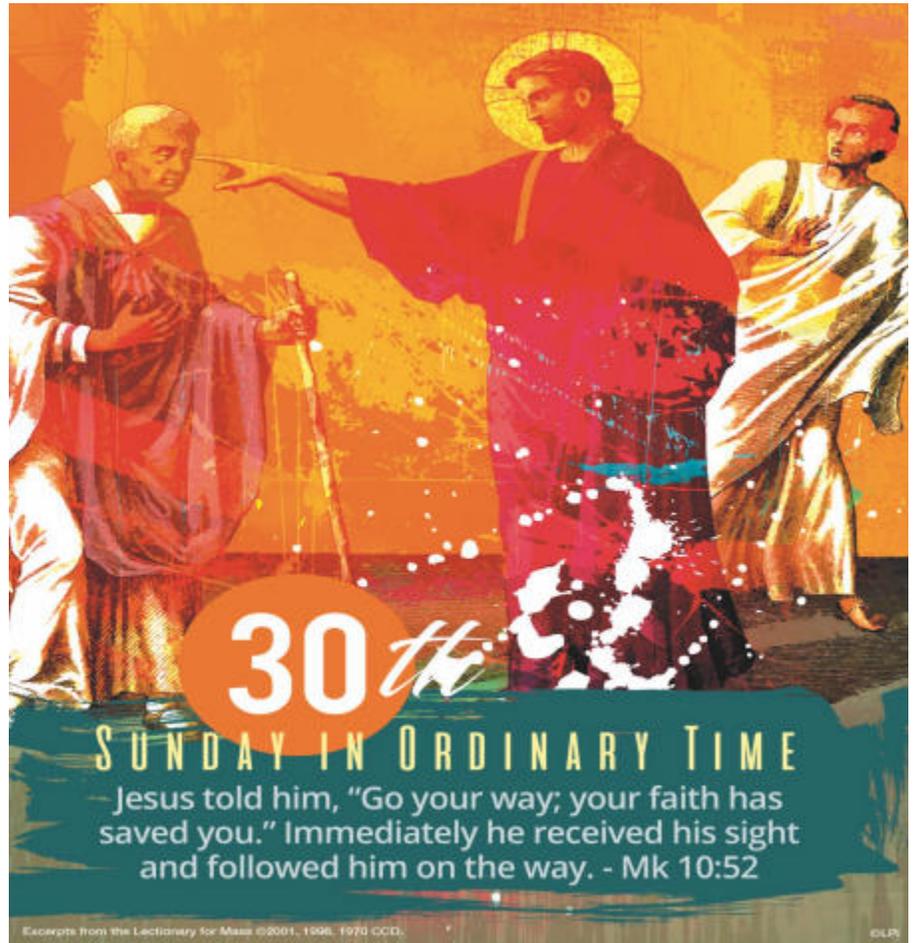
Saturday | 4:00PM-4:45PM

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: dorothebress@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** - meets 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.

## **Communion & Mortal Sin**

### **Question:**

I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?

### **Answer:**

While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment (“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor”), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another’s faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them” (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person’s mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God’s grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another’s persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday October 23, 2021

5:00PM †Awilda Torres  
Req. Barbara Hartnett

### Sunday October 24, 2021

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

### Monday October 25, 2021

8:00AM †David Johnson  
Req. Denise Waletzko

### Tuesday October 26, 2021

8:00AM †Sephora Aubin  
Req. Granddaughter, Micheline

### Wednesday October 27, 2021

8:00AM †Betty Dyer  
Req. Stan & Mitzi Damon

### Thursday October 28, 2021

8:00AM †Delores James  
Req. Theresa Honsaker & Sharon Tice

### Friday October 29, 2021

8:00AM †Deceased Parishioners

### Saturday October 30, 2021

8:00AM †Catherine Sasse  
Req. Family  
5:00PM †Donald O'Grady  
Req. Nieces, Linda Zastrow & Rita Healy

### Sunday October 31, 2021

7:30AM Parishioners  
9:00AM †Merle Fowler  
Req. Wife, Mung  
10:30AM †Juliette Blanco Kaamino Garay Sunday  
Req. Children, Roman David Garay & Karen  
Garay Molina  
12:00PM †Dorothy O'Grady  
Req. Niece, Diana Decker



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

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The church altar flowers have been donated this week by **St. Raphael's Bingo**.

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle has been donated this week in loving memory of **Antelmo Resendiz** requested by **Victor Rosales**.

### CHAPEL CANDLE

The chapel candle has been donated this week in loving memory of **Juan Osorio** requested by **Elizabeth Osorio**.

**Retrouvaille**, hope for troubled marriages,  
call 1-800-470-2230 or visit  
[www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

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

**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](mailto:project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org) for help.**

Hi, it's me, your spiritually adopted baby. ½ inch ½ a pound each week seems to have been the pattern for a while. That means that I'm 17 inches and 4 ¼ pounds now. My bones are growing stronger and hardening except for my skull since those bones stay pliable until after birth. It will help me get through the birth canal when my big day arrives. Speaking of the big day, I'm getting ready by turning head down while I still can. ***"When my bones were being formed, carefully put together in my mother's womb, when I was growing there in secret, you knew that I was there... Psalm 139:15*** It's going to get crowded in here pretty soon with barely enough room to move, but that's ok with me. It just means that it's almost time to meet Mom! I can't wait!!!

**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.

**VENTA DE COMIDA  
(Food Sale)  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>  
LUNCH/DINNER  
11:30AM – 7:30PM**

**ARROZ CON GANDULES Y POLLO  
ASADO  
TACO DE CARNE ASADA/PASTOR  
PUPUSAS  
ELOTES EN VASOS  
AGUAS FRESCAS**

**PUERTORICAN RICE PIGEON PEAS  
WITH GRILLED CHICKEN  
TACOS CARNE ASADA / PASTOR  
CORN IN A CUP/ PUPUSAS**



**SALON DE LA IGLESIA / CHURCH HALL**

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will be all day**

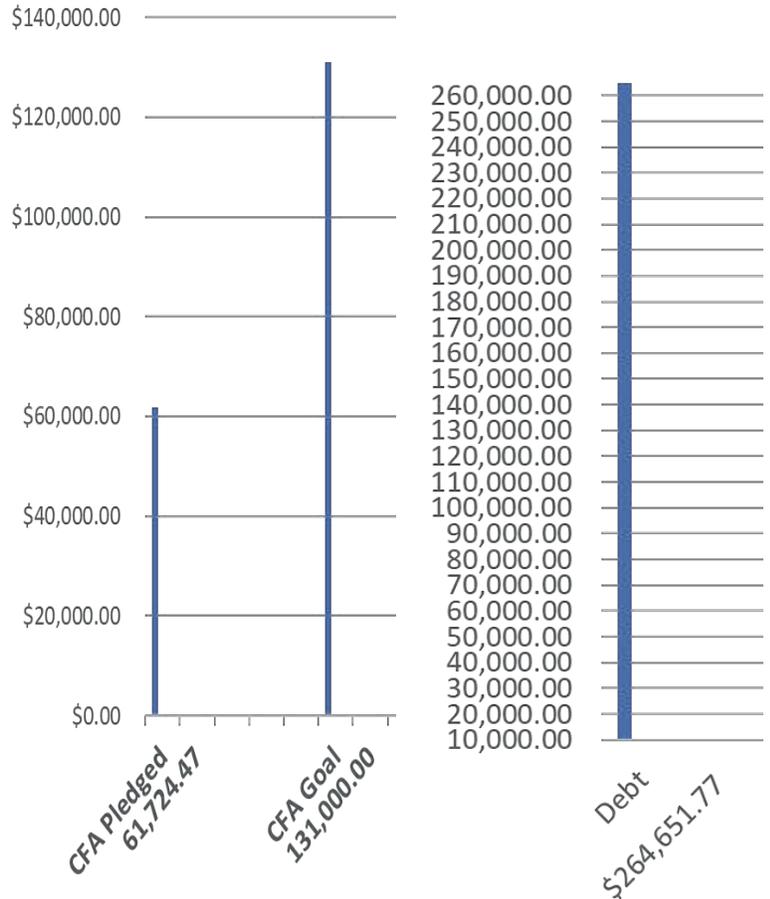
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The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) contributes to the pastoral, education, and charitable support of those in need in the Diocese of Venice. Our parish also benefits from the CFA if we exceed our goal of \$131,000.00. Join those in our parish family who 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 9th & 10th \$8,053.48  
Attendance: 1,227

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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