

JANUARY 17, 2021

# Sacred Heart

CATHOLIC CHURCH

**The next day  
John was there  
again with two of  
his disciples, and  
as he watched  
Jesus walk by, he  
said, "Behold,  
the Lamb of  
God."**

**John 1:35-36**



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**ORDINARY  
TIME**



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**Fr. Mario Kono,  
Parochial Vicar**

**Deacon George Riegger**

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**Respect Life  
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**Bereavement Group  
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**Knights of Columbus #8074  
Edward Kelly, Grand Knight  
508-612-5893**

**It's not the building...  
It's the people! ♥**

**Regular Mass Schedule (during pandemic distancing)**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 PM Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM
<b>Monday-Saturday</b>	8:30 AM (daily Mass)
<b>Confession</b>	Saturday 9:00 AM (until all are heard)

The **Parish Library** located in the parish hall is available during office hours, when the hall is not being used for another function/activity. Please be respectful of others before entering the hall when it is occupied for any reason.

**Parish Income**

Sincere thanks to all those who contribute faithfully and generously to our parish. Please do not tape or staple your envelopes. Thank you.

Parish income for January 10, 2021: \$12,352.00.



*Sacred Heart*  
CFA Status Report  
**January 79, 2021**

Goal	\$329,000
Pledged	\$361,593.28
% of goal	109.91%
Households Pledged	44.42%
Payments	\$359,647.78

**ATTENTION EM'S AND LECTORS**

Our parish secretary, Karen Neal, schedules these ministries. All notices for **away dates** are to be turned in to the parish office. Please provide her with **written notice by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month** as telephone messages often "fall through the cracks". You may also **Email them to karen@sacredheartfl.org**. If you are unable to serve after the schedule is posted, please find your own replacement. This preserves the holiness and dignity of the Word and the Eucharist. Thank you.

**Safe Environment** A report must be made immediately to the Fl. Dept. of Children and Families of any sexual abuse. The Abuse Hotline number is 1-800-962-2873. A report must also be made to Victim Assistant Coordinator of the Diocese of Venice, Susan: at 914-416-6114.

## Sacraments and Prayer Services

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every First Friday of the Month in the Mary Chapel from 9:00AM until 10:00AM.

**Adoration & Benediction:** Eucharistic Adoration begins after 8:30AM daily Mass at 9:00AM each Friday, followed by Benediction at 10:00AM.

**Baptisms:** Parents must register through the office to attend the Baptism preparation class and schedule the Baptism with the parish secretary.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):** Confession on Saturday morning at 9:00AM until all are heard. Private confession by appointment only with a priest.

**Marriage:** Contact the Parish Office at least six months before the wedding date.

**Ministry to the Homebound:** Contact Gwen Coté (941) 347-7438.

**R.C.I.A.:** Contact Gwen Coté (941) 347-7438.

**Rosary:** The Rosary is recited every day one half hour before the 8:30AM Mass. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited every day at 7:45AM before the rosary is said.

**Charismatic Prayer Group:** Come and share the joy of praising God together with us every Thursday evening at 7:15PM in the Parish Center. Call Dave/Lee (941) 626-8060 or Paul/Tricia (941) 637-4986.

**Sacramental Preparation for Children/Teens or Faith Formation:** Contact Rita Sheridan (941) 639-9545.

**Respect Life:** Please pray with us at the Peaceful Prayer Vigils at the abortion facility on Olean Boulevard. Prayer times are Tuesday and Wednesday, 1:30 to 4:30PM, & Thurs, Fri, Sat from 8:30AM-12:30PM. Please contact Tom Ferrara for info or to be registered for the time you choose: (941) 391-1649; e-mail: aceferrara1@gmail.com.

## Scripture Readings Next Week

Sunday, January 24, 2021  
*Third Sunday In Ordinary time*

Jon 3: 1-5,10  
1 Cor 7: 29-31  
Mk 1: 14-20



### The Tabernacle Light

Will Burn This Week  
In Memory  
of  
† Sister Mary Mercedes

## Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

## Mass Intentions



### Saturday, January 16

4:00 P.M. Int. Msgr. Philip Hill  
† Dorothy Kelly

### Sunday, January 17

7:00 A.M. † Jack Mooney  
Int. Sacred Heart Parishioners  
9:00 A.M. † Mary Voigt  
† Noreen Cacchione  
11:00 A.M. † Bruce Patrick McHale  
† Charmaine Vincent  
Tworkowski

### Monday, January 18

8:30 A.M. † Bruce Williams  
† Ben Czul

### Tuesday, January 19

8:30 A.M. † Paul Hillebrand  
† Mark Warner

### Wednesday, January 20

8:30 A.M. † Edward Valenson  
† Aida Valenson

### Thursday, January 21

8:30 A.M. Int. Msgr. Philip Hill  
† Kevin Wass

### Friday, January 22

8:30 A.M. † Deceased Members of  
Joseph & Rose Ferrara Family  
† John Minchak

### Saturday, January 23

8:30 A.M. † Ann Ziska  
† Carl & Joanne Jensen  
4:00 P.M. † Michael Lepanto  
† Norman Hartmann

### Sunday, January 24

7:00 A.M. † Thomas McCrone  
† Ella Drake  
9:00 A.M. † Donald Denninger  
† Salvatore Palazzolo  
11:00 A.M. † Margaret Porta  
† Warren & Juanita Greenwell



## Come Follow Me

*I* once knew a man named Walter. He taught me what it means to follow the Lord. He taught me more than any course I ever took, lecture I ever attended, or inspiration I have ever received

in prayer. I met Walter when I was 19. I entered the Convent, believing I was answering Jesus' call to follow. The Bronx was my home. To say I was wide-eyed and naïve would be an absolute understatement. But I was sincere in my desire to follow, though I had no idea what following would mean.

God sent me Walter to teach me what it means to follow. Walter was homeless, and he lived on the streets of the Bronx. Walter came to the Convent hungry on Holy Thursday evening in 1976. He asked for food. The other Sisters I lived with were a little more cautious. I know now, he was not there for them; he was there for me. I invited Walter into the Convent and made a place for him in the front parlor. (I think only Convents have parlors.) A sandwich would simply not do on Holy Thursday. Instead, I prepared a full plate of the dinner we had just finished, lamb, potatoes, vegetables, and a salad. I sat and chatted with him while he ate. I sent him on his way with a sandwich and a cup of coffee and went to the Holy Thursday service. Walter came by several times a week over the next several months. Each time I gave him a full meal and sat and talked to him about life, both his and mine.

In mid-summer, I went to mass at Saint Lucy's parish church. Walter was standing in the back when I walked into the Church. He saw me and began to make a huge scene, calling out, telling everyone he was my friend. I was embarrassed by the scene he was making. I walked away from him without talking to him and took my seat in the first row. I was upset by the encounter, remembering the look in his eyes when I walked away. Midway through the mass, I came to my senses. What was I doing? How could I sit there at the table of the Lord when I had just walked away from Walter? I left the Church to find him. He was gone. He never returned to my home for a meal. For the next 3 years, I searched for him and never saw him. I grieved his loss.

But I know that God sent me Walter to teach me what it means to follow him. He showed me where he lives, and he gave me the most profound life lesson about being His follower. Often people ask why I retell this story. It certainly wasn't my finest hour. But it was God's finest hour in my life. When God sends people into my life now, I look in their eyes, and I see the eyes of Walter. When God calls me, I respond without embarrassment or hesitation, and I remember Walter.

God sent me Jesus in the person of Walter, so I would follow and not be only an inch deep in my commitment to Him. I was an inch deep with Walter, and I patted myself on the back, thinking I was quite noble in what I did for him. God showed me that to follow Him is sometimes uncomfortable and challenging. He showed me that a superficial faith would never cut it. He needed and wanted more from me, and my desire to follow him.

Peter and Andrew in the Gospel looked into the eyes of Jesus, and they dropped everything to follow Him. Imagine how powerful His eyes must have been. His eyes lured them to leave everything and follow.

For most of us, following the call of the Lord is not as powerful as it was for Peter and Andrew. We don't drop everything. Perhaps that is not what he wants from us. But He does want a faith that is more than an inch deep from all of us. He wants our willingness to always follow through thick and thin when it is easy and painful.

Jesus came to me and changed my life through a homeless man named Walter. Who did He send you?

In God's Unending Love,

*Gwen Cote*  
Gwen Cote, Pastoral Associate



**Parish Office CLOSED**  
**Monday, January 18**  
 in observance of  
**Martin Luther King Day.**

**Free Rosary Repair Service**  
 Send your broken rosaries in a padded envelope to Betty and Dick Holden, 7930 Estero Blvd. #502, Fort Myers, FL 33931. Rosaries will be repaired and returned within the week of receipt. Donations of old rosaries are also accepted which will be repaired and sent to missions. Include a note indicating repair or donation. For more details, please call 239-463-3993 or email holdenbnd@gmail.com.



**“Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane”**



Join Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, for his monthly radio program on Relevant Radio. "Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane" can be heard at 8:30 a.m., Friday, January 29. Anyone has access to the program at <https://dioceseofvenice.org/our-bishop/relevant-radio-podcasts>

**Virtual Catholic Days at the Capitol**

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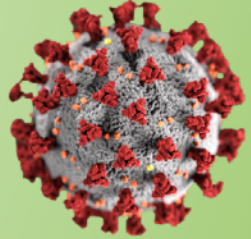
Through the use of technology, Catholics will continue to bring their values and voices to Tallahassee to promote and protect human life and dignity. Register now to participate in the February 2 and 3 virtual event to include a legislative briefing on key bills, a rosary with the Florida Bishops, an award presentation to a legislator, meetings with legislators and the

Red Mass of the Holy Spirit. Join us for all or any part of the event! For details see [flaccb.org/cdac](http://flaccb.org/cdac) or contact Jeanne Berdeaux at [Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org) or 941-374-1068 today.



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<https://venice.thefloridacatholic.org>

**COVID-19 Vaccines**  
 The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement on the new COVID-19 vaccines. The full statement and additional information are available online in English and Spanish at [usccb.org/prolife/biomedical-research](http://usccb.org/prolife/biomedical-research)

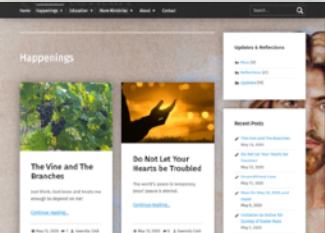


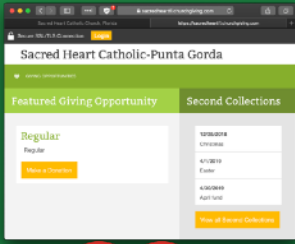
**Couples Wedding Anniversary Mass—February 6 & March 6, 2021**

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 6<sup>th</sup> at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice at 10am and 12pm, and March 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at 10am and 12pm. Please call your local parish office for reservations no later than a week before the event you choose to attend.



**Have You Visited [SacredHeartFL.org](http://SacredHeartFL.org)?**  
 You will find SacredHeartFL.org to be the hub for all of our parish web presence. Articles, spiritual reflections, links to Diocese events, a parish calendar and links to our public YouTube channel and Facebook page (no account required).  
**Masses** are presented there as well! When you reach [SacredHeartFL.org](http://SacredHeartFL.org), click on “Happenings” or “Mass”





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<https://sacredheartFL.churchgiving.com>

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Thank you for your support, as we work through the pandemic's challenges.



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