

Feb. 19-20, 2022 | Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

AVE MARIA

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Weekly Reflection



Last week, we said that the construction of a Christian Culture requires our submission to beauty. This week, let us consider how **man's cultural effort also requires submission to the good.**

Saint Paul teaches: *"Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good,"* (Rom 12:9). The apostle encourages us to be sincere. Sincerity delivers us from any pretense, deceit, or hypocrisy. Now, what does "sincere love" mean according to the apostle? We can answer this question with a story: the trial of the seven sons and their mother in 2 Maccabees, chapter 7:

The mother told her little son in front of the executioner: *"Son, have pity on me, who carried you in my womb for nine months, nursed you for three years, brought you up, educated and supported you to your present age . . . Do not be afraid of this executioner, but be worthy of your brothers and accept death, so that in the time of mercy I may receive you again with your brothers."* That is true love, that is sincere love! The love of a mother who loves not only the physical good of her son, but also and especially his spiritual good. The son understood very well the mother's message and accepted the trial.

If we want to have a positive impact in our society and culture, we must hate what is evil and hold on to what is good. Then, we will be true lovers who rejoice with the truth. If we love in this way, we will also rejoice in the good.

Our Priests

<i>Pastor</i>	Fr. David M Vidal, Ph.D. <i>Fr.David@avemariaparish.org</i>
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Our Deacons

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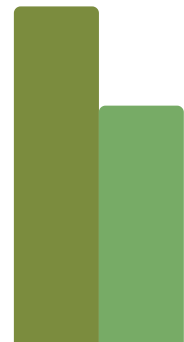
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Collection Summary

● 2/5 & 2/6 Total	\$26,809.55
● Weekly Budget*	\$18,943.24
Donations to CFA	\$83,421.50
CFA Goal	\$210,000
Campaign Victory Goal	\$3,000,000
Total Campaign Pledges	\$2,358,394
Pledges Collected to Date	\$1,538,960

*Does not include the maintenance of the parish debt



MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

Through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace

Sat. February 19

- 9:00am + Dick Weber
- ● 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm + Mary & Paul Kerrick
- 7:00pm (SP) Dr. Roderick Santa Maria

Sun. February 20

- 8:00am The Parish Community
- 10:00am Jan Rau
- 12:30pm (EF) Timothy Halisky
- 7:30pm + Rosemary Buck

Mon. February 21

- 7:30am Emily Rae Daub
- 12:00pm + Don Kleinrichert
- ● 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm John & Sylvia Czarnetzky

Tues. February 22

- 7:30am Irene Starrs
- 12:00pm + Christine Sanese
- 5:00pm + Eileen Fallon

Wed. February 23

- 7:30am + Carmel DeLeon
- 12:00pm + Emil Martocci
- ● 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Sal Belfato

Thur. February 24

- 7:30am + Dolores Gormley
- 12:00pm + Dick Weber
- 5:00pm + Dick Weber

Fri. February 25

- 7:30am + Carmel DeLeon
- 12:00pm + Jimmy Gomez
- ● 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Sabina (Sheila) Brosnahan
- 6:30-7:30pm Holy Hour & Confessions

Color Key for Priests

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| ● Fr. David Vidal | ● Fr. Joseph Lugalambi |
| ● Fr. John Andem | ● Fr. Ignatius |
| ● Fr. Piotr Paciorek | ● Fr. Anbu |
| ● Fr. Romanus Cessario | ● FSSP |
| ● Fr. Rick Martignetti | ● Fr. Bob Garrity |
| ● Fr. Guy Mansini | ● Fr. Richard Bondi |

Contact the Parish Office to remember your own dearly departed loved ones in the Holy Mass.

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Contacte a la Oficina Parroquial por Intenciones de Misas.

Prayer of the Week: Prayer of Saint Ephrem

O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power, and idle chatter.

Instead, grant to me Your servant, the spirit of purity, humility, patience, and love.

O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brother; for You are blessed, now and forever. Amen

St. Ephrem was a holy hermit who lived in the 4th century and composed a variety of prayers and hymns to God. This prayer was said by both Catholic and Orthodox especially during Lent and in several moments of the day.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Baptism

Welcome to the Church!

February 5
Veronica Gazzera

*Contact the parish office for information on scheduling a baptism and the required classes for parents and godparents.



Holy Matrimony

Congratulations!

January 29
Scott Robert Thomas &
Elizabeth Ann Altomari

*Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior. Must be registered parishioner & been attending Mass for 3 months.



Anointing of the Sick

The primary effect of this Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick receive peace and courage to deal with the difficulties of illnesses or frailty.

*Contact the parish office for scheduling a visit to the sick. For an emergency, call 239.261.5555 and follow the instructions.

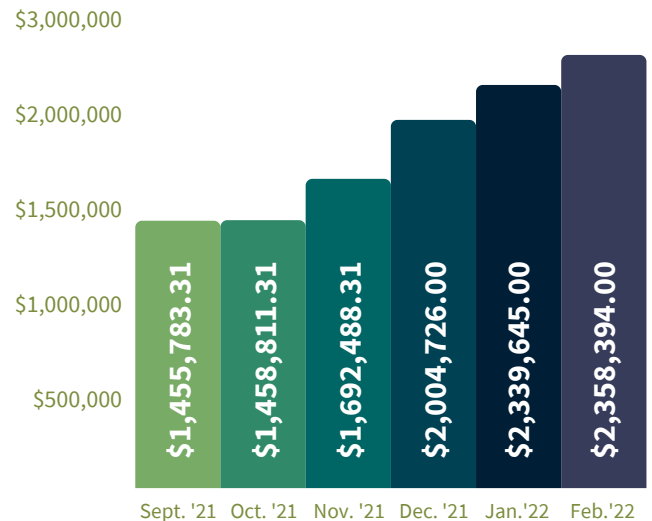


PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

A renewed effort for our Parish to continue our Capital Campaign, ***Our House, His Home, Our Children's Future*** is beginning!

Capital Campaign Donations are distributed in the following way: 85% is directed to debt reduction and 15% is allocated to capital improvements. **Amount raised since we began our renewed efforts in October 2021: \$899,583.00** This has been raised from 123 donors! Thank you so much for your generosity!

Please join us in this effort! For more information, contact our Parish Office Office@AveMariaParish.org or visit www.AveGives.org



PARISH LIFE

Events and Updates



March 2

Ash Wednesday
Beginning of Lent



March 4

40 Days For Life
Ave Maria Parish Day

9am-5pm
6418 Commerce Park Dr.
Fort Myers



March 4

KofC Fish Fry
Ave Style

4-7pm | Parish Hall



March 5

First Saturday
Fatima Rosary

After 9am Mass | Church

Ave Maria Pro-Life Ministry

HELP SAVE LIVES IN FORT MYERS

JOIN AVE MARIA: FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers! With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion

Over 200 abortion workers converted

Over 100 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community: **Vigil location: Planned Parenthood: 6418 Commerce Park Dr. Fort Myers**

Vigil hours: 9:00 -5:00

Local contact: Faythe Papp 860-304-8786

faythepapp@comcast.net

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/fortmyers



March 2-April 10
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Be Aware!

Parishes throughout the Diocese of Venice have been made aware of a scam that produces fraudulent email accounts using the names of priests of the Diocese and/or Parish staff members and emails parishioners with a request of donations in the form of gift cards or Pay Pal.

Consider a scam any message that does not use our domain @avemariaparish.org. Please, do not answer requests that require immediate donations in the form of gift cards or Pay Pal. Contact the parish office before taking any action.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

From A to Z, Ways to Grow and Serve



Dare to Dream Parish Gala

You Do Your Best and God Does the Rest

My sincere gratitude to the 42 volunteers who assisted with the Ave Maria Dare to Dream Parish Gala on Saturday, February 12. Each volunteer was chosen for a specific skill set to take advantage of their God-given gifts.

The parish received generous support from our sponsors and the local businesses who donated to the silent auction. More than 270 guests were present at The Vineyards Country Club to honor the accomplishments of Tom Monaghan who had the bold vision of transforming tomato fields into a flourishing Catholic community in the town of Ave Maria.

Following the Dare to Dream video presentation, Mr. Monaghan provided an update on Ave Maria University and shared how pleased he is to see the coalescing of the Ave Maria Parish Church, the Donahue Academy, Ave Maria University and the town of Ave Maria. Those interested in viewing the Dare to Dream video can visit the parish website

www.avemariaparish.org

Beatrice Sanford, Dare to Dream Gala Chair



DARE TO DREAM GALA TOTAL NET PROCEEDS

Tickets & Sponsors	\$100,070
Donations for Church	\$18,750
Donations for School	\$10,540
Silent Auction	\$17,890
Total Income	\$147,250
Expenses	\$35,441.30
Net Proceeds	\$111,808.70

Donahue Academy

Father Andem paid a special visit to our parish school last Friday. Working with Donahue Academy's IT Director, Fr. Andem was able to bring our fifth and sixth grade classes together with students in Okopedi Okobo, Nigeria. The two groups prayed the Rosary together over Zoom and grew in appreciation for the universality of the Catholic Church.

For those who were unable to attend the Community & Culture Night on February 9th, the entire event, including the children's choir performance, is available on Donahue Academy's website. Key takeaways from the evening include Fr. Andem's statement that Donahue Academy is "the best school I have ever met." Mr. Jahnke reviewed the five pillars of Catholic education and the three transcendentals of classical education. Mrs. Fox's presentation on the importance of building a good foundation in the early years of education made excellent use of audience participation. The educational fruit of a Donahue Academy education was witnessed to by the amazing post-graduation success of the Schneider family, which now includes an aerospace engineer and pilot. Even if you do not send your children to Donahue Academy, we encourage you to watch the presentation and learn what makes our parish school so unique.



Religious Education

Join us for the Children's Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays, from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Church. This weekly guided children's adoration is for children in grades 1-6. Others are welcome to join using the pews in the back half of the church. For more information on any of our Faith Formation programs or to receive the weekly emails that will include a children's Eucharistic story and music tracks, email to **Becky Hampton at Becky.H@avemariaparish.org**

"I urge you to continue and redouble their efforts to teach the younger generations the meaning and value of Eucharistic adoration and devotion. How will young people be able to know the Lord if they are not introduced to the mystery of His presence? Like the young Samuel, by learning the words of the prayer of the heart, they will be closer to the Lord, who will accompany them in their spiritual and human growth." Saint John Paul II



IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE AVE MARÍA

Información para nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión Semanal



La semana pasada, dijimos que la construcción de una Cultura Católica requiere nuestra sumisión a la belleza. Esta semana, consideremos como **el esfuerzo cultural del hombre también requiere la sumisión a la bondad.**

San Pablo enseña: *"Que vuestro amor sea sincero. Aborreced el mal; aferraos al bien,"* (Rom 12:9). El apóstol nos alienta a ser sinceros. La sinceridad nos libera de todo engaño, mentira o hipocresía. Ahora, que significa "el amor sincero" según el apóstol? Podemos responder esa pregunta con una historia: el martirio de los siete hijos y su madre en 2 Macabeos, capítulo 7:

La madre le dijo a su hijo pequeño en frente del verdugo: *"Hijo, ten piedad de mí, que te llevé nueve meses en mi seno, que te di el pecho durante tres años, y que te he criado y educado hasta la edad que ahora tienes . . . No temas a este verdugo; muéstrate digno de tus hermanos y acepta la muerte, para que por la misericordia de Dios yo te recobre junto con ellos."* Eso es amor verdadero, eso es amor sincero! El amor de una madre que ama no sólo el bien físico de su hijo, sino también y especialmente su bien espiritual. El hijo entendió muy bien el mensaje de su madre y aceptó el suplicio.

Si queremos tener un impacto positivo en nuestra sociedad y cultura, debemos odiar el mal y aferrarnos al bien. Entonces, amaremos de modo verdadero y nos regocijaremos en la verdad. Si amamos de este modo, también nos regocijaremos en el bien.



PARISH OUTREACH LENTEN MISSION

March 21-25, 2022 - Save the Dates!

The Holy Season of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, March 2 and ends on April 15, Good Friday. To prepare ourselves for this sacred period, you are invited to attend our **Parish Outreach Lenten Mission** with reflective talks by well-known international Catholic speakers.

All talks will be in the Parish Church from 7 pm to 8:30 pm.

March 21, Monday and March 22, Tuesday: Fr. Francis Peffley, Spiritual Director of the Legion of Mary

March 23, Wednesday and March 24, Thursday: Fr. Chris Alar, MIC

On Friday, March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation of our Lord, Bishop Frank Dewane will celebrate Holy Mass at 5pm in the Church. No registration is needed for these Lenten events, and all are invited! More information to follow.



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Alerta de Engaño y Fraude

Las parroquias de la Diócesis de Venice están sufriendo una ola de mensajes fraudulentos que usa nombres de sacerdotes o empleados de la parroquia y contienen pedidos de donaciones en forma de tarjetas de regalo o Pay Pal. Si el mensaje no proviene del dominio de la parroquia (@avemariaparish.org), considérela un engaño y fraude. No responda a los pedidos de donaciones inmediatas por medio de tarjetas de regalo o Pay Pal. Contacte a la Oficina Parroquial.



Legión de María

La Legión de María es una organización apostólica de laicos en la Iglesia Católica. Cuenta con más de 33 millones de miembros en el mundo. Ha recibido el reconocimiento de numerosos Papas, incluyendo San Juan Pablo II. En nuestra parroquia las reuniones son:
Lugar: **Mary & Mercy Center**
Días: **Todos los Martes**
Hora: **6:00PM - 7:30PM**
Contacto: **Marvin Gaitan, marvingaitan73@gmail.com**

Oración de la Semana: María, Desatadora de Nudos

Santa María, llena de la Presencia de Dios, durante los días de tu vida aceptaste con toda humildad la voluntad del Padre, y el maligno nunca fue capaz de enredarte con sus confusiones. Ya, junto a tu Hijo, intercediste por nuestras dificultades y, con toda sencillez y paciencia, nos diste ejemplo de como desenredar la madeja de nuestras vidas. Y, al quedarte para siempre como Madre nuestra, pones en orden y haces más claros los lazos que nos unen al Señor.

Santa María, Madre de Dios y Madre nuestra, la que con corazón materno desatas los nudos que entorpecen nuestra vida, te pedimos que recibas en tus manos (nombre persona, asunto o situación), y que nos libres de las ataduras y confusiones con que nos hostiga el que es nuestro enemigo. Por tu gracia, por tu intercesión, con tu ejemplo, líbranos de todo mal.

Señora nuestra, desata los nudos que nos impiden nos unamos a Dios, para que, libres de toda confusión y error, lo hallemos en todas las cosas, tengamos en Él puestos nuestros corazones y podamos servirle siempre en nuestros hermanos. Amén.

SOME UNIQUE TREASURES

from Ave Maria Catholic Church & Resources



Pavers

Starting at \$350



Facing Stones

Starting at \$3,000



Custom Rosary

\$85

Email memorials@avemariaparish.org
for more info!



Catholic Culture Series Ave Maria Parish

Last Thursday, February 17, 2022, we began in our Parish the **Catholic Culture Series**.

Joseph Pearce gave a lecture on "A Matter of Life and Death: The Battle for a True Education."

"Catholic Culture Series" intends to show how the Gospel and our Catholic Faith are or should be incarnated in our society.

Please, mark in your calendar our next coming event.

It will be on Thursday, April 7, 7-9:30pm

at the Prince Building Auditorium (AMU).

Patrick Lappert: "What Is Human Nature?

Transgenderism and Catholic Anthropology"

Mary Rice Hasson: "Responding to the Transgender

Moment: A Catholic Imperative"



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kids about
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