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Baptisms-Parents must meet with the Pastor for instructions and a date for the ceremony

Marriages-Couples must see the Pastor at least six months before the intended wedding date

Visits to the Sick-Please call the Parish Office

Religious Education-Sundays, Sept.-May from 9:30 to 11 am. Pre-K through secondary grades.

RCIA- (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - Please contact the Pastor for more information

New Parishioners-Registration forms are located in the entrance of the Church, at the Parish Office and on our website

Bereavement Support Group-Second Monday of each month.

MASS SCHEDULE

- **Daily Mass** Monday—Friday 8:30 am
- **Saturday Vigil** 4:30 pm—Year Round
- **Sunday Masses**
  - **September through May**
    8:30 am & 10:30 am
  - **June through August**
    9:30 am
- **Spanish Mass**
  5:00 pm Sunday—Year Round
- **Holy Days of Obligation** 8:30 am & 6:30 pm

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- **Confessions** Fridays after the 8:30 am Mass, Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 pm or by appointment
- **Rosary** A half hour prior to daily Mass. Wednesdays the Rosary is dedicated for the protection of our area against disasters. Rosary begins 45 minutes before the first Sunday Mass
- **Miraculous Medal Novena** Monday following the 8:30 am Mass
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** First Friday of every month beginning at 9:00 am concluding with a brief prayer service and Benediction at Noon
- **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** First Fridays after the opening of Adoration

DECEMBER 31, 2017—HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Mass Intentions for the Week

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Mon. Jan 1	**+Vicki Hawkins Burns**
9:30 am	*Requested by Cathy Piazza*
Tues. Jan 2	**Lil & John Honc and**
8:30 am	**Ken & Ginny Kloiber's**
	60th Wedding Anniversaries
	Requested by Jeannie McKenna
Weds. Jan 3	**Members of the Parish**
8:30 am	
Thrs. Jan 4	**+George Liedecker**
8:30 am	*Requested by Joan & Jim McCaffrey*
Fri. Jan 5	**+Bobby Walker**
8:30 am	*Requested by Marcella & Doug Betterley*
Sat. Jan 6	**Pat & Marie McKeown**
4:30 pm	*Requested by Gloria & Pete McKeown*
Sun. Jan 7	**+Cameron Joseph Hartley**
8:30 am	*Requested by Emanuel & Eileen Valentino*
10:30 am	**+Maureen Murphy & +Rose Tavares**
	Requested by Ed & Barbara Anderson

This Week

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Monday, Jan 1, 2018
- **Solemnity of Mary**
  Mass at 9:30 am

Tuesday, Jan 2, 2018
- **Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**

Wednesday, Jan 3, 2018
- **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**
- **Choir Practice—5:15 pm**

Thursday, Jan 4, 2018
- **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

Friday, Jan 5, 2018-FIRST FRIDAY
ADORTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—9 AM—NOON
- **St. John Neumann, Bishop**

Saturday, Jan 6, 2018
- **St. André Bessette**
- **Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm**

Sunday, Jan 7, 2018
- **Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 am and 5:00 pm (Spanish)**
- **Coffee Social**
- **Religious Education**

Monday, Jan 8, 2018
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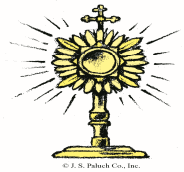

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WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 16-17, 2017
ATTENDANCE - 520
OFFERTORY—$4,462.00
SECOND COLLECTION-$ N/A

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OLMM 2017 CFA UPDATE	
Parish Goal	$85,000.00
Pledged	$86,987.00
Total Paid	$86,197.76
Balance Due	$ (1,197.76)
a/o 12/17/17	
2016 CFA YEAR END	
Parish Goal	$85,000.00
Pledged	$103,071.50
Total Paid	$102,000.50

✝SAINTS/FEASTS OF THE WEEK✝

Jan. 1-Solemnity of Mary-A feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the aspect of her motherhood of Jesus Christ.

Jan. 2-Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen-Bishops and doctors, these men began their friendship while away at school and later became bishops who were the backbone of Catholic Orthodoxy during a period of doctrinal struggle and confusion.

Jan. 3-The Most Holy Name of Jesus-A special devotion to **the Most Holy Name of Jesus** popularized by St. Bernardine of Siena, a 15th-century Franciscan, often symbolized by the monogram "IHS",

Jan. 4-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton-The first native-born citizen of the United States to be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church.

Jan. 5-St. John Neumann-The first member of his community, the Redemptorists, to profess vows in the United States. He did missionary work in Maryland.

Jan. 6-St. André Bessette-Called Brother Andre, he understood the sense and the value of suffering and spoke with depth when addressing the subject. "People who suffer have something to offer to God. When they succeed in enduring their suffering, that is a daily miracle." To someone who was suffering, he said: "Do not seek to have these trials lifted from you. Instead, ask for the grace to bear them well."

Couples Celebrating Marriage

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 Mass will be celebrated in two locations: 11:00 a.m., Saturday, **February 17** at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, and 10:00 a.m., Saturday, **March 10** at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Alice Ambrose, Sal Anastasio, Ed Anderson, Pat Auge, Mary Lou Beck, Roger Bolduc, Al Doerman, Jo Ann Grabenstetter, Gerry Green, Mary Hagan, Daniel Higgins, Helen Holfelner, Lil Honc, Pat Jock, James Kennedy, Dr. Lou Mauney, Kathryn McGuineas, Leo Miller, Maureen Murphy, Jim O'Neill, Fred "Fritz" Schoenbaechler, Jeanette Smith, Victor Zawadski

"Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace."

Merry Christmas!

Let us rejoice that Our Savior has been born into the world. The peace that is Christ has come down to earth, offering God's Love and Mercy to all. May the world see the glory of Christ revealed in an infant born in a manger.

In this Christmas Season, when the birth of Jesus Christ is celebrated, let us remember those in spiritual and material need, particularly in the land of His birth.

May we come to know more fully the tenderness of God. Pray that the peace and tranquility that is Christ will be evidenced in our lives and throughout the world.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

+Bishop Frank J. Dewane

BISHOP VEROT
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Bishop Verot Catholic High School Open House will take place on Wednesday, **January 24th at 6:30pm**. Find out what a small school with big opportunities is all about. Register at www.bvhs.org/admissions in advance. Campus tours will be available. We are still accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. We accept the Step Up for Students Scholarship. Please contact Jill Rhone at 239-274-6760 or jill.rhone@bvhs.org with any questions. Thank you.

BISHOP VEROT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
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The OLMM Womens' Guild Annual Card Party will be held on Friday, January 26, 2018 from 10 am—3 pm. Tickets are $20 and are on sale from December 30 to January 21. The menu includes:
BREAKFAST: Assorted pastries, fresh fruit salad, coffee & tea.
LUNCH: "Lucky Lady" Lasagna, "Table Stakes" Tossed Salad and "Place Your Bets" Parfait for dessert! Snacks will be available all day as well as bottled water and ice tea!
There will be great door prizes and a raffle!

RUMMAGE SALE

It's that time of year once again! We are now taking your donations for our annual Rummage Sale, which will be held on February 17-18, 2018. You may drop off your donations at the Parish Life Center, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. We do not have the pick-up crew available as of yet, but we will gladly accept any donations that you can drop off. Please, **NO mattresses, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, computers, printers or other electronic devices**. ***Thank You!***

PARISH CALENDAR

January 9—Ladies' Guild Monthly Gathering
January 20—Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
January 26—Ladies' Guild Card Party
January 27-31-Parish Mission
February 6—Ladies' Guild Monthly Gathering
February 14—Ash Wednesday
February 17-18—Rummage Sale
March 17-St. Patty's Day
March 20—Ladies' Guild Monthly Gathering
Spring Luncheon/Fashion Show
April 1—Easter
April 10—Ladies' Guild Facilitators' Meeting

NEW Envelopes

The new 2018 offertory envelopes are here! They are located in the rear of the church and are in alphabetical order. If you requested envelopes, please pick yours up. If you would like to start using envelopes, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

2018
DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
Women's Conference
February 3, 2018

Kimberly Hahn is first and foremost a Catholic mother, whose passion for ministry comes always second to family commitments. Her newest books are *Chosen and Cherished: Biblical Wisdom for Your Marriage* and *Life Giving Love: Embracing God's Beautiful Design for Marriage*. She has also co-authored a book on Catholic home education with Mary Hasson entitled, *Catholic Education – Homeward Bound: A Guide to Home Schooling*.

Rosario Rodriguez has spent most of her life working in many capacities with different Catholic ministries from inner-city youth, campus ministry, pro-life, CCD/RCIA, and the poor and the homeless in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the United Kingdom. She now travels, sharing her story and inspiring those whom she speaks to.

Sonja Corbitt is a Catholic scripture teacher with a story teller's gift – a warrior's heart, and a poet's pen. Her LOVE the Word™ initiative and other Bible study media create space for busy Christians to hear and experience God as they love and lift all He has given them (John 17).

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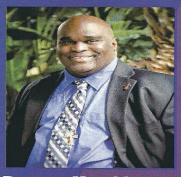
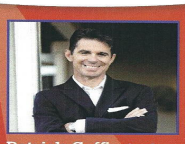
2018
DIOCESE OF VENICE
Men's Conference
February 24, 2018



Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers – known around the world as the "Dynamic Deacon" – is a powerful and passionate preacher of the Good News, whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith is sure to challenge and inspire those who hear him. He travels the globe speaking to everyone of all ages who desire to know Jesus intimately and enjoy a deeper personal relationship with Him.



Patrick Coffin is the host of The Patrick Coffin Show: an independent, listener supported podcast that features weekly interviews with A-list influencers and outliers in the effort to recover the Judeo-Christian roots of the culture. Patrick is the Canadian-born former host of Catholic Answers Live, and he has raving fans around the world. He injects these fascinating interviews with his own distinctive blend of depth and levity.

Bob Rice desires to share the love of God using every talent with which he has been blessed. He's an internationally known speaker, acclaimed musician, inspirational teacher, and innovative writer. He is an associate professor of Catechetics and the director of the Masters of Arts in Catechetics and Evangelization at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

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MIS OJOS HAN VISTO A TU SALVADOR

31 de diciembre de 2017 • La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

En este jubiloso Tiempo de Navidad, es apropiado que cambiemos nuestra atención hacia todos los ángeles, pastores y reyes a observar más íntimamente la imagen de la Sagrada Familia en su vida ordinaria. Ellos vienen con Jesús para consagrarlo al Señor, así como está escrito en la Ley, y se encuentran con Simeón y Ana, profetas del Señor, ellos tienen palabras maravillosas que decir acerca del niño y María, su madre. Uno podría preguntarse lo que María debió de haber pensado cuando Simeón le dijo "y a ti, una espada te atravesará el alma". Podemos interpretar en retrospectiva que ella sufriría extremadamente al pie de la cruz, mientras su amado hijo agonizaba clavado en la cruz. Pero, ¿qué es lo que ella debió de haber pensado en una interpretación literal de esta profecía? Y todavía, ella estaba, como siempre, obediente a Dios y aceptando la palabra de Dios dirigida hacía ella.

DOS PROFETAS

Simeón y Ana reconocieron en este bebé al Mesías de Dios. Ambos eran justos y devotos y en el templo oraban frecuentemente. Simeón habló a María y a José extensamente acerca de este niño, y Ana proclamó a todas las personas la salvación de Israel por medio de Jesús. A través de los siglos, Dios se ha servido de muchos profetas para proclamar la venida de Jesús, así como Jesús explicó a los dos discípulos en el camino de Emaús después de su muerte y resurrección. Pero las personas, siendo de corazón duro y algo despistadas, no reconocieron esas profecías que se referían al Mesías y posteriormente a Jesús. Muchos en su tiempo pusieron atención a los profetas y creyeron, pero muchos se alejaron. Para aquellos que creyeron, él dio las palabas de vida eterna. Ellos creyeron "que Dios habría de ser fiel a la promesa". Estos padres cariñosos protegerían y criarían a este niño milagroso, y él "iba creciendo y fortaleciéndose, se llenaba de sabiduría y la gracia de Dios estaba con él".

Lecturas de hoy: Gn 15:1–6; 21:1–3; Sal 105 (104):1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9; Heb 11:8, 11–12, 17–19; Lc 2:22–40

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V Encuentro, Sesiones del Decanato Norte

La Oficina del Apostolado Hispano de la Diócesis de Venice organiza una serie de sesiones por decanatos para continuar el proceso del V Encuentro. Los fieles del Decanato Centro están invitados a participar a la siguiente reunión que se realizará en: Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue West, Venice, Martes 25 de Julio, 6:30 p.m., La alegría de ser discípulos misioneros. Información: pastoralhispana@diocesofvenice.org.

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DECEMBER 31, 2017
HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday:	Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
Tuesday:	Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Wednesday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Thursday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Friday:	St. John Neumann; First Friday
Saturday:	St. André Bessette; First Saturday

BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) *or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*.

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) *or Psalm 105*.

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) *or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*.

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1	Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of. —Benjamin Franklin

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.
—Luke 2:30-31

Mis ojos han visto tu salvación, que preparaste a la vista de todos los pueblos.
-Luke 2: 30-31

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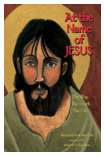

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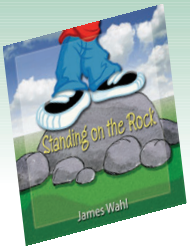

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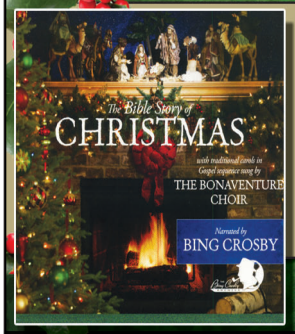

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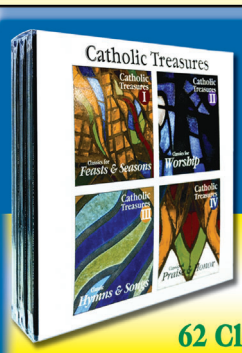

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