



ST. RAPHAEL

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

JANUARY 21, 2024 | THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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

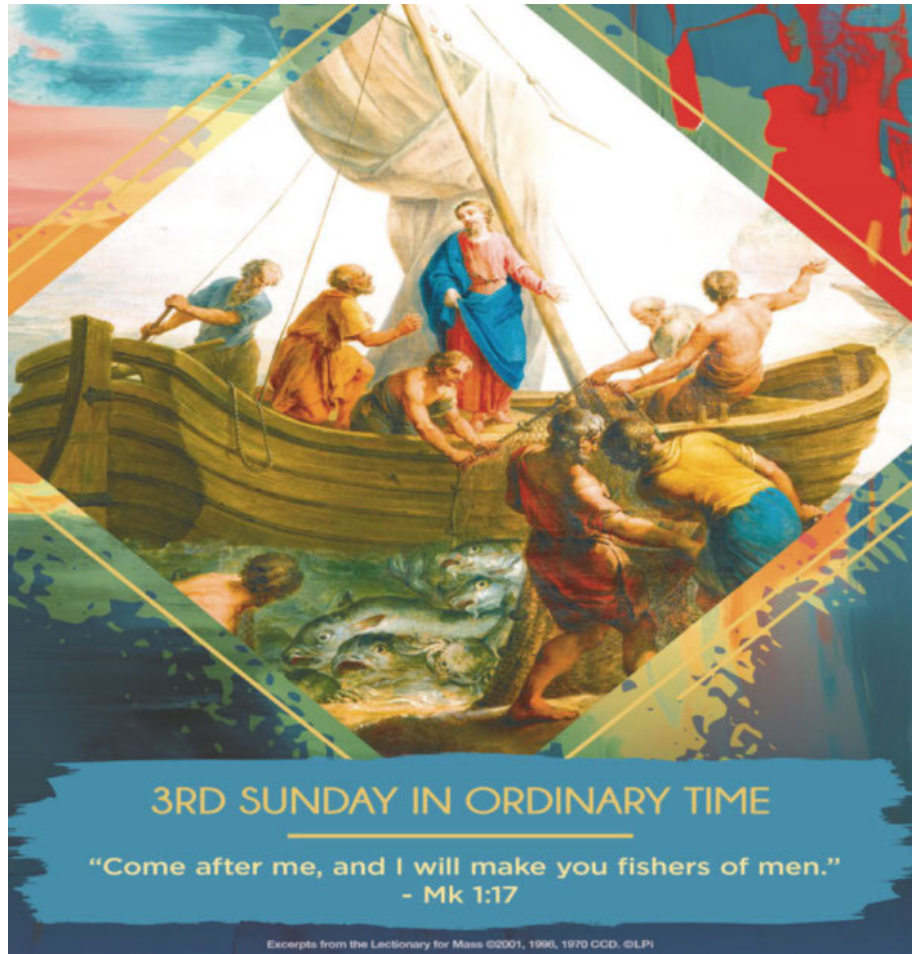
Saturday | 4:00PM-4:45PM

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.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A Good Time for Fulfillment

There are some things that always come at the worst time. I've never gotten a telemarketing call and thought, "This is a really convenient moment for me to listen to a sales pitch." I've never seen the compulsory software update notice flash on my computer screen when I didn't have a deadline I was struggling to meet. My kids never come down with the flu unless it's the weekend and the line at Urgent Care is stretching out the door.

And I never, ever feel the calm, persistent shoulder-tap of the Holy Spirit without thinking, "Now? Now is not a good time. Can you try again when I'm..."

But then I stop and think: when I am what? When I am stronger? When I am happier? When I am smarter? When I am a different person?

When God calls us, He calls the person He sees in front of Him. "Come on," He says, and He doesn't mean "When you're finished" or "When it's convenient" or "Think about it." He means now. This moment.

This is what Paul is saying when he writes that "the world in its present form is passing away." He is saying that your plans mean nothing, the kingdom of God is at hand. Abandon your nets, let your catch escape into the sea. You're not who you thought you were, and you don't need what you thought you needed.

Your sins do not define you. Your fears are not fate. Your inclinations do not govern you. Your life can be changed. We live in the time of fulfillment, and fulfillment is coming for you — ready or not.

"Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment.'" — Mark 1:14

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 20, 2024

5:00PM †Ed Obidinski
Req. Janet & Mark Comerford
6:30PM Conversion of Sinners
Req. Parishioner

Sunday January 21, 2024

7:30AM Parishioners
9:00AM St. Raphael Staff
Req. Friend
10:30AM †Souls in Purgatory
Req. Parishioner
12:30PM †Sandra & †Oneta Bradford
Req. Son & Husband

Monday January 22, 2024

8:00AM Ed Smith
Req. Friend

Tuesday January 23, 2024

8:00AM Michael Ryan
Req. Family

Wednesday January 24, 2024

8:00AM †Tracy Leinmann & Brooke Spencer
Req. Tammy Spencer

Thursday January 25, 2024

8:00AM Juliet Kaamino Garay, Perla Kaamino &
Juanito Garay
Req. Family

Friday January 26, 2024

8:00AM †Ken Walters
Req. Sharon

Saturday January 27, 2024

8:00AM †Nenita Pascual
Req. Frenny James
5:00PM †William Stephenson
Req. Parishioner
6:30PM Conversion of Sinners
Req. Parishioner

Sunday January 28, 2024

7:30AM Parishioners
9:00AM †Terry Rucker
Req. Sandi & Gary Jones
10:30AM Protection of Life
Req. Parishioner
12:30PM †Maureen Klappholz
Req. Janet Collins

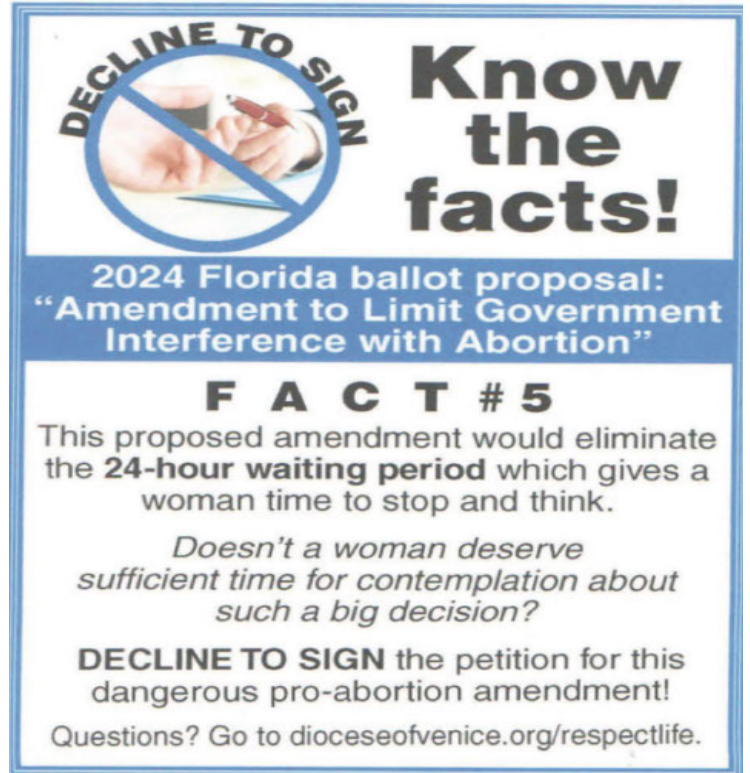
Retrouvaille, hope for troubled marriages, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle has been donated this week in loving memory of **Clara D. Mescallado, & Dr. Alfredo S. Mescallado, Sr.** requested by **Penn J. & Rose M. Gerardo**.

CHAPEL CANDLE

The chapel candle has been donated this week in loving memory of **Clara D. Mescallado, & Dr. Alfredo S. Mescallado, Sr.** requested by **Penn J. & Rose M. Gerardo**.



DECLINE TO SIGN

Know the facts!

2024 Florida ballot proposal:
"Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion"

FACT # 5

This proposed amendment would eliminate the **24-hour waiting period** which gives a woman time to stop and think.

Doesn't a woman deserve sufficient time for contemplation about such a big decision?

DECLINE TO SIGN the petition for this dangerous pro-abortion amendment!

Questions? Go to dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife.

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 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 3:30PM-5PM on Saturday and after the 5PM Mass. On Sundays from 8AM-2PM . We have a large selection of gifts.

CONVERGING ROADS WHERE HEALTH CARE ETHICS AND MEDICINE CONVERGE

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FEBRUARY 17, 2024 | 9:15 AM – 6:45 PM | IN PERSON AND ONLINE

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PRESENTATIONS

The Well-Formed Conscience of a Health Care Professional
Fr. Columba Thomas, OP, MD

Truth, Conscience, and Religious Liberty in Health Care
Mary Rice Hasson, JD

The Unique Mission of Catholic Health Care
Cody F. Feikles, MA, MTS, HEC-C

The Role of the Sacraments and Prayer in the Care of the Sick and Dying
Roger Nutt, STL, STD

Ethical Standards in the Pharmaceutical Industry
Sr. Michaela Serpa, FSE, MA, PharmD, BCPS

The Role of the Medical Community in Service to the Sick and Dying in a Throwaway Culture
Natalie King, MD, MA

Approaching Gender Dysphoria with Compassion and in Light of the Science
Deacon Patrick W. Lappert, MD

***Continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered.

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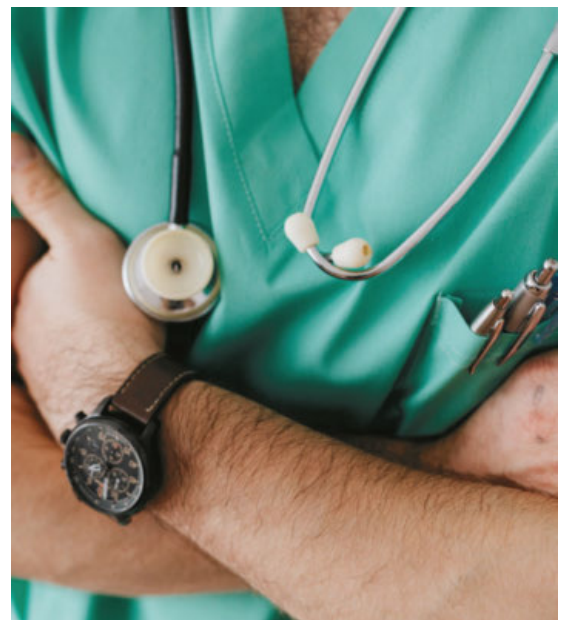
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**For more information,
contact Ellen Santoro at
ellen@forlifeandfamily.org
832-779-1070**





There will be a Holy Hour on the 1st Wednesday of each month in English from 7PM-8PM.

On the 3rd Wednesday of each month The Holy Hour will be in Spanish from 7PM-8PM.

**COUPLES WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY MASS**

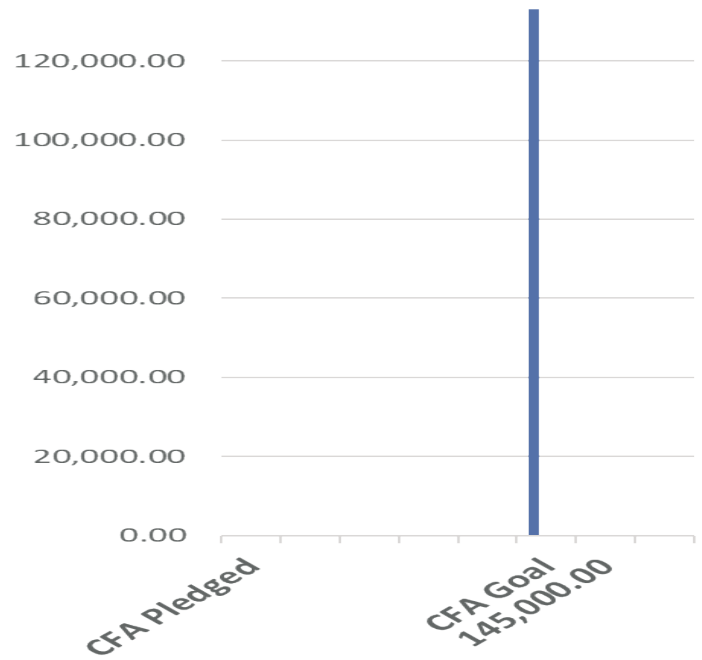
February 3 and February 24, 2024

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in two locations: February 3rd at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at 11AM, and February 24th at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, also at 11AM.

Please contact your local parish office for reservations no later than one week before the event you choose to attend.

The **Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA)** contributes to the pastoral, education, and charitable support of those in need in the Diocese of Venice. Our parish also benefits from the CFA if we exceed our goal of \$145,000.00. **Join those in our parish family who have made a gift to the 2024 CFA.** Your gift will make a difference in the lives of those who are assisted by the programs and ministries funded through the CFA.

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.**



SAINT PAUL
STREET EVANGELIZATION

Evangelization Training!

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
January 27, 2024
8:00 - 5:00 Mass, Workshop & Live Lab

Interested in learning about Catholic Street Evangelization?
Featuring Adam Janke
St. Paul Street Evangelization

TO REGISTER

Mass at 8:00 AM
St. John the Evangelist
625 111th Avenue North
Naples, Florida

\$15 per person includes breakfast and box lunch
To register, use the QR CODE or
dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2024-st-paul-street-evangelization

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January 6th & 7th \$12,265.00
Attendance: 1,993

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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