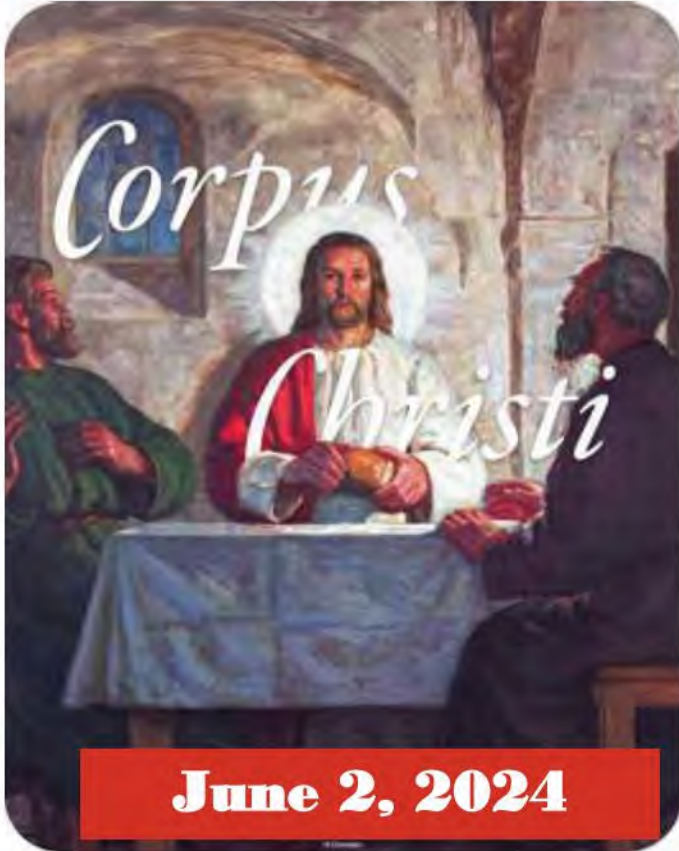


Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

1922 SW 20th Avenue / Cape Coral, Florida 33991
Telephone: (239) 283-9501 / Website: www.drexelcc.org
Email: office@drexelcc.org



June 2, 2024

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. 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.

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday—9:00 am

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

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

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

FAITH FORMATION

(239) 283-0525 or email rose@drexelcc.org

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday —8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Tuesday—9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Friday 8:30 am to 12:00 Noon

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.

VISION STATEMENT

Saint Katharine Drexel is a welcoming, Christ-centered family,
Nourished through the Sacraments,
And chosen, anointed and sent by the Holy Spirit
To grow in holiness and build the Kingdom of God.

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL FLOCKNOTE

Join our Parish Flocknote. To sign up and receive our email or events and parish information, please go to drexelcc.flocknote.com

SKD PARISH STAFF

Pastor—Father Ricky Varner (varner@drexelcc.org)
Administrative Assistant—Alba Gibbons (office@drexelcc.org)
Business Manager—Frank Newcomb (frank@drexelcc.org)
DRE—Rose Marie Talbot-Babey (rose@drexelcc.org)
Director of Music—John Hudak (hudak@drexelcc.org)
Director of Youth—Aileen Vasquez (aileen@drexelcc.org)
Maintenance—Ernie Sierocinski (ernie@drexelcc.org)
Housekeeping—Gilma Avalos (gilma@drexelcc.org)
Housekeeping—Terry Gastauer (gastauer@drexelcc.org)

FINANCE COUNCIL

Victor Balaj, Peter Barrett, Sr., Steven Cozza, 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.

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.

“Cheerfulness strengthens the heart and makes us persevere in a good life. Therefore the servant of God ought always to be in good spirits.”
 –Saint Philip Neri

Thank you for your Generosity!

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

Stewardship May 19, 2024

Offertory: \$11,482.63

Online Giving: \$6,246.29

Maintenance Fund: \$2,564.46

Catholic Faith Appeal 2024

Our Parish Goal: \$241,000

Pledged to Date: \$197,009.00

Payments to Date: \$133,543.64

Visit parish website: www.drexelcc.org and click on the Online Giving link!

SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS

MONDAY, JUNE 3

6:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary (Hall)
 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus (FFW)

TUESDAY JUNE 4

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus - SAC (FFE)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

8:00 am TOPS (Hall)
 11:00 am Bible Study (FFW)
 6:30 pm Youth Group (FFE)
 6:30 pm TOPS (FFW)

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

6:30 pm Holy Spirit Group (Hall)
 7:00 pm Bible Study (FFW)

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

10:30 am Legion of Mary (FFW)
 7:00 pm Youth Group (FFE)

SATURDAY JUNE 8

8:00 am Cursillo (FFE)
 9:00 am Franciscans (FFW)

Prayers for Eternal Life

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
 and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 Please pray for the souls of :*

Helen A. Varner
 Blaine Varner
 Joe Carroll




HOLY HOUR

Every Tuesday
 with the parish staff
 8:30 am Adoration
 in the SKD Chapel
 9:00 am Mass

What is Spiritual Direction?

Spiritual direction is “help given by one Christian to another which enables that person to pay attention to God’s personal communication to him or her, to respond to this personally communicating God, to grow in intimacy with this God, and to live out the consequences of the relationship.” (William A. Barry and William J. Connolly, *The Practice of Spiritual Direction*)

Spiritual direction focuses on religious experience. It is concerned with a person’s actual experience of a relationship with God.

Spiritual direction is about a relationship. The religious experience is not isolated, nor does it consist of extraordinary events. It is what happens in an ongoing relationship between the person and God. Most often this is a relationship that is experienced in prayer.

Spiritual direction is a relationship that is going somewhere. God is leading the person to deeper faith and more generous service. The spiritual director asks not just “what is happening?” but “what is moving forward?”

The real spiritual director is God. God touches the human heart directly. The human spiritual director does not “direct” in the sense of giving advice and solving problems. Rather, the director helps a person respond to God’s invitation to a deeper relationship. Learn more by contacting:
Rose Marie Talbot-Babey, M.A.A.T., C.S.D. (239) 283-0525 or rose@drexelcc.org

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, June 3:** **St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs**
 9:00 am † Dan Frys
- Tuesday, June 4:** **Weekday**
 9:00 am Michelle Quatman
- Wednesday, June 5:** **Saint Boniface, Bishop**
 9:00 am James Schergen
- Thursday, June 6:** **Saint Norbert, Bishop**
 9:00 am Philip and Rose Amato
- Friday, June 7:** **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
 9:00 am Blanca Maria Salazar
- Saturday, June 8:** **The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 9:00 am † Cira Perez
 4:00 pm † Gus DeMarco
- Sunday, June 9:** **Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**
 8:30 am SKD Parishioners
 10:30 am † Rolando Guarton
 12:30 pm † Frank Gubala Sr.

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



Saint Katharine Drexel parish has a **Formed** subscription. To set up your **FREE** account visit www.Formed.org/signup and select our parish.

FORMED brings beautiful and faithful Catholic content to parishes, families, and individuals. There is something for everyone here: award-winning studies and parish programs, inspiring audio content, movies, e-books, and family-friendly kid’s programming.

Week of: June 2, 2024

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Christopher McElroy

By Fred and Cindy Glasenapp

A doration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Pablo Perez

By Elita Perez

The red Sanctuary Lamp by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ.
Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us.



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

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

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

Children's Rosary: 2nd Saturday of Month, Contact Gina Moreno at: gmdibagno@gmail.com

Council of Catholic Women: Meets First Thursdays September to May. Contact Madeline DeBlois at: (207)754-2215 or email at: mmcdeblois@gmail.com

Cursillo/Ultreya: Vicki Minervini: vickiminervini@gmail.com

Gift Shop: Open Sundays after weekend Masses.

Holy Spirit group: First Thursday at 6:30 pm Hall. Contact Renee Marazon at: renee@marazon.com

Homebound Ministry: Contact Debbie Eppinger at: (330) 716-3108 or at: 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 or miell@bellsouth.net

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

Lay Augustinians Every 2nd, 4th Mondays at 7:00 pm. Call Russ Summerton at: (239) 574-0020.

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

Legion of Mary: Contact JoAnn Piacente at: (239) 258-0666.

Music Ministry: Bell Choir, Cantors, Children's Choir, Contemporary Choir, Traditional Choir. Contact: John Hudak at: hudak@drexelcc.org

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

Prayer Team Ministry: Contact Renee Marazon at: 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

Redeemer Associates: Fourth Mondays at: 6:30 pm. Contact Barbara M. at: bmeiderdrut@hotmail.com

Respect Life: Email Maria at: 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 Saint Joseph: Mike Vasquez at: gylr@me.com

Spiritual Direction: Rose Marie Talbot-Babey email at: Rose@drexelcc.org

SKD Family Life: Contact Rose at: 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

TOPS: Weight loss support, Wednesdays at 9:00 am, Contact Wanda Butrim at: wjbutrim@outlook.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

Wedding Coordinator: Karen at: karenrn1008@gmail.com

Women Bible Study- Walking with Purpose : Contact Connie Orr at (239) 565-8969

Youth Group: Aileen Vasquez Email: 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 June 2024: *We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.*

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



One Week *Parish Summer Camp* Grades 1-12
Join us for a fun and faith-filled week!
Learn about Prayer and the call to holiness while
growing in your relationship with the Lord.



June 24-28

**St. Katharine Drexel
Catholic Church**

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Contact rose@drexelcc.org



\$50 per student
Grades 1-6: 9am - 3pm
Grades 7-12: 6:30 - 8:45p

Join us on Sunday, June 23 at 5pm for our KICK OFF EVENT!



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

May 2, 2024

Dear Father Varner,

The Lord is Risen, Alleluia! Filled with triumphant joy at the Resurrection of the Lord, I wish to extend to you my greetings, as well as my prayers for you and the Faithful of your Parish.

With this letter, I provide an update on the planned renewal and renovation of Epiphany Cathedral. As you will recall, on August 14, 2022, I wrote to you to announce the planned effort to both address structural and maintenance concerns at the Cathedral and enhance the liturgical, aesthetical, and architectural elements of the Cathedral in keeping with its role as the Mother Church of the Diocese. This plan was announced after a June 2022 consultation with the Presbyteral Council.

Tragically, Hurricane Ian struck the Diocese of Venice in early September of 2022, causing widespread destruction and devastation. No part of the Diocese was spared; Parishes and schools throughout the Diocese suffered significant damage, while Parishioners and others throughout the region suffered the loss of their homes and livelihoods. In response to that situation and recognizing the substantial cost and effort that would be required to rebuild, the Diocese announced on October 14, 2022, that the planned renovation would be postponed.

With repairs across the Diocese wrapping up and only a few projects remain, it is now possible to undertake the Epiphany Cathedral renewal and renovation project. Approval was received from the City of Venice, along with a height exemption for the planned bell tower in January, and the permitting process has been moving forward. The projected commencement for construction is June 1, 2024, and it is expected that it will take approximately two years to complete.

The total cost of the renewal and renovation is estimated to be twenty-nine million dollars. Fifty percent of this cost will be borne by the Diocese, with an additional twenty-five percent being the responsibility of Epiphany Cathedral. This being the Mother Church of the Diocese, the remaining twenty-five percent will be spread across the Parishes of the Diocese. This will be done according to a formula earlier used when contributing toward the renovation of St. Vincent de Paul Seminary which is partially owned by the Diocese of Venice. Please see enclosed the "Cathedral Commitment" form for your Parish.

Allow me to express my profound gratitude for your support in this important undertaking. Input that has already been received from Priests throughout the Diocese, including suggestions and concerns, has been invaluable. As the project truly commences, your ongoing support will be crucial, and your assistance in this regard is highly valued. Once again, thank you for your support and cooperation.

This opportunity is taken to extend to you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers for you and your ministry. Have a Blessed Easter Season!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane

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Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

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DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
Cathedral Commitment

Parish	Amount	Annual Payment Over 4 Years
St. Katharine Drexel Parish - Cape Coral	\$ 119,340	\$ 29,835

Suggested for Fulfillment of Commitment

1. From savings, approved withdrawal slip noting "Cathedral"
2. From checking, send approval for electronic payment to banking@dioceseofvenice.org; auto EFT available upon request

Your Support for the Renovation of Epiphany Cathedral in Venice Florida is greatly appreciated!

Bread of Angels

Bread of Angels, made the bread of men; The Bread of heaven puts an end to all symbols: A thing wonderful! The Lord becomes our food: poor, a servant, and humble. We beseech Thee, Godhead One in Three That Thou wilt visit us, as we worship Thee, lead us through Thy ways, We who wish to reach the light in which Thou dwellest. Amen.

The Feast of Corpus Christi is about understanding the importance of the Eucharist, that which can only happen through the Mass. Understanding the value and importance of the Mass is so important, especially since it is so often taken for granted. It is a battle against the distractions of this world to prioritize Mass, particularly when multiple family members need convincing.

Becoming one with Jesus when receiving Communion is a mystery that can be hard to grasp. But as Saint John Vianney declared, "If we truly understood the Mass, we would die of joy!" Jesus gave us this most awe-inspiring Gift of Himself. It is difficult to capture with human emotion, but is a reminder that He is always with us, nourishing us in times of both prosperity and weakness, until the end of the age. *By Alexis Dallara-Marsh*



Music Ministry "Year In Review"...

This weekend was the last time our 10:30 am Adult Traditional Choir and 12:30 pm Adult Contemporary Choir will minister for Sunday Mass as we take a "pause" for the summer. The Children's Choir & Bell Choir have already concluded their musical season in April.

I would like to say **THANK YOU** to each and every member of our Music Ministry who have dedicated their time and talents in leading the vocal and instrumental music for our Parish. Each group spends **countless hours** in rehearsals not only for Sunday & Holy Day Masses but in offering a parish Christmas Concert as well as a Holy Week Concert. They are your friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners who truly want to offer the very best in Music Ministry and prayer for you and we are BLEST to have ALL of them in our service to the Parish.

Thank **YOU** for your support in joining us for our annual Pasta Dinner and our concerts too! Your support and PRESENCE is truly PRESENT to us!

The **2024-2025 Music Ministry Season** will begin in August. Open enrollment will take place in late July as all of the adult vocal choirs will be looking to add to their ranks of voices. I would like to invite you to take a brochure from the counter in the Narthex if you are interested in becoming a member in either choir.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR...will also begin sign ups in August and begin ministry in September! This is a GREAT way for the kids to get actively involved in parish ministry and Mass. Brochures are also on the counter in the Narthex. We have PLENTY of room for you!

On a sad note, **Mr. Ed Fabian**, the gentleman who donated the beautiful and magnificent SEILER Grand Piano in the Church, passed away a week ago. Please remember him in your prayers.

As I begin my **35th** year as a Music Director in the Catholic Church I **just** wanted to say that I am truly grateful and blest to be here at SKD! I can't believe I will be starting my **4th** year with you and I look forward to it and **MANY** more!

John SC Hudak, Director of Music

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 McMahan USA
- Capt. Sean McMahan 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 Seminara USMC
- Seaman Jeremy Sheppard USN
- LT. Jeremy Sheppard
- PV2 Alexzander Smith USA
- SN Andrew Tank USN
- CPT Christopher Turley USA
- SGT Madison Valdivia USA
- TSgt Erika Velasco USAF
- LT. Robert C. Volski USN
- CPT Garrett Alden Wadsworth USA
- SPC William A. Wallace USANG
- AB Zachary Wheeler USAF
- LT Brad Wilkin USN
- ENS Alex Wowk USN

Anniversary Blessings Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

Offers Blessings and Congratulations to it's Couples
Celebrating their Anniversary

Jim and Lisa DePatie
38 Years
June 7, 2024



Mike and Mia Sushil
42 Years
June 12, 2024



Would you like to include your Anniversary in our bulletin? Please send your information to bulletin@drexelcc.org.

For info, Email Rita at:
skd_prayers_for_military@yahoo.com or
bulletin@drexelcc.org

ARE YOU LOOKING TO FALL IN LOVE WITH JESUS?

Discover the importance of prayer, the sacraments, liturgy, and the word of God.

Saint Katharine Drexel
Religious Education Can Help.



If you know of anyone who desires to enter into our Catholic Faith and would like to know more about the OCIA process, or if you are already a Catholic and wish to learn more about your faith, please contact the Faith Formation Office (239) 283-0525 or email rose@drexelcc.org

THE ABORTION AMENDMENT

IT'S NOT WHAT IT SEEMS – **AND IT'S WAY TOO EXTREME.**

TITLE: Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion

Should say:
"Amendment to legalize full-term abortion for any age without parental consent in Florida"

So... this amendment eliminates all limitations and regulations on abortion – even safety regulations that protect women

SUMMARY: No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's

Also not defined – even "mental stress" could qualify for the "patient's health" exception. **BIG LOOPHOLE**

Not defined anywhere in the amendment...

healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

ELIMINATES CURRENT PARENTAL CONSENT LAWS – So, parents would be told their daughter is going to have an abortion, but unlike every other medical procedure – would not have to give their consent beforehand.

Wow...any "healthcare provider" – NOT just doctors – could determine viability or exceptions for "patient's health". It could even be a non-medical staff member at an abortion clinic.... **BIG** loophole makes limitation meaningless.





DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

May 20, 2024

Dear Monsignor/Father,

Greetings in the Lord, Jesus Christ.

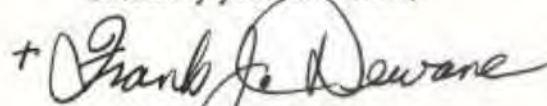
As you are aware, in the upcoming election Florida voters will consider an amendment that would enshrine abortion in the State Constitution. It is essential for the Church to speak with a clear and loud voice in opposition to this extreme amendment and threat to human life.

The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops has been developing resources for this purpose, and the initial materials are provided herewith. Apart from the introductory letter, all of these texts are provided in both English and Spanish. As additional resources are completed, they will be forwarded promptly to you.

The importance of prayer, advocacy, and education on this issue cannot be overstated, and all of us must begin addressing this as soon as possible. Please remember that, though the election itself is in November, many Florida voters cast their ballots via mail or through in-person early voting at a much earlier date. This issue cannot be delayed until the fall. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

I take this opportunity to extend to you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers for you and your ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

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Enclosures

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TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301-7760PHONE (850) 222-3803
FAX (850) 205-6849
WWW.FLACCB.ORGMICHAEL B. SHEEDY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

May 1, 2024

Re: Catholic Action Plan to Defeat Abortion Amendment to Florida's Constitution

Dear Pastor/Pastoral Administrator:

Many of you are already aware that a proposed constitutional amendment, which will appear on the November 2024 ballot as Amendment 4, seeks to enshrine late-term abortion in Florida's constitution at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. When confronted with such a clear threat to human life and dignity, the Church must not be silent and cannot remain on the sidelines.

To encourage faithful citizenship on the amendment, the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops (FCCB), in collaboration with the dioceses in the state, is launching a campaign to engage and mobilize Catholics statewide to help defeat this dangerous and deceptive amendment and protect Florida's women and children from its grave consequences.

**Every parish in Florida is asked to unite in prayer, distribute educational materials,
and encourage parishioners to Vote NO on Amendment 4.**

The statewide campaign is designed to assist you, your parish staff, and volunteers with running a prayerful and educational effort until voting ends on November 5. To assist your efforts, parish resources are being developed that will include:

- Statement from the Bishops of Florida - released April 9 and available for placement in bulletins
- Prayer Cards - we encourage parishes to pray this as a community before or after Mass; cards can be obtained from diocesan respect life offices
- Educational Flyer - outlines the extreme nature of the amendment and urges a 'no' vote
- Pulpit and Bulletin Announcements and Graphics - to be included in bulletins until the Sunday before the election
- Prayers of the Faithful - to be included each week until the election
- Video(s) - will be available for showing during Masses

These and additional campaign materials and resources are already or will be available digitally on the FCCB website: www.flaccb.org/abortion-amendment

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person.... As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life" (CCC 1913-1915).

Please make it a priority to implement this campaign at your parish, stressing the necessity of Catholics to protect and promote the sanctity of life in all circumstances and stages of development. Please reach out to the FCCB with any questions.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

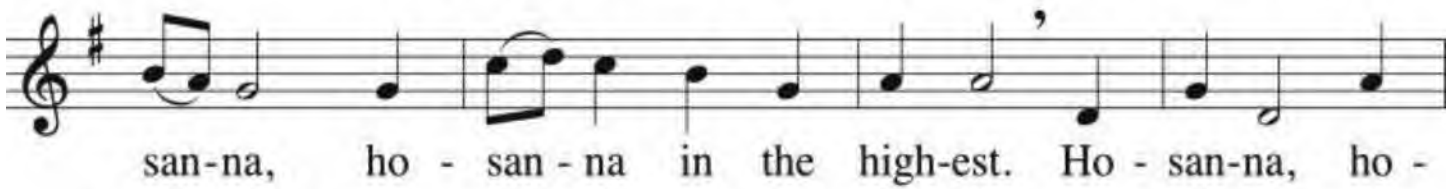
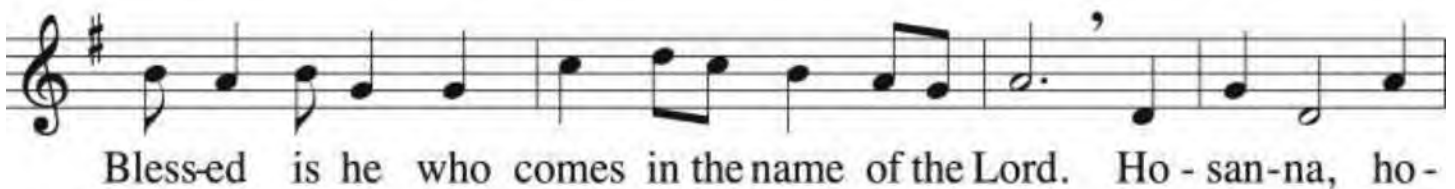
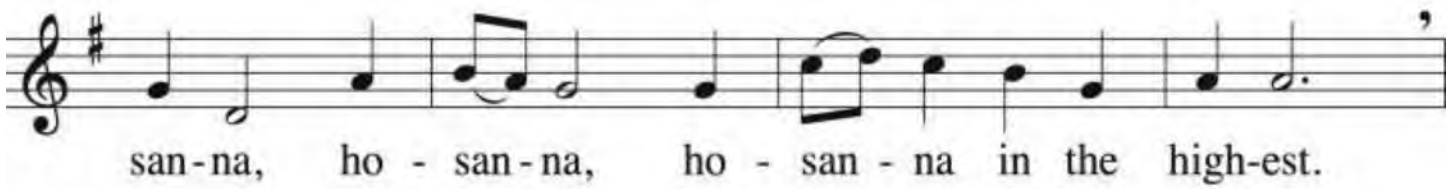
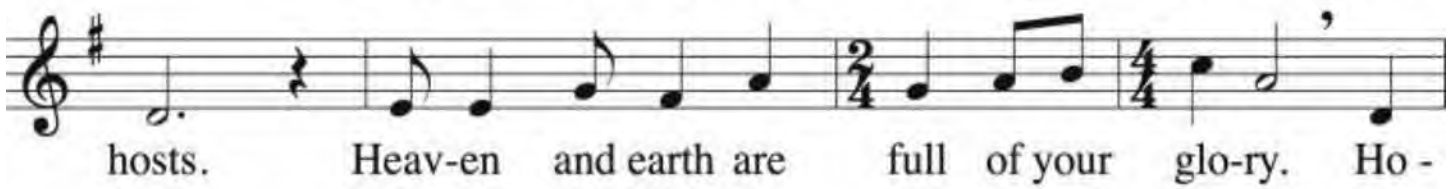
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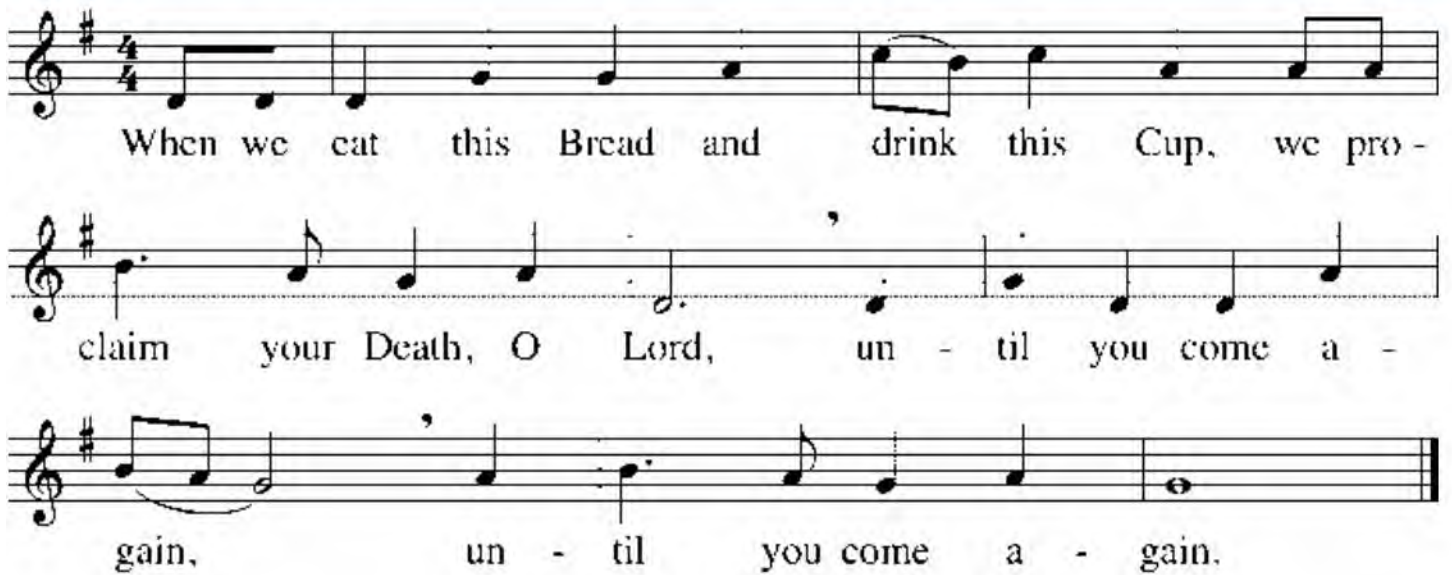
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Holy, Holy, Holy





When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a -
gain, un - til you come a - gain.

AMEN

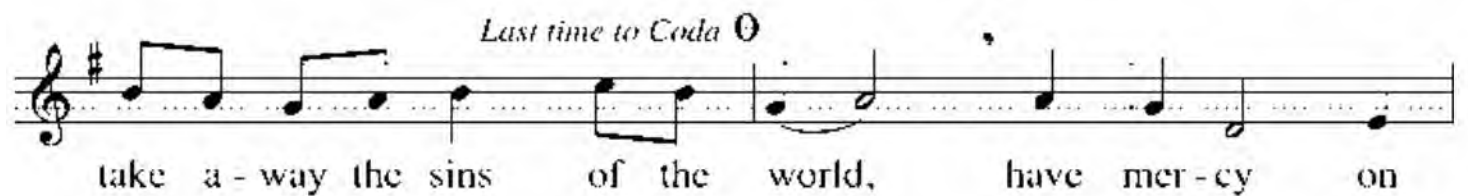


A - men, A - men, A -
men. A - men, A - men, A - men!

Lamb of God



Cantor , *Assembly*
Lamb of God, you



Last time to Coda Θ
take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on



Θ *Coda*
us, world, grant us peace.





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