



# ST. RAPHAEL

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

APRIL 14, 2024 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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## MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday | 8:00AM (English)  
Saturday | 8:00AM, 5:00PM (English)  
6:30PM (Español)  
Sunday 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:30PM  
(English)  
10:30AM & 5:30PM (Español)

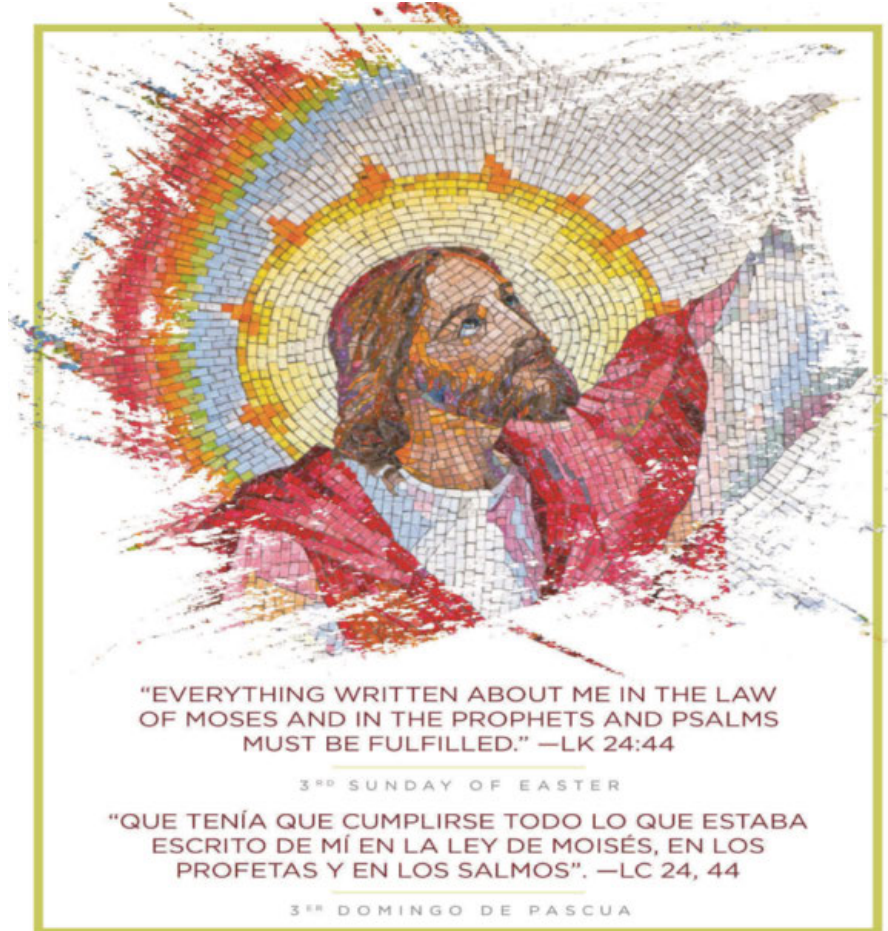
## CONFESSIONS

Wednesday | 6:00PM-7:00PM  
Saturday | 4:00PM-4:45PM  
Sunday | 4:30PM-5:15PM (Español)

## PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michal Szyszka, *Pastor*

Andy Mora,  
*Coordinator 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.

**First - Sixth Grade**  
Sunday 8:30AM – 9:45AM

**First - Eighth Grade**  
Sunday 10:30AM – 11:45AM

**Confirmation Class**  
Tuesday 6:00PM – 7:30PM

**Youth Group** meets every Sunday from 1:30PM-3:30PM in the parish hall.

**RCIA (school building)**  
Monday evening 7:00PM–9:00PM Spanish & Tuesday evening 7:00PM–9:00PM English

**Catholic Charities** - 239-337-4193

**Prayer Line** - Call 369-1831 to leave your prayer request or email it to: ParishOffice@saintraphaelccla.org

**Perpetual Adoration Chapel** is open every day from 7:00AM - 4:30PM . Call Joann 508-278-6167 for more information.

**Pregnancy Resources** -Turn to the pro-life movement for help. Community Pregnancy Clinic 689-1543, Birthright 1-800-550-4900, Heartbeat 1-800-395-HELP or Bethany Christian Services 1-800-238-4269.

**Knights of Columbus** - For more information 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 school building. For information see the knights website or call Nancy at 636-208-8806.

**Spanish Knights of Columbus**- Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month in the school building.

**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 Fridays at 10:30AM.

**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.

**St. John XXIII Prayer Group** meets every Tuesday at 7PM in the school building.

St. Raphael Catholic Church Presents:  
*Mother's Day*  
*Dia De Las Madres*  
Saturday May 4, 2024 at 6:00pm - ?  
Held at St. Raphael's Church Hall  
Dinner: Mexican Food - Buffet Style  
Cena: Buffet de comida Mexicana  
Delivered by our famous Mexican Restaurant EL TARASCO!  
Tickets are only \$15.00 but will be limited.  
Music by DJ Jose



### *The Importance of Catholic Higher Education – by Mark Middendorf*

Come and join us in fellowship on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at St. John XXIII parish center! Our speaker will be Mark Middendorf, President of Ave Maria University and Founder of Lighthouse Catholic Media (LCM). He merged LCM with the Augustine Institute in 2015 and worked for the Institute as Executive Vice President for Mission Expansion. There, he launched and expanded the Formed platform. In 2022, he was selected to be the fourth president of Ave Maria University. Please join us as Mark speaks on, *The Importance of Catholic Higher Education*.

Faith & Ale is a Catholic Men's group. The program begins at 6 PM with pizza and refreshments for a \$10 donation and concludes at 8 PM. Reservations are required – please register online at [www.faithandale.com](http://www.faithandale.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday April 13, 2024

5:00PM †John Knowles  
Req. Tom & Sue Mercurio  
6:30PM Unborn  
Req. Parishioner

### Sunday April 14, 2024

7:30AM Parishioners  
9:00AM †Conversion of Sinners  
Req. Parishioner  
10:30AM †Tia Melly  
Req. Parishioner  
12:30PM †Patrick McLaughlin  
Req. Derek Tyler

### Monday April 15, 2024

8:00AM †David Praisner  
Req. Aunt, Joan Williams

### Tuesday April 16, 2024

8:00AM †Stephen LaScala  
Req. Wife, Fran & Family

### Wednesday April 17, 2024

8:00AM †Justa Justina Zalla Bazan,  
†Alejandro Ruiz Gonzalez & Souls  
in Purgatory

### Thursday April 18, 2024

8:00AM †Jailen Wilson  
Req. Grandparents, Paul & Jenna Clark  
& Family

### Friday April 19, 2024

8:00AM †Deacon Floyd & Joyce Derr  
Req. Godson, Christopher Leahy

### Saturday April 20, 2024

8:00AM Ed Smith  
Req. Friend  
5:00PM †Jailen Wilson  
Req. Henry & Linda Cohen  
6:30PM †Juliet Kaamino Garay  
Req. Parishioner

### Sunday April 21, 2024

7:30AM Parishioners  
9:00AM †Mariann Jemianowicz  
Req. Daughter, Helena  
10:30AM Earl Johns & Family  
Req. Parishioner  
12:30PM †Antonio Martinez  
Req. Daughter

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

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle has been donated this week in loving memory of **Edward Rosenstein & James Dulaney** requested by **Dr. Thomas Gaetano Palumbo**.

## CHAPEL CANDLE

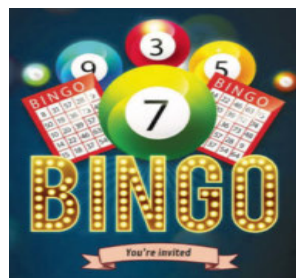
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**Hi! It's me your spiritually adopted baby.** I'm so excited about all that's happened this last week! Already I've grown to

be about ¼ inch long! Guess what, my heart, which is only about the size of a poppy seed, began beating this week when I was only 18 days old! Now it is starting to pump blood through my circulatory system! Pretty exciting stuff don't you think? I still look a little weird, more like a tadpole than a human; but that will be changing because I'm going to have a major growth spurt this coming week. My upper and lower limbs, which are going to later develop into my arms and legs, are going to sprout. My facial features are already forming; my nostril is becoming distinct and the earliest versions of my eyes' retinas are forming! **"Your hands formed and shaped me" Job 10:8**

**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.**



## Every Friday at St. Raphael Parish Hall

Doors open at 3PM. Games start promptly at 6PM.

For more information call  
Jose (239) 841-3803 or  
Bill (315) 569-3009

**The Jay Carano Gift Shop** is open from  
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On Sundays from 8AM-2PM. We have a large  
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# 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

## 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

## 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 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.**



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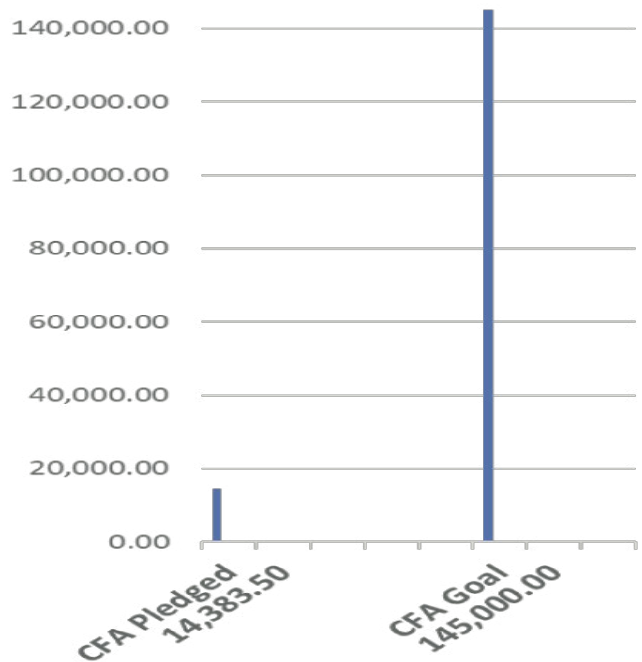
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To make a gift, visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/> or complete a pledge envelope located at the back of the church and submit it either to the Parish office or the offertory basket. **Thank you for your prayerful consideration.**



March 30th & 31st \$13,747.60  
Attendance: 3,447

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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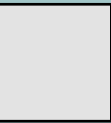
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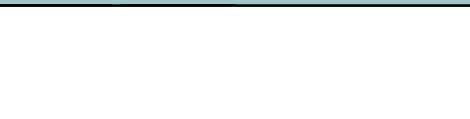
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