

Welcome to **OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH**



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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 and Homebound-(Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick)-Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements

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

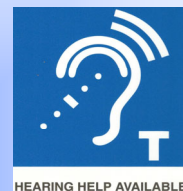
New Parishioners-Registration forms are located in the entrance of the Church, at the Parish Office and on our website

Prayer & Scripture Group-Meets the First & Third Tuesdays of every month

***Registered parishioners only**

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 & 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted
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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



HEARING HELP AVAILABLE

NOVEMBER 24, 2019—OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Mass Intentions

Mon. Nov 25 +Doll Connolly
8:30 am Requested by Marianne & Joseph Baker

Tues. Nov 26 Members of the Parish
8:30 am

Weds. Nov 27 +Ann Iurato
8:30 am Requested by Tim & Diane Gleason

Thrs. Nov 28 +Patrick Hogan
9:00 am Requested by Lucy & Greg Lambrecht

Fri. Nov 29 +ALL SOULS
8:30 am Requested by Parishioners

Sat. Nov 30 +Jack O'Neill
4:30 pm Requested by Paula & Larry Larson

Sun. Dec 1 +Deceased Members of the Burns Family
8:30 am Requested by JoAnne & Ron VanDyke
10:30 am +Ken Kloiber
Requested by The Kloiber Family

Time, Talent & Treasure

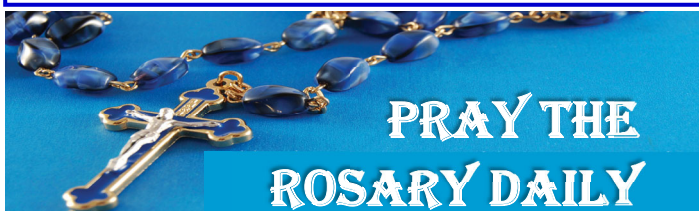
WEEKEND OF NOV 9-10, 2019

ATTENDANCE - 425

OFFERTORY—\$4,270.50

SECOND COLLECTION—\$670.00

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through their selfless offering of time, talent and treasure. Thank you and God Bless!



"Thanksgiving is the meal we aspire for other meals to resemble."—Jonathan Safran Foer



Monday, Nov 25, 2019

• **St. Catherine of Alexandria**

Tuesday, Nov 26, 2019

Wednesday, Nov 27, 2019

• **Feast of Our Lady of The Miraculous Medal**

• **Choir Practice 5:00 pm**

Thursday, Nov 28, 2019

THANKSGIVING

• **9:00 am Mass**

Friday, Nov 29, 2019

Saturday, Nov 30, 2019

• **St. Andrew, Apostle**

• **Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm**

Sunday, Dec 1, 2019

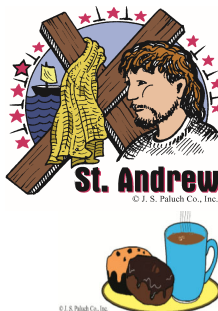
• **Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 am and 5:00 pm (Spanish)**

• **Coffee Social—9:30 am**

• **No Religious Education**



ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA



St. Andrew

PARISH CALENDAR

Nov 28-**THANKSGIVING**-Mass at 9 am

-Food Drive for PI Food Pantry

Dec 1-Advent Begins

Dec 3-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting

Dec 6-**Adoration 9 am—Noon**

Dec 8-Immaculate Conception

Dec 10-Ladies' Guild Christmas Luncheon

-Advent Penance Service

Dec 12-Our Lady of Guadalupe-Travelling Image

Dec 15-Parish Christmas Brunch

Dec 17-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting

Dec 18-Lessons & Carols

Dec 24-Christmas Vigil Mass-4:00 pm-English



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Rose Adams, Tony Ambrose, Toni Anfinson, Carmen & Nilsa Aponte, Glenn Armani, Helen Armani, Nora Baker, Barbara Basgall, Jacob Basilotto, Patricia Benson, Peter & Peggy Bercik, Angela Biondello, Ami Blachowiak, James Blachowiak, Patricia Blackwell, Peggy Brick, Dolores Brown, Betty Bulifant, Tom Cabot, Chuck Cabot, Patricia Clemens, Mario Corso, Steve DiCristo, Larry DiOrio, Wendy Edwards, Aiden Foley, Connor Foley, Michael Fontaine, Justin Fiesta, Suzie Goldberg, Carmelle Goodridge, Mary Grueser, Judy Hage, Harry Haskins, Shawn Heeter, Pete & Alice Herber, Pat Herbert, Eddie Holloway, Sally Hooper, George & Betty Hoyt, Carol Humme, JoAnn Ippolito, Everette & Nancy James, Stephanie Jefferson, Diane Jezek, Stan Jock, Anthony Joseph, Arlis Kelly, Jim Kirk, Ginny Kloiber, Eddie Knowlton, Kent Krabill, Zal Kutar, John Lambrecht, Larry Larson, Ginny LeClaire, Margaret Lines, Anne Lintner, Eric Marinelli, Catherine Mazzola, Jim & Joan McCaffrey, Cindy McClure, Kenneth McCurdy, Jim McDonnell, Patty McGlone, Rick McKenna, Jr., Gloria McKeown, Connor McKinnon, John McKinnon, Gema Moreno, Regina Mulherin, Ruth Nayard, Elizabeth Nomorosa, Bernadette Nyka, Danny O'Heron, Max & Mila Perez, Tyler Peryea, Leslie Peterson, John Pitale, Pal Polster, Shirley Porter, Catherine Porthouse, Greg Printy, Kristin Ramsey, Tina Reichenwallner, Phil & Louise Ritchey, Elly Rode, Jimmy Rosso, John & Janet Rovaldi, John Rozell, Heather Sallstrom Sanchez, Malte Sallstrom, Clarence Schuetz, Paul Sepczynski, Donnie Sheetz, Ann Speitel, Colleen Sullivan, Julianne Thorstenson, Pat Tweed, Virginia Waggle, Robert Wallace, Pink Wesorick, Lynn Wickham, Mary Wilcox, Norman Willebrandt, Glenna Wolshlager, Donna Zawadski

???QUESTION OF THE WEEK???

From whom do I need to seek forgiveness and whom do I need to forgive? Can I look at this as part of the road to salvation?

2019 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL



OLMM 2019 CFA STATUS

Parish Goal	\$ 85,000.00
Pledged	\$ 81,542.95
Total Paid	\$ 78,110.15
Balance Due	\$ 6,889.85

a/o 11/07/19
Thank you for your generosity.

†SAINTS/FEASTS OF THE WEEK†

Nov 25-St. Catherine of Alexandria-also known as Saint Catherine of the Wheel and The Great Martyr Saint Catherine, St. Catherine of Alexandria, a virgin, converted to Christianity after she had a vision. Legend has it that she is responsible for converting 50 pagan philosophers and about 200 soldiers through her skillful apologetics. Emperor Maxentius had her beheaded after she rebuked his advances and converted his wife.

Nov 27-Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal-It was almost midnight, when Sister Laboure was awakened by someone calling her. She saw at the foot of her bed a beautiful child, beckoning her to follow; arriving at the chapel, she beheld Our Lady, who spoke to her for two hours. *Continued on next page.*

Nov 30-St. Andrew, Apostle-St. Andrew was one of Jesus's closest and first Apostle. He and St. Peter were brothers. Andrew discovered Jesus after hearing John the Baptist's proclamation of Jesus being the Lamb of God, and brought Peter to Jesus.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Alice Ambrose, Sal Anastasio, Ed Anderson, Joe Arcuri, Pat Auge, Mary Lou Beck, Wally Bermingham, Roger Bolduc, Colleen Curtis, Al Doerman, Jo Ann Grabenstetter, Gerry Green, Mary Hagan, Leo Hage, Beverly Henderson, Daniel Higgins, Helen Holfelner, Lil Honc, Dave Humme, Ed Hughes, Pat Jock, James Kennedy, Ken Kloiber, Betty Licari, Edward Lodema, Sandra Marcil, Kathryn McGuineas, Vincenzo Miceli, Sr., Leo Miller, Wes Morris, Maureen Murphy, Jim O'Neill, John "Jack" O'Neill, Volker Oelze, Richard Peterson, William "Joe" Porthouse, Mark Rodgers, Fred "Fritz" Schoenbaechler, Jeanette Smith, Jean Turner, Muriel Urrico, Gus Ventimiglia, Melanie Voris, Victor Zawadski

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

Prayer for Safety In Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children.

The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea.

We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control:

the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father.

Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. **Amen.**

[Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following Hurricane Audrey in 1957]

RUMMAGE SALE



DONATIONS

If you have items you would like to donate for our annual Rummage Sale, you may now drop them off at the Parish Life Center during regular parish office hours. However, we will not be picking up any large items until after the first of the year!

PLEASE: NO electronics - TVs, VCRs, DVD players, computers, printers; NO mattresses or china cabinets.

THANK YOU!!!!

LADIES' GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Tuesday, December 10th at noon

Carrabba's Restaurant, PI Road, Cape Coral

Tickets for the Ladies' Guild Christmas Luncheon will be available for purchase at all masses the weekends of Nov 30-Dec 1 and Dec 7-8. Tickets are available now at the Parish office during regular Parish office hours. Tickets are \$20 each.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our annual Christmas Giving Tree is up in the rear of the Church. This year we will again be working with Pine Island F.I.S.H. for local children as well as Catholic Charities in Immokalee. Please return your unwrapped gifts with the tag by Sunday, December 8th!



Mass and Blessing of the Bread will be held on Thanksgiving morning beginning at 9:00 am. Please bring your dinner bread for a special blessing



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We will hold a special Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Pine Island Food Pantry. Please bring a non-perishable food item to the 9:00 am

Mass on Thanksgiving morning, and place it in the box by the Baptismal Font. **LET US SHARE OUR BOUNTY WITH THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE.**

THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL DESIGNED AND REVEALED BY THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ST. CATHERINE LABOURE



November 27 marks the Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. On this day, we commemorate the apparition of Our Blessed Mother to Saint Catherine Laboure (whose feast day is November 28th) and celebrate the vision Our Lady revealed to the young saint - the Miraculous Medal. It was in Paris, in the year 1830, part of a period when the Catholic Church was under attack from its many enemies, when "times are evil in France and in the world," as Our Lady said. While doing silent meditation, Saint Catherine had a striking vision of the Blessed Virgin, her beauty indescribable, standing on a globe. Rays of light shone forth from the precious gems on the

Blessed Mother's hands symbolizing the graces that she bestows upon us. Catherine saw an oval frame formed around her, bearing the words "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee." A voice then said to Catherine, "Have a medal struck after this model. Persons who wear it will receive great graces, especially if they wear it around the neck."

For two years that followed, the Church authorities investigated the events of the apparition, deliberated on the message of Our Lady, and observed Saint Catherine as she went about her daily life as a simple nun. Finally, they approved to have the image struck upon a medal- the one and only medal that Our Blessed Mother herself presented the design. The first batch was produced in 1832. Soon after, the devotion became widespread across the world and the medal was being worn by millions. Stories of healings, conversions, and other miracles started pouring in from the faithful who wear and pray the devotion to the "Medal of the Immaculate Conception," as it was originally called. Because of this, people since then began calling it the "Miraculous Medal." At present, devotion to the Miraculous Medal and wearing it is next to the Holy Rosary in popularity among the traditional Catholic devotions and sacramentals.

On the front, the medal shows Our Mother Mary standing on the globe (Mary, assumed into heaven, is the Queen of Heaven and Earth), as her feet stand on the head of the serpent (Mary is our protection). The oval-shaped medal is circled with the signature, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." At the back of the medal, twelve stars (12 Apostles who formed the first Church) surround a large "M" from which a cross (Jesus' Cross and Redemption) arises. And below the "M" there are two flaming hearts (the burning love of Jesus and Mary for us). The left heart is circled with thorns, which represents Jesus (the Sacred Heart who died for our sins). The right heart, pierced by a sword (her sorrows), symbolizes Mary (the Immaculate Heart who intercedes for us).

As stated in the narrative of the apparition, Saint Catherine asked the Blessed Mother why rays of light did not shine forth from some gems of her hands. Our Lady reportedly answered that such darkness represented "the graces for which people forget to ask." Thus, on this Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, let us not only remember to wear the medal or carry it with us, but pray with much devotion and ask with much faith for Our Blessed Mother's intercession and special graces, which have made countless of miracles possible. *Thebestcatholic.com*

With approval of the Catholic Church, the first medals were made in 1832 and were distributed in Paris. Almost immediately the blessings that Mary had promised began to shower down on those who wore her medal, and soon all of France was clamoring for what the people referred to as the "Miraculous Medal." Use of the Medal spread from country to country and now blankets the world. Everywhere, the Medal is still drawing down from God blessings for body and soul.



ST. CATHERINE LABOURE NOVEMBER 28th



In honor and celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, on November 27th, and of St. Catherine Laboure on November 28th, we

will be handing out Miraculous Medals before all Masses next weekend for those who do not have one. We will also display the first class St. Catherine Laboure relic at all weekend Masses.

**"Lord, I am here. Tell me what you would have me do.
If He gives me some task I am content and I thank Him.**

**If he gives me nothing, I still thank Him
Since I do not deserve to receive anything more than that,
and then I tell God everything that is in my heart.**

**I tell him about my pains and my joys,
and then I listen.**

**If you listen, God will also speak to you.
For with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen.**

God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply."

-St. Catherine Laboure

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



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If you'd like to remember your loved ones and help decorate our Church this Christmas, please take an envelope from the Narthex, fill it out, enclose your donation and place in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office by Thursday, December 12th

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

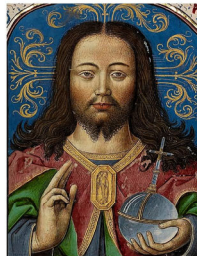
Celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* to respond to growing secularism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations.

In 2018, the Church faces pressures from without and crisis from within. In addition to the challenges that Christians in a secular society must confront, the body of Christ must also tend to the wounds inflicted on the Church by priests and bishops who either committed acts of sexual abuse themselves or failed to respond to abuse with justice when they had the opportunity. The Solemnity reminds the faithful that Christ reigns as king of the entire world forever. Let us rededicate ourselves this year to recognizing the reign of Jesus Christ and his Sacred Heart in every aspect of our lives.

We profess with our whole lives that Jesus is Lord.

"If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all

things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.' —*Quas primas*, 33



We recognize the reign of Christ in public life, as well as private life.

"The whole Church must work vigorously in order that men may become capable of rectifying the distortion of the temporal order and directing it to God through Christ. Pastors must clearly state the principles concerning the purpose of creation and the use of temporal things and must offer the moral and spiritual aids by which the temporal order may be renewed in Christ. The laity must take up the renewal of the temporal order as their own special obligation. [...] Everywhere and in all things they must seek the justice of God's kingdom. The temporal order must be renewed in such a way that, without detriment to its own proper laws, it may be brought into conformity with the higher principles of the Christian life and adapted to the shifting circumstances of time, place, and peoples." —*Apostolicam actuositatem*, 7



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3 things you may not have known about

purgatory

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It isn't merely a punishment. Rather, it's a gift given by God to make us "perfect images of Christ."

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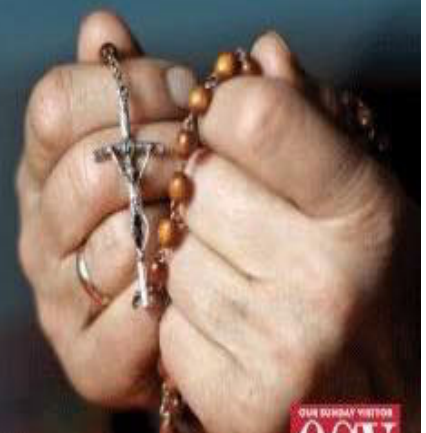
The process can be long and painful, so we need to pray for our loved ones – always.

3

Though they can't pray for themselves, the holy souls in purgatory, as members of the body of Christ, can pray for us.

OUR PRAYER FOR
THE HOLY SOULS

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."*



OUR SUNDAY VISITOR
OCT

2020 MEN'S CONFERENCE
Diocese of Venice

But as for you, man of God...

Fight the Good Fight

of the faith!
- 1 Timothy 6:11-12

Featuring:
2nd annual  fest
with a food truck rally!

SPEAKERS:

MARK HART CHRIS PADGETT FR. CALLOWAY





TO REGISTER:
<https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2020-mens-conference>

WHERE: Bishop Verot High School
5598 Sunrise Dr. Fort Myers, FL 33919

WHEN: 9am-3pm
Doors open at 8am

DATE: Feb. 8

COST: Pre-Registration
Adults: \$20
Students: \$5
At the Door:
Adults: \$30
Students: \$10

More info: Call (941) 484-9543

2020 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
Diocese of Venice

Blessed is **SHE**
who **BELIEVED**
...what was spoken to her from the Lord.
- Luke 1:45

SPEAKERS:

JIMMY MITCHELL SISTERS of LIFE MARY BIELSKI





TO REGISTER:
<https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2020-womens-conference>

WHERE: Bishop Verot High School
5598 Sunrise Dr. Fort Myers, FL 33919

WHEN: 9am-3pm
Doors open at 8am

DATE: Feb. 22

COST: Pre-Registration
Adults: \$20
Students: \$5
At the Door:
Adults: \$30
Students: \$10

More info: Call (941) 484-9543

"Love is acceptance. When you love someone . . . you take them into your heart, and that is surely why it hurts so much when we lose someone we love, because we lose a part of ourselves. If we strive for goals, relishing in the pleasure of circumstance, nothing is enjoyable, and life becomes purposeless."
-St. Andrew, Apostle

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

The Beacon of HOPE

presents **The 10th Annual HOLIDAY HOUSE of HOPE**

Save the Date

December 5th, 6th & 7th

Hosted by the Historic Tarpon Lodge
13771 Waterfront Drive, Pineland, Florida

Thursday, December 5th
Family Night ~ 4pm to 7pm
Once again Santa and his helpers will arrive at 5:15 pm by boat in true island fashion. There will be a family friendly menu as well as crafts and games, face painting, story time with the Pine Island Library, Pine Island Elementary Choir, pictures with Santa and much more.

Friday, December 6th and Saturday, December 7th ~ 5:30pm to 10:00pm
Step back in time and stroll the festive lodge while enjoying a wide array of the island's finest artisans and vendors. Come see the Holiday Tree Auction ~ hand painted by members of the Pine Island Art Association & Table Top Tree Auctions sponsored by various local businesses.

2019 Vendors
• Farmhouse 44 • The Reel Chase • CW Fudge Factory
• Sanibel Soul Jewelry • PI Attic Holiday Bazaar
• Artist Mel Meo • Salty Papa Designs
• Bokeella Craft Co-op • Sweeney's SOS
• Pine Island Tropicals • Tagua Jewelry

2019 Featured Authors
• John Mills • Marty Ambrose • Jeff Mahl
• D.L. Havlin • Mary Kaye Stevens

There will be appetizers starting at 6 PM
Minimum \$10 donation for a tour of the
Holiday House of HOPE
Beacon of Hope
Helping Our People Excel

Meet these fine authors and get your holiday gift books autographed.

United Way
Partner Agency

The Lodge will be open for dinner and the bar will also be open serving drinks.
Dinner reservations are strongly recommended. Call the Tarpon Lodge at 239-283-3999

~ Open to the Public ~



Hoy estarás
conmigo
en el
paraíso

24 de noviembre de 2019 • Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo

El antiguo Israel entendió que Dios era el único “rey” que necesitaban. Con el paso del tiempo, la envidia y la inseguridad se fueron metiendo, y ellos querían un rey como el de sus vecinos, un rey terrenal que los llevara a la grandeza. El pueblo de Dios llegó a depender y encontrar su fortaleza en la fragilidad humana en lugar de la de su Creador fiel. Cuando eso falló, esperaban por un rey mesías que les devolviera ese frágil sentido de seguridad. Podemos entender su confusión, quizás, al encontrar a Jesús intensamente gentil y gloriosamente humilde.

EL REY DE CORAZONES

¿Sabías que la gloriosa fiesta de hoy no tiene ni siquiera cien años? En la encíclica *Quam Primas* escrita por Pío XI en 1925 se estableció la fiesta de Cristo Rey. Recuerda cómo era el mundo en esos días, el surgimiento del nacionalismo, el secularismo en Europa y falsos profetas que llevaron al Holocausto y vastos martirios. ¡No es de extrañar que el Papa estuviera preocupado por mostrar al mundo a un verdadero

rey! Hoy san Lucas va directo a la realeza, de la devoción de un rey a su amado pueblo. En este reino confuso, no vemos a un rey ataviado con poder y gloria, sino al crucificado “Rey de los Judíos” vestido así mismo en el sufrimiento de un mundo solo y triste. Su perdón y amor desgarrador a lo largo de su pasión es un ejemplo difícil seguir para las personas, y aun así Jesús nos da su vida y muerte como modelo. Y luego él nos dice que, junto con “el buen ladrón”, estaremos con él “en el Paraíso”. ¿Qué más podríamos pedir?

Es oportuno que la encíclica del Papa Pío une esta fiesta real a la fiesta del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús. Este rey que da su corazón a la humanidad en la fiesta de sacrificio de amor del Viernes Santo que da su corazón cada día a un mundo destrozado que todavía intenta descubrir quién es él.

Lecturas de hoy: 2 Sam 5:1–3; Sal 122 (121):1–2, 3–4, 4–5;
Col 1:12–20; Lc 23:35–43

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TELEVISED MASS TO THE HOMEBOUND

WFTX-TV FOX 4 – Sundays at 10:30 am

The Mass is also available on the Diocese of Venice website, www.dioceseofvenice.org/tvmass.

Donations may be sent to: TV Mass, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285 For questions call 941-486-4714

Sylvia Jimenez
Project Rachel
Coordinator

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941-441-1101
www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife



OLMM's Annual Christmas Potluck December 15th 11:30 am Parish Life Center

Please join us on Sunday, December 15th at 11:30 am for our annual Christmas Potluck gathering! This year we will be having a brunch immediately following the 10:30 am Sunday Mass. The Parish will provide various quiches for the main course, along with coffee, tea and lemonade. Everyone is invited to participate and bring a covered side dish. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex at all Masses the weekends of November 30–December 1, and December 9–10. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Know Your Immigration Rights Conozca Sus Derechos de Inmigración

La Conferencia Estado Unidos de Obispos Católicos (USCCB) ha proporcionado un video en español y en inglés sobre los derechos de los inmigrantes. Por favor vaya a www.dioceseofvenice.org y haga clic en el banner "Conozca Sus Derechos" para ver los videos.

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.

NOVEMBER 24, 2019 OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

I rejoiced because
they said to me,
"We will go up to
the house of the
LORD."

— Psalm 122:1

Me alegré porque
me dijeron:

"Subiremos a la
casa del Señor".

— Salmo 122:1

OF KINGS AND KINGSHIP

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today every Catholic church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today's feast invites us to look beyond our national loyalties and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it's like to belong to God's kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke's Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be—a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing his life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of Paradise.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord said to David, "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — Thanks to the Father who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light (Colossians 1:12-20).

Gospel — Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (Luke 23:35-43). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Weds: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:

Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Today
you
will be
with
me
in
paradise

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a "Holy Year," keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words "and of his kingdom there will be no end" were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king." This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THANKSGIVING

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse. —Henry Van Dyke

RESTART

When you stop to think, don't forget to start again.

—Anonymous

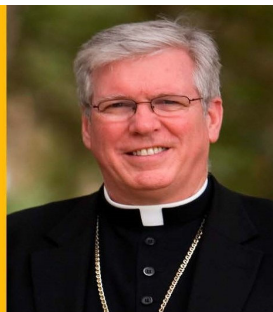
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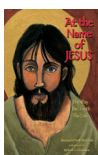
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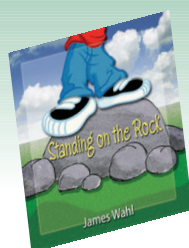
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