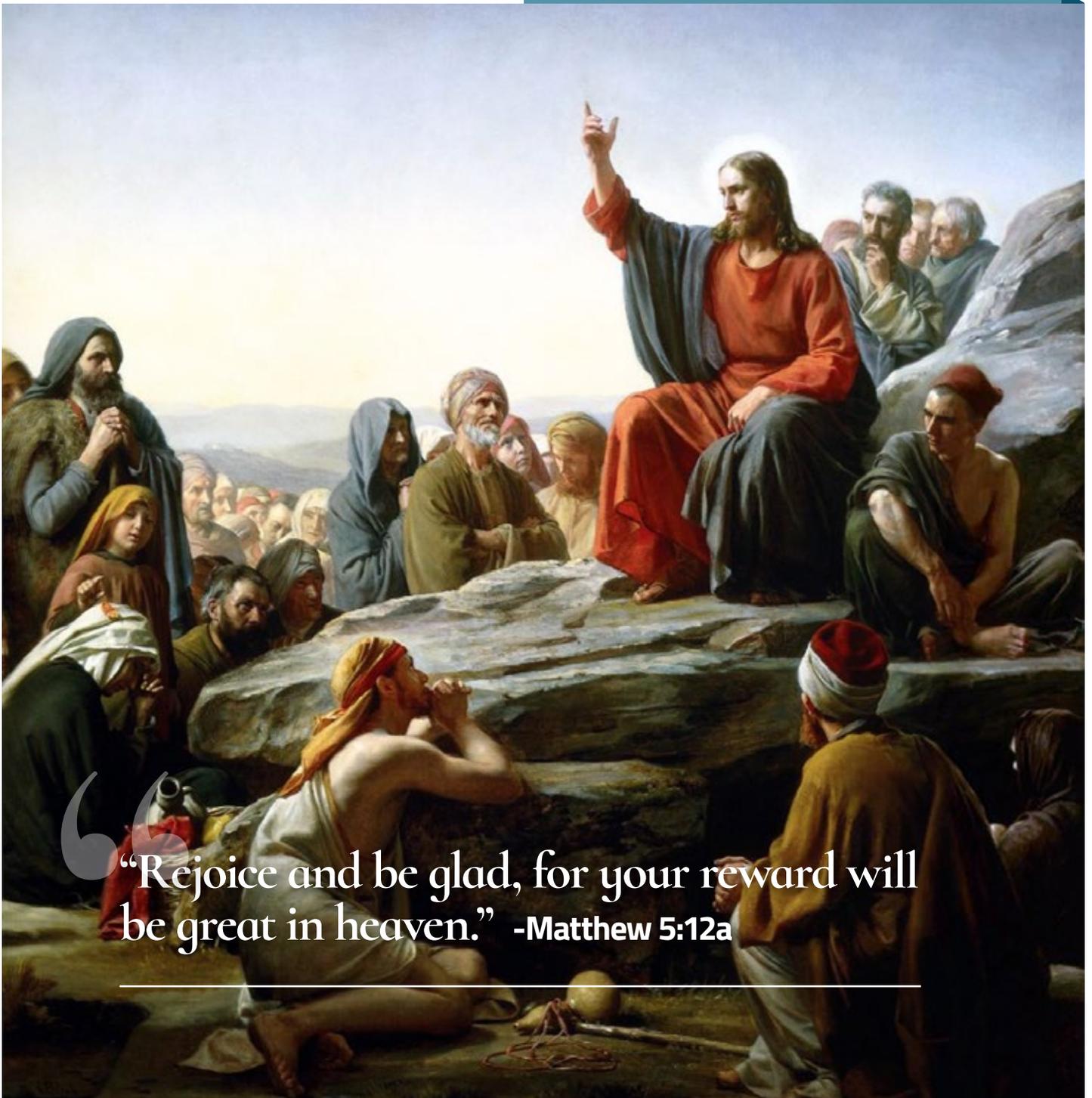




SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE KEY TO THE FUTURE!



“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” -Matthew 5:12a

INTENTIONS

- Mon, Jan 30th 8:30am Mary Lou DeAnna +
- Tues, Jan 31st 8:30am Nancy Carney +
- Wed, Feb 1st 8:30am Adriene Unis +
- Thur, Feb 2nd 8:30am Jack Frisbie +
- Fri, Feb 3rd 7am Paul Dusney +
8:30am Toni Denise Barcomb +
- Sat, Feb 4th 8:30pm William Bracken +
4pm Helen & Patrick Carty +
- Sun, Feb 5th 7:30am Michael & Michael F. Gately +
Enrique Ramon Vargas +
9am James Couillard +
10:45am The Lach Family +
1pm People of the Parish

Prayer Line Ministry: For your immediate prayer needs and petitions call **Dolly at 941-240-5419**. Anyone interested in praying for fellow parishioners & their families, please call.

SCHEDULE

MASSES

Sunday Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 am
Spanish 1:00 pm
1:00 pm misa en español

Weekday Mon-Sat 8:30 am

Holydays 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 2:00 pm
First Fridays 7:30-8:30 am

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

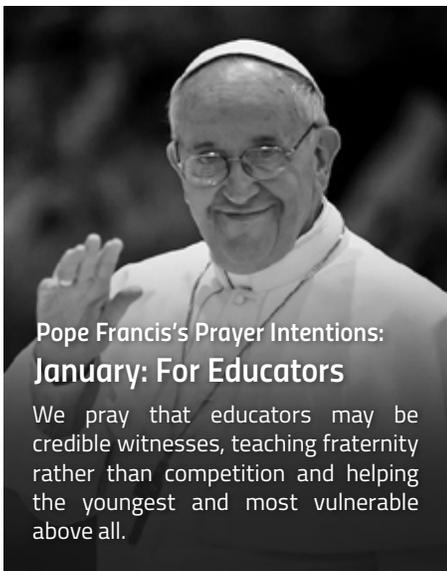
Holy Hour for Vocations at 7:00pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Saturday, February 11 after the 8:30 am Mass

San Pedro Catholic Church... The Key to the Future.

San Pedro is a warm and friendly parish, providing an intimate worship environment. Learn more about us at: <https://sanpedrocc.org/>



Pope Francis's Prayer Intentions: January: For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

- Fr. Thomas Carzon OMV **Pastor**
- Fr. Nathan Marzonie, OMV **Parochial Vicar**
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Happiness in the Kingdom of Heaven: You already have it!

The funny thing about being an amateur or hobbyist is that there is no clear distinction between learning the art and practicing it; you are a painter, musician, golfer, or knitter as soon as you begin to paint, play, swing, or knit.



You may be inexpert, awkward, or struggling at the beginning, but practice is the only remedy for the unpracticed. Do anything enough, and that action eventually becomes natural, as easy as walking and talking. Most people who have a hobby are somewhere between absolute beginner and practiced expert, and that is something like the kingdom of heaven that Jesus announces in the Gospel: already, and not yet.

Last week, the Gospel included his proclamation that “the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17). But what exactly was he announcing? What does it mean that the kingdom of heaven has arrived? This Sunday’s Gospel is the beginning of a long discourse that explains this. This Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-7:12) contains teachings on the moral life - how to understand God’s law and put it into action. St. Augustine called it the charter of the Christian life, and heaven’s charter, or constitution if you will, begins with the Beatitudes. This itself is instructive: “beatitude” means happiness, and this is the first thing Jesus says about heaven. But what he says about happiness is counterintuitive, and even confounding - happy are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for justice, those who are persecuted... clearly, heavenly happiness

is not the same as earthly comfort!

What God deems happy circumstances tells us a lot. What is important to God? What does he want from us and for us as members of his heavenly society? Well, the Beatitudes do not celebrate success, power, wealth, or influence. In fact, they go directly contrary to these worldly aspirations, instead declaring that happiness belongs to the humble, meek, and suffering. God is nearer for those who do not have the luxury of self-reliance, and to them he promises a rich inheritance, consolation, and the satisfaction of justice. What God wants from us is “a broken spirit, a contrite heart” (Psalm 51:17), and what he wants for us is the happiness only he can give.

The Beatitudes teach what true happiness is for us: reliance on our heavenly Father. In the life of heaven to come, none of us will have independent wealth, or self-reliance of any kind; there will be no more injustice to redress, no more merciless rebuffs, no obstacles to beholding God in his glory. And that life to come is already present, but not fully realized. Like amateurs beginning to learn shuffleboard or sewing, we don’t start out good at embracing poverty, meekness, injustice, and dependency, but the only way to be experts at happiness in heaven is to start practicing now.

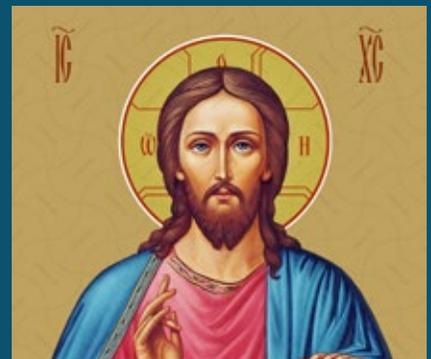
By Fr. Nathan Marzonie

HEAVENLY HAPPINESS

Makarios can be translated as “privileged” or “fortunate” as well as “blessed” or “happy,” teaching us that heavenly happiness is a gift granted, not a goal achieved.

Ancient philosophers talked about happiness a lot, but what they speculated about was eudaimonia - the “good life” achieved by the practice of virtue, living in accord with the deepest values and aspirations oriented to the good of the person, family, and community. Their contributions are certainly valuable to understanding the moral life and natural human flourishing, but what Jesus talks about in the Gospel is makarismos - which refers to a condition or circumstance of happiness. Makarios can be translated as “privileged” or “fortunate” as well as “blessed” or “happy,” teaching us that heavenly happiness is a gift granted, not a goal achieved.

In the Christian life, we talk about happiness in both senses: happiness that comes from living a life of virtue (eudaimonia) and from God’s grace (makarismos). God has made us for both human excellence and the gifts of his grace, giving us the dignity of partners working toward the fulfillment of his kingdom.





St. Vincent de Paul Society CALL FOR MEMBERS

Since Hurricane Ian, the St. Vincent de Paul conference here at San Pedro has assisted families in our community with many urgent needs, from utility and rental assistance to food and gas cards. Your generosity provides the resources, and the SVDP Society makes sure your gift has its effect in people's lives. Our San Pedro conference is itself in need - of members to help answer the calls we receive and respond to the requests for assistance.

For more information, stop by our ministry fair February 11th from 1-4 pm, or contact us at 941-426-3894.



2nd Collections

2nd Collection for January 29, 2023:
None

2nd Collection for February 5, 2023:
Black and Indian Missions

Offertory 01/15/2023

Offertory: \$13,811
2nd Collection: \$1,919
Capital Expenses

COMING IN 2023

The Catechism in a Year Companion

Do you want to grow in knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith? Ascension Press is releasing *The Catechism in a Year (C/Y)* with Fr. Mike Schmitz. It is a daily audio series that features a reading from *The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)* with brief commentary. You can access it directly from MyParish app or numerous podcast platforms and YouTube. The reading plan for the entire year is available at ascensionpress.com.



Check out the "MyParish" App!

Find the parish bulletin, calendar of events at San Pedro, quick links to the Catechism in a Year and Bible in a Year, and much more on the San Pedro MyParish app!

Vietnamese Celebration

Lunar New Year!

February 5, 2023
4:00 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Mass



Catholic Faith Appeal

Goal: \$216,000
Percent of Goal: 82.72%
Total Pledged Amount: \$178,684
Total Payments: \$178,162
As of 01/18/2023



The gratitude goes to...

Altar Bread and Wine for the month of January: In Loving Memory of Peter and Catherine Dwornik by the Kukulski Family

Flowers on the Altar: In loving Memory of Beryle I. Masterson by Christopher & Agnes Masterson



FAITH. FRIENDSHIP. PRAYER.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets **every Tuesday after the 8:30 am Mass in the Parish Life Center.** Be part of a dedicated group of women and men doing the Blessed Mother Mary's work through the hands of the Legion of Mary. If you're interested in joining, contact: Rae Contursi at 908-577-1464.

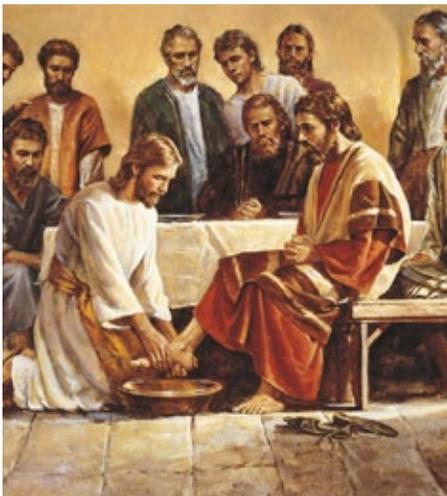


SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

Ministry Fair!

All parishioners are invited to a Ministry Fair on Saturday, February 11 from 1 pm to 4 pm in the Activities Center.

- Come find out what is happening at our Parish.
- See how you can get involved.
- Ministry Representatives will be there to share information about their ministry and give you an opportunity to get involved.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration for 2023-2024



BEGINS 02/05/23

Registration for 2023-2024 Faith Formation begins February 5, 2023, in the Parish Life Center. Visit the Faith Formation office for the forms.

Communion Year 2 parents, please call the Faith Formation office for an appointment to register.

TENTATIVE CLASS TIMES SEE BELOW

Sundays at 9:00am – 10:15am

Grade: Kindergarten

1 (part 1 Communion preparation)

2 (part 2 Communion preparation)

3rd/4th, 5th/6th, and Pre-Confirmation

Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30

Grade: 5th-6th-7th | Pre-Confirmation

Basic Faith-Older kids Yr 1 Communion

Communion Year 2 registrations by appointment ONLY. Please call office to schedule. FAITHFORMATION@SANPEDROCC.ORG

There are several opportunities to volunteer in the Faith Formation Program, and we need help to build up our community. If you are interested in helping or finding out where your gifts can be used, please call Miss Anne at 941-426-2893.

Mandatory Confirmation Retreat

Year 1-2024 students & Year 2-2023 students

Saturday February 4, 2023, from 10:00am until 2:00pm at the Parish Life Center. Please contact Miss Anne for further details.

GET INVOLVED IN WHATEVER WAY YOU CAN

Respect Life Ministry

Donations for Pregnancy Support Centers

The Respect Life Ministry will collect donations in the Narthex (entrance) of our church the weekend of January 28-29. **Items needed are diapers, wipes, onesies, sleepers and outfits sizes 9-24 months, baby shampoo and lotion, baby swaddles, plush blankets, breast feeding supplies.** Cash and gift cards are also welcome.

Please consider helping in whatever way you can! For more information, please contact Deacon Rich at 941-412-4718.

Sarasota Prayer Walk for Life

Join others for the 25th Annual Sarasota Prayer Walk for Life on Tuesday, February 7. The event begins with the 8:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane at St. Martha Catholic Church, 200 North Orange Avenue. A bus will shuttle people from the church to 7th Street where walkers will circle the block around Planned Parenthood in prayer. The shuttle will run between 9:00 a.m. and noon. Light refreshments will be available near the bus stop on 7th Street. Questions? Contact Jeanne Berdeaux at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-374-1068.



"Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement: An Ignatian Path to Hope"

FEBRUARY 25 & 26, FATHER TIMOTHY GALLAGHER, OMF AT SAN PEDRO CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Father Gallagher is an acclaimed author of numerous best-selling books including the Discernment of Spirits, Meditation and Contemplation, and Discerning the Will of God. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day and includes continental breakfast and lunch. The cost is \$150.00.

Register online at www.olph-retreat.org

Ready to socialize? Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap takes place on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at the Mandeville Beer Garden in Sarasota, 428 N. Lemon Ave, Sarasota. Join us outside in the garden for food and refreshments, presentations, and discussions about the Catholic Faith. The next scheduled date is **February 16**, and the guest speaker is Reverend Shawn Roser, Director of Vocations and a Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Lakewood Ranch. For any questions, please email evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org.

ASSISTANCE AND GROWTH FOR OUR FLOCK

San Pedro Announcements

AARP Tax Aide Program February 1—April 12, 2023 - The AARP Tax-Aide Program will provide free income tax assistance in the San Pedro Activity Center, **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** every Wednesday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm from February 1-April 12. Appointments must be made in person. Appointments will be taken in the Activities Center on **Wednesday, January 25 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, and each Wednesday** during the regular program hours. **If you have questions, please contact 352-593-3187.**

Safe Environment Training - As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and complete online training in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. For further information, please visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/programs/safeenvironment/>. Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. Further, if Diocesan personnel or volunteers are involved, also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton, at 941-416-6114.

Attention Men of the Parish - The North Port Knights of Columbus Council 7997 invites men of our Parish to become members. E - membership is available at kofc.org/join-us. For more information contact our Membership Chairman Tony Salvucci at 617-320-1759. Put your FAITH INTO ACTION by joining. **Vivat Jesus! David Samuel, Grand Knight**

North Port Knights of Columbus Council 7997 will be holding a Fundraiser/Pancake Breakfast at Applebees on Saturday, February 4 from 8 am to 10 am. Breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and a drink. Tickets can be purchased from David Samuel at 614-266-1705 starting.

Couples Wedding Anniversary Mass: February 4 and February 18, 2023, 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 Masses will be celebrated in two locations: February 4th at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at 11am, and February 18th at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, also at 11am. Please contact your local parish office for reservations no later than one week before the event you choose to attend.

Valentines For Veterans

Saturday, February 18th, 2023

Bishop Charles McLaughlin Assembly 1818, 10th Annual Valentines for Vets Dinner with Entertainment by Happy Feet. Saturday, February 18th, 2023 from 6:00PM – 9:30PM at the San Pedro Parish Activity Center, 14380 Tamiami Trail, North Port, FL

\$20 Per Person

Bring Your Own Bottle – Complimentary Sodas & Mixers. Tickets available after all Masses on February 4th & 5th at the Main Exit. Or Contact William Jagenow at 941-426-8594 or WLJAGENOWJR@VERIZON.NET Or Anthony Salvucci at 617-320-1759 or SENSIBONES@AOL.COM



2023 CATHOLIC CHARITIES FUNDRAISING EVENTS

1. Saturday, February 4, at 6 p.m. at the Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota, "Creating Hope", the Catholic Charities Ball benefitting the programs in Sarasota, Manatee, and Charlotte Counties. For tickets or more information, email CCB2023@catholiccharitiesdov.org.
2. Thursday, February 23, at 5:30 p.m. Our Mother's House Wine Tasting at the Venice Community Center in Venice There will be a wine tasting, dinner, and live auction. You will also have an opportunity to meet the new Director of Programs at OMH, Shannon Hoyt. To purchase tickets, email lauren.horton@catholiccharitiesdov.org.
3. Saturday, March 4, at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church (Parish Hall) in Bonita Springs The 2023 Venetian Ball is an opportunity to come together as a community to support and partner with Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice to serve the many Survivors of Hurricane Ian; to celebrate survival and help your neighbor; to Resilience, Rebuilding, and Community. To purchase tickets, and sponsorships or to donate auction items, contact Arlene Carratala at 239-334-4007 ext. 2100 or email arlene.carratala@catholiccharitiesdov.org.
4. Thursday, March 23, at 6 p.m. at the King's Way Golf Club in Port Charlotte will be a night of Boots & Bandanas and a little bit of bling! to benefit the programs in DeSoto County. To sponsor, purchase tickets, or donate items for the auction, contact Gloria Romero at gloria.romero@catholiccharitiesdov.org.

DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

Eucharistic Congress

The Word Made Flesh - John 1:14

Youth Rally
Friday, March 24, 2023
5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Keynote Speaker
Father Timothy Anastos
Music
The Vigil Project



Bishop
Frank J. Dewane

Eucharistic Congress
Saturday, March 25, 2023
9:00 a.m.- 6:00p.m.
Renowned National Speakers
English and Spanish Tracks
Mass & Eucharistic Procession
Men's and Women's
Breakouts



Caloosa Sound Convention Center
and Luminary Hotel
1365 Monroe Street, Fort Myers
www.dioceseofvenice.org
941-484-9543



Devotions

Rosary

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM in the Chapel

Wednesdays 15 decades after the 8:30 AM Mass in the Chapel

Sunday after the 10:45 AM Mass in the Church

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesdays after the 8:30 AM Mass in the Chapel

Novena to Our Lady

Saturdays before the 8:30 AM Mass

First Friday

7:00 AM Mass

7:30-8:30 AM Confessions

8:30 AM Mass

9:00-12:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12:00 PM Benediction

First Saturday

1:20 PM Rosary in the Church

We're here to help:

St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul Conference is available to help. We have Walmart and Publix gift cards to help those who need food, gas or household items. If you, a friend, or a neighbor could use help, please call our help line at 941-426-3894 and leave a message.

BINGO EVERY FRIDAY!
DOOR OPEN AT 4 PM

