

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

OCTOBER 28, 2018—THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

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Mon. Oct 29 +Wally Bermingham
8:30 am Requested by Toni Anfinzen
Tues. Oct 30 Abigail Zimmerman
8:30 am Requested by Pete & Bonnie LaVigne
Weds. Oct 31 Members of the Parish
8:30 am
Thrs. Nov 1 +THE SOULS OF OUR
8:30 am & DEPARTED LOVED ONES
6:00 pm Requested by Parishioners
Fri. Nov 2 Don Bodziak
8:30 am Requested by Julie Blatt
Sat. Nov 3 Kearns Siblings
4:30 pm Requested by Pete & Gloria McKeown
Sun. Nov 4 Anthony "Tony" Raffaele
8:30 am Requested by Christine & Kevin Sapp
10:30 am +Alice Balsano
Requested by George & Betty Hoyt

Weekly Collections

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WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 13-14, 2018

ATTENDANCE -374

OFFERTORY-\$2,828.00

SECOND COLLECTION-\$915.00

POOR BOX-\$95.50

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This Week

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Monday, Oct 29, 2018

• **Tuesday, Oct 30, 2018**
• **Adult Religious Ed 6 pm**
Wednesday, Oct 31, 2018
HAPPY HALLOWEEN

• **Choir Practice 5:15 pm**
Thursday, Nov 1, 2018-
ALL SAINTS' DAY-HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

• **Masses at 8:30 am and 6 pm**
Friday, Nov 2, 2018-FIRST FRIDAY
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

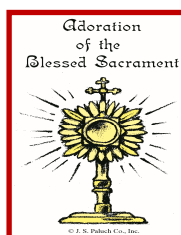
• **All Souls' Day**
Saturday, Nov 3, 2018
• **St. Martin de Porres**
• **Blessed Virgin Mary**
• **Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm**
Sunday, Nov 4, 2018
• **Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 am**
and 5:00 pm (Spanish)
• **Coffee Social after 8:30 Mass**
• **Religious Education**
9:30 - 11:15 am

Monday, Nov 5, 2018

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PARISH CALENDAR

October 31-Halloween
November 1-All Saints' Day-Holy Day of Obligation
November 2-All Souls' Day
November 3-Ladies' Guild Christmas Bazaar
November 11-Veterans' Day
November 22-Thanksgiving
December 2-First Sunday of Advent
December 4-Ladies' Guild Monthly Gathering/
Christmas Luncheon

EVERY LIFE

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in you I place my absolute trust."

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

**OCTOBER IS
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MONTH**

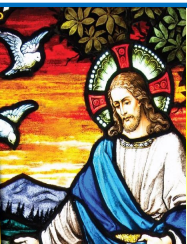


???QUESTION OF THE WEEK???

How would I answer the question Jesus has asked the last two weeks:

"What do you want me to do for you?"

2018 Catholic Faith Appeal



OLMM 2018 CFA STATUS

Parish Goal \$ 85,000.00
Pledged \$ 78,077.95
Total Paid \$ 73,062.59
Balance Due \$ 11,937.41
a/o 10/15/18
Thank you for your generosity.

†SAINTS/FEASTS OF THE WEEK†

Nov. 2-The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed-All Souls' Day-On this day, we pray for the faithful departed. In the Catholic Church, "the faithful" refers specifically to baptized Catholics; "all souls" commemorates the church penitent of souls in Purgatory, whereas "all saints" commemorates the church triumphant of saints in Heaven.-Wikipedia

Nov. 3-St. Martin de Porresur-The illegitimate son of a Spanish gentleman and a freed Panamanian slave, St. Martin de Porresur was born in Peru, and is the patron saint of mixed-race people, barbers, innkeepers, public health workers, and all those seeking racial harmony. It is said he had many extraordinary abilities, including aerial flights, bilocation, instant cures, miraculous knowledge, spiritual knowledge and an excellent relationship with animals. Martin also founded an orphanage for abandoned children and slaves and is known for raising dowry for young girls in short amounts of time.-Catholic Online



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Daylight Savings Time ENDS on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 2:00 am. Don't forget to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour. It's also time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors! And if your smoke detector is over 10 years old, it's time to replace that too!

Veterans Day

CATHOLIC MEMORIAL MASS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018



SARASOTA NATIONAL CEMETERY AMPHITHEATER
9810 STATE HWY 72, SARASOTA
3:00 P.M.

For more information visit ardy@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-484-9543

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, 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."



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"Stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong."
1 Corinthians 16:13



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LOCATION
Charlotte Harbor Event
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DATE
November 3,
2018
TIME
12:00pm-8:30pm

COST
\$20 Per Person
(Includes Dinner)

ALL 8TH-12TH GRADERS ARE INVITED

Registration is through local Parish Youth Group, Religious Education Program, or Catholic School

COFFEE SOCIAL

The coffee social will return for the season beginning next Sunday, **November 4, 2018**, after the 8:30 am Mass featuring Patti's delicious homemade dishes!
ALL ARE WELCOME!



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OLMM LADIES' GUILD
ANNUAL
Christmas Bazaar
NOVEMBER 3, 2018
9 am-Noon

Please drop off your home baked goods at the Parish Life Center on Friday November 2nd between 9 am and 1 pm. Please wrap them in single serve portions. Contact Cathy Piazza at 305-849-1865 with any questions.

THANK YOU!

Vocations Awareness Weekend

HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU?



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ELECTION DAY

Don't forget! **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018**, is Election Day. Please make the time to have your voice heard. It is not just your right, it is an **HONOR to VOTE!!**

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

Refreshments, house tours, testimonies, cute babies ...
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November 4th, 2018
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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.

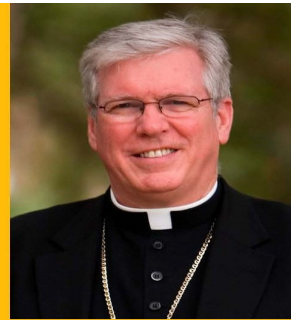
O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother,
we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so
that spared from the calamities common to this area
and animated with a true spirit of gratitude,
we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son
to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless
eternity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

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

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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.**



IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



Steve Ranyak; Sue Bishop; Harry Bowersox; Jean Grover

-Dave & Chris Bowersox

Deceased Members of the Healy and O'Connell Families

-Kevin & Sally Healy

Cora & Bus Forsyth; John & Theresia Strasser; John Hoyt; Her-

man Hoyt; Shirley Hoyt; Elizabeth Ertle-George & Betty Hoyt

Elizabeth Lindblom; Bernard Lindblom, Sr.; Mary Worton;

Omer Richardson; James Sgroi-Gene & Char Lindblom

Jim McDevitt; Peter McDevitt; Agnes McDevitt; Tom McDevitt;

Hugh McDevitt; Michael Melvin; Michael McDevitt

-Betty McDevitt

Leo Miller; Terry Miller; Marguerite Danzell; Stanley Danzell;

Blanche Miller; Albert Miller-Anne Miller

Ray Sharpsky; Baby Boy Sharpsky; Wilbur & Virginia Heil; Pete

& Agnes Sharpsky; Nick & Henrietta Mancuso; Tony & Lois

Piazza; Joe Front-Cathy Piazza

Rodolfo Rodriguez; Otilia Rodriguez; Alipio Pozo; Angela Pozo;

Hilda Hill; Bruce Hill; Elsie Oetterman

-Rolando and Lisa Rodriguez

Howard L. Smith; Jane Smith; Lois Williams; Malte Sallstrom;

Isabella Sallstrom; Alma Tourville; Mark Aspinwall

-Malte & Christine Sallstrom

Hunseder Family; Schoenbaechler Family; Rita and David

Mullin; Elizabeth McMahon; Marjorie Knitowski

-Marie Schoenbaechler

Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Paolantonio; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Vadas;

Margaret Rutherford; Lydia Molnar-Steve & Barbara Vadas

Deceased members of the Bolduc, Lachapelle and Wallis

families; Wally Bermingham-Donna Wallis

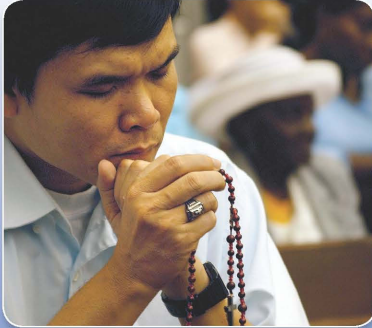
Jane & Ed Gruber; Frank & Marge Delaplane; Deceased mem-

bers of the Gruber and McDonald Families

*You are, O God, quick to pardon and desire man's salvation.
In Your goodness we ask You to grant our deceased brothers and sisters,
relatives, and friends everlasting happiness.
With the help of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin and all Your saints,
we ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

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Maestro, que pueda ver

28 de octubre de 2018 • Trigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Las lecturas de hoy hablan sobre las personas a las que frecuentemente la sociedad desprecia, aquellas que tienen una discapacidad física, que están en una cárcel. Escuchamos de personas que lo perdieron todo y no paran de llorar. La carta a los hebreos nos recuerda que incluso aquellas personas en una posición con tan alto honor, como el sacerdote, están afectadas por la debilidad. La debilidad está al centro mismo de la habilidad del sacerdote para servir a los demás. Por último, es un hombre ciego al que Jesús ve, gritando a la orilla del camino, quien además de ser reprendido tratan de callarlo quienes lo rodean. A causa de su fe vuelve a ver y su primera decisión como una persona que puede ver es seguir a Jesús.

La enseñanza de las lecturas de hoy es que Dios se enfoca en quienes están en las periferias, en los forasteros, en aquellas personas a quien muy frecuentemente tratamos de callar. Dios se enfoca en esas partes de nosotros, nuestras debilidades que intentamos esconder al voltear nuestra atención a cualquier otra cosa. Las lecturas son todo menos lo que es perfecto. Ellos hablan acerca de debilidades, dolor profundo, rupturas que son una parte de nuestra humanidad y

una fortaleza enraizada en el amor de Dios por nosotros pese a todo eso.

AMADO

El éxito no se mide por la fortaleza, la integridad o el poder. El éxito se mide por nuestra debilidad, por el hecho que Dios abraza esa debilidad y nuestra decisión de seguirlo. El sacerdote tiene poder solo porque la debilidad es parte de cada persona. Nosotros somos el ciego, el cojo, el que sufre. Y somos las personas a quien Dios salva y transforma. El hombre ciego dentro de nosotros llora cuando el decoro nos hace estar callados. Nuestra fe clama por la salvación, la integridad, la redención, la vista y se nos escucha. Nuestra ceguera se transforma en vista, y con esa visión vemos al mundo como Dios lo ve, roto y amado.

Lecturas de hoy: Jr 31:7-9; Sal 126 (125):1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6; Mc 10:46-52

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“Always consider others as more holy and more worthy than you, at the same time strive to be as holy as you can be.” -St. Martin de Porres



Catholic Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico December 8 – 13, 2018

Saint John the Evangelist Church is having a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico this December for the feast day. On the feast day, December 12th, we will attend the beautiful Mass of Roses. The cost is \$2,394.00 per person including air from Ft. Myers or Sarasota. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily. Mass everyday. For a Flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

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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.

OCTOBER 28, 2018 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The LORD has done
great things for us;
we are glad in-
deed.

— Psalm 126:3

El Señor ha hecho
grandes cosas por
nosotros; de hecho
nos alegramos.

- Salmo 126: 3

THE HOPE AND PROMISE OF REDEMPTION

The prophet Jeremiah prophesies the end of the Babylonian exile. He describes how the weak and sorrowful people now return with joy. These are the scattered people of God: the blind and the lame, the mothers and pregnant women. They shall be led along an easy road so that no one will stumble. The Lord's kindness and mercy are on all these weak and broken people.

Here and in Psalm 126 we find the most lovely poetic images of God's love and care for us. "Those that sow in tears / shall reap rejoicing. Although they go forth weeping, / carrying the seed to be sown, / they shall come back rejoicing, / carrying their sheaves" (Psalm 126:5-6). Although God had to punish Israel for their many sins, God never forgot them, scattered as they were, and brings them all back to the land of their ancestors, there to flourish and be joyful again. We can see in this the hope and the promise of our own redemption, gathered from the far corners of the earth into the great banquet of God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will lead the people to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble (Jeremiah 31:7-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — It was not Christ who glorified himself, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son; this day I have begotten you (Hebrews 5:1-6).

Gospel — Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way (Mark 10:46-52).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21

Weds: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Friday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40 or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

A SAINTLY DEFINITION

The saint does everything that any other decent person does, only somewhat better and with a totally different motive. —Coventry Patmore

"Compassion, my dear brothers, is preferable to cleanliness."

—St. Martin de Porres



*Go your way;
your faith has saved you*

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today is the feast of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, the first representative body of many Catholics who died for their faith between 1535 and 1679 to be beatified or canonized. Almost all of them died at Tyburn, a place of public execution near today's Marble Arch in Hyde Park, London. The first to suffer were Carthusian monks who refused to swear an oath supporting Henry VIII as supreme head of the Church in England, and the last was Saint Oliver Plunkett, the Primate Archbishop of Ireland. The method of execution was particularly vile, since the condemned were hanged and their living bodies quartered to be displayed around London as a horrific warning.

Today, the tree-like gallows provides the design of a religious symbol, the canopy over the altar of the martyrs in Tyburn Convent. There, at the heart of the bustling city, a monastic community of women practices contemplative prayer and "spiritual hospitality" in the Benedictine tradition. Oddly, the community is French in origin; it was expelled from France a century ago when France outlawed contemplative monastic life. England, where the laws against Catholicism had been lifted, invited the community in. In gratitude to their new homeland, and in honor of those who gave their lives for the Catholic faith, the nuns came to Tyburn. In the public crypt, coats of arms stand for each of the 350 martyrs. A Web site visit is possible at www.tyburnconvent.org.uk. —Rev. James Field,

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ADORATION

"Good friends find pleasure in one another's company. Let us know pleasure in the company of our Best Friend, a Friend who can do everything for us, a Friend who loves us beyond measure. Here in the Blessed Sacrament we can talk to Him straight from the heart."

—St. Alphonsus de Liguori



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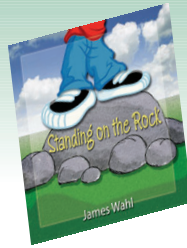


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