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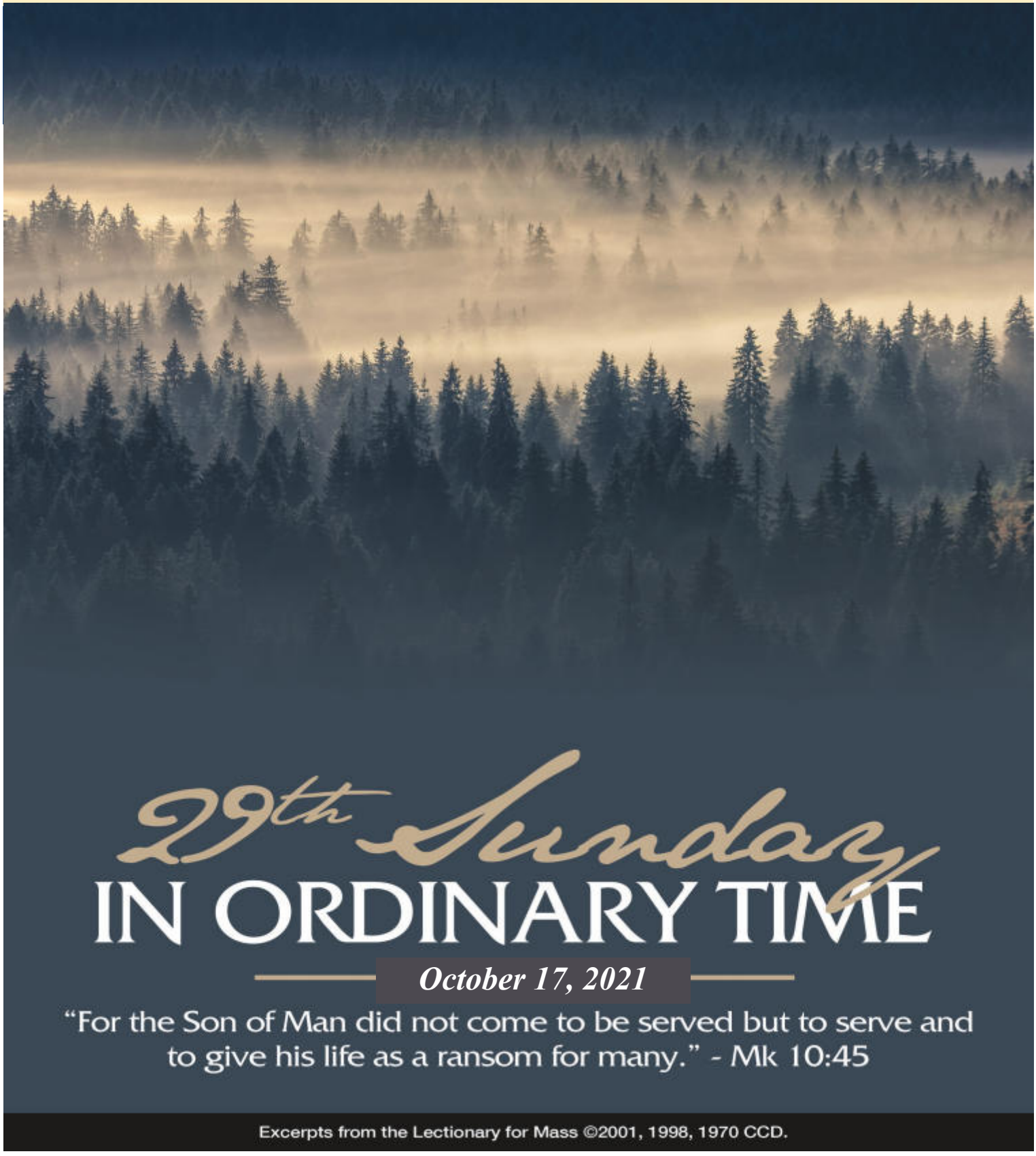

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 17, 2021

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.
We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.
Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life
—especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace
to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

October 18

Early historians said this author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles was born to a pagan family in Antioch (Turkey) and converted to Christianity. According to Paul's letters and Acts, he was a doctor and Paul's companion during his later journeys and imprisonment in Rome. Luke's New Testament writings in Greek were for gentiles, extending to them the salvation promised to Israel. He is the patron of physicians and surgeons and, because of a legend that he painted a Marian icon, of painters.

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ALL SAINTS PARTY

If you have children in elementary/middle school, your family is invited to join the Faith Formation Program for our Annual All Saints Party with our first ever Trunk or Treat!

This is a family event, so parents must be present if your child is attending.

Children: Come dressed as your favorite Saint.
You can also dress in a profession and tell us who is the Patron Saint of that profession. Write down a little information about your saint you are dressed as and you will be able to share it with everyone.

Decorate your car in your best "Saintly Fall Décor"!
Games - Candy - Trivia - Prizes And more!

Wednesday, October 27th at 6:00 p.m.
In the Parish Hall and parking lot.

Sacraments of Our Faith

Rite of Baptism:
Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Rite of Anointing of the Sick:
The Anointing of the Sick ought to be requested only in genuine need for the dying.

There is a special collection next weekend, October 23rd & 24th, for World Mission Sunday. Please see Bishop Dewane's letter on page 5.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2021

Sunday:
Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday:
2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday:
Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday:
Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/ Lk 12:39-48

Thursday:
Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday:
Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday:
Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/ Lk 13:1-9

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

OCTOBER 16 - OCTOBER 24, 2021

† = Deceased
* = Living
SFX = St. Francis Xavier

Saturday, October 16
7:30 A.M. † Stephen O'Neil
4:00 P.M. † Mary Savino

Sunday, October 17
7:30 A.M. * Patricia Reardon
9:30 A.M. † Rev. William Biffar
11:30 A.M. † Walter Willigan
4:00 P.M. † Sr. Beatriz Dolores Victoria

Monday, October 18
7:30 A.M. † Sr. Ana Luisa Andrade

Tuesday, October 19
7:30 A.M. * Adelia Fernandes and family

Wednesday, October 20
7:30 A.M. † Sr. Ana Luisa Andrade

Thursday, October 21
7:30 A.M. † Sr. Ana Luisa Andrade

Friday, October 22
7:30 A.M. * David Zinnes

Saturday, October 23
7:30 A.M. † Robert Glamb
4:00 P.M. † Mary Kreul

Sunday, October 24
7:30 A.M. † Martie Danilson
9:30 A.M. * Sally Humbert
11:30 A.M. † Sr. Ana Luisa Andrade
4:00 P.M. † Sr. Ana Luisa Andrade

CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL 2021 - St. Francis Xavier Parish

Goal: $152,000.00
Pledged: **$103,698.00**
Percent of goal made: 68.22%
Parishioner Participation: 23.38%
Total Payment made: $91,097.16

Thank you to all who have supported the CFA 2021 so far. We are over halfway to our goal. Please consider giving anything you can to this important collection.

DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

October 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

World Mission Sunday, organized by the Society for the Propagation for the Faith, will be celebrated the weekend of October 23 and 24, 2021. This annual Eucharistic celebration joins Catholics worldwide into one community of Faith, inviting us to recommit ourselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and sacrifice.

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday this year reflects on the theme, *"We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard"* (Acts 4:20). He encourages us, as Christians, not to keep the Lord to ourselves but to be men and women who, by their testimony of life, help to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel.

Throughout the world, Churches and parishioners with low economic means need your prayers and assistance. In Africa, thousands of young men are preparing for the priesthood, and in Asia, millions of children receive an education from Religious Sisters. In Latin America, Catechists travel to remote areas to bring the Good News of God's great love to families, and in the Pacific, religious leaders bring the Lord's mercy and peace to those in need.

The World Mission Sunday Collection in the Diocese of Venice in Florida will take place on the weekend of October 23 and 24, 2021. Along with your prayers, won't you please support the Missions in the most generous way you are able? Thank you for your kind response and prayers!

I take this opportunity to extend to you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane

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Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

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For more about World Mission Sunday, please visit missio.org/resources for additional materials.

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Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane invites you!

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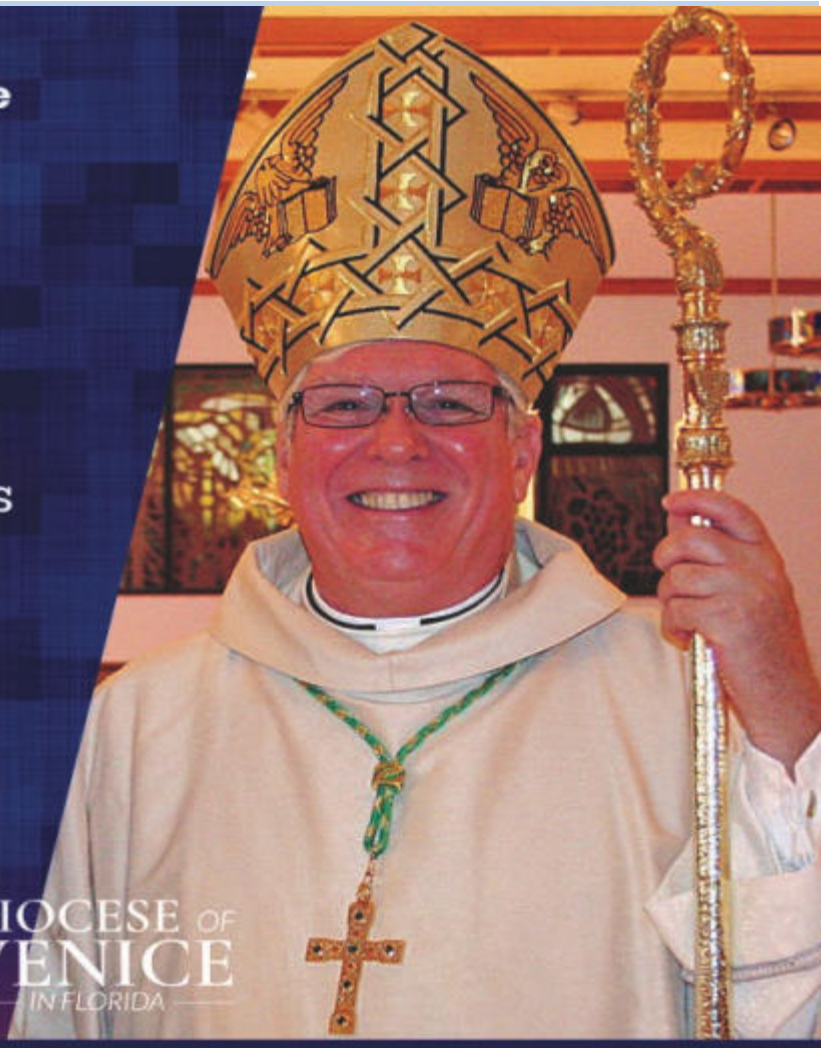
Diocesan Opening Mass



Sunday, October 17, 2021
2:30 p.m.

Epiphany Cathedral Parish
350 Tampa Avenue
Venice

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Faith & Wine Lee County

"Never Doubt"

Presenter: Joann Andrews

Thursday, October 28, 2021 | 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at St. John XXIII
Suggested Donation $12.00 (Ticket registration starts Sept. 28th)

We all have doubts that we are in the "right place". Never doubt that you are right where you are supposed to be...BUT if you are not - pay close attention to that still small voice leading you down a different path!

All women...join us for an evening of faith and fellowship. For updated protocol at this event please visit our website: *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 Court, Fort Myers FL 33919

Dates and venues are subject to change. Speaker biographies are available for your review on our website.

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

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2021 YOUTH RALLY

David Calavitta

Kelly Colangelo

Francis Cabildo Band

Mass with Bishop Frank J. Dewane

SENT

"AS YOU SENT ME INTO THE WORLD, SO I SENT THEM INTO THE WORLD."
-JOHN 17:18

SATURDAY, NOV. 6, 2021 | 12 PM - 8:30 PM

Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center
75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda, FL 33950

COST: $25 PER PERSON (DINNER INCLUDED)

Registration is through local Parish Youth Group, Religious Education Program, or Catholic School

DONATE ONLINE

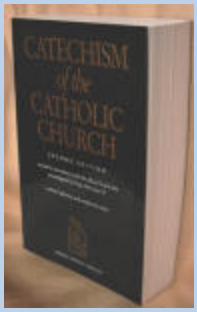
Contributions to the General Collection are used to offset the costs associated with day-to-day operations of the parish and its programs. These costs include maintenance and cleaning of buildings, utilities, and supplies. Additionally, your contribution will benefit our sacramental preparation services, liturgical programs, and Religious Education programs. Parish members are encouraged to set up an account and manage their contributions. You will have complete control over your contribution amount and frequency of payments. Thank you for your investment and continued support of our parish. **https://stfrancisfm.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/GeneralCollection**

Saint Paul of the Cross

1694-1775 | FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 20

Paolo Francesco Danei, the oldest son in a poor but noble Italian family, lived austerely even as a teen. After a year in the Venetian army, he returned to a monk-like life of prayer and penance, and refused to marry. In a vision in 1720, Our Lady, wearing a black habit with a white cross and bearing Jesus' name, told Paul to start an order to preach Christ's passion. With his bishop's approval, he founded the Discalced Clerks of the Most Holy Cross and Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which he led for the rest of his life, and later began a nuns' institute. Passionists were soon doing missions, retreats and spiritual direction throughout Italy. Paul was canonized in 1867.

Catechists Needed for Faith Formation

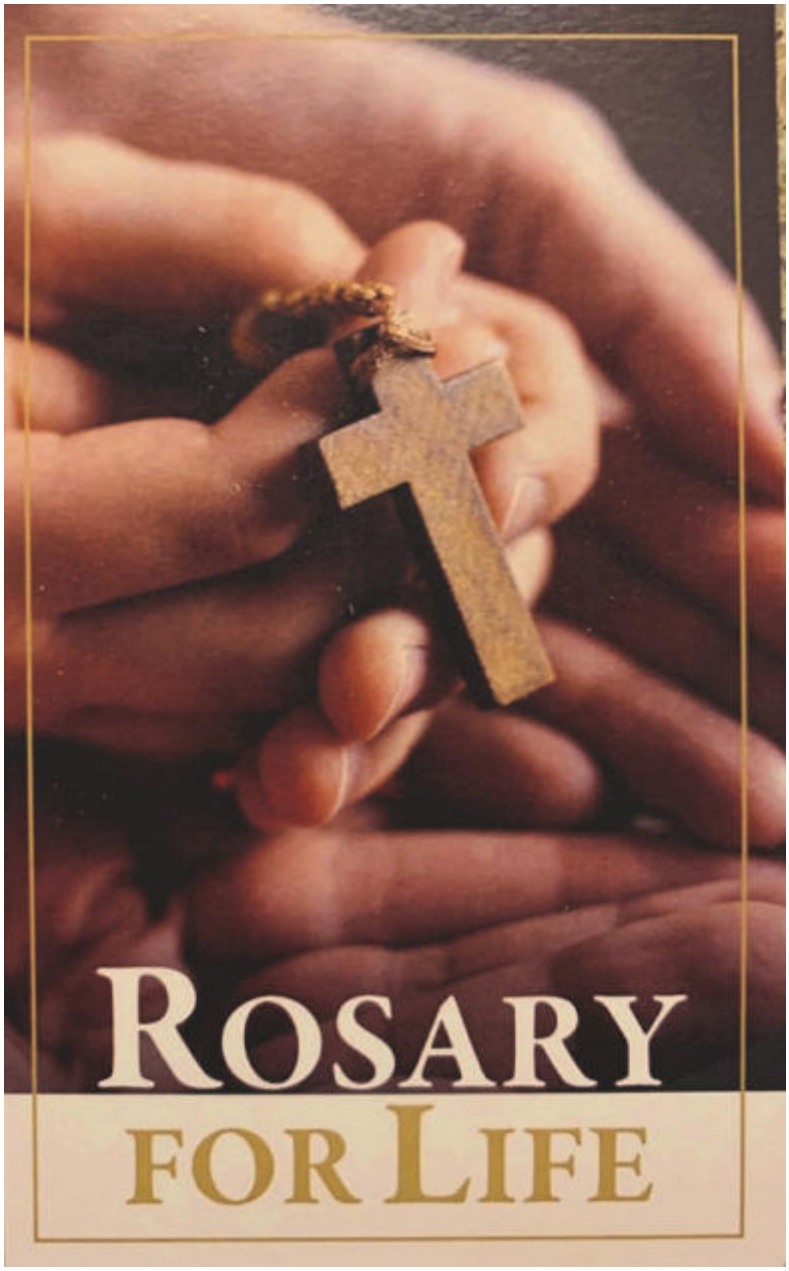


What is a catechist? A catechist is a teacher.

- **A catechist …** doesn't know all the answers…doesn't need a degree… enjoys being with children and sharing their faith
- **A catechist …** works as part of a team … is not a lecturer … knows how to listen … does fun activities … helps children and youth … celebrates their faith.
- **A catechist …** plans each class beforehand using materials provided … teaches one class for one and a half hours Wednesday evenings… attends meetings for training and updating.

No experience needed, just a love of sharing our Catholic Faith. Please consider sharing your faith and your time and talents with the children of St. Francis Xavier Parish. Please call Michael Reardon at 239-223-4757 if you would like to learn more about this wonderful opportunity.

Knights of Columbus Are Celebrating the Month of the Holy Rosary with Our Focus on 40 Days for Life



Council 2596 encourages everyone to pray the Rosary during this special month, keeping in mind the need for prayer to restore a culture that values the sanctity of life.

After every Mass on the weekend of October 23rd and 24th, Knights will be making available rosaries, prayer cards, and a Guide to Praying the Rosary, one of our most popular publications.

Take advantage of this opportunity to have all the tools needed to pray for Life, not only this month but as a continuing part of your personal prayer and reflection.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Mass Times

Daily Mass:
7:30 am (Monday-Saturday)

Saturday Vigil:
4:00 pm

Sunday:
7:30 am

9:30 am

11:30 am

2:00 pm (Polish - 1st Sunday of month)

4:00 pm (Mass in Creole)

Confessions:
Saturday 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Pastor
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Father Augustine Twum Obour

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Father Fritz Ligonde

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Sister Nisla Young
Sister Rosemary Le

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Since May 1, 2021, the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation has been lifted in the Diocese of Venice.

Please see Bishop Dewane's letter on our website for all the details, including a list of those to whom this obligation does not apply.

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toni@defendingtheunborn.com
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