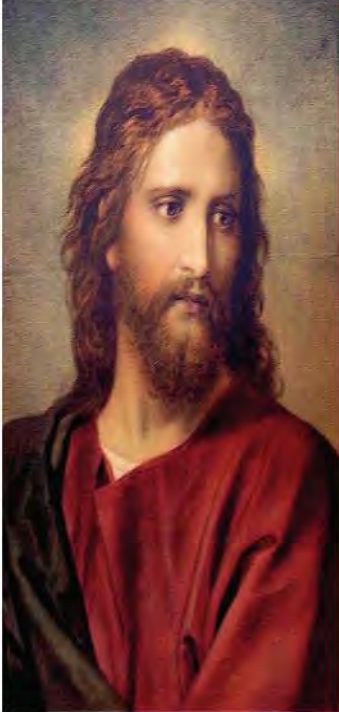


# Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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

## 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LORD,  
LET US SEE  
YOUR KINDNESS,  
AND GRANT  
US YOUR  
SALVATION.

### 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.

**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.

### FAITH FORMATION

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

**July 14, 2024**

### 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.

### 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.

### 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](http://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.

**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 June 30, 2024**

**Offertory: \$9,872.04**

**Online Giving: \$6,062.87**

**Maintenance Fund: \$2,946.00**

**Catholic Faith Appeal 2024**

**Our Parish Goal: \$241,000.00**

**Pledged to Date: \$210,791.00**

**Payments to Date: \$161,117.68**

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

## SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS

### **MONDAY, JULY 15:**

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus (FFW)

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 17:**

8:00 am TOPS (Hall)

11:00 am Bible Class (FFW)

1:00 pm Building and Grounds (Library)

6:00 pm TOPS (FFW)

### **THURSDAY, JULY 18:**

8:30 am Food Drop— Table of Plenty (Hall)

11:00 am Bunco (Hall)

2:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (FFE)

7:00 pm Bible Class (FFW)

### **FRIDAY, JULY 19:**

9:00 am Table of Plenty (Hall)

10:30 am Legion of Mary (FFW)

### **SATURDAY, JULY 20:**

5:00 pm Undy Sunday Collections (CH)

### **SUNDAY, JULY 21:**

8:30 am Lee Health Blood Drive (Hall)

9:30 am Undy Sunday Collections (Ch)

## **Prayers for Eternal Life**

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

*Stephen Gabor  
 James Sweigert*





## *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*

### Maintenance Fund

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, July 15: St. Bonaventure, Bishop

9:00 am † A.J. Dewitt

### Tuesday, July 16: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9:00 am † Walter Abt

### Wednesday, July 17: Weekday

9:00 am † Nicholas Reina

### Thursday, July 18: St. Camilus de Lellis, Priest

9:00 am † Filomena Solce

### Friday, July 19: Weekday

9:00 am † Samuel Quilici

### Saturday, July 20: St. Apollinaris, Bishop/Martyr

9:00 am † Jean T. Bouthillette

4:00 pm † Joseph Riley

### Sunday, July 21: 16th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:30 am † Jack and Joanne Kelley

10:30 am † Kathy and Marty Sinnott

12:30 pm SKD Parishioners

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

-Saint Irenaeus

## Week of: July 14, 2024

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

**Manuel and Natividad Santos**

By Carmen Lahan

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Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

**Helen and Blaine Varner**

By Rosemary Moynihan



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](mailto: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](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 Madeline DeBlois at: (207)754-2215 or email at: [mmcdeblois@gmail.com](mailto:mmcdeblois@gmail.com)

**Cursillo/Ultreya:** Vicki Minervini: [vickiminervini@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 Bob Snyder at: 239-321-9012 or [www.SKDgrandknight11177@gmail.com](http://www.SKDgrandknight11177@gmail.com)

**Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary:** Contact Sandy Wilkin at: [swilkinfl@aol.com](mailto:swilkinfl@aol.com)

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

**Lectors:** Contact Laura Furgerer 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](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 Saint 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 Toni Bryant at: 239-225-8093 or [Tonichief912@gmail.com](mailto:Tonichief912@gmail.com)

**TOPS:** Weight loss support, Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, Contact Joe Dever at: (239) 851-6442 email: [nanukfla@aol.com](mailto:nanukfla@aol.com)

**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 :** Contact Connie Orr at (239) 565-8969

**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 July 2024:** For the pastoral care of the sick  
We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

#### 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



## FLORIDA'S PRO-ABORTION AMENDMENT EXPLAINED

### Why Floridians Should Vote NO on Amendment 4

Titled "Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion," Amendment 4 would enshrine **UNREGULATED ABORTION** in our state constitution, making Florida one of the **MOST PRO-ABORTION** states in the nation. The amendment language is **MISLEADING**, and its proposed outcomes are **DANGEROUS**.

#### WHAT IT SAYS

##### **BALLOT 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 **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.

#### WHAT IT DOES

##### **PUTS WOMEN AT RISK**

Amendment 4 would jeopardize existing laws and prohibit new ones that voters on both sides of the abortion issue support, including health and safety laws that protect women.

##### **ALLOWS SECOND AND THIRD TRIMESTER ABORTIONS**

Though not defined in the amendment, "viability" is defined in Florida law as the stage of development when the life of a fetus is sustainable outside the womb (Ch. 390.011(15)), generally accepted to be 22-24 weeks of pregnancy, or about 6 months.

##### **CREATES A BROAD "HEALTH" LOOPHOLE**

"Patient's health" is not defined in the amendment, allowing post-viability, extremely late-term abortions for treatable, temporary health concerns. Emotional health would justify an abortion when a child could survive outside the womb.

##### **WEAKENS MEDICAL DOCTOR REQUIREMENT**

"Healthcare providers" – not just physicians – could determine if an abortion is "necessary" to protect the mother's "health." Even some employees of abortion clinics, such as nurses and counselors, could approve late-term abortions.

##### **ELIMINATES PARENTAL CONSENT**

While preserving parental *notification* in our state constitution (Article X, Section 22), the amendment would invalidate the current law that requires parental *consent* for a minor to have an abortion (Ch. 390.0114(5)), making abortion the only medical decision for which parents have no say.



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## Religious Education Announcements

Sign ups begin July 1st

Classes begin in September for Grades PreK, K-Grade 10.

**Sacramental Preparation**  
First Reconciliation,  
First Holy Communion & Confirmation.

### OCIA

(Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Adults who desire to enter the Catholic Faith or need completion of their Sacraments.

Sessions begin in October.

### Formation Options

Grade class sessions meet Sundays,  
Family Sessions meet monthly on Saturdays,  
Homeschool and Independent Study

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

## UNDY SUNDAY

Can you imagine starting **BACK TO SCHOOL** without socks or underwear?  
SKD Council of Catholic Women are collecting Girls sizes 4 to small adults  
Boys S,M,L (teen sizes & young adults) underwear, boxers, T-shirts, socks,  
Diapers all sizes - children's adult, men & women.



**All Items Must Be New and Packaged!**

**Collections at Masses**  
**July 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>**



**Boxes and bins will be marked in the  
narthex/vestibule of the church.**

**Distribution will be to local charities in Cape Coral.**

**If you... or you know of anyone in need of these items or have  
any questions, Please call Eileen 239-671-7184**



DIocese OF Venice IN Florida  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

July 12, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,


The Catholic Church in Africa continues to grow even as it faces truly difficult challenges. It is daunting to sustain such growth and still maintain essential pastoral outreach when confronted with unemployment, inadequate healthcare, poverty and political unrest.

Due to the steady and marked growth of the Church in Africa, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa supports our brothers and sisters living in this region by providing grants to finance pastoral projects including workshops, retreats, religious education and youth ministries that engage the next generation of disciples. This is parallel with efforts to address basic human needs.

The Diocese of Venice will take up the Collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa the weekend of July 20 and 21, 2024. The Church in Africa needs your help to build lasting foundations of missionary discipleship. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the growing Church in Africa. Please also continue to pray for our African sisters and brothers.

I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration and my prayers! May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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## Anniversary Blessings Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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

*Willie and Kristi Rivera*  
8 Years  
July 3, 2024



*Jose and Maria Rosado*  
25 Years  
July 7, 2024



Would you like to include your Anniversary in our bulletin?  
Please send your information to [bulletin@drexelcc.o](mailto:bulletin@drexelcc.o)



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NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress

Scheduled to begin at 5:15 PM CT

Time Talent Treasure

### Prayer for Safety In Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following Hurricane Audrey in 1957]



Change a life.  
**Donate blood.**

**St. Katharine Drexel  
Catholic Church**  
1922 SW 20th Ave.  
Cape Coral, FL 33991

9 am to 2 pm  
Sunday, July 21

Please Help Us Make  
Our Goal of 20+ Units of Blood.

Spend a few minutes of your time and save the life of another person. Your donation through the Lee Health Blood Center will stay in Lee County and benefit local residents and visitors in need.

All donors will receive **this limited-edition beach towel and wellness checkup** including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

For more information call (239) 343-2333.



## Pray for Our Military

SFC Ortiz-Lopez Juan Carlos USA  
SPC Joe Cecil USA  
A1C Matthew J. Clarke USAF  
Lt. Col. Zachary Robert 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  
AM3 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  
SN Hannanh Hayes USCG  
1st Lt. H. Matthew Hernandez USMC  
Capt. Jesse Hudson USA  
Capt. David J. Jacobs USAF  
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  
LCpl Mark Moreno, USMC  
SPC4 Quinn Ogdon USA  
LT. David Orłowski USN  
PV2 Joseph Patton USA  
SPC Kobey Payne USA  
GySgt Paul L. Perez USMC  
SGT Alexander Private, USA  
TSgt Taylor M. Purvis USAF  
Lt Col Tim Ravas, USAF  
Lt Col 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 Seminarra USMC  
Seaman Jeremy Sheppard USN  
PV2 Alexzander Smith USA  
1SG Maverick Sutton USA  
SN Andrew Tank USN  
CPT Christopher Turley USA  
SGT Madison Valdivia USA  
TSgt Erika Velasco USAF  
LT. Robert C. Volski USN  
CPT Garrett 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](mailto:skd_prayers_for_military@yahoo.com) or  
[bulletin@drexelcc.org](mailto:bulletin@drexelcc.org)

  
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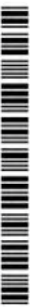
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**"Family, become  
what you are."**

- St. John Paul II







# Come Away With The Lord! For The Prayer Retreat-Workshop

Saturday, August 10, 2024  
9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

All Are Welcome!

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Hall  
1922 SW 20TH AVE, CAPE CORAL, FL

## Take Some Time Out For Yourself! Come Away With The Lord!

Learn how to hear God's voice throughout your day, **COME!**

If you need the Lord to refresh and renew you, **COME!**

If you want to learn how to pray with others for spiritual, emotional, and physical healing, **COME!**

If you are Interested in learning more about the SKD Prayer Team Ministry, **COME!**

**Life is challenging for sure, and learning  
to hear what God is saying to you,  
transforms challenges into grace.**



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**PRAY TO  
PROTECT  
THEM  
BOTH**

**Vote No  
on Amendment 4**



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### Prayer to Defeat Florida's Abortion Amendment

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family,  
pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn,  
pray for us!



### A Walk with Jesus for Grieving Parents



**WEEKEND RETREAT**  
Friday, October 11-13  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Retreat Center, 3989 S. Moon  
Drive, Venice

Cost: \$150/person double occupancy  
\$250/person single occupancy.  
Financial assistance available.

This Catholic (faith-based) retreat offers a safe place to seek peace and comfort, and will be led by Deacon Henry de Mena and a team of parents who have walked this path.



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[HTTPS://DIOCESEOFVENICE.REGFOX.COM/GRIEVING-PARENTS-RETREAT-2024](https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/grieving-parents-retreat-2024)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE DIOCESE  
OF VENICE OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE AT 941-484-9543

## ARE YOU LOOKING TO FALL IN LOVE WITH JESUS?

Testimony from;  
Isabel



*When Rose asked if I would like to share my OCIA experience, I was more than happy to do so. I was somewhat nervous because I wanted to make sure that what I wrote was 100% reflective of the immense joy and spiritual gain my husband and I both received from being a Catechumen and Candidate in the 2023-2024 OCIA class at St. Katharine Drexel. I was raised in the Jehovah's Witness religion, and parted ways with them when I became an adult, after many unpleasant experiences and differences of opinion. I have always had great faith in God and know that he has always been present in the most difficult times in my life. However, I told myself that I did not need to be a member of any church in order to love God and try to live by His commandments. My eldest son became Catholic in his High School years and has since been praying that I would receive our Lord's calling and join His Church. It took some time (approximately 20 years) but our Lord answered his prayers. In August 2023 while he and two of our grandchildren were visiting us, they asked us to go to church with them and we did. My husband is a baptized Catholic but was not practicing. They brought us to St. Katharine Drexel and we both fell in love with the church. We both felt the presence of Christ there and Father Ricky, Father Antonio and the parishioners were so welcoming. We continued to attend Sunday Mass at St. Katharine Drexel after my son and grandchildren returned home to Virginia. On Sunday, October 1, 2023, I told my husband, who was away for work, that I was not going to attend Mass because I wasn't feeling well. However, when looking at Facebook, I saw my daughter-in-law's post that it was the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux. This Feast Day is particularly special to our family because our granddaughter in Heaven is named Therese, "baby Essie" as the family calls her, and immediately decided I had to go to Mass. The message given in the homily that day was that we would be forgiven for the "No's" we said in the past, but not for the "Yes" we failed to say today. This message absolutely moved me and brought me to tears, I felt that it was specifically directed at me. I whole heartedly believe that Our Lord and St. Therese moved me to attend Mass that day and receive that special message! After Mass, I asked Father Antonio how I could get baptized and he asked me to contact Rose, which I did via email as soon as I got home. When I told my son and daughter-in-law my experience at Mass that day, not only were they both overjoyed, but also found it amusing that I was told to contact someone named Rose, as St. Therese is known for sending roses. When my husband and I came in to talk to Rose in person, we both fell in love with her and her immense love and zeal for our Lord Jesus Christ. We both signed up for the OCIA classes and have both received so much joy and spiritual gain from the classes and from our fellow OCIA classmates. Additionally, our marriage, relationship and love for each other has become much stronger! The OCIA classes are filled with so much spiritual nutrition and answer so many questions. We encountered some tribulations and health issues during the 6 months of classes as the evil one was working hard to deter us from coming to our Lord Jesus Christ. After six months, the much-awaited day finally arrived, the Easter Vigil Mass, in which I was baptized and received first communion and confirmation! Subsequently, my husband received confirmation on April 15, 2024! We can't put into words the immense joy and peace we felt on those days, this was also palpable in our OCIA classmates. We have built such great friendships with our OCIA classmates and our wonderful sponsors, Debbie and Nick! We are overjoyed that our Lord Jesus Christ personally chose us to be redeemed by His precious sacrifice and that we are now all, finally, brothers and sisters in Christ, Amen!*

Through the coming weeks, you will hear from more of our OCIA group. Their stories are varied and all of them are uplifting. If you fell in love with Jesus, we'd love to hear from you.

For more information about OCIA, please contact Rose Talbot-Babey at [rose@drexelcc.org](mailto:rose@drexelcc.org)



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