

# Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

1922 SW 20th Avenue / Cape Coral, Florida 33991

Telephone: (239) 283-9501 / Website: [www.drexelcc.org](http://www.drexelcc.org)

Office Hours: Monday to Friday—8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Tuesdays—9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Faith Formation: (239) 283-0525 or [rose@drexelcc.org](mailto:rose@drexelcc.org)

## Third Sunday of Lent



### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**BAPTISM:** Please obtain a baptism registration form either at the weekend Masses, or visit our website. After reading the requirements and completing the form, return it to Religious Education. For more information please email [rose@drexelcc.org](mailto:rose@drexelcc.org). Baptisms are scheduled after consultation with a priest.

**MARRIAGE:** Please contact the parish office at least nine (9) months prior to the desired date of the ceremony.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** Call Faith Formation at (239) 283-0525.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Are you going for a surgery? Do you need The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick? Please see the priest after any Mass or call the parish office.

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:** If you’d like a priest to visit you with the sacraments, please call the parish office.

**PARISHIONERS IN HOSPITAL:** If you are in a local hospital and would like a visit from a priest, please call the parish office. If it is an emergency, please call appropriate church for that hospital.

## MARCH 3, 2024

### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday—9:00 am

Wednesday Evening—6:30 pm

Saturday—9:00 am

Vigil—4:00 pm

Sunday—8:30 am, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm

### CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays—After 9:00 am Mass and 6:00 pm

Saturdays—After 9:00 am Morning Mass 3:00p to 4:00p

First Fridays of the Month—After 9:00 am Mass, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm or by Appointment

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the family of Saint Katharine Drexel, Baptized in Christ, anointed by the Holy Spirit, And nourished through the sacraments and God’s word, Strive to become intentional disciples of Christ, Who are committed to prayer, learning, and service, To build the Kingdom of God.

### PARISH STAFF

**PASTOR** —Father Ricky Varner ([varner@drexelcc.org](mailto:varner@drexelcc.org))

**PAROCHIAL VICAR**— Father Anthonio Jean ([Jean@drexelcc.org](mailto:Jean@drexelcc.org))

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASST**—Alba Gibbons ([office@drexelcc.org](mailto:office@drexelcc.org))

**RECEPTIONIST**—Arianna Affatigato ([office@drexelcc.org](mailto:office@drexelcc.org))

**BUSINESS MGR**—Frank Newcomb ([frank@drexelcc.org](mailto:frank@drexelcc.org))

**DRE**—Rose Marie Talbot-Babey ([rose@drexelcc.org](mailto:rose@drexelcc.org))

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**—John Hudak ([hudak@drexelcc.org](mailto:hudak@drexelcc.org))

**DIRECTOR OF YOUTH** —Aileen Vasquez ([aileen@drexelcc.org](mailto:aileen@drexelcc.org))

**MAINTENANCE**—Ernie Sierocinski ([ernie@drexelcc.org](mailto:ernie@drexelcc.org))

**HOUSEKEEPING**—Gilma Avalos ([gilma@drexelcc.org](mailto:gilma@drexelcc.org))

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Victor Balaj, Peter Barrett, Sr., Barbara Borders, William Carty, Steven Cozza, Deborah Eppinger, Tom Feig, Kathleen Houghton, Steve Ketteler, Mark Pennington, Steve Shaw, and Phaedra Weiler.

### JEREMIAH TEAM

Father Ricky Varner, Timothy Altieri, Peter Barrett, Ken Caserio, Renee Marazon, Anne McCormick, Michelle Plakosh, and Sandy Wilkin.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** Registration forms are available in the church narthex, parish office and the parish website.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday, March 4: Saint Casimir**  
 9:00 am Cameron Feig
- Tuesday, March 5: Saint Gregory of Narek**  
 9:00 am † Timothy Manuel Kelley
- Wednesday, March 6: Lenten Weekday**  
 9:00 am † Gerardine Y. and Twila Heldemann  
 6:30 pm † Mary Louise and Michael Gray
- Thursday, March 7: Saints Perpetua/Felicity, Martyrs**  
 9:00 am Georgina and Gerardo Reoyo
- Friday, March 8: Saint John of God**  
 9:00 am John Rhodes
- Saturday, March 9: Saint Frances of Rome**  
 9:00 am † Annette Louise Stefanuk  
 4:00 pm † Roger Stanley
- Sunday, March 10: Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 8:30 am Saint Katharine Drexel Parishioners  
 10:30 am Dooley Children  
 12:30 pm † Deacon Rich Spiro

“Jesus taught a new sacrifice which the Church received from the Apostles and offers throughout the whole world.”

**Week of: March 3, 2024**

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Thanksgiving of

**Richard Irace**

By Nancy Irace

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Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

**Clarence and Ada Varner**

By Baker Family

The red Sanctuary Lamp by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ.

**Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us.**



**SKD PARISH CALENDAR- MINISTRY EVENTS**

- MONDAY, MARCH 4- OFFICE CLOSED—FEAST DAY**  
 6:00 pm Parish Lenten Mission (Church)
- TUESDAY, MARCH 5**  
 6:00 pm Parish Lenten Mission (Church)
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**  
 8:00 am TOPS (Hall)  
 10:00 am Walking w/Purpose (FFE)  
 10:00 am Mom’s Group (FFE)  
 11:00 am Bible Study (FFW)  
 5:30 pm Kids Choir (Church)  
 6:30 pm Youth Group (FFE)  
 6:30 pm TOPS (FFW)  
 7:00 pm Adult Choirs (Church)
- THURSDAY, MARCH 7**  
 10:00 am CCW (Hall)  
 6:30 pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group (Hall)  
 7:00 pm TMIY (FFE)  
 7:00 pm SOM Adult/Kids Choir (Church)  
 7:00 pm Walking w/Purpose (FFE)  
 7:30 pm Bible Study (FFW)
- FRIDAY, MARCH 8**  
 10:00 am Legion of Mary (FFW)  
 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Dinner (Hall)
- SATURDAY, MARCH 8**  
 8:00 am Man of Christ—TMIY (Hall)  
 8:00 am Cursillo (FFE)  
 8:00 am Franciscan (FFW)
- SUNDAY, MARCH 10**  
 9:00 am Religious Education (FFE, FFW)

*Thank you for your Generosity!*

Your gift to the Catholic Faith Appeal will continue to make a difference in the lives of others!

**Stewardship February 25, 2023**

Offertory: \$17,070.55

Online Giving: \$5,178.87

**Catholic Faith Appeal 2024**

Our Goal: \$241,000

Pledged to Date: \$73,217.00

Payments to Date: \$34,260.32

Want to try online giving?

Visit parish website: [www.drexelcc.org](http://www.drexelcc.org) and click on the Online Giving link!

# Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Ministries

**Adoration Chapel:** Open 24 hours. Please call the parish office for more information at: (239) 283-9501.

**Altar Servers:** Call Rose at: (239) 283-0525.

**Ark Young Adult:** Third Tuesday at: 6:30 pm, Email Kerri Houghton at: [kahoughton1998@gmail.com](mailto:kahoughton1998@gmail.com)

**Bereavement Schedule:** First Friday at 5:30 pm and third Monday at 2:00 pm. Contact Carrie Daniels at: (239) 770-1510 or [carriebereavement@hotmail.com](mailto:carriebereavement@hotmail.com)

**Bible Study:** Wednesdays 11:00 am and Thursdays 7:30 pm. Call Russ at: (239) 574-0020.

**Embrace Grace-Mom & Dad Support Groups:** Contact Rose Talbot-Babey at: [rose@drexelcc.org](mailto:rose@drexelcc.org)

**Church Decorators:** Contact Donna Frys at: (239) 540-7568.

**Children's Rosary:** 2nd Saturday of Month, Contact Gina Moreno at: [gmdibagno@gmail.com](mailto:gmdibagno@gmail.com)

**Council of Catholic Women:** Meets First Thursdays September to May. Contact Vicky Parker at: (239) 219-4537 or email at: [parker0496@yahoo.com](mailto:parker0496@yahoo.com)

**Cursillo/Ultreya:** Vicki Minervini: [vickiminervini@gmail.com](mailto:vickiminervini@gmail.com)

**Gift Shop:** Open Sundays 9:30 am to 11:45 am.

**Holy Spirit group:** First Thursday at 6:30 pm Hall. Contact Renee Marazon at: [renee@marazon.com](mailto:renee@marazon.com)

**Homebound Ministry:** Contact Debbie Eppinger at: (330) 716-3108 or at: [buhlcm2@gmail.com](mailto:buhlcm2@gmail.com)

**Hospitality:** Call Virginia Hinspeter at: (239) 283-3880.

**Knights of Columbus:** First Monday, 6:30 pm. Contact Lazaro Miel at: [www.kofc11177.org](http://www.kofc11177.org) or [miell@bellsouth.net](mailto:miell@bellsouth.net)

**Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary:** Contact Lizzy Paredes at: (239) 233-9050 or [lizzy@lpins.org](mailto:lizzy@lpins.org)

**Lay Augustinians** Every 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday at 7:45 pm. Call Russ Summerton at: (239) 574-0020.

**Lectors:** Contact Laura Furderer at: (239) 691-2233.

**Legion of Mary:** Contact Patricia Crowder at: (239) 573-8318.

**Mom's Group:** Bethany Normoyle at: (239)980-6537 or [brnormoyle@gmail.com](mailto:brnormoyle@gmail.com)

**Music Ministry:** Bell Choir, Cantors, Children's Choir, Contemporary Choir, Traditional Choir.

Contact: John Hudak at: [hudak@drexelcc.org](mailto:hudak@drexelcc.org)

**Prayer Network:** Call Jean Triplett at: (239) 699-2624

**Prayer Team Ministry:** Contact Renee Marazon at: [renee@marazon.com](mailto:renee@marazon.com)

**Prayer Shawls Ministry:** Meeting third Thursday at: 2:00 pm Call Tessa Buechler at: (904) 583-3298

**Pro-Life Commission:** Jeanine Pennington-Chairperson Contact at: [SKDprolife@gmail.com](mailto:SKDprolife@gmail.com)

**Redeemer Associates:** Fourth Mondays at: 6:30 pm. Contact Barbara M. at: [bmeiderdrut@hotmail.com](mailto:bmeiderdrut@hotmail.com)

**Respect Life:** Email Maria at: [RespectLifeSKD@gmail.com](mailto:RespectLifeSKD@gmail.com)

**Rosary:** After Weekday Mass and Sundays at: 12:00 Noon.

**Secular Franciscans:** Second Saturday, 9:30 am. Contact Doug Elliott at: (585) 370-6178.

**Sons of the Joseph:** Mike Vasquez at: [gyllr@me.com](mailto:gyllr@me.com)

**Spiritual Direction:** Rose Marie Talbot-Babey email at: [Rose@drexelcc.org](mailto:Rose@drexelcc.org)

**SKD Family Life:** Contact Rose at: [skdfamily@gmail.com](mailto:skdfamily@gmail.com)

**Table of Plenty Food Pantry:** Contact Ron Curr at: (239) 281-8833 or Kathy at: (239) 770-3551

**TMIY -Timothy J. Altieri, Esq.** (239) 810-1093 Email: [timothy.altieri@altierilawfirm.com](mailto:timothy.altieri@altierilawfirm.com)

**TOPS:** Weight loss support, Wednesdays at 9:00 am, Contact Janice Gainer at: [jgainer396@yahoo.com](mailto:jgainer396@yahoo.com)

**TOPS:** Weight loss support, Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, Contact Debbie Baker at: (937) 626-6247

**Vocations:** Call Parish Office at: (239) 283-9501

**Welcoming Committee:** Contact Judy Ketteler at: (816) 809-2227 or at: [judydesch@gmail.com](mailto:judydesch@gmail.com)

**Wedding Coordinator:** Karen at: [karenrn1008@gmail.com](mailto:karenrn1008@gmail.com)

**Women Bible Study- Walking with Purpose :** Connie Orr Francesca E. (239) 565-8969 or (239) 600-0470

**Youth Group:** Aileen Vasquez Email: [aileen@drexelcc.org](mailto:aileen@drexelcc.org)  
High school: 1st & 3rd Fridays & Every Wed (6 pm to 8:30 pm)  
Middle school: 1st and 3rd Fridays. (6:00 pm to 8:30 pm)

**Pope Francis prayer intention for March 2024:** *For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.*

#### Abuse Reporting

An allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by anyone should be reported immediately to: **Florida Department of Children and Families Child**

**Abuse Hotline:** 1-800-96abuse (800-962-2873) or visit <https://reportabuse.dcf.state.fl.us>.

**If the alleged abuser is a diocesan employer/clergy/volunteer,**  
also notify Victim Assistance Coordinator – Susan Benton at (941) 416-6114



# Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Lenten Mission

## *Lord, Teach Us To Pray*

From the recent Parish Gathering results, many of you asked to be formed in new ways to pray, and we heard you! You are invited to encounter Jesus Christ as you learn to pray in ways that deepen your prayer life. Join us for the Saint Katherine Drexel Parish Lenten Mission: *"Lord, Teach Us to Pray,"* presented by Father Greg Cleveland, OMV and other Guest presenters: Father Luis H. Pacheco (Saint Paul Parish-Arcadia) and Father Daniel Scanlan (Saint Thomas More Parish-Sarasota). The Mission will be focused on Mother Drexel's Pillar of Prayer, deepening our understanding and experience of different ways to pray. There will be teachings and practice exercises in the time-honored prayer method of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

### Mission Schedule and Themes

#### **Sunday, March 3, 2024 "Adventures of the Heart: Meditative Prayer"**

6:00 pm – Hymn, Reading, and Mission Talk by Father Greg Cleveland, OMV

6:45 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer Exercise

7:10 pm – Benediction and Dismissal, followed by Prayer Teams



#### **Monday, March 4, 2024 "Your Face, O Lord, I Will Seek: Imaginative Contemplation"**

9:00 am – Daily Mass with a Mission Talk by Father Luis H. Pacheco

6:00 pm – Hymn, Reading, and Mission Talk by Father Greg Cleveland, OMV

6:45 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer Exercise

7:10 pm – Benediction and Dismissal, followed by Prayer Teams

#### **Tuesday, March 5, 2024 "Stronger in the Broken Places"**

9:00 am – Daily Mass with a Mission Talk by Father Daniel Scanlan

6:00 pm – Healing Mass with the Anointing Rite and Mission Talk by Father Greg Cleveland, OMV followed by Prayer Teams



#### **About the Main Mission Presenter:**

Father Greg Cleveland, OMV is an author and retreat master in Venice, Florida. He is a native of Chicago and the youngest of 11 children. He graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Business Administration and worked in marketing after college. He followed God's call to priesthood in 1987, joined the Oblates of the Virgin Mary [OMV] and attended *Our Lady of Grace Seminary* and *Saint John's School of Theology* in Boston. He completed an M.Div. in Theology and M.A. in Spiritual Theology and was ordained in 1995. Through various assignments he worked with the poor, disabled, and imprisoned. He was certified in spiritual direction from the *Center for Spiritual Development*, NYC and then worked seven years in seminary formation, as Rector and Novice Master. Father Greg served as the Executive Director of the *Lanteri Center for Ignatian Spirituality* in Denver, Colorado. He is currently Retreat Master at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice, Florida. Father Greg is author of *Awakening Love: Spiritual Exercises with the Song of Songs* (2017), *Beholding Beauty: Mary and the Song of Songs* (2020), and *Beloved Lover: Priesthood and the Song of Songs* (2023).



# Saint Katharine Drexel Parish – Lent 2024

## The Basics of LENT

Lent is the annual preparation for Easter observance calling us to reform our lives and to open our hearts to the spiritual blessings God has promised to bestow on us. Lent begins Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday evening when the Triduum begins.

### What Must I Do?

According to the Church's Canon Law, all healthy Catholics from age 18 to 59 are required to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on all other Fridays of Lent. Youth 14 and older are also to abstain from meat on those days. "Fasting" means that no more than one main meal is eaten daily, while in the same day no more than two partial meals are eaten which together don't equal the one main meal.

### What Should I Do?

Take the necessary steps to get yourself on the road to conversion and spiritual renewal. To help you do this, the three main Lenten disciplines urged are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are invited during Lent to practice these disciplines often. But these aren't just chores we must do because the Church strongly urges them; they are above all opportunities to grow in faith and in love for God.

### Why Prayer, Fasting and Alms?

The Lenten basic practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are rooted in Jesus' original guidance about how to be his disciples that we find in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1966-1972) also reminds us that Jesus here outlines for us the new law which, if we embrace and implement it, will lead us more surely to the interior renewal and growth in holiness and perfection that Jesus expects of us as his disciples.

### Should I Set Lenten Goals?

Absolutely! Reflect prayerfully about your Lenten resolutions before making them. Then make yourself a list. But be modest. You may be setting yourself up for disappointment if you set unrealistic goals. And doing a little with love and devotion is spiritually more beneficial than trying to do much but doing it halfheartedly.



## INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION TIMES

- Saturday** – After 9:00 am Mass and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- First Fridays** – After 9:00 am Mass and 6:00 pm
- Every Wednesday** – After 9:00 am Mass and 6:00 pm
- Lenten Fridays** – After 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
- March 21** – After 9:00 am Mass and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- March 22** – After 9:00 am Mass and 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- March 23** – After 9:00 am Mass to 12:00 Noon



## LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

- Saturdays** 9:00 am and 4:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
- Sundays** 8:30 am / 10:30 am / 12:30 pm
- Monday to Friday** 9:00 am Daily Mass
- Wednesday Evening during Lent** 6:30 pm

## Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fasting and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are all three traditional disciplines of Lent. The Faithful, the Elect and those Candidates preparing for Reception into Full Communion in the Catholic Church should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.



# Saint Katharine Drexel Parish – Lent 2024



## SKD Parish Lenten Mission

Theme: *“Lord, Teach Us To Pray”*

### Sunday, March 3

- 6:00 pm Hymn, Reading, and Mission Talk by Father Greg Cleveland
- 6:45 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer Exercise
- 7:10 pm Benediction and Dismissal, followed by Prayer Teams

### Monday, March 4

- 9:00 am Daily Mass with Mission Talk by Father Luis H. Pacheco
- 6:00 pm Hymn, Reading, and Mission Talk by Father Greg Cleveland
- 6:45 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer Exercise
- 7:10 pm Benediction and Dismissal, followed by Prayer Teams

### Tuesday, March 5

- 9:00 am Daily Mass with Mission Talk by Father Daniel Scanlan
- 6:00 pm Healing Mass with the Anointing Rite and Mission Talk by Father Greg Cleveland, followed by Prayer Teams

Mission Presenter: Father Greg Cleveland, OMV [www.omvusa.org](http://www.omvusa.org)

**Holy Thursday – March 28**  
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper  
10:00 pm Night Prayer (Parish Hall)

**Good Friday – March 29**  
3:00 pm Passion of the Lord (Good Friday Service)  
7:00 pm Passion of the Lord (Good Friday Service)

**Holy Saturday – March 30**  
10:00 am Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt  
11:00 am Blessing of Food Baskets (in Church)

**Easter Vigil – March 30 at 8:30 pm** (in Church)

**Easter Sunday – March 31**  
7:00 am Sunrise Mass (West Parking lot)  
8:30 am / 10:30 am / 12:30 pm Masses

### More About the Three Basic Lenten Disciplines

**FASTING:** Expresses our desire to find happiness in God rather than in the satisfaction of our physical needs. The control we gain over our appetites helps us recognize more deeply that all true and lasting pleasure comes from God. Knowing this we are free to gratefully accept food and savor it, or to avoid or limit foods that we know are unhealthy for us. Through fasting, our relationship to ourselves is reoriented toward God.

**ALMSGIVING:** Provides assistance to the poor among us and helps us recognize God as the true source of our security. Property and wealth exercise less control over us when we give away or share our wealth out of love for God and for others. Almsgiving is a way of bringing our relationship to others into the orbit of Christ’s love.

**PRAYER:** Changes our relationship to God. Through prayer, we admit our need for a power that is greater than ourselves. We acknowledge our limitations and let go of the drive to control everything. In the process, we open ourselves to all that God has to offer us.



## HOLY WEEK CONCERT

Friday, March 22, 2024  
7:00 pm in the Church



## Adult-Faith Formation Opportunities

### Women’s Bible Study:

“Walking With Purpose: Rediscovering Friendships”

Wednesday 10:00 am and Thursdays 7:00 pm – Parish Library

### Bible Studies: “Catholicism” by Bishop Barron

Wednesday Mornings 11:00 am – Faith Formation Building (West)

Thursday Evenings 7:00 pm – Faith Formation Building (West)



## - Lenten Soup Suppers/Lessons -

Fridays – 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm (in the Parish Hall)

- Stations of the Cross -

Fridays – 6:30 pm (in the Church)





*A Message from Bishop Dewane*



January 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In Scripture it is written, "...faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (Jm 2:17), affirming that true faith is one of love and generosity. Living according to our faith means doing the good works the Lord calls forth from us - work that glorifies God, demonstrates love for our neighbor, and fulfills our call to serve.

Your contribution towards the Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) is a witness of living the Gospel more intentionally by supporting works of Mercy and Charity. Among the programs sustained by the CFA are evangelization initiatives, education for both children and adults in Faith, formation of future priests, and aid for religious sisters who serve those most in need. The CFA also includes funding housing for the homeless, seniors, as well as mothers and their children.

Diocesan ministries and programs funded by the CFA are highlighted in this brochure. It is my hope that you will put your "faith in action" through a generous gift to this year's Catholic Faith Appeal. Your ongoing support is needed and deeply appreciated.

May the Lord bless you abundantly for your desire to help those among us in need. I assure you of my continued prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Frank J. Dewane*

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Bishop of the Diocese of  
Venice in Florida



March 3  
Feast Day  
Saint Katherine  
Drexel



## History of Saint Katharine Drexel

Born in 1858 in Philadelphia, Katherine Drexel was the second daughter of a prominent investment banker who was worth millions.

She and her siblings were taught that wealth was a gift to be shared. The family opened their home to people in need, and the girls taught Sunday school to neighborhood children.

The reading and traveling Drexel did as a young woman left her distressed by the plight of African Americans and Native Americans. In 1889, the heiress took her vows including the pledge of poverty and entered a convent.

In 1891, Drexel founded the order of Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, dedicated to serving Black and Native American populations. By the time she died in 1955, Drexel's order had grown to 500 sisters in 51 convents.

Thanks to the Gutherman miracle, she was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1988.

After learning about Gutherman's story in 1993, Constance Wall, a Pennsylvania mother, who also inspired to pray to Drexel for her intercession. Wall's one year old daughter, Amy, had been born with nerve deafness in both ears. In 1994, after months of prayer, Amy started to hear normally. It was this second miracle that paved the way for Mother Katharine's sainthood.

She was canonized in 2000.

## Pray for Our Military

SFC Ortiz-Lopez Juan Carlos USA  
SPC Joe Cecil USA  
A1C Matthew J. Clarke USAF  
Maj Michael J. Clifford ARNG  
SFC Steven J Cole USA  
1LT Brent Cox, III, USA  
Maj Hayes M. Cozza USMC  
Capt. Santino E. Cozza USAF  
ESN Jayden Curr USN  
A1C Hunter Daly, USAF  
ENS Tyler Dunnagan USN  
PVT Zachary Dunnagan USA  
GySgt Evan Fancher USMC  
Maj Shaun Floersch USAF  
Lt. Col. James Hannigan USA  
1st Lt. H. Matthew Hernandez USMC  
Capt. Jesse Hudson USA  
Capt. David J. Jacobs USAF  
CAPT Barbara A. Joe, USN  
SRA Richard K. Jones USAF  
Capt Armand Kalugdan USA  
PVT Kole Kalisch USA  
SSgt Kole J. Koontz USAF  
Maj Joseph M. LaPointe USA  
SGT James Losh USA  
MSgt. Brian Lynn USMC  
SSgt Jonathan Mamott USAF  
CPT Ryan McMahon USA  
Capt. Sean McMahon USAF  
PFC Chance McQueen USA  
SGT Michael Mercer, Jr. USA  
Maj Christopher Miller USAF  
LCpl Mark Moreno, USMC  
SPC4 Quinn Ogdon USA  
LT. David Orłowski USN  
PV2 Joseph Patton USA  
GySgt Paul L. Perez USMC  
SGT Alexander Private, USA  
TSgt Taylor M. Purvis USAF  
LT.COL. Tim Ravas, USAF  
LTCol Christopher Richardella USMC  
Capt Patrick Riley USA  
CPL Gabriel J. Roesler USMC  
PFC Robert Theodore Rosso USMC  
SPC Iliana I. Ruiz USA  
LTJG Dean N. Rye USN  
AB Kelsey Santini USAF  
CPL Anthony Saracino, Jr. USMC  
SGT Nicholas Sbarra USA  
SGT Aaron J Seminaro USMC  
Seaman Jeremy Sheppard USN  
LT. Jeremy Sheppard  
PV2 Alexander Smith USA  
SN Andrew Tank USN  
CPT Christopher Turley USA  
SGT Madison Valdivia USA  
TSgt Erika Velasco USAF  
LT. Robert C. Volksi USN  
CPT Garrett Alden Wadsworth USA  
SPC William A. Wallace USANG  
AB Zachary Wheeler USAF  
LT Brad Wilkin USN  
ENS Alex Wowk USN

For info, Email Rita at:  
skd\_prayers\_for\_military@yahoo.com







Dear SKD Families:

It is with mixed emotions; I write this farewell message to express my gratitude and affection for you. I bid farewell to the faith community of Saint Katharine Drexel. Many of you have become good friends to me. Please, forgive me for not being able to tell you in person, I am not good at saying goodbye. I hope that you understand. When I came to SKD parish, I did not really know what to expect; but from the very first Mass many of you greeted me with big smiles and warm wishes. Your steadfast commitments to practice your faith and your dedication to prayer, learning and service has been an inspiration to me.

It has been an honor to celebrate the sacraments with you, to accompany you during your moments of joy, grief and loss, and minister to your spiritual needs through little talks. These sacred moments with you and your family have deepened my faith just as I believe they have also enriched yours. Thank you for the trust you placed in me during the most intimate and difficult moments of your lives.

Undoubtedly, with whatever associate priest assigned here, this community of Saint Katharine guided by the Holy Spirit, will continue to be a vibrant place of true faith, since love, and dedicated service. To each of you, I say, keep the faith and always make your faith-filled journey truthful and sincere. You can reach me at my new parish assignment: **Sacred Heart Parish / 1220 15th Street W / Bradenton, Florida 34205**

May your Lenten season be one of sincere repentance and of grace! God bless you all!

**-Father Antonio Jean**

Dear SKD Parish staff:

As you all know, the life of priest includes being reassigned every few years. Unfortunately, I am not exempt from that principle, and I am not the first priest that you see coming and going after a short time. As I say goodbye to you all, let me say I am grateful to Father Ricky and all of you for everything. Let me also tell you that your loyalty as staff, your dedication, and your commitment to serving Saint Katharine Drexel parish is unquestionable; and it is more than a priest could ever want or ask for. Forgive me for not telling you goodbye in person; I am not good at doing it at all! I hope that you understand. I will always pray that God continue to bless each one of you and your family with good fortune and good health!

Best regards to you all!

**-Father Antonio Jean**



### **Rosary for Life**

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## Saint Katharine Drexel Traveling Chalice

The purpose of the Traveling Chalice is to encourage families to pray for vocations and to promote vocations within their own families during the Eucharistic revival. Each week one family, couple, or individual will be entrusted to take the chalice home as tangible aids for their prayer. We are hoping to have a different family/individual participate each week.

A vocation is a calling from the Holy Spirit, a gift from God that is nurtured in prayer. When we pray for vocations, we lift up to the Father those men and women whom He is calling to serve Him and others in a very special way. *Maybe He is calling you.*

### HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:

1. To sign-up call **Sandy Wilkin at (239) 707-9485** or **submit the detachable form below**. All SKD families/individuals are encouraged to participate.
2. At each Weekend Mass, after Communion, the priest calls forward the family/individual that is scheduled.
3. The priest presents the traveling chalice to family/individual and commissions them to dedicate their prayers that week for vocations.
4. The family/individual places the chalice in a place of honor in their home.
5. Using the chalice as a focal point, each day that week the family/individual prays for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and religious life, married life, and the generous single life. (Prayer booklet will be provided.)
6. The next Saturday Vigil/Sunday, before Mass, the family returns the case to the sacristy. If for some reason that is not possible, please contact the Parish Office at (239) 283-9501 during business hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) for drop-off.

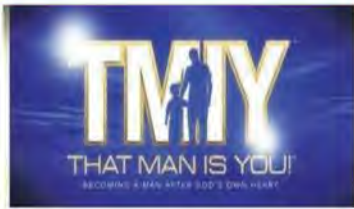
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