



ST. RAPHAEL

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

MAY 24, 2026 | PENTECOST 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*

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

John 20:19-23

“He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.’” (John 20:22–23)

For those of us who go to confession regularly, there is often a familiar frustration: “Why do I keep confessing the same sins?” It can feel like a loop, cleansed but unchanged.

Pentecost reveals a hopeful perspective. When the Risen Jesus breathes on his ashamed and fearful disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, he echoes Genesis, when God breathes life into Adam. This is not just primarily the removal of guilt, but new creation.

In confession, we receive more than forgiveness. We receive a fresh outpouring, the breath of the Spirit, and a renewed mission. Jesus does not say to us, “You’re forgiven, now go back to your old life.” He says, so to speak, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (John 20:21)

That is why penance is not just saying a few prayers. It is reorientation. It is the Spirit summoning us to live differently: with mercy and healing. Just as Adam was sent into the world, and the Apostles were sent out after Pentecost, so too we are sent from the confessional — not just clean, but consecrated.

Pentecost Challenge: After your next confession, ask the Holy Spirit for one way you can participate in Christ’s healing will for you. Then take one small, concrete step, and do not look back.

— Father John Muir ©LP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 23, 2026

5:00PM †Robert Eckenfels
Req. Anonymous
6:30PM †Maria Lucia Vasco & Luis Angel Gil
Req. Oscar Gil

Sunday May 24, 2026

7:30AM †Peter Madorma
Req. Judy Parker
9:00AM Elizabeth in Thanksgiving
Req. Mireille
10:30AM †Guillermo Zapata
Req. Edilma Zapata
12:30PM †Luc Richmond, Polynyce Francoise & Fanilia Michel
Req. Valentine Francois
5:30PM Parishioners

Monday May 25, 2026

8AM †Joe Whitehead
Req. Tammy & Family

Tuesday May 26, 2026

8:00AM Brooke Spencer
Req. Mom

Wednesday May 27, 2026

8:00AM †Pauline Lafleur
Req. Sharon

Thursday May 28, 2026

8:00AM †Salvatore & †Louise Daddona & Alan Blum
Req. Family

Friday May 29, 2026

8:00AM †Deceased Parishioners

Saturday May 30, 2026

8:00AM †Unborn
Req. Parishioner
5:00PM Parishioners
6:30PM †Franklin W. Martin
Req. Wife, Adielia Martin

Sunday May 31, 2026

7:30AM †John Malone
Req. Judy Parker
9:00AM Elizabeth in Thanksgiving
Req. Mireille
10:30AM Conversion of Sinners
Req. Parishioner
12:30PM †Natacha Berdgnarczyk
Req. Mireille Chemaly
5:30PM †Souls in Purgatory
Req. Parishioner

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle has been donated this week in memory of **Frank Collison** requested by **Dr. Thomas Gaetano Palumbo**.

CHAPEL CANDLE

The chapel candle has been donated this week for the **Lili Reyes Family**.



Hi, it's me again, your spiritually adopted baby. I am 9 weeks old, slightly less than three inches in length and ½ an ounce! All my vital parts are fully formed and functioning. That includes my liver, kidney, intestines, brain, and lungs! They will need more time to grow and mature but they're in good working condition. I also have little details such as fingernails and some peach-fuzzy hair. Sure, am glad it's God in charge at the control panel! *"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a real blessing."*- Psalm 127:3



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

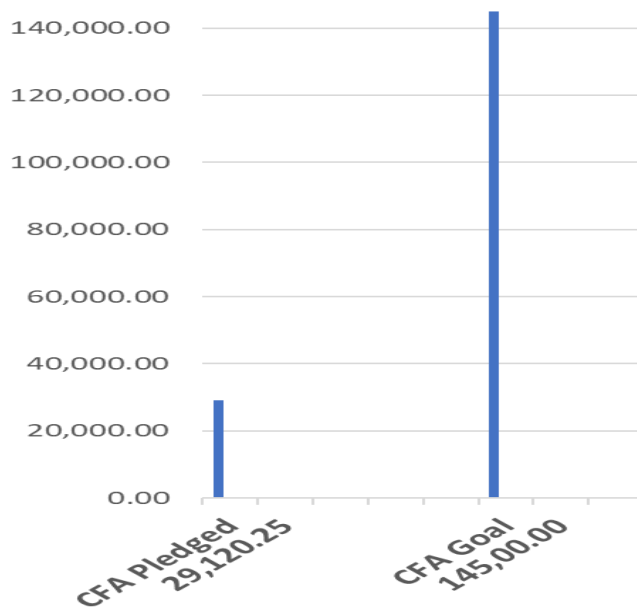
Lord God, we pray for the institution of marriage and the family which is on the verge of ruin in the world today. The strong waves of the evil one are hitting hard the foundations of marriage and many unions are breaking up very fast. God, we need You to send down the Holy Spirit so that He can teach 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.

St. Raphael's Catholic Church would like to **Congratulate** all our young people who received their **First Communion** on Saturday, May 09, 2026
 La Iglesia Católica de San Rafael **Desea Felicitar** a todos nuestros niños y niñas que recibieron su **Primera Comunión** el Sábado 09 de Mayo de 2026

Boys	Victor Longoria	Girls	Regina Trejo
Michael Moss	A'axander Magana	Bianca Moran	Selena Zurita
Alexander Leon	Jencarlos Rosales	Lia Aguas	Aylin Alfaro
John Lopez	Austin Saldana	Aaliyah Leon	Jaylene Escalante
Jordan Najarro	Iker Badillo	Jennifer Trejo	Kaylee Escobar
Mathias Vences	Valentino Flores	Maggie Escobar	Jadira Gonzalez
Matthew Salto	Jonathan Tamayo	Dahlia Hernandez	Aliyah Vanegas
Ryan Velazque	Jose Tamayo	Sophia Ortiz	Danna Chavez
Angel Herrera	Miguel Mejia	Melanie Dominguez	Yenderly Arias
Emiliano Vences	Diego Escobar	Keylyn Fuentes	Vanessa Jaramillo
Pedro Flores	Yordan Hernandez	Ivana Munoz	Victoria Zurita
Alejandro Soto	Noel Ramirez	Jocelyn Ovides	Dayanara Casildo
Mateo Cerrillo	Jonathan Camacho	Mylene Suarez	Sarah Cortes
Andres Gonzalez	Cesar Longoria	Valeria Arias	Lizbeth Dominguez
William Ramirez	Jose Toral	Arianna Cerrillo	Ariel Saldana
Diego Davila	Jason Toral	Angie Mía Gallardo	Anahi Vanegas
Yahir Vazquez	Jaden Borjon	Ishani Peralta	Lyrismar Vargas
Fabrizio Colina	Juan Badillo	Amelia Gonzalez	Dulce Estrada
David Guerra	Lucca Gomez	Vivian Lavoilette	Mekynma Galvin
Jaime Mejia	Sebastian De Aza	Aliannah Ramirez	Juliaidy Serrano
Izaydes Ramirez	Ricardo Valmyr	Queshana Germain	Jocelyn Tamayo
Hugo Vazquez		Daniella Ramirez	Quierana Germain
Matias Zambrano		Kayla Ramos	Alice Camacho
Angel Giron		Aelle Costume	Giselle Chavez
Leonardo Lopez		Nathalie Hernandez	Mia Resto
Kevin Fuentes		Laura Ortiz	Adanelly Vanegas
Gael Miralda		Brisa Reyes	Maria Vazquez
Alfredo Hernandez		Nicole Tamayo	Justine Chavez
Joel Valladares		Ariadne Badillo	Ana Garcia
Jose Cerrillo		Anthonella Gandolphis	Belinda Lopez
Manuel Mejia		Zenaya Guadian	
Erick Virrueta		Belinda Lopez	
Jacob Aguas		Isabella Meza	
Adrian Cerrillo		Roselyn Montalvo	

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.**



May 9th & 10th \$11,399.00
 Attendance: 1,983

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 8:30AM.