

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 & 6:00 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

NOVEMBER 25, 2018—OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



Mass Intentions for the Week

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Mon. Nov 26 +Gary Shane Eckenroth
8:30 am Requested by Kathleen Hecksher
Tues. Nov 27 Members of the Parish
8:30 am
Weds. Nov 28 +Doll Connolly
8:30 am Requested by Joseph & Marianne Baker
Thrs. Nov 29 Donna Wallis
8:30 am Requested by Julie Blatt
Fri. Nov 30 +Jeanne Grimm
8:30 am Requested by Sally & Kevin Healy
Sat. Dec 1 +Fred Schoenbaechler
4:30 pm Requested by Marie Schoenbaechler
Sun. Dec 2 +James Lewellyn
8:30 am Requested by
10:30 am +Mary Valentine Jacob
Requested by Eileen & Emanuel Valentino

This Week

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Monday, Nov 26, 2018

Tuesday, Nov 27, 2018

Wednesday, Nov 28, 2018

- **St. Catherine Laboure**
- **Choir Practice 5:00 pm**

Thursday, Nov 29, 2018

Friday, Nov 30, 2018

- **St. Andrew, Apostle**

Saturday, Dec 1, 2018

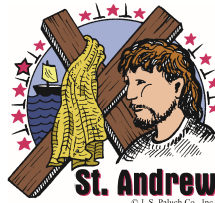
- **Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm**

Sunday, Dec 2, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- **Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 am and 5:00 pm (Spanish)**
- **Religious Education 9:30 - 11:15 am**
- **NO Coffee Social**
- **First day of Hanukkah**

Monday, Dec 3, 2018



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PARISH CALENDAR

December 2-First Sunday of Advent
December 4-Ladies' Guild Monthly Gathering/
Christmas Luncheon
December 8-Immaculate Conception
December 11-Advent Penance Service 6 pm
December 12-Lessons and Carols
December 15-Parish Christmas Potluck Dinner
December 22-23-Our Lady of Guadalupe Travelling
Image Visitation
December 25-Christmas
December 31-New Year's Eve/Wine & Cheese

Weekly Collections

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WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 10-11, 2018

ATTENDANCE -494

OFFERTORY-\$5,125.00

SECOND COLLECTION-\$2,263.00

POOR BOX-\$201.00

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"Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to Him, 'Lord, here I am. 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

???QUESTION OF THE WEEK???

In what way is Jesus king in my life? How do I live in the world while living for God's kingdom?

2018 Catholic Faith Appeal



OLMM 2018 CFA STATUS

Parish Goal \$ 85,000.00
Pledged \$ 78,197.95
Total Paid \$ 74,421.79
Balance Due \$ 10,578.21
a/o 11/12/18
Thank you for your generosity.

†SAINTS/FEASTS OF THE WEEK†

Nov 28-St. Catherine Laboure—See Below.

Nov 30-St. Andrew, Apostle—St. Andrews was one of Jesus' 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.

DID YOU KNOW

.....that our Parish is blessed to be the caretaker of a first-class relic of St. Catherine Laboure? Pictured below is the relic along with its letter of authenticity. We display the relic every Monday for Rosary, Mass and the Miraculous Medal Novena. We will display the relic and pray the Miraculous Medal Novena on Wednesday, November 28th after the 8:30 am Mass, in honor of St. Catherine Laboure's feast day. Please join us in honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary's instrument in creating the Miraculous Medal.



SUPERIOR GENERALIS

CONGREGATIONIS MISSIONIS ET SOCIETATIS PUELLARUM CARITATIS
SANCTO VINCENTIO A PAULO (1581-1660) CONDITARUM

Universis et singulis praesentes Litteras inspecturis fidem facimus atque testamur Nos ex sacris Reliquiis Sanctae Catharinae Laboure, Parisiis apud nos religiose asservatis, extraxisse particulas ex ossibus quas inclusas in capsula metallica deaurata figurae rotundae bene clausa, et funiculo serico rubri coloris colligata, dono dedimus ad effectum praedictas particulas apud se retinendi, vel aliis donandi, et, accedente, prout juris est, locorum Ordinarii approbatione, publicae Fidelium venerationi exponendi.

In quorum fidem, praesentes Litteras nostra et Secretarii nostri manu subscriptas, sigilloque nostro munitas, concedimus.

Datum Parisiis, e domo nostra primaria, anno Domini 1959, mensis Octobris, die 26.

William Slattery
Sup. gen.

De Mandato A. A. DD. Superioris Generalis

Pierre Bulard
Sec. gen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Alice Ambrose, Sal Anastasio, Ed Anderson, Pat Auge, Mary Lou Beck, Wally Bermingham, Roger Bolduc, Al Doerman, Jo Ann Grabenstetter, Gerry Green, Mary Hagan, Daniel Higgins, Helen Holfelner, Lil Honc, Ed Hughes, Dave Humme, Pat Jock, James Kennedy, Betty Licari, Sandra Marcil, 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."



Our annual Giving Tree is up in the rear of the church and loaded with tags! This year we are also sponsoring local families through Pine Island F.I.S.H., in addition to families in Immokalee. Please take a tag from the tree, purchase the gift and return it unwrapped by DECEMBER 9TH ALONG WITH THE TAG.

Thank you for your generosity!



OLMM LADIES' GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DECEMBER 4, 2018 MISTO'S RESTAURANT

The Ladies' Guild annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, December 4th**, at noon at Misto's Restaurant, Del Prado Blvd., Cape Coral. Tickets are \$20.00 and are available for purchase after all weekend Masses or at the Parish Office.

St. Catherine Laboure—November 28

St. Catherine Laboure lived the normal life of a novice of the Daughters of Charity until Advent. On Saturday, November 27, 1830, at 5:30 p.m., she retired to the Chapel with the other Sisters for evening meditation. Catherine heard the faint swish of silk... Raising her eyes to the main altar, she saw her beautiful Lady standing on a large globe.

The Virgin Spoke ... giving a direct order: "Have a Medal struck after this model. All who wear it will receive great graces; they should wear it around the neck. Graces will abound for persons who wear it with confidence."

Catherine asked how she was to have the medal struck. Mary replied that she was to go to her confessor, a Father Jean Marie Aladel saying of this saintly priest: "He is my servant." Father Aladel at first did not believe Catherine; however, after two years, he finally went to the archbishop who ordered two thousand medals struck on June 20, 1832. When Catherine received her share of these first medals from the hands of the priest she said: "Now it must be propagated."

The spread of a devotion to the (Miraculous) medal urged by Saint Catherine was carried out so swiftly that it was miraculous itself. —Association of the Miraculous Medal



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FEB 2, 2019

MEN'S CONFERENCE IRON SHARPENS IRON!



MARY HEALY is Professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. Her work promoting Biblical Studies have greatly assisted the faithful in hearing the Word of God and living by it, with greater understanding and passionate zeal.



DCN. RALPH POYO models discipleship of Jesus with a truly relational style of evangelization. He helps Parishes become "self-evangelizing" Parishes by focusing on relational ministry and personal one-on-one encounters to build up the local Church.



HECTOR MOLINA has been speaking for over 25 years and has keynoted over 100 Diocesan events (in English and Spanish) from North America to Australia. As part of Casting Nets Ministries, he truly embodies what it means to be a "fisher of men."

TO REGISTER!

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LOCATION

Bishop Verot High School
5598 Sunrise Drive
Fort Myers

DATE

February 2, 2019
TIME
9 AM - 3 PM

COST

PRE-REGISTRATION
Adults \$20 | Students \$5.
AT THE DOOR
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FEB 16, 2019

Women's Conference



JENNIFER FULWILER is the host of the Jennifer Fulwiler Show, which airs daily on the national SiriusXM network. She is the author of *Something Other than God*, as well as her new book, *One Beautiful Dream*, a humorous memoir which was a #1 bestseller at Barnes & Noble and in the Top 25 of all books on Amazon.



LEAH DARRROW, drawing from her experience on *America's Next Top Model* and her work in fashion, exposes the lies that women encounter today regarding their self-worth. Through her engaging talks, listeners are drawn to the appreciation of their own real beauty.



MOTHER ADELA GALINDO is the foundress of the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Her faithful witness and sincere presentations evidence her great love for the Mother of God, which becomes infectious to all who hear her.

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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 drop it off at the Parish Office by Wednesday, December 12th.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

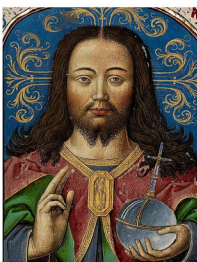
Celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* to respond to growing secularism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in 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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Coral Ridge Funeral Home and Cemetery
1630 SW Pine Island Road, Cape Coral, Florida (239) 283-0540
Annual Candlelight Service

The holiday season is a time for remembering...

Remembering those who have blessed our lives in so many ways

It is for this reason that Coral Ridge Funeral Home and Cemetery

will be celebrating a

Candlelight Service of Remembrance

Wednesday, December 5th 2018 at 7:00 PM

Because this is such a special time, we invite you to join us to reflect upon our lives, our losses and our memories...

Understanding the loss of a loved one can be difficult at times.

Trying to deal with that loss

Especially during the holidays, when times seem unbearable.

So, please come join us and light a candle.



Feel free to stop by and place an ornament in memory of your loved one on one of our "Memory Trees"



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WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE

That time of year has arrived ...to clean out your storage, declutter your home, go through your drawers and bring it down to the Parish Life Center during regular office hours. We will not have pick-up service available until January. **PLEASE:** No electronics, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, computers, printers, etc., mattresses or china cabinets.

OLMM's Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner December 15, 2018—5:30 pm Parish Life Center

Please join us on Saturday, December 15th for our annual Christmas Potluck Dinner! The Parish will provide the main course, coffee and punch. Everyone is invited to participate and bring a covered side dish or dessert. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex after all Masses the weekends of December 1-2 and 9-10. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.



25 de noviembre de 2018 • Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo

Hoy termina nuestro año litúrgico. Dedica unos minutos para reflexionar en tu relación con Cristo, nuestro Rey. Relájate, cierra tus ojos y pide al Espíritu Santo que guíe tu imaginación.

Elije una cualidad de Dios compartida en las lecturas de hoy: poder, eternidad o verdad. Permite que tu corazón y mente exploren este atributo. Quizá, como al profeta Daniel, aparecerán imágenes vividas de Dios. Tal vez la palabra misma resuena más y más profundamente a medida que la consideras. Podrías imaginar rostros de personas que conoces a quienes Dios les ha dado esa cualidad particular.

Respira y confía en el Espíritu Santo para mostrarte acerca de Dios y así te acerque más a lo divino. Continúa meditando así mientras te sientas cómodo.

SERVICIO IMAGINATIVO

Cuando estés listo para terminar tus pocos minutos de la oración imaginativa, pregúntale a Dios cómo podrías servir mejor a Cristo Rey en la vida diaria. Desafíate a ti mismo para permanecer en silencio y tranquilo mientras esperas recibir la respuesta de Dios.

Aquí hay algunas preguntas que podrían inspirar tu conversación con el Señor.

PODER

- ¿De qué maneras tengo poder sobre los demás? ¿Qué tan responsable uso ese poder?
- ¿Cuáles personas o situaciones me hacen sentir impotente? ¿Cómo puedo sentirme más cerca de ti, Señor, en esos momentos?
- ¿Qué puedo hacer, Señor, para llevar tu poder a las personas y lugares que veo todos los días?

ETERNIDAD

- ¿Cómo yo reacciono cuando las buenas relaciones o experiencias llegan a su fin?
- ¿Cómo enfrente situaciones desagradables que parecen durar para siempre?
- ¿Qué puedo hacer, Señor, para llevar tu vida eterna a las cosas que debo hacer todos los días?

VERDAD

- ¿Qué tan importante es para mí decir la verdad?
- ¿Cómo hablaría o actuaría de manera diferente si tú, Señor, estuvieras visiblemente a mi lado todos los días?
- ¿Qué puedo hacer, Señor, para dar testimonio de que creo en ti?

Lecturas de hoy: Dn 7:13-14; Sal 93 (92):1, 1-2, 5; Ap 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

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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

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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.

NOVEMBER 25, 2018 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth.
— *Revelation 1:5*

Jesucristo es el testigo fiel, el primogénito de los muertos Y gobernante de los reyes de la tierra.
— *Apocalipsis 1:5*

CHRIST IS KING

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It's easy to understand today's scriptures as events that happened long ago and far away, or predictions that will come true somewhere, some day. But they invite us to claim Christ as our King here and now. Jesus' words to Pilate in the Gospel remind us that his kingdom transcends time and place. And the prophecies from Daniel and Revelation give us reason to be faithful to Christ our King right here and right now.

By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only King over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. No matter what nation we belong to or what language we speak, he "has made us into a kingdom" (Revelation 1:6)—one people united in love and peace for all eternity. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

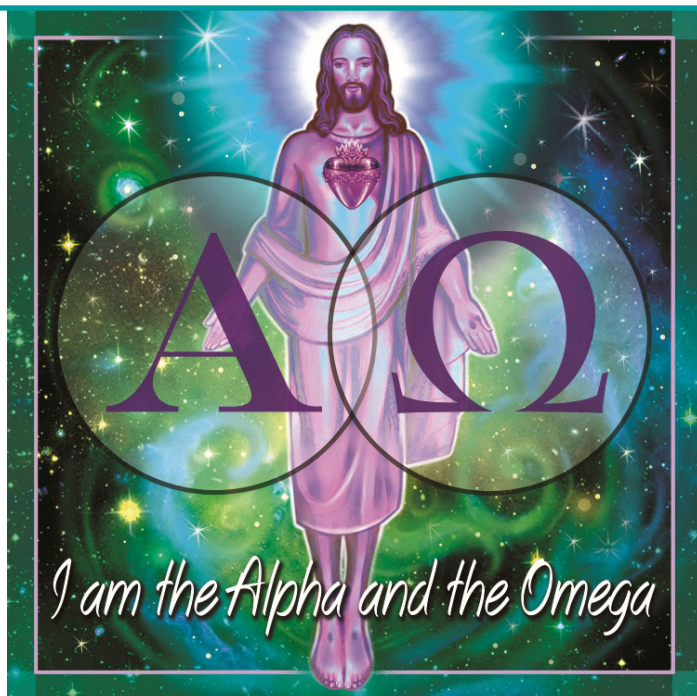
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

Psalms — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

Second Reading — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

Gospel — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37). 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.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

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

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although our Puritan forebears at Plymouth Rock were almost a hundred years removed from their Catholic roots, the old liturgical calendar still had an unconscious claim on their hearts. We've already seen how on Saint Martin's Day, November 11, medieval continental Europe observed a great harvest day of Thanksgiving, with games, dances, parades, and a festive dinner of roast goose. With the goose went ample draughts of "Saint Martin's Wine," the first wine of the new harvest. Martinmas celebrated full barns and larders stocked for the winter. Even after the Reformation, the tradition of eating goose on Saint Martin's Day was retained in Holland, and it was there that our Pilgrims encountered this tradition. When Governor Bradford sent four hunters out into the Massachusetts wilderness in the autumn of 1621, they did indeed find some geese and ducks, and were persuaded by the indigenous people to try turkey, too.

Just as the liturgical calendar has been tweaked over the years, President Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving to the third Thursday in November in 1939, probably to extend the Christmas shopping season. The protest was so great that in 1941 the day established by President Lincoln, the last Thursday in November, was restored. If the Pilgrims had known of the Martinmas connection, they might never have celebrated at all! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

GRATITUDE

What is gladness without gratitude, and where is gratitude without a God? —Coventry Patmore



Diocese of Venice Scripture Series Bible Study Training Day

Thursday

November 29, 2018

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
St. William Catholic Church
601 Seagate Drive
Naples, FL 34108
(239) 261-4883

Cost

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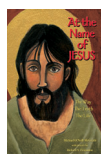
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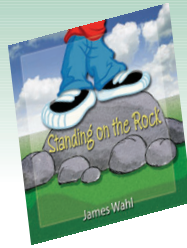


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