



# ST. RAPHAEL

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

MARCH 1, 2026 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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## MASS TIMES

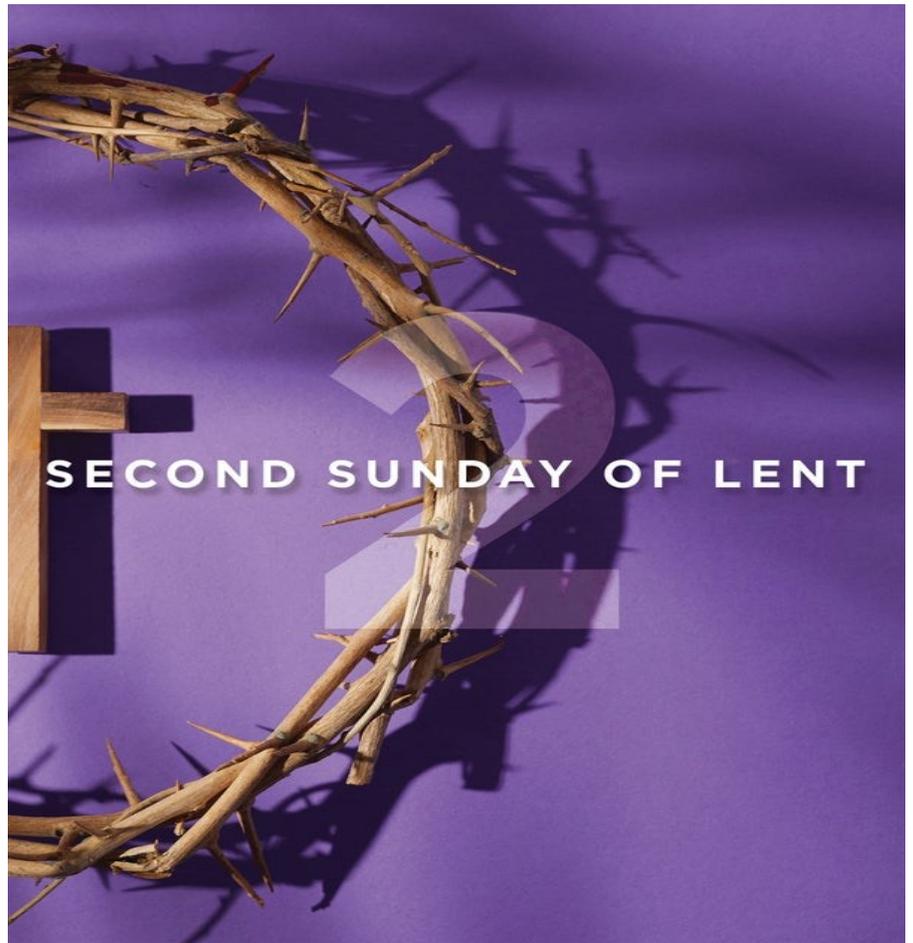
Monday - Friday | 8:00AM (English)  
Saturday | 8:00AM, 5:00PM (English)  
6:30PM (Español)  
Sunday 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:30PM  
(English)  
10:30AM & 5:30PM (Español)

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday | 3:30PM-4:45PM  
Saturday | 6:00PM-6:30PM (Español)  
Sunday | 5:00PM-5:30PM (Español)

## PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michal Szyszka, *Pastor*  
Rev. Rodolfo French, *Parochial Vicar*  
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 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

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5 Hybrid Calla Lilies-Mixed

Elephant Ear

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NEW ITEM  
Let Kindness Bloom Canvas Tote Bag

## The bees have been busy!



**Honey is now available again in the parish giftshop.  
Orange Blossom, Wild Flower & Saw Palmetto are available**

Get Your Honey Now for Allergies, Easter Cooking & Baking  
Easter Baskets & Your Tea!



**All Profits Benefit the Catholic Faith Appeal**

MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday February 28, 2026**

5:00PM Ariane Gotoy  
Req. Grandmother  
6:30PM Parishioners

**Sunday March 1, 2026**

7:30AM †Maggie Valdes Rodriguez  
Req. Donna & David Cook  
9:00AM Nancy Stabenow  
Req. Janet Collins  
10:30AM †Juan Osorio & †Misael Osorio  
Req. Elizabeth Osorio  
12:30PM †Rosa Rodriguez  
Req. Ganddaughter  
5:30PM Conversion of Sinners

**Monday March 2, 2026**

8:00AM †Rita Wagner  
Req. Frenny James

**Tuesday March 3, 2026**

8:00AM †Mihael James Defibaugh  
Req. Fr. Michal

**Wednesday March 4, 2026**

8:00AM †Joseph & Mary D'Addona & Josephine Greco  
Req. Family

**Thursday March 5, 2026**

8:00AM †Roger John Wood  
Req. Wife

**Friday March 6, 2026**

8:00AM †Connie Burchfield  
Req. Frenny James

**Saturday March 7, 2026**

8:00AM Dr. Tom Palumbo  
Req. Fountain Crest  
5:00PM †Stephen & Marie Raucci  
Req. Steven & Dorothy Raucci  
6:30PM †Felix Juan Andres  
Req. Daughter, Carmen Juan Andres

**Sunday March 8, 2026**

7:30AM Parishioners  
9:00AM †Josette Hector  
Req. Mr. & Mrs. Armando DiVittore  
10:30AM Living & Deceased Members of Josephine & John Gallucci Family & Their Lineal Descendants  
12:30PM †Jose R. Carrion, Jr.  
Req. Rita Santiago  
5:30PM Daniel Carbaugh  
Req. Parishioner

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle has been donated this week for **Jose Aguiar**.

CHAPEL CANDLE

The chapel candle has been donated this week for **Jose Aguiar**.

**From the Diocese...** Do you have a *Catholic Living Will*? The Catholic Declaration on Life and Death is a health care advance directive for Florida's Catholics and is approved by the Bishops of Florida. This directive conforms to both Florida law & the teachings of the Church. For a copy of the Catholic Declaration on Life and Death call 941-441-1112 or go to [www.flacathconf.org/AdvocacyAreas/Health/EndofLifeHealthCare/CDLD/index.htm](http://www.flacathconf.org/AdvocacyAreas/Health/EndofLifeHealthCare/CDLD/index.htm)



**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](mailto: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.



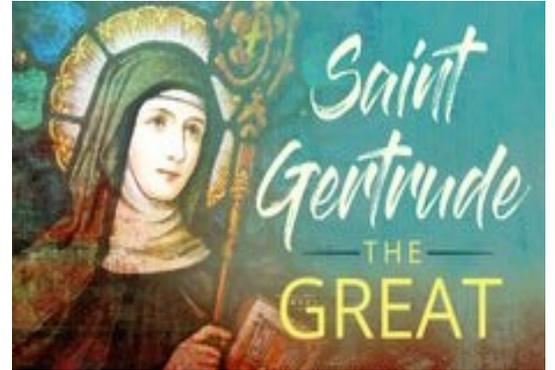
**Every Friday at St. Raphael Parish Hall**  
Doors open at 3PM. Games start promptly at 6PM.  
For more information call Jose (239) 841-3803 or Bill (315) 569-3009

# 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.



**Be Blessed & Encouraged** at our next Magnificat breakfast for women, **Saturday,**

**March 28, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**, at the Crowne Plaza Fort Myers Gulf Coast. Our speaker, Kathy Corona, is a woman of deep faith, a devoted wife to Ken, mother of five, and grandmother of eight. Originally from Ohio, her life changed in 1997 at a Life in the Spirit Seminar, where she was baptized in the Holy Spirit, sparking a passionate spiritual journey. She has been a leader in the Catholic Community for decades, serving as a Parish School of Religion teacher, Eucharistic Minister, and member of Healing Prayer Teams. After moving to Florida in 2009, she became a dynamic force at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Coral Springs, founding the Healing Prayer Teams, and leading Women's Emmaus ministry and Bible studies. Presently, with 34 years in banking, Kathy is Vice President at First-line Compliance, LLC. She is a member of Mary Help of Christians Parish in Parkland, where she continues to serve her parish, and is a board member for Catholic Charismatic Services for the Archdiocese of Miami and has been a key leader in the Magnificat of Broward Chapter for 11 years. Currently, she is serving as our Magnificat Regional Representative. Join us for breakfast, fellowship, and worship to hear her inspiring testimony of Jesus Christ's love and healing! Please send a \$30 check, payable to Magnificat Fort Myers, to Margaret Mengle, 5017 Westminster Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33919.

**Your mail request must be postmarked by Wednesday, March 18,** or make reservations online at <https://magnificatfortmyers.com/order-tickets/>.

## **EASTER SCHEDULE**

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross are held every Friday during Lent 7:00 PM in English & 8:00 PM in Spanish

### **BILINGUAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**

Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM

### **HOLY WEEK**

#### **Holy Thursday, April 2nd**

Mass of The Lord's Supper – 7:00 PM (Bilingual)

#### **Good Friday, April 3rd**

The Passion of the Lord – 3:00 PM (Bilingual)

#### **Holy Saturday, April 4th**

Blessing of the Food – 11:00 AM (English & Polish)

Easter Vigil Mass - 8:15 PM Bilingual

### **EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5th**

Masses: 7:30AM, 9:00AM & 12:30PM in English

10:30 AM & 5:30 PM Mass in Spanish

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.**

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith & confidence in the life and work of your parish.



February 14th & 15th \$12,431.00  
Attendance: 2,338

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.