



ST. RAPHAEL

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

JANUARY 28, 2024 | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CONTACT US

2514 Lee Boulevard
Lehigh Acres, FL 33971

Phone (239) 369-1831

Religious Education (239) 369-6424

Fax (239) 369-1039

parishoffice@saintraphaelccla.org

www.saintraphaelcc.net

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



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

His fame spread everywhere throughout the
whole region of Galilee. - Mk 1:28

4º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Y muy pronto se extendió su fama por toda Galilea.
- Mc 1, 28

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC. Leccionario II © 1987 Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Litúrgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano. CELPE

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.

AVE MARIA LECTURE SERIES

All Lectures start at 12:00 p.m. at The Vineyards, Naples, Florida.

AVE MARIA
UNIVERSITY



January 29, 2024

"From the Heart of the Church for the Good of Humanity" with Dr. Houde



March 11, 2024

"Healthcare and Life" with Dr. Ecret and Dr. Van Wart



February 5, 2024

"Fascism in 20th-Century Italy" with Dr. Baxa



March 25, 2024

"A Constitutional and Catholic Perspective on the Election" with Dr. Sugrue and Dr. Patterson



February 19, 2024

"A Catholic Perspective on Environmentalism" with Dr. Shephard



Register online at avemaria.edu/resources/ave-maria-lecture-series

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 27, 2024

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

Monday January 29, 2024

8:00AM †Milagros Rodriguez
Req. Barbara Hartnett

Tuesday January 30, 2024

8:00AM Fr. Skip Baltz

Wednesday January 31, 2024

8:00AM †Marie Magallanes, †Raymond
Magallanes & †Mary Galvan
Req. Jacqueline Lara

Thursday February 1, 2024

8:00AM †Frederick Theodue
Req. Whipple Family

Friday February 2, 2024

8:00AM †Deceased Members of The Altar
& Rosary Society
Req. The Altar & Rosary Society

Saturday February 3, 2024

8:00AM †Bob James, 4th Anniversary
Req. Wife, Frenny
5:00PM †Larry Maudlin
Req. Mark & Janet Comerford
6:30PM Angelo Gravel & Family
Req. Parishioner

Sunday February 4, 2024

7:30AM Parishioners
9:00AM †Paul Andrew Edwards
Req. Frances Wolpert
10:30AM Yong Suk, Pierre & Angelo Gravel
Req. Parishioner
12:30PM Isoline Litchmore & Family

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 for **the children of divorced parents**.

CHAPEL CANDLE

The chapel candle has been donated this week for **the children of divorced parents**.



The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus invite the women of St. Raphael Parish who are 18 years and over to join us; helping the Knights in their spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Our meetings are on the first Thursday of each month beginning at 7:00PM in the parish school building.



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.

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.

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.**



Know the facts!

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

F A C T # 6

This proposed amendment uses the term **"patient's health"** which is extremely broad and would allow abortion **for practically any reason.**

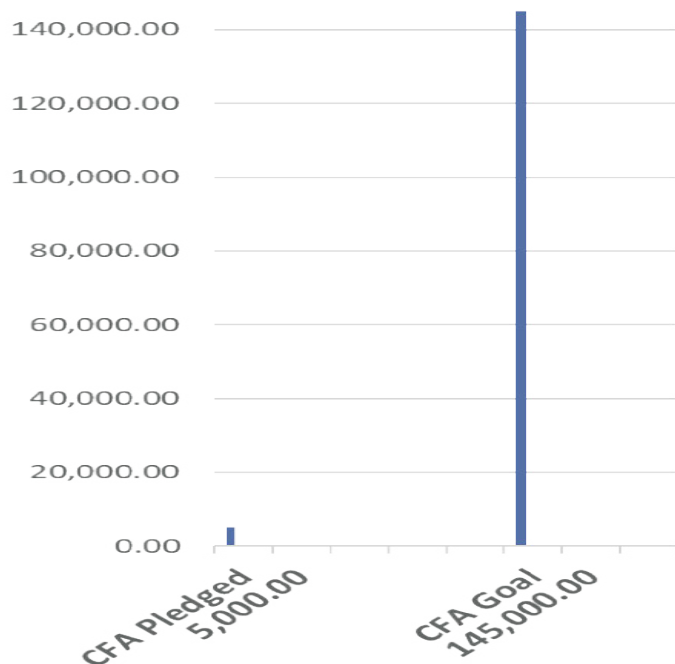
A woman's health should be more carefully considered!

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

Questions? Go to dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife.

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.**



January 13th & 14th \$8,646.63
Attendance: 2,073

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.

Day of Reflection for Sacramental Marriage is a day for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church. A specially prepared volunteer team of married couples, and a priest, share their experiences and information, enabling couples to be more aware of the privileges and responsibilities of marriage.

February 17th
Donahue Academy,
Library, 2nd Floor 4955
Seton Way, Ave Maria, FL
Register by February 9th

April 20th
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Retreat Center 3989 S.
Moon Drive, Venice, FL
Register by April 12th

September 14th
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Retreat Center 3989 S.
Moon Drive, Venice, FL
Register by September 5th

November 9th
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Retreat Center 3989 S.
Moon Drive, Venice, FL
Register by November 1st

9:30AM- 4PM \$75 per couple which includes materials and lunch.

Pre-registration is required. Please register online **HERE** or by using the QR code at left. Contact Carrie Harkey, Family Life Coordinator, should you have questions or need additional information: (941) 484-9543, ext. 4748



SCAN ME

OPEN ENROLLMENT & SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Education you can believe in.



Pre K-3 through Grade 8
239.334.7707
www.StFrancisFortMyers.org



LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME
Mark Hiller

mhiller@4LPi.com
(800) 950-9952 x2692

Catholic Cruises and Tours - Take Your Faith on a Journey
Mass is Included - Holy Land Discovery | Fatima, Lourdes, & Shrines of Spain
Spiritual Highlights of Italy | plus many more!
Call 860-399-1785 or go to www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com

"We go to every door to evangelize and bring people back to the faith."
-- Servant of God Mother Tallon

Could God be calling you to a religious life with the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate? Use the QR code or go to <https://parishvisitorsisters.org/> to find out more.

KeyFood FRESH

Mon-Sun 7am-9pm
3311 Lee Blvd.
Lehigh Acres
239-674-7246

PARVEY CAVENAGO
ATTORNEYS, P.A.
WRONGFUL DEATH & INJURY ATTORNEYS

Carlos J Cavenago III, Esq.
(239)334-0300 | parveycavenago.com
12711 World Plaza Ln · Fort Myers, FL 33907

SCREEN MACHINE
Screen Repair
\$85 tops / \$60 Sides
10% discount for complete rescreen
239-898-3528

BETTER WATER
239-785-6427
BetterWater.LLC@gmail.com
Se Habla Español
Licensed & Insured

WATER SOFTENERS • PUMPS
REVERSE OSMOSIS • SALT DELIVERY
WATER CONDITIONING FILTER

LET US PLACE YOUR AD HERE.

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported print and digital newsletters to reach your community.

Visit tpicomunities.com

THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE

T.C.I.
TCI Sod & Landscaping LLC
Serving SW Florida
www.fcisod.com
239-303-0648
Sod • Irrigation • Landscape
Land Clearing & Grading
~ Parishioner Owned & Operated ~

Jesus invite you to clean your sin with holy water and oil.

SCAN TO BOOK OUR SERVICES OR CALL (954) 756-0969

FIRST TIME CUSTOMERS GET 3 FREE PEDICURES

FREE AD DESIGN with purchase of this space

CALL 800-477-4574

KOSTYK INSURANCE AGENCY
Proudly Serving the Lehigh Acres Community

- Medicare Advantage Plans • Medicare Supplements
- Part D Plans • Life, Dental & Vision Insurance
- A Rated Carriers. Call Us For A FREE Quote.

SUSAN KOSTYK, Sales Manager/Owner
Office/Cell: (239) 405-1415
Fax: (239) 369-5153
kostykinsagency@msn.com
www.kostykinsuranceagency.com
5781 Lee Blvd, Suite 208, Lehigh Acres, 33971

Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!

Instantly create and purchase an ad with

AD CREATOR STUDIO

4lpi.com/adcreator

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

catholicmatch® Florida

CatholicMatch.com/FL

SUPPORT OUR PARISH
Local business ads sponsor the printing of our bulletin.
4lpi.com/adcreator

WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!

CL CELEJ LAW FIRM
ESTATE PLANNING & PROBATE LAW FIRM

SINGLE WILL FOR \$250
SINGLE TRUST FOR \$850*

FREE CONSULTATIONS!

(239) 266-2619
WWW.CELEJLAW.COM
12730 MCGREGOR BLVD.
FORT MYERS, FL 33919

*Price does not include any applicable asset transfer fee or associated recording cost.

WE'RE HIRING!
AD SALES EXECUTIVES

BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION. WORK WITH PURPOSE.

- Paid training
- Some travel
- Work-life balance
- Full-Time with benefits
- Serve your community

Contact us at careers@4lpi.com or www.4lpi.com/careers

A1 Gator
YOUR LOCAL SEPTIC AND DRAIN EXPERTS

www.a1gatorseptic.com
Serving SW Florida for over 30 Years!

BOOK OUR SERVICES ONLINE OR CALL US AT 239-267-4541

- SEPTIC PUMPING
- SEPTIC INSTALLATIONS, REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS
- SEPTIC INSPECTIONS
- PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE
- PUMP REPAIRS

ASAP AIR CONDITIONING
www.asapairconditioningfl.com
(239) 369-0201
Parish Family Owned and Operated.
Licensed & Insured CAC 057194

Whether you need residential or commercial HVAC service, trust a family owned and operated company

HODGES FUNERAL HOME AT LEE MEMORIAL PARK

Complete Arrangements in one visit to one location

239-334-4880

12777 State Rd. 82 • Lehigh Acres/Fort Meyers

