



ST. RAPHAEL

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

APRIL 5, 2026 | EASTER SUNDAY



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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

Saturday | 3:30PM-4:45PM

Saturday | 6:00PM-6:30PM (Español)

Sunday | 5:00PM-5:30PM (Español)

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michal Szyszka, *Pastor*

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EASTER SUNDAY

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." - Mt 28:5b-6

DOMINGO DE PASCUA

"No teman. Ya sé que buscan a Jesús, el crucificado. No está aquí; ha resucitado, como lo había dicho. Vengan a ver el lugar donde lo habían puesto". - Mt 28, 5-6

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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 5:30PM – 7:30PM

Youth Group meets every

Sunday from 2:00PM-4:00PM 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 - Meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7PM in the school building. Call George at 315-794-5452 for more information.

Knights of Columbus Ladies

Auxiliary - 1st Thursday of the month 7:00-8:30PM in the school building. For information call Nancy at 636-208-8806.

Spanish Knights of Columbus- Meets the 2nd Saturday at 10AM in the school building.

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

Monday at 7:00PM in parish hall.

Haitian Prayer Group -

meets Thursdays in the school building 4-6PM. Haitian Mass is the 3rd

Sunday each month at 7:00PM.

St. John XXIII Prayer Group

meets every Tuesday at 7PM in the school building.

Marriage Dialogue & Follow Up (MDS)

Friday at 7:30PM in school building. For all couples in Spanish. For information call Diego & Carolina Diaz 571-247-4956

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Come to Christ

Life is perhaps God's greatest gift to each of us. Without life, we would be unable to experience all the wonder of this world, the love of family and friends, and the joy that comes from using our talents and skills. Life itself is more profound a gift than we can even truly contemplate.

On Easter, we celebrate life. For on this day, Jesus Christ conquered death and gave to us the chance for a life eternal. The wonder, love, and joy of this world does not have to end. Through a life in Jesus Christ, these emotions are heightened, and we find even greater fulfillment in this world.

Maybe this Easter you are finding yourself open to taking a next step in your relationship with Jesus. This could be the moment you decide to follow Him more closely and take seriously all that he has given you. If so, welcome to the journey, where there are many other disciples on that same path who can help show you the way and share their stories. If not, hopefully it doesn't take a whole year for this possibility to be considered again. Jesus is alive and waiting to get closer to you. May this Easter season find you and Our Lord getting to know one another in a whole new way. Happy Easter!

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 4, 2026 (Saturday Vigil)

5:00PM No 5:00PM Mass
 6:30PM No 6:30PM Mass
 8:15PM †Lorraine Malouin, †Nancy Ouellette & †Keith Hart
 Req. Friends of Canada

Sunday April 5, 2026 (Easter)

7:30AM †Joseph & Mary D'Addona & †Josephine Greco
 Req. Family
 9:00AM †Luc Richmond, †Polynce Francois & †Fania Michel
 Req. Valentine Francois
 10:30AM †Felix Juan Andres
 Req. Daughter, Carmen Juan Andres
 12:30PM †Stephen LaScala
 Req. Wife, Fran & family
 5:30PM Parishioners

Monday April 6, 2026

8AM †Souls in Purgatory
 Req. Parishioner

Tuesday April 7, 2026

8:00AM †John Knowles
 Req. Sue & Tom Mercurio

Wednesday April 8, 2026

8:00AM Janet Collins

Thursday April 9, 2026

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

Friday April 10, 2026

8:00AM †Harry & Theresa Honsaker
 Req. Tice Family

Saturday April 11, 2026

8:00AM Conversion of Sinners
 Req. Parishioner
 5:00PM Parishioners

Sunday April 12, 2026

7:30AM †Brenda Clapsaddle & †Drew Welk
 Req. Kathy & Dan
 9:00AM †Julio A. Lapon, Sr., †Nydia E. Lapon & †Digna Lawrence
 Req. Lapon Family
 10:30AM Priests
 Req. Parishioner
 12:30PM †Escolastico Acosta
 Req. Granddaughter
 5:30PM †Maria Lucia Vasco & †Luis Angel Gil
 Req. Son

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle has been donated this week for **Esteban Gabriel Edwards** requested by **Grandma**.

CHAPEL CANDLE

The chapel candle has been donated this week for **Ariani Gotay** requested by **Grandma**.



Hi! It's me your spiritually adopted baby. Time is flying by! I've been so very busy growing and changing. This week I'm developing into an embryo. **"You created every part of me; You put me together in my mother's womb" Psalm 139:13**



JOIN THE ST. RAPHAEL YOUTH GROUP! EVERY SUNDAY AT 2PM

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 941-412-5860 or e-mail project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org for help.

The Community Pregnancy Center offers confidential and compassionate care for women facing unintended pregnancies. Services include: pregnancy testing, medical ultrasounds and other community resources. **The mobile onsite clinic** will be at St. Raphael Parish (in the parking lot near Lee Blvd) every Wednesday from 11AM - 3PM. Walk in patients are welcome. Spanish and English speaking staff are available.

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.



Every Friday at St. Raphael Parish Hall

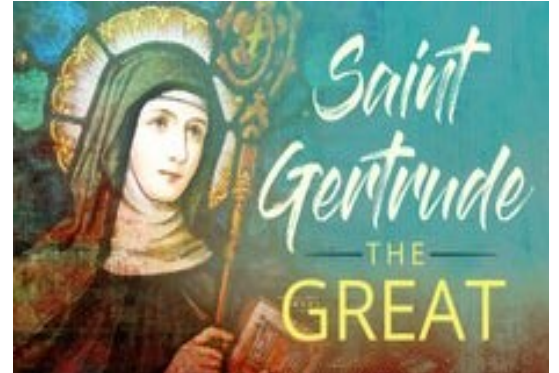
Doors open at 3PM. Games start promptly at 6PM. For more information call Jose (239) 841-3803 or Bill (315) 569-3009

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!



Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that the following prayer would release 1,000 souls from Purgatory each time it is said:

“Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most precious blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.” Approval and Recommendation (sqd.) M. Cardinal Pahiarca, Lisbon, Portugal, March 4, 1936

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

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.



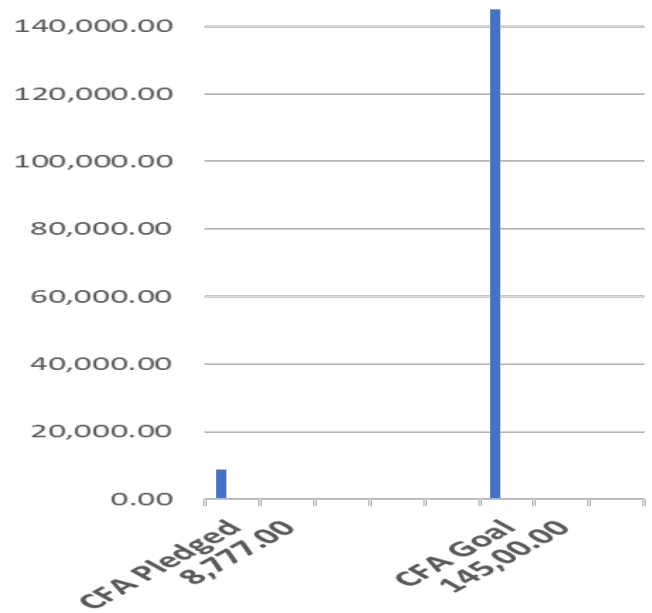
The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on April 12th at 3:00 pm in the Church. All parishioners and friends are invited and encouraged to attend. (This is not a Mass)

The Feast of Divine Mercy celebrates the “greatest attribute of God” by which undeserving sinners receive the unearned, undeserved love of Christ which is greater and more powerful than sin and death. In His Mercy is our hope and salvation.

We are called not only to be recipients of the Divine Mercy but also the instruments and agents of that Mercy. We are called to practice and live the works of mercy, both corporal and spiritual. The Corporal Works of Mercy are: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, care for the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. The Spiritual Works of Mercy are: to admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive all injuries, and pray for the living and the dead. Divine Mercy pictures and statues may be brought to the Church to be blessed during this service.

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 2026 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.**



March 21st & 22nd \$12,506.41
Attendance: 2,676

The Sunday Mass on Television is an outreach of the Diocese of Venice Department of Communications and is supported by the donations of viewers. This outreach serves those who, for reasons outside of their control, are unable to attend Sunday Mass in one of the parishes of the Diocese. For many homebound individuals, this outreach reminds them that they are loved by their brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the Diocese of Venice, and that they remain a vibrant and loved part of our faith community.

For those who are interested in viewing the televised Mass you may find it on WFTX-TV FOX 4– Sundays at 10:30AM.