

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—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—No meetings scheduled at this time

***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 & 6:30 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

FEBRUARY 25, 2018—SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

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- Mon. Feb 26** +**Judy Biondello**
8:30 am Requested by Diane & Tim Gleason
+**Chris Sabella**
Requested by Lorraine Sabella
- Tues. Feb 27** +**Fred Schoenbaechler**
8:30 am Requested by Marie Schoenbaechler
- Weds. Feb 28** **Members of the Parish**
8:30 am
- Thrs. Mar 1** **Toni Anfinen**
8:30 am Requested by Diane & Tim Gleason
- Fri. Mar 2** **John & Marsha LaHam**
8:30 am Requested by Toni Anfinen
- Sat. Mar 3** +**Nancy Cunningham**
4:30 pm Requested by Doris & John Pitale
- Sun. Mar 4** +**Con Forde**
8:30 am Requested by Mary O'Leary
10:30 am +**Alice Ambrose**
Requested by George & Betty Hoyt

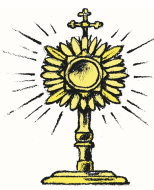
This Week

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- Monday, Feb 26, 2018**
- Tuesday, Feb 27, 2018**
- **A Lent to Remember**
7:00 pm-Education Bldg
- Wednesday, Feb 28, 2018**
- **A Lent to Remember**
9:15 am-Education Bldg
 - **Choir Practice—5:15 pm**
- Thursday, Mar 1, 2018**
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- Friday, Mar 2, 2018-FIRST FRIDAY**
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 am—Noon**
 - **Stations of the Cross—5:00 pm**
- Saturday, Mar 3, 2018**
- **St. Katharine Drexel**
 - **Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm**
- Sunday, Mar 4, 2018**
- **Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 am and 5:00 pm (Spanish)**
 - **Coffee Social**
 - **Religious Education**
- Monday, Mar 6, 2018**
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Fridays at 5:00 pm During Lent

Stations of the Cross

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Weekly Collections

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WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 10-11, 2018
ATTENDANCE -829

OFFERTORY—\$6,049.00

SECOND COLLECTION—\$N/A

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Bercik, Wally Bermingham, Angela Biondello, Ami Blachowiak, Patricia Blackwell, Rev. Jim Bok, OFM & Mary Gate of Heaven Parish, Negril; Katy Boylan, Peggy Brick, Dolores Brown, Betty Bulifant, Tom Cabot, Chuck Cabot, Patricia Clemens, Larry DiOrio, Don & Wanda Eck, Wendy Edwards, Aiden Foley, Connor Foley, Michael Fontaine, Justin Fiesta, Leo Hage, Sandy Harrison, Jan Hartman, Harry Haskins, Shawn Heeter, Pete & Alice Herber, Pat Herbert, Eddie Holloway, Sally Hooper, George & Betty Hoyt, Dave & Carol Humme, JoAnn Ippolito, Everette & Nancy James, Stephanie Jefferson, Diane Jezek, Stan Jock, Arlis Kelly, Jim Kirk, Ken & Ginny Kloiber, Kent Krabill, Zal Kutar, John Lambrecht, Ginny LeClaire, Vito Licari, Anne Lintner, Edward Lodema, Eric Marinelli, Catherine Mazzola, Jim & Joan McCaffrey, Cindy McClure, Kenneth McCurdy, Jim McDonnell, Patty McGlone, Rick McKenna, Jr., Gloria McKeown, Connor McKinnon, Veronica Moran, Gema Moreno, , Regina Mulherin, Rosario Munoz, Ruth Nayard, Elizabeth Nomorosa, Bernadette Nyka, Danny O'Herron, Jack O'Neill, Max & Mila Perez, Tyler Peryea, John Pitale, Shirley Porter, Joe & Catherine Porthouse, Greg Printy, Kristin Ramsey, Tina Reichenwallner, Elly Rode, Jimmy Rosso, John & Janet Rovaldi, Heather Sallstrom Sanchez, Malte Sallstrom, Clarence Schuetz, Paul Sepczynski, Donnie Sheetz, Ann Speitel, Colleen Sullivan, Pat Tweed, Pamela Vadas, Gus Ventimiglia, Melanie Voris, Robert Wallace, Ben Wesorick, Mary Wilcox, Norman Willebrandt, Glenna Wolshlager



OLMM Ladies' Guild presents its Annual Fashion Show on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at Cass Cay Restaurant in Burnt Store Marina. Tickets are \$20 and includes lunch, tax and gratuity.

Menu choices are: Cass Cay Cobb Salad, Blackened fish sandwich with side, Chop Chop Salad, grilled, blackened or fried fresh fish sandwich with side or hamburger, cheeseburger and side. Dessert choices are: Chocolate Mousse with whipped cream or a slice of cheesecake.

Island Time Fashions & Gifts is putting on the fashion show with Carolyn presenting the models! Tickets will be on sale after all weekend Masses beginning February 24th through March 4th. Contact Pat O'Neill at 941-639-6552 for more information.



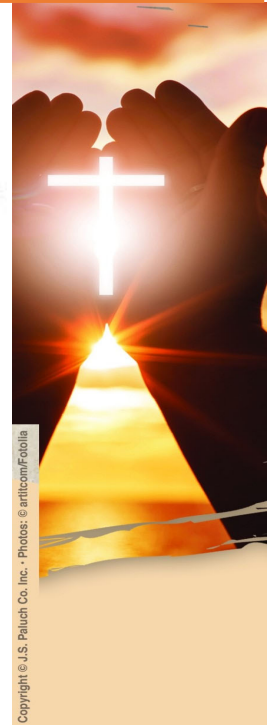
St. Katharine Drexel invites you to join us at our parish Lenten mission on February 26 - 28. This year we are excited to share that our retreat master will be Fr. Stan Fortuna, C.F.R.

Along with Fr. Benedict Groeschel and Fr. Andrew Apostoli, Fr. Fortuna is one of the founding members of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Prior to his conversion, Fr. Fortuna was a professional jazz musician in New York. In 1987, Fr. Fortuna established the non-profit Francesco Productions, as a way to evangelize through video and musical productions, as well as his books and speaking and concert engagements. All

proceeds from Francesco Productions will benefit his Community's work with the poor in the South Bronx, where he lives.

Fr. Fortuna shares in his love for Christ and the poor by spreading the Gospel message through frequent appearances on EWTN, as well as Youth rallies and lectures throughout the world.

This Lent, come and join us each night at St. Katharine Drexel for a powerful hour at 7pm, or after morning mass at 9 am.



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A LENT TO REMEMBER

**A Lenten Encounter with Mercy
Week Two**

Forgiven: An Encounter with Mercy

Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 28th at 9:15 am

Meet in the Religious Education Building

†SAINTS/FEASTS OF THE WEEK†

March 3-St. Katharine Drexel-The American founder of missionary nuns dedicated to caring for American Indians and African Americans, now called Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Katharine Drexel is the patron saint of racial justice and philanthropists. She devoted her life and her fortune to staff her mission schools.

REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

FASTING: To be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 years (inclusive). On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection (USCCB).

ABSTINENCE: Abstinance from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays during Lent.

FASTING, ALMSGIVING AND PRAYER are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

NOTE: If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self denial that are suitable to their condition.

Friends & Family of St Katharine Drexel



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For questions call 941-486-4714

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

"There is something not right with us, with our society, with the church and we need to change, to turn, to convert!" - Pope Francis

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 at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, **March 10** at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs. Contact the Parish Office to register.

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, Wes Morris, Maureen Murphy, Jim O'Neill, Volker Oelze, Fred "Fritz" Schoenbaechler, Jeanette Smith, Muriel Urrico, Victor Zawadski

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

To my friends at OLMM:

I want to Thank all of you who attended the mission I preached. It was a joy meeting you all! On behalf of my Passionist Community, thank you for the over \$6000 that was so generously donated to us. This money will support us in our religious life. Also, you bought \$4300 worth of my resources. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Please explore: www.frcedric.org Also, remember my TV program *"Live with Passion!"* airs on TBN Sundays at 8 am. Also, EWTN starting Feb. 18th and each Sunday of Lent at 5:30 pm and Mondays at 6 am.

It was such a joy to meet you all and I hope to you next year in Port Charlotte and Ft. Myers. Blessed Lent!

Sincerely,

Fr. Cedric Piseгна, C.P.

Live with Passion!

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEKEND

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*Este es mi Hijo amado;
escúchenlo*

25 de febrero de 2018 • Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

A menudo se puede ver como si nuestra fe fuera probada. Se nos puede pedir, como a Abraham, cuánto estamos dispuestos a sacrificar por obedecer la llamada de Dios. Abraham parecía desear sacrificar lo más preciado que tenía, su hijo Isaac. Abraham casi toma un cuchillo con el cual podría haber terminado la vida de su propio hijo. Pero Dios no es lo que le había pedido. Dios le pidió solo que él estuviera dispuesto y que lo continuará escuchando. En Marcos, son los discípulos quienes son probados para entender la visión que se les ofrece de Jesús, visiblemente transformados desde un hombre ordinario, como ellos mismos, al Hijo amado de Dios. Pedro, el impulsivo de Pedro, habla y planifica una acción. Él es reprendido y se le pide que escuche. La prueba no es sobre la acción. La prueba es sobre escuchar.

ESCUCHAR

Tanto Abraham como los discípulos se les pide escuchar. La acción de Abraham es detenida por un mensaje de Dios. Isaac es salvado porque Abraham escuchó la Palabra de Dios

justo ahí, en medio de aquel trágico momento de su vida. La acción de Pedro se detiene por la acción de Dios diciéndole que escuche. Los discípulos escuchan, pero no entienden lo que Jesús les dice acerca de su resurrección. Pero ellos escuchan. Qué tan difícil es para nosotros escuchar la Palabra de Dios en medio del ruido de nuestra vida diaria, la plática necesaria e innecesaria del trabajo, el hogar y los lugares en medio de ellos. ¿Cómo podemos escuchar a Dios con la cacofonía de nuestras vidas? Debemos escuchar. Escuchamos con nuestro esfuerzo intencional de crear un lugar de paz y silencio dentro de nuestras vidas el cual mantenemos pese al ruido que nos rodea. Construimos un arca para salir durante el diluvio. Mantenemos un oasis para sobrevivir en el desierto. Sostenemos nuestra más preciada posesión, el mismo Jesús que murió para salvarnos, mientras todavía estamos deseando sacrificarla por la llamada de Dios.

Lecturas de hoy: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Sal 116 (115):10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mc 9:2-10

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17th Annual BreastFest Walk

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Saturday, March 10th, 2018
8am to 11am

SAINT JAMES CITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
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5K and 1 mile walk begins at 8:30am
 Registration opens at 7:00am to 8:15am day of walk
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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.

FEBRUARY 25, 2018 -SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**If God is for us, who
can be against us?
— Romans 8:31b**

**Si Dios es por no-
sotros, ¿quién
puede estar en con-
tra de nosotros?
- Romanos 8: 31b**

THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalms — I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 23:1-12

Weds: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thurs: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11;
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7;
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42
[5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;
Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full
Communion

Weds: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at
sunset

Friday: Abstinence; First Friday;
World Day of Prayer

Saturday: St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about fifteen hundred feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close to Nazareth. Scripture doesn't identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924.

The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that's us) zones. At one time, tourists arrived on the summit by bus, but this is no longer permitted. Some ride bicycles up a challenging and winding path, while others take the four thousand three hundred steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It's hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter's plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back down.—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PARISH CALENDAR

March 11—Confirmation-OLMM 10:30 am
Luncheon to follow

March 17—St. Patty's Day

March 20—Ladies' Guild Monthly Gathering
Spring Luncheon/Fashion Show

March 30—Good Friday

April 1—Easter

April 10—Ladies' Guild Facilitators' Meeting

May 6—First Communion 8:30 am Mass

May 13—Mother's Day

May 28—Memorial Day

June 17—Father's Day

July 1—Fr. Jacek's 50th Birthday Brunch—10:30 am



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Dr. Maria Fedoryka is Chair of the Department of Philosophy at Ave Maria University. She works in the field of the Philosophy of Love, dealing with issues relating to the centrality of love in God, its role at the center of creation, and its meaning for marriage, family, and sexuality. Maria engages a secular culture on topics including gender/marriage, etc.



SATURDAY MARCH 3

10AM-3PM (DOORS OPEN AT 9AM)

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TOPICS INCLUDE:

- "Confession as Spiritual Warfare"
- "The Cross & Jesus the Bridegroom"
- "Universal Call To Holiness"

Dr. John Bergsma is a Professor of Biblical Theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. He served as a Protestant pastor for four years before entering the Catholic Church in 2001 while pursuing a Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Notre Dame. There he specialized in the Old Testament and the Dead Sea Scrolls and graduated with high honors. John brings Scripture to life with his animated teaching style, through which his listeners are captivated and drawn into the mysteries contained within the Sacred Scriptures. His enlightening charisma will leave you hanging on the edge of your seat waiting for more!



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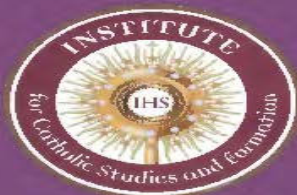
2018 Lent & Lunch Series

GO DEEPER! Bring a bagged lunch and join us at the Institute for Catholic Studies and Formation for our **FREE** "Lent & Lunch" series, Wednesdays from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., February 21st – March 21st. During this series, we will delve deep into the Passion narrative according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We will conclude the series with a talk on the Last Supper.

This Lenten series is **FREE** to the general public, so invite a friend! If you live nearby, we encourage you to attend in person to meet the presenter. The Institute for Catholic Studies is located at 10299 SW Peace River Street (3.7 miles off of I-75 exit 170, just outside of Port Charlotte).

VIDEO IN! You also have the option to use Skype video conferencing to attend this Lenten series remotely through the use of your laptop, tablet, or mobile phone. Once registered, a Skype meeting link will be sent to your email.

*Starts Feb. 21st.
Register Now!*



<http://institute-dov.org/Programs.html>



A personal friend of Mother Teresa, Susan gives us a meditative look at this saint's insights on suffering, joy, peace, humility, and poverty to bring us right into the prayer life of one of the most beloved women of our time. Each prayer has been carefully, and prayerfully, selected for use in daily prayer. Mother Teresa of Calcutta gave Susan her blessing and approval to share these words and prayers with others "to bring them peace and joy too." Contact the individual parish for additional information.

Dates and Locations:

March 1: Our Lady of Light, 7:30 PM
March 2: Our Lady of Light, 10:00 AM
March 2: Resurrection, 6:00-7:15 PM
March 3: St. Agnes, 9:00AM- Noon

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