

March 19-20, 2022 | Third Sunday of Lent

AVE MARIA

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Weekly Reflection



From Monday, March 21 to Thursday, March 24, a group of missionaries from Ave Maria Parish will visit the entire community. This Outreach Mission is part of our Lenten Parish Program, but most significantly is what defines us as Catholics.

As Catholics, we participate in the mission of Christ. The apostles were indeed confessors of the name of Jesus. Saint Peter declared before the Sanhedrin: *"There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved,"* (Acts 4, 9–12).

Why, then, is there so much hesitation in proclaiming Christ's name to the world? In his Encyclical Letter *Redemptoris Missio*, Saint John Paul II tells us:

"Nowadays, the call to conversion is seen as an act of 'proselytizing.' It is claimed that it is enough to help people become more human or faithful to their religion; that it is enough to build communities capable of working for justice, freedom, peace, and solidarity. What is overlooked is that every person has the right to hear the 'Good News' of the God who reveals and gives himself in Christ, so that each one can live out in its fullness their proper calling."

People have the right to hear Jesus's name preached to them, and we Catholics have the obligation to proclaim his name. Then, we can also say with Saint Paul: *"For an obligation has been imposed to me, and woe to me if I do not preach [the gospel],"* (1 Cor. 9, 16).

Our Priests

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Collection Summary

● **3/5 & 3/6 Total** \$34,722.05

● **Weekly Budget*** **\$18,943.24**

Donations to CFA 2021 \$83,421.50

CFA Goal **\$210,000**

Campaign Victory Goal **\$3,000,000**

Total Campaign Pledges \$2,473,154

Pledges Collected to Date \$1,640,619

**Does not include the maintenance of the parish debt*



MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

Through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace

Sat. March 19

- 9:00am + Karen Apang
- 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm The Parish Community
- 7:00pm (SP) + Mildred Aponte

Sun. March 20

- 8:00am + Victor Dix
- 10:00am Our Parish Priests
- 12:30pm (EF) Norman Mandy
- 7:30pm + Rose Marie Pagan

Mon. March 21

- 7:30am + Bill Edgerton
- 12:00pm + Dr. Thomas J. Edwards
- 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm The Carpenter Family

Tues. March 22

- 7:30am Sandra Dinan
- 12:00pm + Tom Broderick
- 5:00pm Margarite McKnight

Wed. March 23

- 7:30am + Casey Ross
- 12:00pm + Richard & Connie Bozza
- 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Grace Samuelson

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

Friday March 25th: Holy Hour cancelled. Stations of Cross at 7:30pm

Thur. March 24

- 7:30am + Fernando Yepes
- 12:00pm Greater Respect of Human Life
- 5:00pm In Honor of the Blessed Mother

Fri. March 25

- 7:30am The Parish Community
- 12:00pm Helena Leyva
- Confessions cancelled due to AMU and Parish Activities**
- 5:00pm + Sonny Ruberto
- Holy Hour cancelled. Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm**

Sat. March 26

- 9:00am + Anthony Maris
- 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm + Bill Fleming
- 7:00pm (SP) + Louise Paolillo

Sun. March 27

- 8:00am + Roger Papp
- 10:00am + Jordi Llobet Serra
- 12:30pm (EF) The Parish Community
- 7:30pm Brenda Young

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 |

Prayer of the Week: Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Baptism

Welcome to the Church!

March 5
Urban Magnus Lendman

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



Holy Matrimony

Congratulations!

February 19
Beker Ludim Escalante &
Kaithlyn Inez Perez

*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.

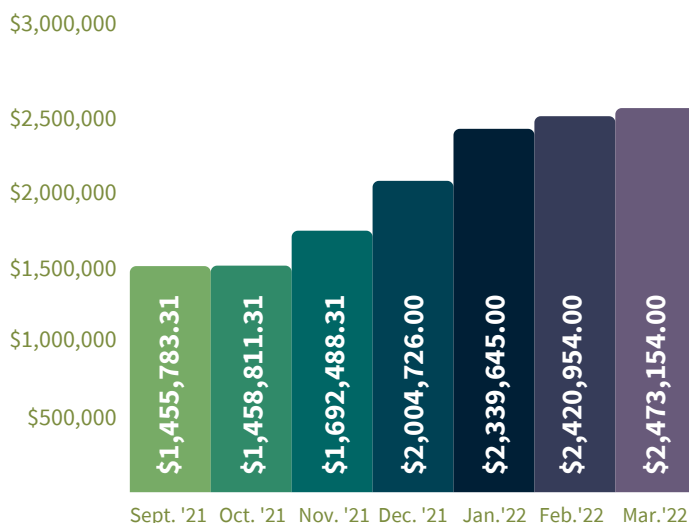


PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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: \$1,014,343.00** This has been raised from 145 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 19

St. Joseph Celebration
Procession and Reception

6-8:30pm / Donahue Academy



March 21-24

Parish Outreach
Lenten Mission

7-8:30pm / Church



March 25

The Annunciation
Patronal Feast of Ave Maria

3:30-8pm / Church-AMU



March 29-30

High & Middle School
Retreat

Dominican Sisters
Donahue Academy



"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.**

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"**

Holy Week Schedule

April 10
Palm Sunday: Saturday 5pm and 7pm (Spanish)
8am and 10am Mass
12:30pm Mass (EF)
7:30pm Mass

April 14
Holy Thursday: 7pm Mass of the Lord's supper
*adoration in the Church until 12am

April 15
Good Friday: 3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
5pm Living Stations of the Cross
outside AMU Prince Building
7pm Stations of the Cross

April 16
Holy Saturday: 11am Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

April 17
Easter Sunday: 8am and 10am Mass
12:30pm Mass (EF)
5pm Mass (Spanish)
7:30pm Mass

Confessions

During Mon. Wed. Friday
Lent: 2:45 - 3:45pm
Saturday 9:30am

Holy Mon. **April 11**
Week: 2:45 - 3:45pm
Wed. **April 13**
2:45 - 3:45pm
Thu. **April 14**
9am until line finishes

Estás Invitado

La Parroquia de Ave Maria te invita a unirse a nuestra
preparación cuaresmal. **Desde el lunes 21 al jueves**
24 de marzo tendremos en la Iglesia de Ave
Maria de 7-8:30pm una serie de charlas
cuaresmales con traducción simultanea en español.

Los **sábados a las 7pm** tenemos la **Santa Misa**
en español.

Te invitamos también a unirse a nuestros
grupos parroquiales **Emaús, Legión de Maria,**
y Matrimonios Transformados.

Por más información, manda un correo electrónico al
Padre David Vidal, fr.david@avemariaparish.org.

Save the Dates!

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| April 7 | Catholic Culture Series:
<i>What is Human Nature?</i>
<i>Transgenderism and</i>
<i>Catholic Anthropology</i> |
| April 30 | Parish Picnic |
| July 14-17 | Emmaus Men's Retreat |
| July 21-24 | Emmaus Women's Retreat |
| July 29-31 | Coming to Fullness:
<i>Discovering Transformative</i>
<i>Prayer</i> |
| Aug 26-27 | Married Couples' Retreat |

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

From A to Z, Ways to Grow and Serve

Ave Maria Respect Life Ministry

The annual Spring 40 Days For Life 2022 prayer campaign kicked off in the Diocese of Venice on March 1, with area churches gathering for a candlelight prayer vigil at the Fort Myers Planned Parenthood facility. The campaign officially runs from March 2 to April 10. According to 40 Days For Life Co-Founder and CEO Shawn Carney, 588 cities around the country will be participating in this annual campaign. Carney describes this event as *"one of the largest mobilizations of pro-lifers in history."*

The Ave Maria Catholic Church Respect Life Ministry Group would like to thank parishioners who participated in our peaceful day of prayer at the Fort Myers Planned Parenthood facility on March 4. We had 107 people from Ave Maria praying for innocent unborn babies and their mothers. This remarkable number of attendees included participation in all age groups, from young to old. We are grateful for the support shown by our parish community.

Thank you to the many people who assisted in planning our day of participation. We would like to continue to invite parishioners of our parish to participate in the 40 Days For Life campaign on any day by gathering family and friends and making the short trip to Fort Myers to peacefully pray for an hour or two outside the facility. If you are interested in going and need more information or directions, please email and let us know. You can contact the Ave Maria Respect Life Ministry President, **Sharon Levesque**, at amprespectlifeministry@gmail.com.



Legion of Mary (ACIES)

Saturday, March 26
10am | Ballroom AMU
Jim Daly
jcaffreydaly@gmail.com



Respect Life Ministry

Wednesday, March 30
3-4pm | Parish Office
Sharon Levesque
sal_11010@yahoo.com



Fraternus

Wednesday, March 30
6-8pm | Donahue Academy
Tom Nuttle
avemariafraternus2022@gmail.com



AA Meeting

Thursday, March 31
7-9pm | Parish Hall
Dan Linton
dlinton58@gmail.com

Donahue Academy

Thank you to everyone who made our St. Joseph's Day celebration such a success. Special thanks to Donahue Academy's PTO and Office Administration for organizing everything and working behind the scenes to ensure everybody could properly honor the Patron of the Universal Church.

Our parish school's high school track team has been to several meets this season. The students have been running, jumping, relaying and shot putting in keeping with Donahue Academy's mission of pursuing excellence in all things. They have earned a number of Top 3 finishes in their events and routinely finish in the Top 10. Pictures and results can be found on the school website.

Congratulations are also in order for our Model UN team. Competing against schools up to 30 times larger than our own parish high school, our students earned three Honorable Mentions and contributed greatly to the overall discussion in their respective committees. As the head coordinator of the Southwest Florida Model UN said, "The fact that three [Honorable Mention] papers come from Donahue is something everyone should be incredibly proud of." This Friday is the Feast of the Annunciation. In observance of this important date, Donahue Academy will be closed. We wish all our students and families a happy, holy holiday.



Religious Education

Welcome RCIA Elect and Candidates!

We are very proud of our RCIA families and sponsors that participated in the Rite of Sending (at Ave Maria) and The Rite of Election (at the Cathedral in Venice) on March 6. In the Diocese of Venice, an estimated 400 Elect (Catechumens) and Candidates will be entering the Church on Easter Vigil. *"God is always faithful to those he calls,"* (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, 133).

When an adult seeks to be baptized, the Church is always looking for signs in that person's life of God at work. Here are some signs we look for: Does the person listen to God's word and respond to it? Have they changed their way of life to match the way of life presented in the Gospel? Do they pray with the Church and do the things the Church does? Do they live a spirit of charity in their family and work-life? When we see these signs in the person's life, we can affirm that God has chosen them to be baptized.

This discernment, testimony, and election are formally ritualized in the Church's ancient Rite of Election. This rite is the turning point for those seeking to be baptized. Their months of preparation take the final turn because the Church recognizes that God has chosen them to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This rite, which takes place at the beginning of Lent, propels them and the Church into the final preparations for the great Easter celebration.

Please continue to pray and support our RCIA families as they near their entrance into the Church. *"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide,"* (John 15:16)



IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE AVE MARÍA

Información para nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión Semanal



Desde el lunes 21 de marzo hasta el jueves 24 de marzo, un grupo de misioneros de la Parroquia de Ave Maria visitará a toda la comunidad. Esta Misión Popular es parte de nuestro programa parroquial de Cuaresma pero de modo más significativo es lo que nos define como católicos. Como católicos, nosotros participamos de la misión de Cristo. Los apóstoles fueron verdaderos confesores del nombre de Jesús. San Pedro declaró delante del Sanedrín: "No existe bajo el cielo otro Nombre dado a los hombres, por el cual podamos alcanzar la salvación," (Hechos 4, 12).

¿Por qué, entonces, hay tantas dudas de proclamar el nombre de Jesús al mundo? En su Carta Encíclica *Redemptoris Missio*, San Juan Pablo II nos dice: "En nuestros días, el llamado a la conversión es visto como un acto de 'proselitismo.' Se dice que es suficiente ayudar a las personas a que sean más humanas o más fieles a su religión, que es suficiente construir comunidades capaces de trabajar por la justicia, la libertad, la paz, y la solidaridad. Lo que no se tiene en cuenta es que toda persona tiene el derecho de escuchar la "Buena Noticia" del Dios que se revela y se nos da en Cristo, para que cada uno pueda vivir en plenitud el propio llamado." Las personas tienen derecho a que se les predique el nombre de Jesús, y nosotros católicos tenemos la obligación de proclamar su nombre. Entonces, podemos también decir con San Pablo: "Si anuncio el Evangelio, no lo hago para gloriarme: al contrario, es para mí una necesidad imperiosa. ¡Ay de mí si no predicara el Evangelio!" (1 Cor. 9: 16).

PARISH OUTREACH LENTEN MISSION – March 21-25, 2022

To prepare ourselves for this Holy Season of Lent, 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 **7:00pm to 8:30pm**. Two priests will be hearing confessions during the talks. **No registration is needed and all are invited!**



FR. FRANCIS PEFFLEY, SPIRITUAL
DIRECTOR OF THE LEGION OF MARY

MARY'S HEAVENLY WEAPONS

3.21 - THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL
3.22 - THE HOLY ROSARY



FR. CHRIS ALAR, MIC

THE SACRAMENTS

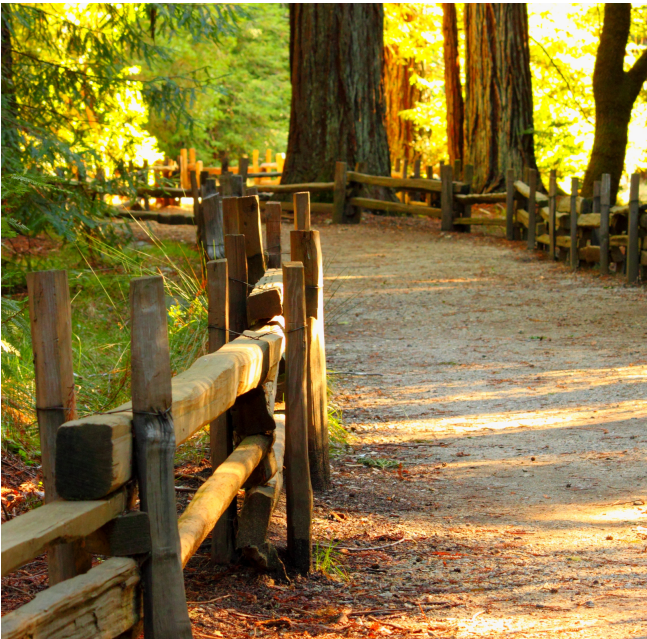
3.23 - ARE YOU SAVED?
3.24 - CONFESSION (PART 1 & 2):
WHAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW

On Friday, March 25, join us as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation, the patronal feast of Ave Maria Parish and Ave Maria University! Our day will include the Parish and University Consecration to our Blessed Mother and the Inauguration of the New President of AMU, Mark Middendorf. Schedule: **3:30pm**: Inauguration; **4:30pm**: Marian Consecration Prayer; **5pm**: Mass presided by Bishop Frank Dewane; **6pm**: Dinner (Canizaro Library Lawn); **7pm**: Concert. To get tickets for the dinner, visit www.AveMariaParish.org before March 20.



IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE AVE MARÍA

Información para nuestra comunidad hispana



Emaús – Emmaus

El Grupo de Emaús (Hombres) se reúne todos los miércoles a las 7:00pm en una de las casas de los miembros del grupo. En los encuentros se lee y reflexiona sobre un tema del retiro. Para mas información acerca del grupo de Emaús (Hombres) en Ave Maria, contacta a **Manuel Milanés** mmpizonero@yahoo.es o **Lucho Forero** lucho.forero@gmail.com

PROXIMOS RETIROS en Ave Maria

July 14–17, 2022. Emaús (English-Spanish) para Hombres.

July 21–24, 2022. Emaús (English-Spanish) para Mujeres.

Por el RETIRO DE MUJERES contacta a **Lilian Pierce** liliancuan@gmail.com

Matrimonios Transformados

El Grupo de Matrimonios de Ave Maria se reúne en **Donahue Academy los sábados de 11:20am a 2:30pm.**

Su objetivo es el crecimiento espiritual y apoyo de los esposos. Se tratan temas como: la comunicación, la intimidad, las finanzas, y la educación de los hijos.

¿Quiénes pueden participar? Parejas en preparación matrimonial y matrimonios en cualquier etapa y/o circunstancia. Para más información, contacta a **Karla y Jorge Cebreros**, mtavemaria@gmail.com

PROXIMO RETIRO de MATRIMONIOS en Ave Maria

Friday, August 26 – Saturday, August 27. (English/Spanish)

Oración de la Semana: Acto de Contrición

Pésame, Dios mío, y me arrepiento de todo corazón de haberos ofendido.

Pésame por el Infierno que merecí y por el Cielo que perdí;

pero mucho más me pesa, porque pecando ofendí a un Dios tan bueno y tan grande como Vos.

Antes querría haber muerto que haberos ofendido,

y propongo firmemente no pecar más, y evitar todas las ocasiones próximas de pecado. Amén.

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9th Annual Marian Eucharistic Conference
Rosary Walk - Holy Mass - Benediction - Praise & Worship
MAY 13-15th 2022



Speakers:
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Dr. Mark Miravalle | Johnette Benkovic Williams | Steve Ray



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