

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025 - 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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)

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the

resurrection of the righteous."

- Lk 14:13-14

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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 August 31

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-

24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3,

4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4,

13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk

4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab,

3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4,

5/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and

8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4,

5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-

17/Lk 14:25-3

MASS INTENTIONS

August 30, 2025 - September 7, 2025

Saturday, August 30

8:00 A.M. + Roy Whiddon 4:00 P.M. S/I Special Intention

Sunday, August 31

7:30 A.M. + Jose Navarro

9:30 A.M. + Mary Hohenberger

11:30 A.M. * Kevin McArdle, Happy Birthday

4:00 P.M. + Bob Sholette

Monday, September 1

7:30 A.M. + Janet Wachter

Tuesday, September 2

7:30 A.M. + Britt Kristen Lawrence-Stevens

Wednesday, September 3

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

Thursday, September 4

7:30 A.M. * Sr. Nisla Young

Friday, September 5

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

Saturday, September 6

8:00 A.M. + Dominga Young

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

Sunday, September 7

7:30 A.M. + Leann Laughlin

9:30 A.M. + Miriam Madden

11:30 A.M. * Daniel J. McArdle, Happy Birthday

2:00 P.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

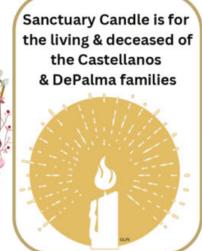
4:00 P.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

The 2026 Mass Book is open.

Please visit the parish office to schedule your requests.







Deceased

Living

September Parish Activities

9/1/2025	6:00-7:30 PM	Bible Study	XHA
9/2/2025	6:30 PM	Knights of Columbus Meeting	хн
9/3/2025	10:00-11:30 AM	Bible Study	МС
9/5/2025	12:00-1:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	СН
9/6/2025	8:00 AM	Mass followed by Anointing Afterwards	С
9/7/2025	8:00-11:00 AM	Knights of Columbus Breakfast	XH
9/8/2025	6:00-7:30 PM	Bible Study	XHA
9/10/2025	10:00-11:30 AM	Bible Study	МС
9/12/2025	12:00-1:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	СН
9/14/2025	10:00-11:15 AM	Parent Orientation for Faith Formation	XH
9/15/2025	1:00 PM	Respect Life Meeting	МС
9/15/2025	6:00-7:30 PM	Bible Study	XHA
9/17/2025	10:00-11:30 AM	Bible Study	МС
9/18/2025	10:00-11:30 AM	Prayer Blanket Ministry Meeting	МС
9/19/2025	12:00-1:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	СН
9/21/2025	10:00-11:15 AM	Faith Formation	XH/MC
9/22/2025	6:00-7:30 PM	Bible Study	XHA
9/23/2025	6:00-7:30 PM	NAMI Meeting (National Alliance on Mental Illness)	XHA
9/24/2025	10:00-11:30 AM	Bible Study	МС
9/26/2025	12:00-1:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	СН
9/28/2025	10:00-11:15 AM	Faith Formation	XH/MC
9/29/2025	6:00-7:30 PM	Bible Study	XHA
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Are you a parent of young school-age children who have struggled to engage with the Mass? Do you find it hard for your little ones to make it through an entire liturgy?

We are excited to share that our 9:30 a.m. Mass in the Church is especially welcoming for families with children!

This joyful liturgy is beloved by school families and parents with young children. Children will be dismissed by the presider following the Gospel. Children will be engaged in prayer, and lessons related to the theme of the Sunday Gospel.

If you would like to assist in this ministry, call 239-334-2161.

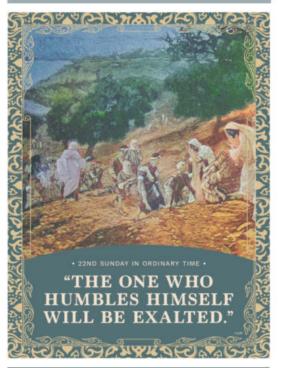
XH - Xavier Hall
XHA -Xavier Hall Annex
CH - Church
MC - Ministry Center
R - Rectory
C - Chapel

LIVE THE LITURGY

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor," Jesus instructs. "Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."

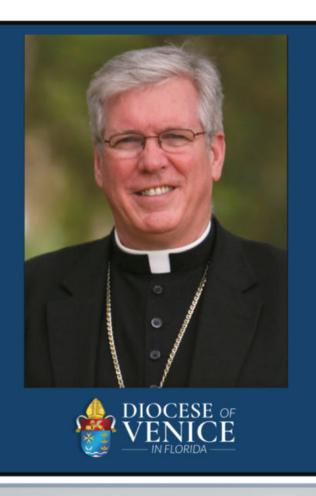
Each of us has our own banquet to offer, our own gifts to share.

Who will we invite?



Have you remembered the good works of the Church in your Will? A bequest of part of your estate or for a stated amount of \$5,000, \$10,000, \$50,000, will ensure that the works of the parish will continue after your death.

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





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August 29, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., is the national University of the Catholic Church in the United States. The University community works tirelessly to educate over 5,700 students in more than 250 academic programs throughout the year which will prepare them to serve as Catholic leaders of the Church and nation.

The research and training initiatives of the University support dioceses and parishes in addressing the most pressing needs of future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. The Catholic Project initiative brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S.

The Diocese of Venice will take up a collection for the Catholic University of America the weekend of September 6 and 7, 2025. Your contribution helps the University to educate thousands of young people in both faith and reason, while upholding the highest standards of education. May God Bless you for your generosity!

This opportunity is taken to extend to you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

Volunteers are the heart of our parish. We rely on liturgical ministers to serve as an usher, a Eucharistic Minister, office volunteer and a greeter at mass to name a few. If you've been looking for a way to get involved, now is the perfect time!

Whether you'd like to help occasionally or commit more regularly, there's a place for you. Training is provided—no experience necessary! Contact our parish office at 239-334-2161 or visit our website at stfrancisfm.org to sign up. Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and faith with 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.

Street Address: _	City:		State
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☐ I would like to enroll as	an active parishioner.		
☐ Please change my addre	ess to the one shown above.		
🛮 I would like to learn moi	e about school/parish activities.		
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∏ I would like to offer the	name of a homebound or seriously ill	Catholic who is not being visite	d:



Let's take time to appreciate our grandparents by coming to Mass and taking them to breakfast. Sunday breakfast is back, and the Knights are ready to cook for you! The whole family is welcome.

We look forward to seeing you for the next "Breakfast with the Knights", scheduled for Sunday, September 7th, from 8AM until 11AM at Xavier Hall. Enjoy a morning meal and the chance to share some time with your family and your fellow parishioners.

Adults: \$10.00, Children under 12: \$5.00, and we'll feed any little ones under 5 for free!



- Choice of waffles or pancakes
- Eggs
- Sausage or bacon
- · Juice or coffee
- A few extras



Baby Quilt Raffle

Three beautiful Baby Quilts, handmade with loving hands, with proceeds going to the Fort Myers Community Pregnancy Center. Tickets are available after the Saturday 4pm mass and after the 9:30. & 11:30 Sunday masses.

TICKETS \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20 There will be 3 drawings (one for each quilt) on November 1, 2025



Join us for an engaging Bible study focused on the Book of Revelation. This fascinating text offers profound insights and thought-provoking themes that are relevant today. Whether you're familiar with the scripture or new to it, our group welcomes everyone to explore its messages together in a friendly and supportive environment. Come and deepen your understanding while connecting with others who share your interest in this powerful book.

Book of Revelation Bible Study Wednesday, September 2, 2025 at 10AM in the Ministry Center



LEGION OF

Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve the Lord? The Legion of Mary is a lay apostle dedicated to spiritual growth and active service to the parish community. Our goal is to spread the love of Christ through prayer, devotion to Mary and apostolic Works, visiting the sick and homebound. To find out more about this rewarding ministry, and how to become an instrument of the Holy Spirit join us by attending our weekly meeting on Tuesdays at 10:30am. The meeting location is the Villa Francisco "in meeting room" address 2140 Cottage St., Fort Myers, FL 33901 (directly behind the parish office) or call George Sahyouni at 239-565-8474.

TUESDAYS AT 10:30 AM
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Mr. John M. Bechdel & family
Mr. & Mrs. Rob Churchill
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Connor & family
Ms. Leanne Criner
Mr. & Mrs. Gustavo Cruz & family
Mrs. Eva Kelly-Cubells
Ms. Erenka Denis & family
Mr. Eric Devantier
Ms. Crystal DeVogt
Ms. Marie Fredelin & family

Mr. J.R. Garcia
Mr. & Ms. Joe Garcia
Ms. Judith Jeune
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Konewko
Mr. & Mrs. Collin McGrath
Mr. & Mrs. Scott McKellar
Ms. Marie Oscar
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Raymondo
Mr. Joseph J. Rider
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Shroka
Mr. Jose Vargas-Castillo &
Ms. Emma Jean-Baptiste



STACIE KOLNICKI

CATECHIST SPOTLIGHT

My name is Stacie Kolnicki. Being a Catholic catechist for Kindergarten and 1st grade has been one of the most joyful and rewarding experience. At this age, children are so open-hearted, curious, and full of wonder—exactly the kind of hearts that Jesus spoke about when He said, "Let the little children come to me."

It wasn't just about teaching lessons—it was about planting seeds of faith, kindness, and compassion in the softest, most fertile soil. And in doing so, I found my own faith growing stronger too. Their innocent questions, sincere prayers, and joyful energy reminded me daily of the beauty and simplicity of the Gospel.

Being a catechist to these little ones wasn't just a role—it was a calling, and an incredible gift.

Please take some time in quiet prayer and ask the Lord if He is calling you to the ministry of being a catechist. No experience is needed, just a love of the Lord and your Catholic Faith. Please call the Director of Religious Education, Michael Reardon at 239-334-2161 for more information on how you can become a catechist or a catechist aide. We look forward to hearing from you!

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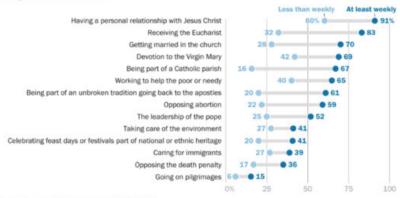
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91% of weekly Mass-going Catholics say a relationship with Christ is key to their faith; 83% say same about receiving the Eucharist

% of U.S. Catholics who say each of the following is an essential part of what "being Catholic" means to them, among those who attend Mass ...



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Feb. 3-9, 2025.

"47% of U.S. Adults Have a Personal or Family Connection to Catholicism"

PEW RESEARCH CENTER





Sidewalk Counseling Training

Learn how to help abortion-vulnerable mothers CHOOSE LIFE using the peaceful, prayerful, proven method of Sidewalk Advocates for Life



Saturday, September 20th from 9am-2pm Ave Maria University

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Saturday, November 8th from 9am-2pm St. John XXIII Catholic Church, Fort Myers

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Online training also available!



Contact

Bob Reynolds at rgrcons1@gmail.com OR Cyrille Velasco at cyrillevelasco@gmail.com





HELP SAVE LIVES IN FORT MYERS!

40 Days Kick Off Event!

Join us as we start the Fall 40 Days for Life campaign. The event will be highlighted by national pro-life speaker and author Terry Beatley.

All are welcome!



Join us WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th at 6:00 pm Sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood Located at 6418 Commerce Park Dr, Fort Myers

Questions? Email 40DaysForLifeFM@gmail.com

No RSVP required, call a friend and join us to be inspired and to pray for the mothers and children of our community and an end to abortion in Lee County!

Rain or Shine We's Be There

Diaper Drive for Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers — PLEASE BRING DONATION SIZES 3-4-5-6

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.

If the alleged abuser is a diocesan employer/clergy/volunteer, also notify our diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (941) 416-6114.

Vocations

From the moment of our Baptism, God is unfolding a special plan for each of us, which we fulfill throughout a lifetime. Whether we are called to the married life, the dedicated single life, the consecrated life or the ordained priesthood, the seed of our vocation begins to take root and to germinate at the moment we become a true son or daughter of God through Baptism. From the moment of our Baptism, God reveals to us in various ways His plan for us.

Parents have a very special role in assisting their children to know God's plan for them by praying each day for their children, that they may know their vocation in life, and by living their own vocation in a way which is an example for their children. Teachers, especially teachers of religion, are also to help children and young people to reflect consistently upon the signs which God is giving them regarding their vocation. All of our instruction in the faith and its practice should, in some way, prepare us to know and accept our vocation in life. Rightly, too, children and young people look to their parish priests for an example of how to respond to God's call and for help in knowing His call in their lives. The whole parish, too, should pray daily and especially at Sunday Mass, that the young people will know God's plan for them and do it with all their mind and heart.

Children and young people are most helped in knowing God's will in their lives through regular Confession and through participation in the Eucharistic Sacrifice and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Through these most privileged encounters with Christ, they are enabled to hear more clearly the Lord's voice calling them and are fortified to respond with an undivided heart.

Prayer for Vocations

Thank you, Lord, for all the many great and wonderful gifts you give to our family.

Help us to live each day with joy and humility. Keep us totally dedicated to serving you. Teach us to recognize the many ways you make your Spirit known.

Then help each of us to accept your gift - the grace to answer your call to form, strengthen and expand the Body of Christ.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SACRISTANS

Sacristans are behind the scenes prior to the celebration of Mass and special liturgies to make the Mass or other service meaningful, spiritual, and efficient.

Assisted by the Priest, Sacristans take care of the set up for each liturgy. They do everything from turning on the lights to finding the correct readings for the day.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

This ministry is open to individuals as well as couples. Training is provided.

Sacristans are asked to arrive to set up at least 30 minutes before Mass.

All ministers are scheduled according to their Mass preferences.

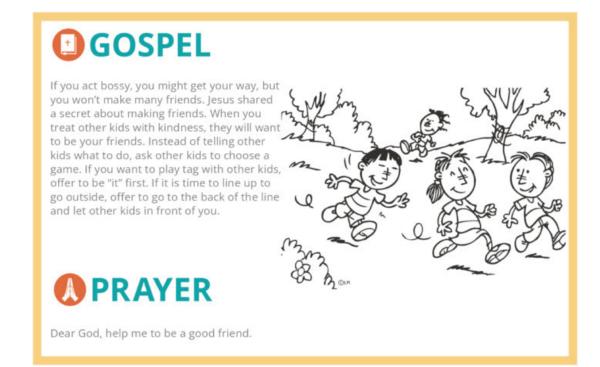
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