



ST. RAPHAEL

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 | SIXTH 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)

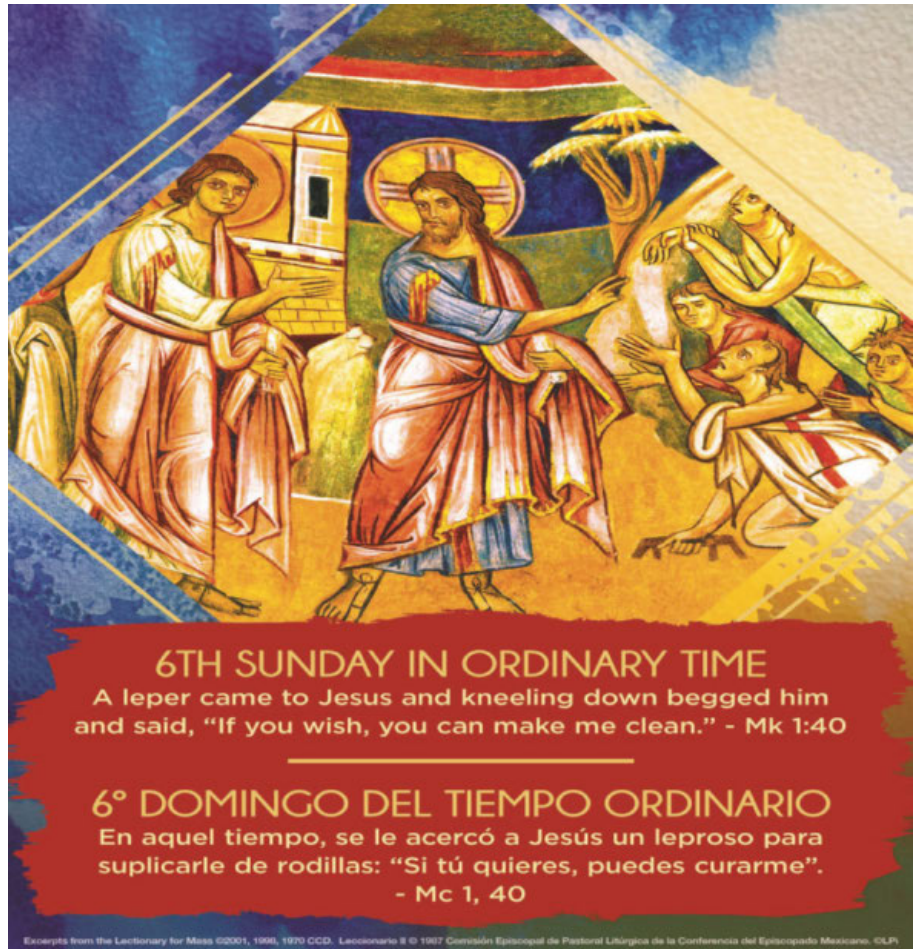
CONFESSIONS

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



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." - Mk 1:40

6° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

En aquel tiempo, se le acercó a Jesús un leproso para suplicarle de rodillas: "Si tú quieres, puedes curarme".
- Mc 1, 40

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.

Faith & Wine

“Mary Gate of Heaven”
Presenter: Kitty Cleveland
 Thursday, February 22, 2024
 Doors Open 6pm ~ Program starts 6:30pm
 St. Cecilia Marian Hall
 Suggested Donation \$20.00

All women are invited from all parishes to join us for a light dinner, a glass of wine and an evening of faith and fellowship. For more information and to register online please visit our website: www.faithandwineleecounty.com Or mail a check payable to Faith & Wine Lee County. Include attendee name(s), address, telephone number, email and parish.

Mail to: Julie Richards, 6946 Pickadilly Ct, Fort Myers FL 33919

Registration opens January 24th
 Dates and venues are subject to change.

CALLED

2024 AMU YOUTH CONFERENCE

ISAIAH 43:1

“FEAR NOT, for I have redeemed you; I have CALLED YOU by NAME, you are MINE”

EARLY BIRD \$150

Valid until April 2nd, 2024

JULY

12TH~14TH 2024

REGISTRATION: \$190

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 10, 2024

5:00PM †Juan Santiago
Req. Parishioner
6:30PM Pierre Graval
Req. Parishioner

Sunday February 11, 2024

7:30AM Parishioners
9:00AM †Maureen Klappholz
Req. Paul & Jenna Clark
10:30AM †Justa Justina Zalla Bazan, †Alejandro
Ruiz Gonzalez & Souls in Purgatory
12:30PM †Rocina Sanchez
Req. Rosamary Rodriguez

Monday February 12, 2024

8:00AM Conversion of Sinners
Req. Parishioner

Tuesday February 13, 2024

8:00AM †Anna Stevens & Her Living &
Deceased Family Members
Req. Ryan Family

Wednesday February 14, 2024

8:00AM †Maureen Klappholz
Req. Elizabeth Hosgood
5:45PM †Cecil Bunal
Req. Stan & Mitzi Damon
7:45PM †Souls in Purgatory
Req. Parishioner

Thursday February 15, 2024

8:00AM †Dorothy O'Grady
Req. Niece, Diana Decker

Friday February 16, 2024

8:00AM †Andreas Mummert
Req. Bernhard & Franziska Mummert

Saturday February 17, 2024

8:00AM †Donald O'Grady
Req. Nieces, Rita Healy & Linda Zastrow
5:00PM †Donette Vesseliza & Michael Crayon
Req. Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Vesseliza
6:30PM Conversion of Sinners
Req. Parishioner

Sunday February 18, 2024

7:30AM Parishioners
9:00AM †Roger John Wood
Req. Wife, Joann
10:30AM †Mandy Goldenberg
Barbara Hartnett
12:30PM †Deacon Floyd & Joyce Derr
Req. Godson, Christopher Leahy

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle has been donated this week in loving memory of **Rolando Garcia, Jr.** requested by **Mom, Giselle**

CHAPEL CANDLE

The chapel candle has been donated this week in loving memory of **Rolando Garcia, Jr.** requested by **Mom, Giselle**



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-

COUPLES WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

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 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.

Lenten Regulations

Promulgated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane

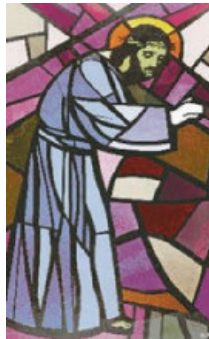
All Christ's faithful are obliged by divine law, each in his or her own way, to do penance. However, so that all may be joined together in a certain common practice of penance, days of penance are prescribed. On these days, the faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer. To engage in works of piety and charity, to fulfill their obligations more faithfully and to deny themselves especially by observing fast and abstinence according to the laws of the Church. The following are Lenten penitential regulations issued for the Diocese of Venice in Florida.

- **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast.** On days of fast, one full meal and two lesser meals are allowed. Eating between meals is not permitted and Catholics who have completed their 18th year are bound by this law until the beginning of their 60th year.

- **Ash Wednesday and All of the Fridays of Lent are also days of Abstinence.** On days of abstinence, meat may not be taken. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics who have completed their 14th year.

All of the faithful are obliged to do penance, but not all may be able to observe the above regulations of fast and abstinence because of ill health or other reasons. Persons legitimately excused from the laws of fast and abstinence are urged to practice other forms of penance and self denial suitable to their condition. In addition, the faithful are urged to participate, if possible, in holy Mass during the week, in the Sacrament of Penance, Lenten devotions, family prayer, Scripture reading and sharing of their time and resources with the less fortunate.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS




Could you walk a mile in Jesus' shoes? The Stations of the Cross bring us closer to Christ as we meditate on the great love He showed for us in His most sorrowful Passion!

You can pray the Stations of the Cross (also known as the way of the cross) alone at any time, but people most often pray them in a group setting Friday nights during Lent.

Tradition traces this most loving tribute to our Lord back to the Blessed Mother's retracing her Son's last steps along what became known as Via Dolorosa (the Sorrowful Way) on His way to His Crucifixion at Calvary in Jerusalem.

**The Stations of the Cross will be on Friday Evenings during Lent at
7PM in English and 8PM in Spanish**



Know the facts!

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

F A C T # 8

This proposed amendment allows abortion when the baby in the womb can **feel pain**.

Is this humane?

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.

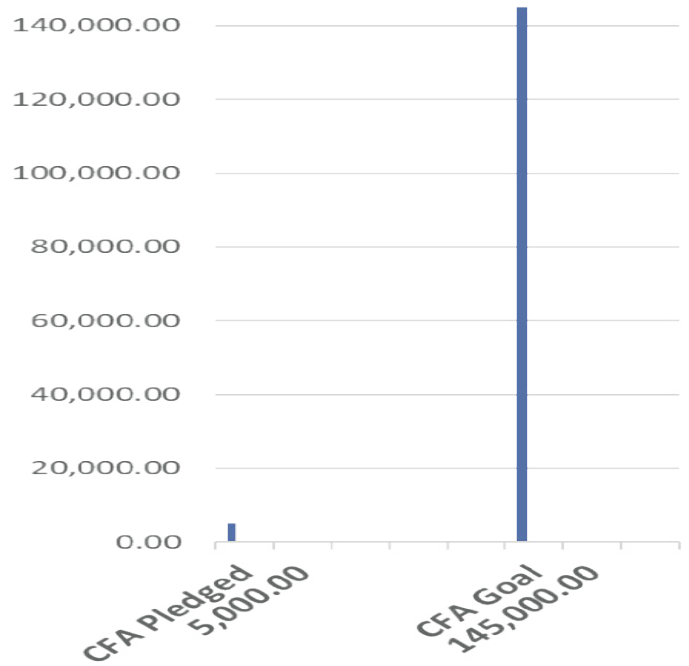
To make a gift, visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/> or complete a pledge envelope located at the back of the church and submit it either to the Parish office or the offertory basket. **Thank you for your prayerful consideration.**



The Holy Trinity of Survival: Faith, Family & Medicine – by Pete Lawson

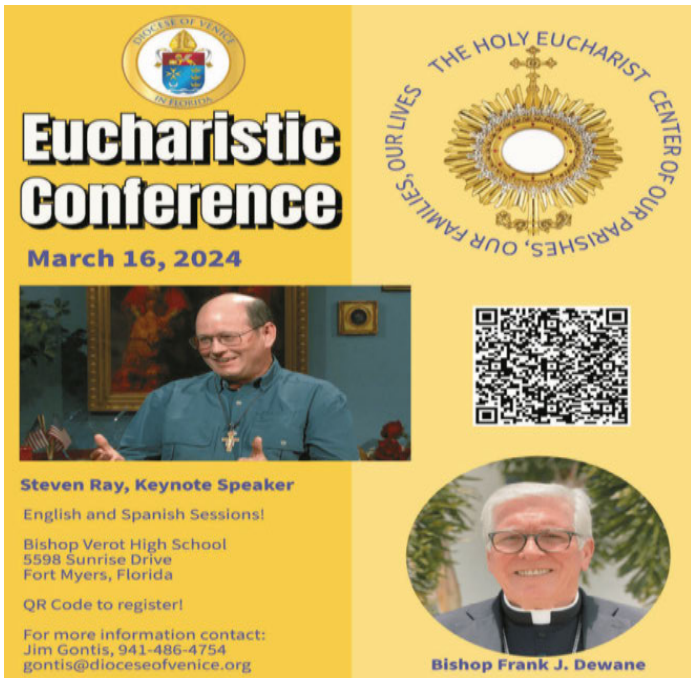
Come and join us in fellowship on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at Our Lady of Light parish center! Our speaker will be Pete Lawson, CEO of Lawson & Associates and six-time cancer survivor. He has been in the healthcare field for nearly 40 years in a variety of roles, including over 20 in executive leadership. Pete shares his story and how faith, family and medicine helped him to survive in *The Holy Trinity of Survival: Faith, Family & Medicine* where he shares practical examples that we can all put to use.

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



January 27th & 28th \$8,256.00
 Attendance: 1,779

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.



Eucharistic Conference
 March 16, 2024

Steven Ray, Keynote Speaker
 English and Spanish Sessions!
 Bishop Verot High School
 5598 Sunrise Drive
 Fort Myers, Florida

QR Code to register!
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