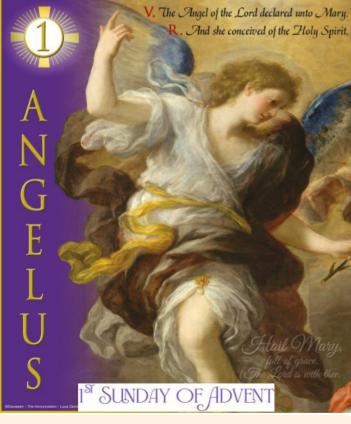
## Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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



#### 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 <u>rose@drexelcc.org</u>. 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.

**<u>SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:</u>** 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.

**<u>NEW PARISHIONERS</u>**: Registration forms are in the church, parish office and on 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 Mass Saturdays—After 9:00 am Mass and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm First Fridays of the Month—After 9:00 am Mass and 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

#### FAITH FORMATION

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

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Friday—8:30 am to 4:30 pm Tuesday—9:30 am to 4:30 pm

## **December 1, 2024**

## PARISHVISION

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

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 <u>drexelcc.flocknote.com</u>.

## 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)

#### 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.

**<u>PARISHIONERS IN HOSPITAL</u>**: 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 November 17, 2024 Offertory: \$12,792.43 Online Giving: \$7,199.29 Maintenance Fund to Date: \$TBD

Catholic Faith Appeal 2024 Our Parish Goal: \$241,000.00 Pledged to Date: \$255,910.00 Payments to Date: \$235,014.04

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

#### SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 2:

6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus (FFW)
6:30 pm	AA Meeting (FFE)
6:30 pm	Bell Choir (Church)
6:30 pm	Ladies Auxiliary (Hall)

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3:**

5:30 pm	All Choir	(Church)
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#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4:

8:00 am	TOPS (Hall)
11:00 am	Bible Class (FFW)
6:00 pm	Youth Group–HS (FFE)
7:00 pm	TOPS (FFW)

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5:**

10:00 am	CCW General Meeting (Hall)
6:30 pm	Holy Spirt Prayer Group (Hall)
7:00 pm	Bible Class (FFW)
7:00 pm	TMIY (FFE)

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6:

10:00 am	Legion of Mary (FFW)
7:00 pm	Christmas Concert (Church)

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7:

9:00 am	Cursillo	Day of	Prayer	(Hall)
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#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8:

9:30 am Religious Ed Classes (FFB)



## Maintenance Fund Scan to donate



## 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

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 3: Saint Francis Xavier, Priest9:00 amPetty Holman

Wednesday, December 4: St. John Damascene, Priest

9:00 am Katherine G. Kelley

6:30 pm 🕆 Tommy Lehner

Thursday, December 5: Advent Weekday9:00 amLotte Phelan

Friday, December 6: Saint Nicholas, Bishop

9:00 am The Mary Loraine Stopper

Saturday, December 7: Saint Ambrose, Bishop

- 9:00 am 🕆 Joseph Azevedo

#### Sunday, December 8: Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am	🕆 Eddie Sheridan
10:30 am	🕆 Helen and Blaine Varner
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





Dear Parishioners and Friends:

As we enter the sacred season of Advent, we are invited to prepare our hearts and souls for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, at Christmas. This season of waiting is not merely a countdown to the festive day of His birth, but a time of deep spiritual renewal and reflection. It is an opportunity for

us to grow in faith, hope, and love, and to open ourselves more fully to the presence of Christ in our lives.

The word *Advent* itself means "coming," and during this time, we are called to focus on three comings of Christ: His coming in history, when He was born in Bethlehem; His coming in mystery, as He comes to us each day in the sacraments and in our lives; and His final coming in glory, when He will return to judge the living and the dead.

To prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus anew, we are encouraged to examine our hearts and lives. Is there space for Him to be born in us this Christmas? Are we allowing His grace to transform us? Advent is a time to clear away the clutter of sin, distractions, and selfishness, so that we can make room for His peace, joy, and love.

I believe one of the most powerful ways to prepare for the Lord's coming is through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and the sacrament of Reconciliation. In the Eucharist, we encounter Christ, body, blood, soul, and divinity. Each time we approach the altar, we are nourished and strengthened by His grace. This Advent, let us make a conscious effort to participate fully in the Mass, approaching the Eucharist with reverence and gratitude, allowing it to deepen our relationship with the Lord.

In a special way, Advent invites us to seek the healing grace of the sacrament of Reconciliation. As we reflect on our lives and prepare for the coming of Christ, we are reminded that His mercy is always available to us. Confession is not just about acknowledging our sins, but about receiving the forgiveness and healing that Christ offers. It is a beautiful opportunity to be reconciled to God and to one another, restoring our hearts and souls to a state of grace.

I encourage all of you to take time during this Advent season to participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Whether it's been a long time since your last confession or you go regularly, this sacrament of healing is a gift of great peace and grace. It allows us to prepare our hearts to welcome Christ into our lives more fully.

As we journey through Advent together, let us make the effort to be more intentional about prayer, repentance, and reconciliation, so that we may celebrate the birth of Jesus with hearts that are open, joyful, and renewed in His love.

May this Advent be a time of true transformation, as we prepare to meet the Lord who comes to us, not just in the manger, but in the depths of our hearts.

United in the holy Eucharist,

-Father Ricky



## **ADVENT CALENDAR**

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[ADVENT GIVING TREE - Return all Gifts by Wednesday, December 11 to the parish hall.]

**Friday, December 6** – 7:00 pm Christmas Concert in the Church

Monday, December 9 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## [Holy day of Obligation]

9:00 am Mass and Confessions afterwards 6:30 pm Mass and Confessions afterwards

Wednesdays, December 4, 11 and 18 – 9:00 am Mass and Confessions afterwards 6:00 pm Confessions 6:30 pm Mass

## December 19 and 20 –

9:00 am Mass and Confessions afterwards6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Confessions



# ALL ARE WELCOME!

Breakfast with Santa

## December 14th

at 9:30 am to 12:00 Noon

Snowman pancakes



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Monday, December 9—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary [Holy day of Obligation] 9:00 am—Mass and Confessions afterwards

6:30 pm—Mass and Confessions afterwards



ADVENT INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays—December 4, 11 and 18

After 9:00 am Mass in Adoration Chapel 6:00 pm Confessions before 6:30 pm Mass Fridays—December 6 and 20 After 9:00 am Mass in Adoration Chapel 6:00 pm Family Holy Hour with Confessions Saturdays

After 9:00 am Mass and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm <u>December 19 and December 20</u> After 9:00 am Mass in Adoration Chapel

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Adoration Chapel



December 24—Christmas Eve [1/2 Hour Sacred Music before each Mass] 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm—Confessions 4:00 pm—Children's Mass 6:00 pm—Mass 12 Midnight—Mass

December 25—Christmas Day [1/2 Hour Sacred Music before each Mass] 8:30 am—Mass 10:30 am—Mass 12:30 pm—Mass

**December 31**— Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 4:00 pm—Vigil Mass

January 1—Solemnity of *Mary, the Mother of God* 9:00 am—Mass





## Cursillo Awaits All are welcome!

Please join us as **Deacon Scott Little** will lead us in preparation for Christmas.

When: December 7, 2024Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 NoonWhere: Saint Katherine Drexel HallBring: Snack to share

Advent is a time of Hopeful longing, Joyful expectation, Prayerful penance and Spiritual Preparation!



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## Advent

How good is good enough? Do you have to be perfect to get to heaven? In the second reading this Sunday, Paul seems to think so when he tells us to be "blameless in holiness" (1 Thess 3:13.) Now Paul never considered himself as perfect. But even with his weakness, Paul always did the best he could. So what should we strive for? Maybe we can take a hint from his phrase "strengthen your hearts."

Think of athletes who try to do their best. A great ball player takes batting practice every day to improve his average. Good athletes are always looking for ways to improve them selves. The keep in shape so they can be stronger, faster, smarter. That same attitude is what Paul means by "strengthen your hearts."

Advent is a good time to start. As we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord, we can get ourselves in spiritual shape. Spiritual reading can give us a stronger prayer life. But if our spiritual reading just makes us feel good, we may be wasting our time. Hopefully, it will lead us to try praying more often and more seriously. Likewise, we can read about volunteering to feed the poor, but making the commitment and doing it is what strengthens the heart. Then as the Gospel says, we may have "the strength…to stand before the Son of Man." (Lk 21:36) *Tom Schmidt* 

Anniversary Blessings Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Offers Blessings and Congratulations to it's Couples Celebrating their Anniversary

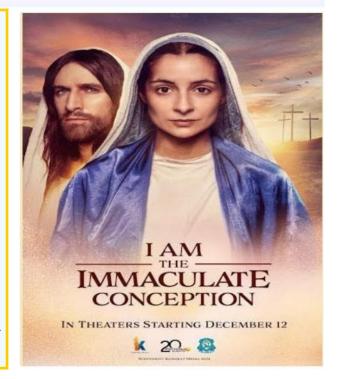


Tom and Darlene Nuccio 61 Years December 7, 2024



Ken and Judy Abler 45 Years December 5, 2024

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





## Saturday, December 7, 9:00AM–5:00PM Basic Evangelization Training

St. Andrew School Cafeteria 1509 SE 27th St, Cape Coral, FL 33904

Basic Evangelization Training is among the most hands-on, practical, and dynamic evangelization workshops available for Catholics today. It is also our most popular workshop. Participants will gain the courage they need to be enthusiastic and joyful evangelists as they overcome any fear they have to share their faith through a series of presentations, small group work, role playing, and prayer ministry.



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**Ouestions?** Contact:

adam@stpaulsc.com or (657) 777-2963

Cost is \$25 (\$75 value) Registration is required and includes: • Workshop and training • All materials, including book and evangelization supplies • Morning hospitality and lunch stpaulse.com/venice

## **SIMBANG GABI 2024**

The Filipino-American Association of Southwest Florida (FAASWF), a 501c(3) Corporation, cordially invites you to attend the *SIMBANG GABI* on **December 15, 2024**, Sunday, starting with a *Mass* at 4 pm at the Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic Church at 1922 SW 20th Ave, Cape Coral, FL 33991. The Mass will be followed by a *Potluck Reception* at the Parish Hall.

This *SIMBANG GABI* is a long-treasured Philippine Christmas tradition that was originally a series of 'dawn masses' for nine consecutive days before Christmas Day. Here in Cape Coral, we modified this tradition into only one day focused on the original objective of the celebration.

For information, you may contact: Jeanne Isberto (239)747-4568

## RESPECT LIFE



**Pray:** Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's, Glory be

Reflect

Each year during Advent, we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ our Savior at Christmas. As we anticipate this joyful celebration, we recall the well-known journey of the Holy Family from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Far from home, poor, and in great need. Mary and Joseph find refuge in a simple stable. But this humble setting among the livestock soon welcomes the heavenly host of Angels and the Son of God Himself.

Today women in our own communities are pregnant, poor, perhaps without a home, and in great need. They may feel alone, scared and overwhelmed, not knowing where they can turn for help. Like the Holy Family, they are reliant on the kindness and service of others.

This Advent May the story of the First Christmas inspire us to reach out the mothers in need. May we proactively seek to offer loving support and encouragement as they prepare to welcome their children. May we help mothers experience the joy, hope, and peace brought by the infant Jesus.

United Conference of Catholic Bishop

**Pope Francis prayer Intention for December 2024 - For pilgrims of hope** We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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 Pilgrimage to MEDJUGORJE

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## October 13 - 21, 2025

## \$3,099 per person from Fort Myers (RSW)

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Spiritual Director:

Group Leader: Jeff Nicholson, SKD Parishioner

Father Ricky Varner

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Saint Katharine Drexel Holy Spirit Prayer Group

Thursday December 5, 2024 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

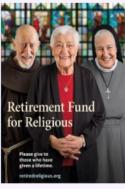
Under the Patronage of Our Lady of Good Counsel

> SKD Parish Hall 1922 SW 20TH AVE CAPE CORAL, FL 33991-3569

Are you hungering to encounter a fresh outpouring of the "Holy Spirit? please join us for a powerful evening of prayer and praise at the upcoming "Holy Spirit Prayer Group." All are Welcome!

### **Diocesan Collection - Retirement Fund for Religious**

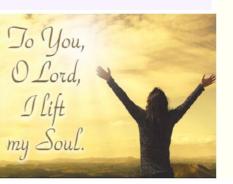
As Christians, we are called to serve the Lord and help those in



need. Our elderly religious offer examples of what it means to answer this call. The Retirement Fund for Religious Collection will take place on the weekend of **December 7 & 8**, **2024**, in the Diocese of Venice. Your gift will provide vital funding for medications, nursing care, and helps religious congregations plan for future retirement needs. Thank you for your generosity!

### HOLYHOUR Every Tuesday with the parish staff

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



### Pray for Our Military

**ENS Nicholas Brasacchio USN** SPC Joe Cecil USA A1C Matthew J. Clarke USAF Lt. Col. Zacharv Robert Clarke USAF Mai 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** Sgt Evan Fancher USMC AB Hannah Fenske USAF Maj Shaun Floersch USAF Lt. Col. James Hannigan USA **SN Hannah Hayes USCG** 1st Lt. H. Matthew Hernandez USMC Capt. Jesse Hudson USA Capt. David J. Jacobs USAF SSgt. Richard K. Jones USAF **Capt Armand Kalugdan USA PVT Kole Kalisch USA** SSgt Kole J. Koontz USAF Lt Col Joseph M. LaPointe USA SGT James Losh USA MSgt. Brian Lynn USMC SSgt Jonathan Mamott USAF SGT Michael Mercer, Jr. USA LCpl Mark Moreno, USMC **RCT Anthony J. Muriel USA** SFC Juan Carlos Ortiz-Lopez USA LT. David Orlowski 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 LT. Dean N. Rye USN **AB Kelsey Santini USAF CPL Anthony Saracino, Jr. USMC** SGT Nicholas Sbarra USA **PFC Steven Stotler USA** SGT Aaron J Seminara USMC **ENS 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 ENS Alex Wowk USN** Email to bulletin@drexelcc.org



Hope



**BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN, AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT** OF YOUR WOMB. Luke 1:42

## "Rosary for Life"

"The power of the Rosary is beyond description," said Venerable Fulton Sheen. It's a potent, saintmaking prayer. A spiritual weapon so powerful it has defeated armies and changed world history. It can resolve personal problems, rescue souls from eternal death, and conquer despair.

But so few of us make the most of its graces. Now is the perfect time to unlock the power of the Rosary and grow in holiness.

Please join us to pray the "Rosary for Life" on December 13, at 12:00 Noon in the Saint Katharine Drexel Chapel.







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