

——— SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025 ——— THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

MASS TIMES:

Daily Mass: (M-F) 7:30 am Saturday Mass: 8:00 am Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Saturday Confession: 2:45 pm-3:45 pm

Sunday Mass: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am;

2:00 pm (Polish First Sunday of Month)

4:00 pm (Creole Mass Weekly)

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.

- Lk 9:16-17

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Anointing of the Sick:

The Sacrament is meant for anyone who is suffering from a serious illness — physical, emotional, or spiritual. It may be received at any time during a person's illness, especially before surgery or treatment. Available the first Saturday of the month at the 8:00 A.M. Mass.

Confession:

Saturdays from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.

Readings for the week of June 22

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19,

20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt

7:21-29

Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,

6 (1)/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-

3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day:

Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2

Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-1

MASS INTENTIONS

June 21, 2025, to June 29, 2025

Saturday, June 21

8:00 A.M. + Rev. Msgr. Philip Reilly

4:00 P.M. + Dennis Delikat

Sunday, June 22

7:30 A.M. + Lois Orsini

9:30 A.M. + Anna Elya

11:30 A.M. + Luz Osborn

4:00 P.M. *+ Living & Deceased of Trombley &

Dorothy families

Monday, June 23

7:30 A.M. + Phyllis Thompson

Tuesday, June 24

7:30 A.M. * Jun DeLeon

Wednesday, June 25

7:30 A.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, June 26

7:30 A.M. + Ed Stacher

Friday, June 27

7:30 A.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, June 28

8:00 A.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 P.M. + Margaret Eisses

Sunday, June 29

7:30 A.M. + Mary Enos

9:30 A.M. + Kevin & Marilyn O'Brien

11:30 A.M. * Neil J. McArdle

4:00 P.M. + Cathy Bloom

The 2026 mass book is open.

Please visit the parsih office to schedule your choices.



Bread and wine are offered in Honor of Sonny & Jean Dunton's 55th wedding anniversary by Pat & Freda Himschoot Sponsorships are available and make a wonderful tribute as a memorial or to mark a celebration like an anniversary or birthday. Please visit or call the Parish Office for more information - 239-334-2161.

Sanctuary Candle in In Memory of Raymond & Djenane Fevrier by the Fevriers

Deceased

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June Parish Activities

6/23/2025	6:00-7:30 PM	Bible Study	XHA
6/27/2025	12:00-1:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	СН
6/30/2025	6:00-7:30 PM	Bible Study	XHA

XH - Xavier Hall XHA -Xavier Hall Annex CH - Church MC - Ministry Center R - Rectory C - Chapel

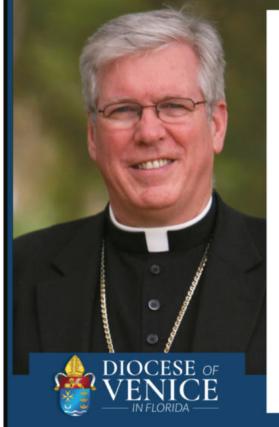


LIVE THE LITURGY

Five loaves and two fish: a measly portion of food for such a large crowd of people. But we must remember that it doesn't matter what the size of our offering is. If we only lay it before Christ, he will take it and make it a mighty bounty.

Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled St. Francis Xavier to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be a part of the strength of this community by making a bequest in your Will to St. Francis Xavier.

Please call the Parish Office for more information - 239-334-2161.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; it is my prayer that you will always be strengthened and nourished by the Holy Eucharist.

The Peter's Pence Collection began as a way for Catholics around the world to express their unity with the Holy Father by supporting the Church's mission of evangelization and charity by giving to this annual collection. Funds collected will benefit our brothers and sisters who are victims of war, oppression, and disasters. By participating in this collection, you join Pope Leo XIV's efforts to show your support for the ongoing work of the Holy See and show kindness and mercy to those who suffer worldwide.

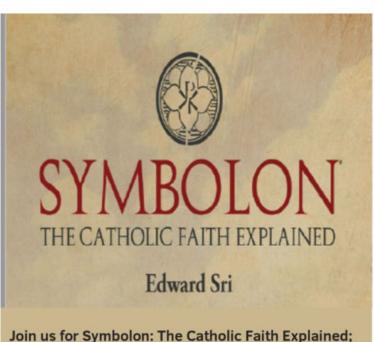
The Diocese of Venice is scheduled to hold the Peter's Pence Collection on the weekend of June 28 and 29, 2025. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's collection as an act of charity and a sign of support for Pope Leo XIV. Join the Faithful from around the globe to ensure the Successor of Peter is able to respond to those most in need. Thank you for your generosity!

I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration as well as my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

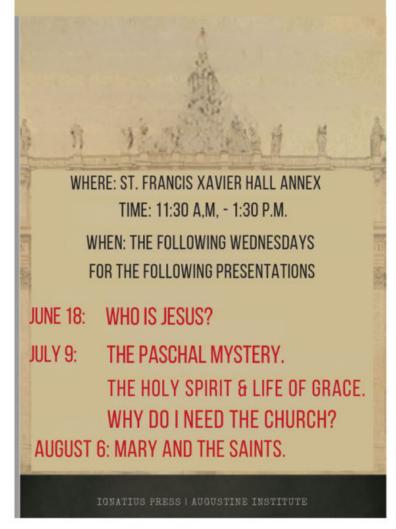
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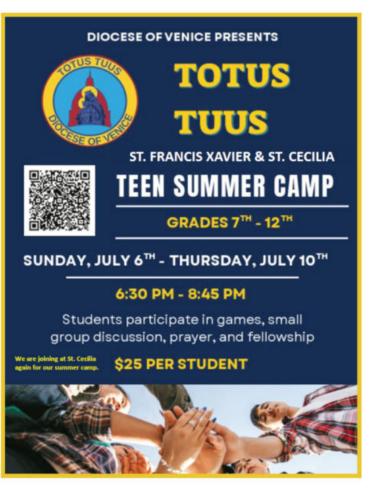


Join us for Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained; a video presentation of our Catholic Faith.

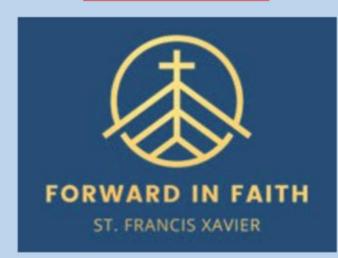
It brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith.







LAST CHANCE



When the Diocese approved the Raise the Roof project, they granted a 3-year waiver for the funds collected from being included in our parish assessment.

This waiver expires this month.

Please consider a donation to Forward in Faith before the end of June. You can either put your donation in the offering basket at Mass or drop it off at the Parish Office.

Please be sure to designate the donation as Forward in Faith.

If you have any questions, contact the Parish Office at 239-334-2161.
Thank you –Ronny Ziebart, Stewardship Chair

THE CRY ROOM

We would like to remind all parishioners that a dedicated cry room is available on the south side of the church, designed specifically for young families with children. This welcoming space is equipped with a variety of books and materials to engage little ones, allowing parents to participate in the mass while ensuring their children are comfortable and entertained. The cry room provides a peaceful environment where families can feel at ease, knowing they have a supportive area to tend to their children's needs without disrupting the worship experience. We encourage you to take advantage of this resource, as it is our goal to create an inclusive atmosphere for everyone in our community.



WELCOME to our parish

If you would like to enroll, change your address, or if you simply have questions about our parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Church Office: 2133 Heitman Street Fort Myers, FL 33901.

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Zip Code:	Phone Number:	
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June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

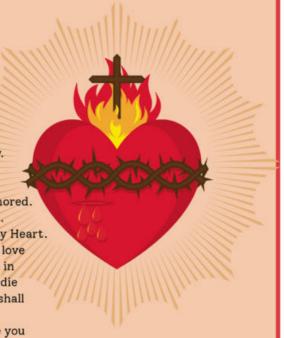
The 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart are promised for simply displaying and honoring the image of His Sacred Heart! How generous is that!

Here are the 12 Promises:

- 1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
 - 2. I will establish peace in their homes.
 - 3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
- 4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
- 5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
- Sinners will find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
 Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
 - 8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
- 9. I will bless every place in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honored.
 - 10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
- 11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart.12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all powerful love

will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in My disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

If you haven't yet, make sure to hang an image of the Sacred Heart where you can see it! Say one short prayer aloud when you see it.



GREETER MINISTRY



The Greeter's Ministry is such an important one. A Greeter is most likely the first-person visitors see as they approach the doors of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

The mission of the Greeter at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church is that of hospitality. Our service is making parishioners and guests feel welcome and comfortable as we gather for our Eucharistic celebration. Our Greeters are able to see the presence of Christ in each person as they arrive.

The qualifications required to be a greeter are simple:

- · Smile and be friendly
- · Smile and be warm
- · Smile and be helpful

Greeters are an essential part of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. They must be dependable, hospitable, and gracious to all. This ministry is open to all adult parishioners. It is a great way to get to know your parish community.

Call 239-334-2161 to see how you can help.

CATECHIST SPOTLIGHT

We would like to introduce you to some of our Catechists here at St. Francis Xavier Parish.

Father Steve has asked them to share why they became a Catechist and what it means to them.

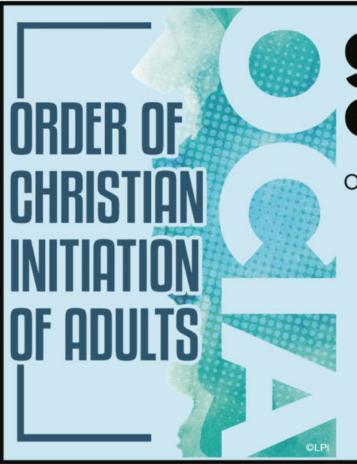


My name is Andrea McMahon, I have been teaching confirmation classes for over 20 years. I have been in Florida for 13 years.

I love teaching. I have adult children and have been married almost 30 years. Teaching Confirmation classes has been my favorite as I can relate to the teenagers and their experiences with their beliefs and questions thereof.

I love watching the students bond after being together all year and love the retreat at the end of the year. Learning about what Saint the student picked as it fits their personality or life experiences.

Being a catechist has helped me keep myself active in the Church and in prayer. I love that if a student learns just one thing, it's that the Church is a family and no matter how bad the world can be or feel, they always have us to be there for them.



got life questions?

OCIA MIGHT BE FOR YOU!

OCIA is a program for people who...

- Are interested in becoming Catholic
- Were never baptized
- Were baptized in another Christian denomination
- Have yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

Call Michael at 239-223-4757 for more information.

IVF

At seventeen, Natalie discovered that her parents had contracted with another woman to become pregnant using her father's sperm and the woman's own egg. Natalie became estranged from her parents, hurt that money, rather than the physical expression of married love, was the context in which she was brought into the world. Children deserve to be given by God, born of married love.

Since the advent of IVF (in vitro fertilization), the floodgates have been opened to bringing about reproduction through egg and sperm donation and surrogate pregnancies. Yet these technologies are fraught with medical, legal, and moral complications. Children deserve to not be created as a product of reproductive technology, but to be given by God, and to be born through married love.

CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

At St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, we are blessed to be part of the Diocese of Venice, a community deeply committed to faith, service, and compassion. One of the most significant ways we can contribute to this mission is through the Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA), an annual fundraising initiative that supports a wide array of vital programs and ministries across our diocese.

The CFA is more than just a collection; it is a lifeline that enables our diocese to extend Christ's love and mercy to countless individuals and families. Here are some of the key programs and initiatives supported by the CFA:

Family Life Ministry

Strengthening families is at the heart of the Church's mission. The Family Life Ministry offers programs and resources that support marriages, family relationships, and parenting.

These services include:

- Marriage Preparation: Offering courses and retreats for engaged couples to prepare for the sacrament of marriage.
- Family Counseling: Providing counseling services to help families navigate challenges and strengthen relationships.
- Support Groups: Facilitating support groups for various life stages and challenges, including bereavement groups, parenting workshops, and groups for separated and divorced individuals.

Goal: \$155,000.00

Your generous contribution to the Catholic Faith Appeal directly impacts these vital programs and more. By participating in the CFA, you are answering Christ's call to serve others and make a tangible difference in the lives of many. We invite all parishioners and visitors of Saint Francis Xavier to prayerfully consider making a donation to this year's Catholic Faith Appeal. Together, we can continue to support these essential ministries and ensure that our

diocese remains a beacon of hope, faith, and love. Please make checks payable to Catholic Faith Appeal. Please put St. Francis Xavier - Fort Myers in the memo line or visit www.stfrancisfm.org to donate online.

Any surplus from the total donations that exceeds Saint Francis Xavier CFA assessment will be returned to us for our own charity work.

Abuse Reporting

An allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by anyone should be reported immediately to:
Florida Department of Children and Families Child Abuse Hotline:
1-800-96ABUSE (800-962-2873) or visit https://reportabuse.dcf.state.fl.us.
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