

February 19th, 2023

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Office Hours

Mon.-Fri.: 9:00AM—3:00PM

Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM
1st Saturday of Month - 9:00
(with Anointing of the Sick)

Saturday (Vigil)
4:00 PM

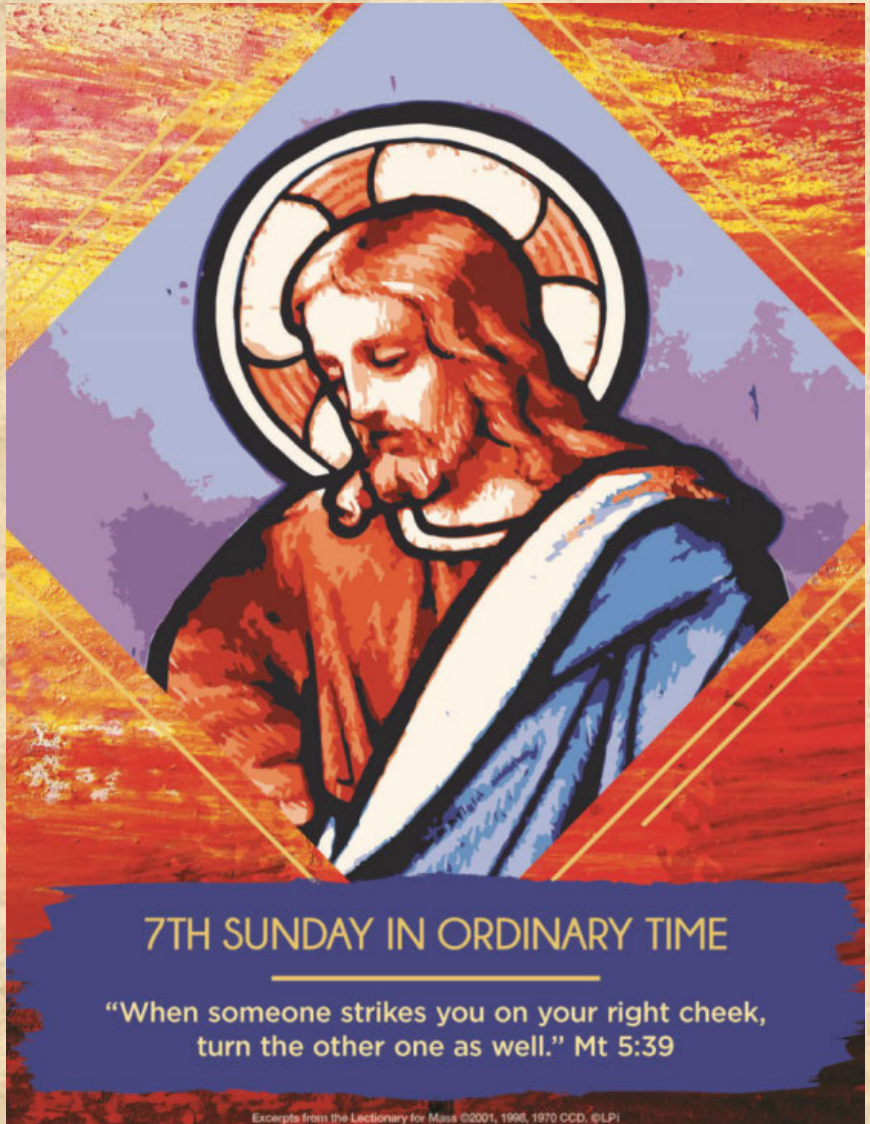
Sunday
October—May
8 AM & 10:00 AM

June—September
9:00AM

Holy Days
Vigil 7:00 PM, 9:00 AM

Confessions

1/2 hour before weekend Masses



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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays

After 9:00 AM Mass - 12:00 PM

Sacraments

Baptisms

Last Saturday of the Month
or by appointment

Weddings

Contact Parish Office

Anointing the Sick & Homebound

Please contact the parish office
at least 2 days prior to admission
to hospital, if possible.

Altar Flowers

To contribute to the flower fund or to sponsor flowers for Sunday services in memory of a loved one or for any special intention, please fill out a flower fund envelope and place it in the offertory basket. Checks should be made payable to: **CCW of Lake Placid.**



Holy Water

The holy water dispenser is located in the vestibule of the church.

Votive Candles

Votive candles are located in the church and in the chapel.

Remembering your Parish in your Will or Family Trust

Gifts provided through wills and trusts enable donors to make significant contributions that may not have been possible during their lifetime.

Thank you for your consideration.

Your gift to the CFA helps subsidize the great work of Catholic Charities, who in turn serve more than 40,000 of your neighbors in need.

Collections

2/12: \$10,959

SVdP: \$3,649.56



Readings for the week of February 19th

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

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Please Pray for:

Nick Drury	Bob Zhawred
George Zinkler	Thomas family Andrew & Emily
Ted Phalen	Lewis & family James & Cynthia
Velma Nagel	Horvath & family
Walter Nagel	Shadde McAllister Madelin Amanda Cabrera
Joan Welsh	Diana Patricia Cabrera
Linda Waldt	
Rosemary Moseley	Maxine Henderson
Jeremiah Fairfield	Rachel McCain
Jordan Curry	Kathy McClernan

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, February 20th, 9:00 AM

†Otto K. Scheu, by Elsie Howe

Tuesday, February 21st, 9:00 AM

†Gene Braddock, by Nonnie Braddock

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, 9:00AM

†Jim Howe, by Elsie Howe

12:00PM

No intentions

7:00PM

No intentions

Thursday, February 23rd, 9:00 AM

†Kenneth Disaldo, by Marie Murray

Friday, February 24th, 9:00 AM

†Annette Mary Williamson, by Jan & Greg
Morgan and family

Saturday, February 25th, 4:00 AM (Vigil)

†Ronald Pekar, by Norman & Lorraine Pekar

Sunday, February 26th, 8:00AM

†Norma Tona, by Diana Tona

10:00AM

†George Boucher,
by Susane Govelitz



*We commend to God's
Loving Embrace:
John Pahl*

My Dear People,

Thank you Nellie Brown, Carol Smart, Susan Szlosek, and Andrea Green for sprucing up the Memorial Garden, Friday, February 10th. The Garden is now prepared for Spring.

Today the Gospel of Matthew continues with the teachings of Jesus about loving thy neighbor. Jesus continues the dialogue with His disciples saying: **“You have heard it said, *an eye for an eye and a tooth for a***

***tooth!*”** (*Exodus 21:24, Lev:24-20. Deut. 19: 21*); which was intended to prevent escalating violence by making legal punishment proportionate to committed crimes. Legally a Jewish citizen could demand retribution for injuries received.

Jesus challenges His disciples when He tells them: “But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well.”

A slap on the right cheek would involve a back-handed slap from a right-handed person. In the Mishnah such a slap was regarded as far more insulting than a normal slap and involved doubling the penalty. Jesus challenges the disciples to forgo the financial compensation one could receive and even endure further insult by offering another cheek.

“If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand him your cloak as well.” Jewish men typically wore two garments: a tunic (inner garment) and a cloak (a larger, heavier outer cloak) used to keep warm (see Exodus 22:25-27; Deut. 24:12-13). Yet if someone should challenge you for a tunic, Jesus astonishingly challenges His disciples to offer their opponent their outer cloak as well.

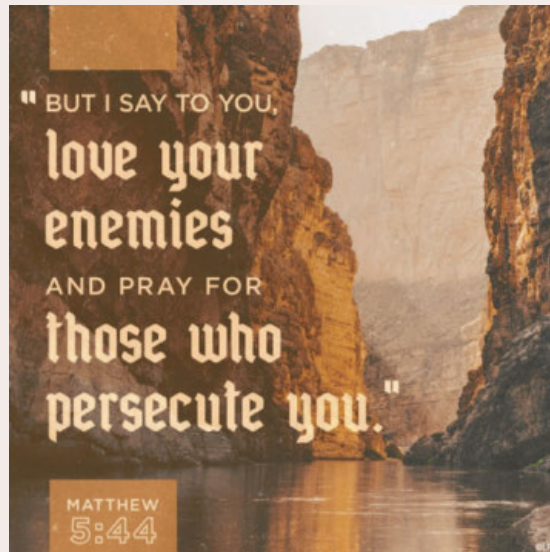
“Should anyone press you into service for one mile” refers to a Roman soldier’s right under Roman rule to force someone to carry his equipment for up to one mile. Jesus calls upon His disciples to volunteer to go with him **for two miles**. *For Jesus to ask the Jewish people to show this generosity and kindness toward their Roman oppressors would have been quite shocking.*

“You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy”: The command to love one’s neighbor is based on Lev. 19:18. Though hating one’s enemy was not taught in the Old Testament, this was a common inference.

Jesus, however, points out that loving only those who love oneself is what **the tax collectors and the pagans** do. He instead commands His disciples to **love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.**

This must have been a startling teaching for the original witnesses at the Sermon on the Mount. In first-century Jewish Palestine, “your enemies and those who persecute you” first and foremost brought to mind the

Roman oppressors. Jesus challenges His disciples to love and pray for the very people who occupy their land, tax them heavily, and treat them with violence and injustice. **Such radical love for their persecutors is precisely what will make them “Children of your heavenly Father.”** Whenever Jesus’ followers respond to persecution by loving their enemies, they, like good children, take on the characteristics of the Father himself, who **“makes His sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the un-**



just.”

Indeed, Jesus called His disciples to **“be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect”**—a statement that sums up all six examples in the section expounding the surpassing righteousness of Christ.

In the Old Testament, Israel was to imitate God in His holiness (“Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy,” Lev. 19:2). This was often interpreted in the first century as a call to separate oneself from all that is unholy—sin, sinners, Gentiles, and so on. Jesus, however, calls His disciples to imitate God by being perfect in love, as seen in all six examples in this section. This is a love that is not tainted by anger or lust (vv.21-30), and seeks what is best even for one’s enemies (vv. 38-47).

Jesus thus calls His disciples to reflect the Father’s perfect, committed, selfless, merciful love in their own lives.

Reminder: Wednesday, February 22, Lent begins.

Think of what you want to do for Lent. Do not just give up something, but do something positive that will enhance your spiritual lives.

In Jesus’ name,

Fr. Vincent Clemente



ASH WEDNESDAY
MASS TIMES

Feb. 22nd
9:00 AM
12:00 PM
7:00 PM



Mondays at 6 PM in the Social Hall. All are welcome to attend!

- Feb. 20.** Living Lent
- Feb. 22.** Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 27.** Scrutinies
- Mar. 6.** The Creed
- Mar. 13.** The Way of the Cross
- Mar. 20.** The Lord's Prayer
- Mar. 27.** The Meaning of Holy Week

Please give us a call if you have questions. Elsie 863-633-8142 or Lynda at 863-655-2370.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prayer Walk for Life. Ash Wednesday, Feb 22nd, 8:00AM at St. John XXIII Church, 13060 Palomino Lane, Ft. Myers. Rosary after Mass in front of Planned Parenthood, 6418 Commerce Park Drive (approx. 9:30AM). Free shuttle provided from the church.

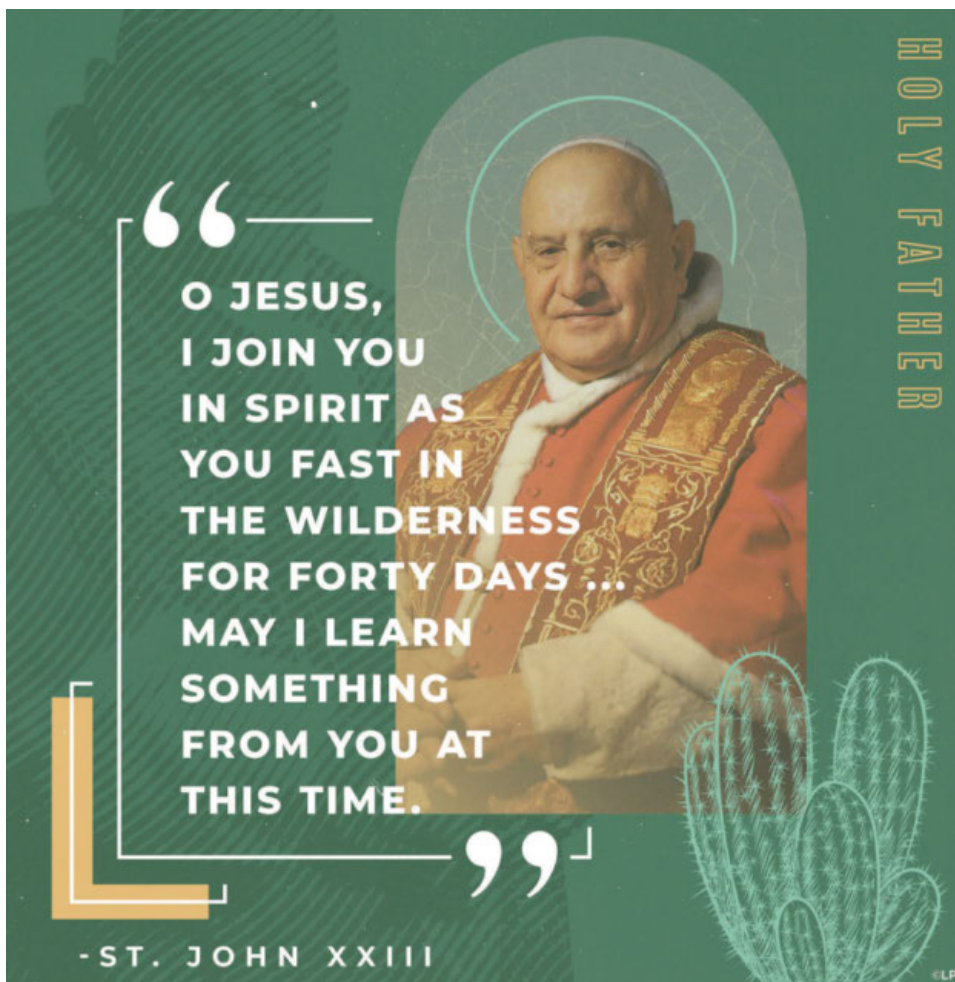
Lenten Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers: Fridays in Lent at 5:30PM in the Social Hall. Free. Sponsored by the Ministries.

Fish Dinners. St. Catherine's will be hosting Friday fish dinners. 4:00-6:00PM. \$15 gets dinner, dessert, coffee and tea.

OLPH Retreat: February 25 & 26, Father Timothy Gallagher, OMV will offer a two-day commuter retreat entitled "Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement: An Ignatian Path to Hope" at San Pedro Catholic Church in North Port. www.olph-retreat.org.

St. James Lenten Penance Service: Wednesday, March 15th at 6:30PM.

DOV Eucharistic Congress Adult Conference. Saturday, March 25th at the Conference Center and Luminary Hotel in downtown Fort Myers. Registration: <https://dioceseofvenice.org/eucharistic-congress/>



HOLY FATHER

“
O JESUS,
I JOIN YOU
IN SPIRIT AS
YOU FAST IN
THE WILDERNESS
FOR FORTY DAYS ...
MAY I LEARN
SOMETHING
FROM YOU AT
THIS TIME.”











- ST. JOHN XXIII

Safe Environment Training -

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and complete online training in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. Visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/programs/safeenvironment/>. Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. Further, if Diocesan personnel or volunteers are involved, also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton, at 941-416-6114.



LPI'S GUIDE TO ASH WEDNESDAY ASHES

	• First in Line		• The Mini
	• The Blob		• The Hipster
	• The Hasty		• Load Toner
	• Rorschach		• The Hindu
	• Father's Revenge		• The Franciscan

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The reality of suffering is a common argument against the existence of God. Even for believers, suffering can make faith difficult. Following next weekend's Masses, the Knights of Columbus will distribute a free pamphlet dealing with the question of suffering. Please accept a copy, read it and pass it along to a friend or family member. Copies of past pamphlets are available in the vestibule. If you find these pamphlets worthwhile, please let the Knights know.



In the Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying: "You must be perfected as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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St. Polycarp

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“Confío, Señor, en tu misericordia; alegra mi corazón con tu auxilio. Cantaré al Señor por el bien que me ha hecho” (Salmo 12,6). Estamos llamados a ir más allá de nosotros mismos en todas las cosas que realizamos en la vida

Cuando tengas la oportunidad de hacer el bien, no la dejes pasar.

San Policarpo

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cotidiana. En otras palabras, el amor no puede tener condiciones, se ama al máximo o no se ama. Los ejemplos que tenemos de amor en las telenovelas, o los reality shows, son de fantasía y de acomodo al egoísmo. Lo que Jesús propone es darlo todo hasta el tope, hasta el fondo del corazón. Como los abuelitos que cuidan de sus nietos con toda el alma; o como los cuidadores de enfermos que lo dan todo para el alivio y descanso en la enfermedad; o como los padres de familia que trabajan sin descanso para llevar el pan a la mesa.

Jesús nos llama en el Evangelio a la coherencia cristiana, a comenzar un camino espiritual que nos renueve desde el fondo del corazón. No más ojo por ojo ni diente por diente. Eso de amar a los enemigos es diferente: “Si alguien te hace un pleito por la camisa, entrégale también el manto. Si alguien te obliga a llevarle la carga, llévasela el doble más lejos. Da al que te pida, y al que espera de ti algo prestado, no le vuelvas la espalda. (Mateo 5,40-42). Pero, ¿cómo Señor? eso es muy difícil de llevar. Cuando presto, cobro a toda hora. Si me piden ayudar con alguna responsabilidad en la familia, mejor me retiro dando miles de excusas, que estoy cansado u ocupado. Puede ser, pero desde el mensaje del Evangelio, el amor lo puede todo. ©LPi

Horario de Misas
Domingo: 10:00am
Jueves y Viernes: 7:00PM
Primer viernes del mes– Misa a las 7:00pm y la exposición del Santísimo Sacramento desde las 5:00pm hasta las 7:00pm
Confesiones: 9:30am domingo
Bautismos: 4o sábado del mes a las 4:00 pm
Platicas del bautismo: 3o viernes del mes a las 7:30pm después de la Misa
Quinceañeras: hablar con el sacerdote



La ofrenda:
2/12: \$538

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Lynda or Joe Fairfield/863-655-2370

BIBLE STUDY

Wed 9:45am – 11:45am

Thurs 7pm-9pm

Debbie Anderson/863-399-5295

BULLETIN

Christy Swift/863-399-9072

christy@christyswift.com

CATHOLIC INQUIRY (RCIA)

Elsie Howe/(863) 633-8142

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Sunday 10:00 am Mass and Class

Connie Rollins/863-465-4361

CHURCH ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

Annie Rodriguez/863-840-0305

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW), LAKE PLACID

1st Thursday of the Month 10:00am

Maxine Henderson/517-944-0990

PO Box 1955, Lake Placid FL 33862

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

2nd Friday of the month

3:00 pm, Social Hall

Mary Webb/863-273-4495

EMMAUS (MEN)

3rd Sunday of the Month

2:00 pm

Bob Muir/863-441-4754

EMMAUS (WOMEN)

2nd Sunday of the Month, 2:00pm

Elsie Howe/863-633-8142

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF**HOLY COMMUNION**

Office/863-465-3215

GRIEF SUPPORT

2nd Thursday of the Month

2:00pm - 3:30pm

Sue Szlosek/863-699-0847

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the Month

7:00pm

Joe McClernan/863-697-8012

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Carol Smart/863-699-5552

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Nell Hays/863-446-3031

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Glenda Brannen/863-274-6168

SACRISTAN

Mike Soice/ 317-840-2009

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

1st Monday of the Month 3:00pm

863-840-1168

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Parish office/863-465-3215

YOUTH /CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Wednesday 6:00 pm/Social Hall

Connie Rollins/863-465-4361

MINISTRY LEADERS: SCAMS CONTINUE TO BE TARGETED AT STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO ANY REQUESTS VIA EMAIL OR TEXT FOR MONEY OR GIFT CARDS THAT APPEAR TO COME FROM FR. VINCENT OR ANOTHER PRIEST. FATHER WILL NEVER ASK YOU TO BUY THESE ITEMS. PLEASE IGNORE THE REQUEST AND REPORT IT TO THE OFFICE ASAP.

FEBRUARY 19th— Sunday.

Faith Formation, 11AM, Social Hall.

Men's Emmaus, 2PM, Social Hall.

FEBRUARY 20th— Monday.

OFFICE CLOSED

RCIA, 6PM, Social Hall.

FEBRUARY 21st— Tuesday.

Child. of Our Lady, 10AM, Social Hall.

PARISH HAPPENINGS**FEBRUARY 22nd— Ash**

Wednesday.

Masses at 9AM, 12PM, 7PM.

Bible Study, 10AM, Social Hall.

Confirmation Class, 6PM, Social Hall.

FEBRUARY 23th— Thursday.

Legion of Mary, 1PM, Social Hall.

Bible Study, 7PM, Social Hall

FEBRUARY 24th— Friday.

Video Stations of the Cross and Soup

Supper hosted by Ushers, Sacristans,

Lectors, and Cantors. 5:30PM, Social

Hall. Free! All Welcome!

FEBRUARY 26th— Sunday.

Faith Formation, 11AM-Noon, Social

Hall.

FEBRUARY 27th— Monday.

RCIA, 6PM, Social Hall.

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