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

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
- ♦ **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

OCTOBER 1, 2017—TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

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Mon. Oct. 2 +Fred Long
8:30 am Requested by Donna Ibbetteson

Tues. Oct. 3 +Frank Nardi, Sr.
Angelina Biondello
8:30 am Requested by Diane & Tim Gleason

Weds. Oct. 4 Members of the Parish
8:30 am

Thrs. Oct. 5 +William Miller
8:30 am Requested by Carol Miller

Fri. Oct. 6 +Joan Theresa Peterson
8:30 am Requested Diane & Tim Gleason

Sat. Oct. 7 +Mary Margaret Ottgen
4:30 pm Requested by Diane & Tim Gleason

Sun. Oct. 8 +Mary Hagan
8:30 am Requested by Steve & Elaine Delaplane
10:30 am +Virginia Kennedy
Requested by Theo Kennedy

Weekly Collections

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WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2017
ATTENDANCE - 315
OFFERTORY—\$3,089.00
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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In Honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Blessing of the Animals will be held this year at St. John's Episcopal Church, 7771 Stringfellow Road, St. James City, FL on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 11:00 am

This Week

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Monday, Oct. 2, 2017

- **The Holy Guardian Angels**

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2017

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Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017

- **St. Francis of Assisi**
 - **Choir Practice—5:15 pm**
- Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017**
- **St. Francis Xavier Seelos**
- Friday, Oct. 6, 2017—FIRST FRIDAY**
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—9:00 AM—NOON

- **St. Bruno**
 - **Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher**
- Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017**

- **Our Lady of the Rosary**
- **Blessing of the Animals**
11:00 am—St. John's Church
- **Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm**

Sunday, Oct. 8, 2017

- **Masses at 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 5:00 pm (Spanish)**
- **COFFEE SOCIAL**
- **No Religious Education**

Monday, Oct. 9, 2017

- **Columbus Day**
Parish Office Closed

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



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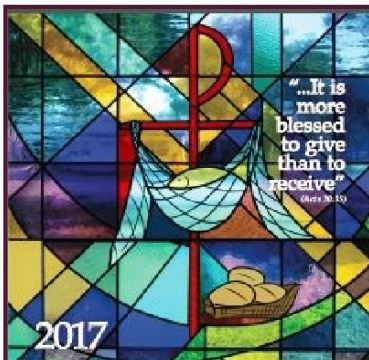


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OLMM 2017 CFA UPDATE
 Parish Goal \$85,000.00
 Pledged \$86,427.00
 Total Paid \$77,771.76
Balance Due \$ 7,228.24
 a/o 09/17/17

2016 CFA YEAR END
 Parish Goal \$85,000.00
 Pledged \$103,071.50
 Total Paid \$102,000.50

✠SAINTS/FEASTS OF THE WEEK✠

Oct. 2 –Holy Guardian Angels—"O Angel of God, to whose holy care I am committed by the supernal clemency, enlighten, protect, defend, and govern me. Amen."

Oct. 4–St. Francis of Assisi– Abandoned a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He is the patron saint of animals and the environment.

Oct. 5–Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos– Born in southern Bavaria, studied philosophy and theology in Munich, came America in 1843 and was ordained in 1844. Father Seelos worked in many different places but always with the same zeal: to help people know God's love and compassion. He preached about the works of mercy, even risking his own health.

Oct. 6 –St. Bruno–Founder of the Carthusian Order, and founder of the order's first two communities. He was a celebrated teacher at Reims, and a close advisor of his former pupil, Pope Urban II.

Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher—A Canadian Roman Catholic religious sister, who founded the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.

Oct. 7—Our Lady of the Rosary—A feast day of the Roman Catholic Church celebrated on the anniversary of the decisive victory of the combined fleet of the Holy League of 1571 over the Ottoman Navy at the Battle of Lepanto.



**RESPECT
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The flowers decorating our altar this weekend were donated by Carol Miller in Loving Memory of William Miller

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]

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 Hagen, Daniel Higgins, Pat Jock, James Kennedy, Dr. Lou Mauney, Kathryn McGuineas, Leo Miller, Maureen Murphy, 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."

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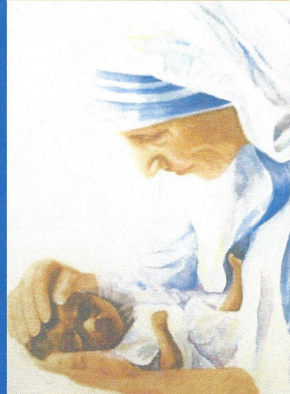
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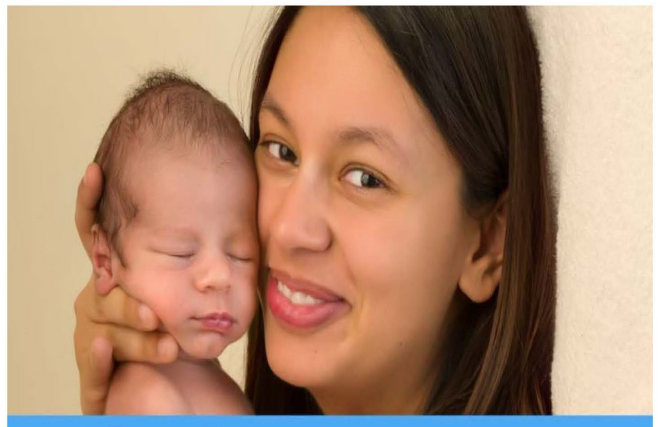
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OLMM Ladies' Guild annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, November 4, 2017**. We are looking for donations of your "pre-loved" fall, Thanksgiving and Christmas items. They may be dropped off at the Parish Life Center Mon-Fri during regular office hours. Please use the door by the Parish Office. **THANK YOU!**



September 27- November 5

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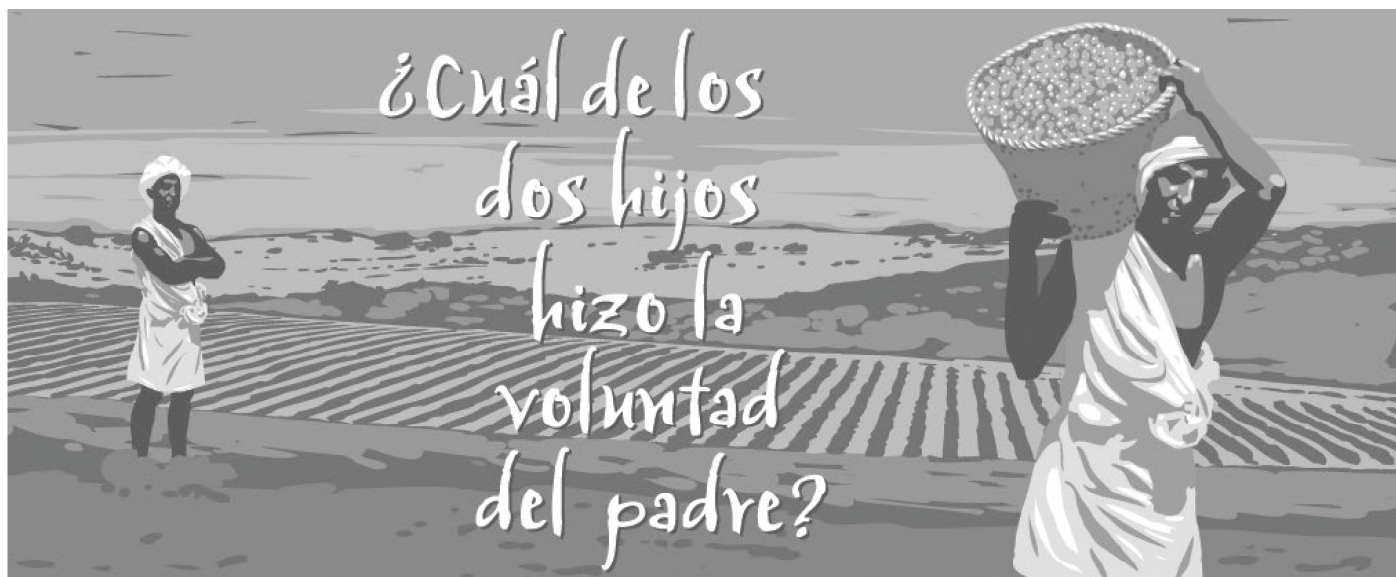
Here's how to take part:

- **Vigil location:** Public right-of-way (Winkler Rd & College Parkway sidewalks & grass strips) outside. Planned Parenthood, 8595 College Parkway, Fort Myers (Please do not use the sidewalk up at the Planned Parenthood office)
- **Vigil hours:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm Saturday
- **Local contact:** Rick & Paula @ 239-770-2591 or 40daysforlifeFM@gmail.com
- **Learn more** and get involved by visiting our campaign at the address below!

40daysforlife.com/FortMyers

Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary Procession

On **Saturday, October 7**, the Diocese of Venice is sponsoring a Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary Procession in front of the regional Planned Parenthood headquarters, 736 Central Ave., Sarasota. Everyone is asked to meet at St. Martha Parish, 200 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota, at 10:30 a.m., prior to going to the Planned Parenthood headquarters. Bring your rosary beads and love for the Blessed Mother to this special event commemorating the 100th anniversary of Her appearance to the children of Fatima, Portugal. Together we will honor Our Lady by praying for the unborn and putting an end to abortion. A statue of Our Lady of Fatima will lead the procession. For more information please contact Paul Muri at paulmuri2@gmail.com.



1º de octubre de 2017 • Vigésimo Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El Evangelio de hoy describe la segunda mitad de un argumento entre Jesús y los sumos sacerdotes y los ancianos del pueblo. Le preguntaron: ¿con qué autoridad haces estas cosas? Mucho de esta discusión fue acerca de la autoridad. ¿Cómo era posible que Jesús dijera que representaba los propósitos de Dios? Esta pregunta sigue escuchándose hasta el día de hoy. ¿Quién habla por Dios? ¿Quién no lo hace? ¿Cómo podemos diferenciarlos?

La respuesta de Jesús es ver a la evidencia. Miren cómo, en respuesta a Juan el Bautista y a Jesús, las personas son sanadas del cuerpo y el alma. Miren cómo las personas encontraron una nueva intimidad con Dios, y cómo cambiaron sus vidas de pecado. La autoridad de Juan y Jesús reposa no en algunos puestos de las instituciones religiosas, sino en la gracia y evidente fuerza sanadora de Juan y Jesús.

CAMBIANDO LA MENTE

Hoy las lecturas ponen claro que para ser un seguidor de Jesús uno tiene que cambiar la mente. Más precisamente, debemos permitir que Dios nos cambie, transforme nuestras mentes. Para muchos de nosotros, esto puede ser verdaderamente difícil. Es por esto que las lecturas hablan

mucho acerca de la humildad. La humildad abre nuestra capacidad para ser transformados. La humildad nos permite cambiar nuestra forma de pensar y nuestro comportamiento, para así poder evitar por un lado la auto justificación, y por otro lado la auto denigración.

La humildad puede cultivarse en la práctica de la reflexión. Esto podría significar dedicar un tiempo específico a Dios dentro de nuestra ocupada lista de las ajetadas obligaciones. Esto podría significar dedicar un tiempo específico para un retiro de un día de tranquilidad, quizá con la ayuda de un director espiritual.

La humildad también puede cultivarse en obras de servicio. Conocemos de la humildad de Jesús en el lavatorio de pies. Podemos poner nuestros intereses por delante de los nuestros, y renunciamos a nuestra necesidad de estar en control. Cuando cultivamos la humildad, creamos un espacio dentro de nosotros para permitir que Dios haga su morada en nosotros y nos transforme.

Lecturas de hoy: Ez 18:25-28; Sal 25 (24):4-9; Flp 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

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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@dioceseofvenice.org.



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GOD'S WAYS

In the stream of readings during this portion of Ordinary Time one week's texts can often appear to pick up exactly where the previous week's concluded. The sentiments expressed in today's first reading seem to be a direct reaction to the Gospel passage we heard last week. In that Gospel, the landowner pays the same wages to his workers whether they worked for a full day or for only a few minutes. Today Ezekiel gives us the lament, "The LORD's way is not fair!" (Ezekiel 18:25). These Sundays in Ordinary Time offer us a glimpse into the ways of the Lord. We see how God's way has the tendency to turn the accepted conventions of the day upside down. Those who always expected that their way to heaven was guaranteed are disappointed. Those who thought they never had a chance are given that chance. Today offers us another opportunity to discover the abundance of God's mercy and love.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalms — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;
Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;
Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9;
Mt 21:33-43

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday
Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Wednesday: St. Francis of Assisi;
Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset
Thursday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
Friday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher;
First Friday
Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary;
First Saturday

ANGELIC

The reason angels can fly is because they take themselves lightly. —G.K. Chesterton

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eucharistic Prayer IV is, like Eucharistic Prayer III, a fresh composition from the 1960s, based on a prayer from the tradition of the ancient church of Alexandria. It has an interesting structural feature. The new prayers all nod toward the East with the *epiclesis*, or calling down of the Spirit, over the gifts. In this prayer the Spirit is asked to come down again, after the consecration, to make holy the communicants who "partake of this one Bread and one Chalice that, gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, they may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your glory." This beautiful phrase is well worth meditating on. What is the goal of your reception of Holy Communion today?

The preface for this Eucharistic Prayer is firmly attached to the prayer, and the directives for using the prayer anchor it to Ordinary Time. It is not intended to be an option if the Mass has a proper preface of its own, like a funeral, a Lenten weekday, or a great feast. It is not often used these days, in part because of these limitations. At first, it was suggested that this prayer was better suited to small groups of people who were well educated in scripture. This was kind of an odd stipulation, especially since its images are so beautiful and worthy of attention.

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PEACEFUL HEART

While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart. —St. Francis of Assisi

Diocese of Venice Catholic Charismatic Renewal Golden Jubilee Celebration

Postponed until Sunday, November 5, 2017

The Diocese of Venice English and Spanish Catholic Charismatic Renewal Commissions are hosting the Conference at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center in Punta Gorda on Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Conference theme, "A New Pentecost for a New Evangelization," will feature Bishop Frank Dewane, Bishop Sam Jacobs and Rev. Mario Castaneda. There will also be a session for youth, ages 13-17. Please join us for this Spirit-filled conference, with inspirational speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for youth (13-17) and includes dinner. Registration is required online at

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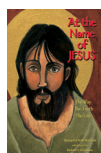
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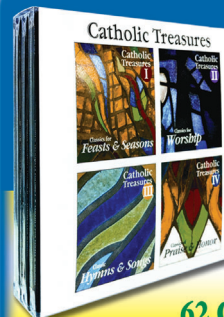
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