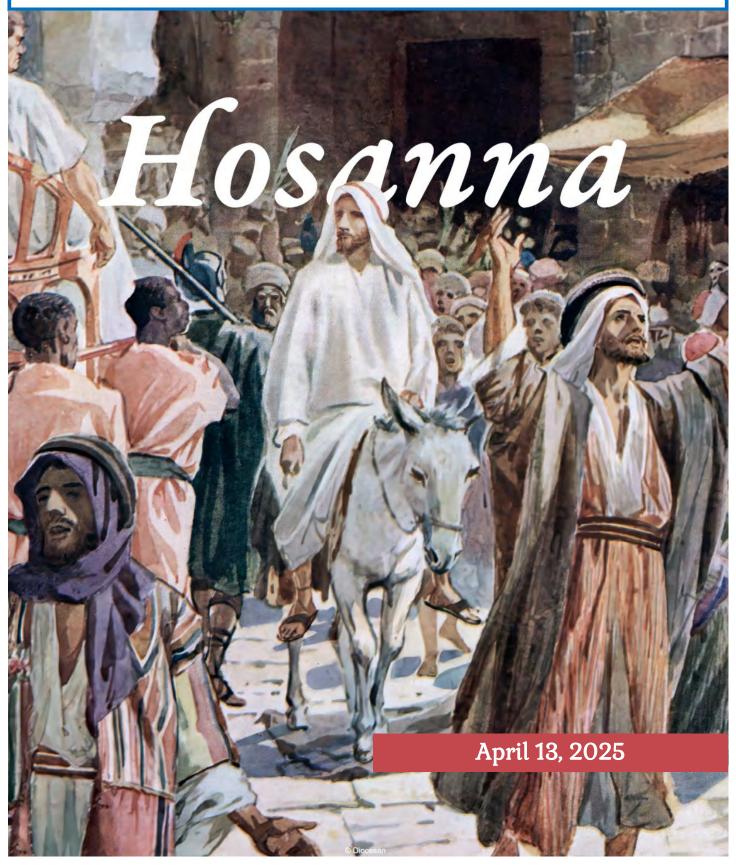
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Father Ricky Varner, Timothy Altieri, Peter Barrett, Ken Caserio, Renee Marazon. Anne McCormick.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

Date: Sunday, May 4, 2025

This collection supports vital pastoral programs in struggling dioceses and eparchies, strengthening the Church at Home.

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL ENDOWMENT FUND

See Parish Website to Donate

The Fund supports a Catholic legacy, aiding schools, poor parishes, capital investments, and major expenses at St. Katharine Drexel.

Thank you for your Generosity!

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

Stewardship April 6, 2025

Offertory: \$16,938.50 Online Giving: \$9,176.87

Maintenance Fund to Date: \$71,102.30

Catholic Faith Appeal 2025

Our Parish Goal: \$250,000.00 Pledged to Date: \$143,671.00 Payments to Date: \$78,950.56

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

SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 14:

6:30 pm AA Meetings (FFE)

7:00 pm Augustinians Meeting (Library)

TUESDAY, APRIL 15:

5:45 pm TOPS (FFW)

6:00 pm Alpha Connect (Hall)

6:00 pm Theology of the Body Youth (FFE)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16:

8:00 am TOPS (Hall)

11:00 am Bible Class (FFW)6:00 pm Youth Group (FFE)6:30 pm Lenten Mass (Church)

THURSDAY, APRIL 17: Office Closed 1:00PM

7:00 pm Lord's Supper Mass (Church)

10:00 pm Night Prayer (Chapel)

FRIDAY, APRIL 18: Office Closed

9:00 am Table of Plenty (Hall)

12:00 pm Station of the Cross (Church)3:00 pm Good Friday Service (Church)7:00 pm Good Friday Service (Church)

SATURDAY, APRIL 19:

10:00 am Egg Hunt (Hall)

11:00 am Blessing of Basket (Church)

8:30 pm Easter Vigil (Church)

SUNDAY, APRIL 20:

6:30 am Sunrise Outdoor Mass (Parking Lot)

8:30 am Easter Sunday Mass (Church)
 10:30 am Easter Sunday Mass (Church)
 12:30 am Easter Sunday Mass (Church)

Maintenance Fund Scan to donate

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 14: Holy Week

Wednesday, April 16: Holy Week

Thursday, April 17: The Lord's Supper

7:00 pm Father Ricky Varner

Friday, April 18: Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

3:00 pm Good Friday Service7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 19: Easter Vigil 8:30 pm SKD Parishioners

Sunday, April 20: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

the Lord 6:30 am

⊕ Blaine Varner

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:30 pm

⊕ William and Jannyna Cordero

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

Week of: April 13, 2025

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Pricilla Kilayko

By Mr. and Mrs. John Lao

Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Joanne Kelly

By Eileen Hartley

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

Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us.

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

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

<u>BAPTISM</u>: 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.

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

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Are you homebound or in the hospital? Do you need The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick? Please call the parish office for more information.

<u>NEW PARISHIONERS:</u> Registration forms are in the church, parish office and on the parish website.

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Ministries

AA Mondays at 6:30 pm FFE contact phillyid@att.net

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 Anthony

Rivera at: arofficial23@outlook.com

Bible Study: Wednesdays 11:00 am and Thursdays 7:30 pm. Call

Russ at: (239) 728-1912.

Embrace Grace-Mom & Dad Support Groups: Contact

Rose Talbot-Babey at: rose@drexelcc.org

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

Young Adult Rosary: 1st Saturday of Month, at 9:30 am Contact

Anthony Rivera at: arofficial23@outlook.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 Parish Office at: (239) 283-9501

or email at: office@drexelcc.org

Hospitality: Call Virginia Hinspeter at: (239) 410-7653

Knights of Columbus: First Monday, 6:30 pm. Contact Bob Snyder at: 239-321-9012 or www.SKDgrandknight

11177@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary: Contact Sandy Wilkin at:

swilkinfl@aol.com

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: To be determined.

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.

St. Katharine Drexel Endowment Fund: Contact Tom Feig

at feigtom@gmail.com or call (618) 322-3632.

Secular Franciscans: Second Saturday, 9:30 am.

Contact Doug Elliott at: (585) 370-6178.

Sons of Saint Joseph: Mike Vasquez at: qyllr@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 Toni Bryant at: 239-225-8093 or **Tonichief912@gmail.com**

TOPS: Weight loss support, Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, Contact Joe

Dever at: (239) 851-6442 email: 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

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 (6:00 pm to 8:30 pm)

Middle school: 1st and 3rd Fridays. (6:00 pm to 8:30 pm)

Pope Francis prayer Intention for April 2025: For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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

SKD Holy Week-Easter Calendar

1922 SW 20th Avenue Cape Coral-Florida

April 12/13 - Palm Sunday/Passion of the Lord

Saturday Confessions: 3:00 to 4:00 pm

4:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8:30 am / 10:30 am / 12:30 pm Masses

April 14 and 15 - Holy Monday and Holy Tuesday

9:00 am Daily Mass

April 16 – Holy Wednesday (Spy Wednesday)

9:00 am Daily Mass (Confessions after Mass)

6:00 pm Confessions

6:30 pm Evening Mass

April 17 – Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday)

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

10:00 pm Night Prayer (Altar of Repose in chapel)

April 18 - Good Friday/Passion of the Lord

12 Noon Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm Good Friday-Passion of the Lord Service

7:00 pm Good Friday-Passion of the Lord Service

April 19 - Holy Saturday

10:00 am SKD Easter Egg Hunt (church campus) 11:00 am Blessing of Food Baskets (in church)

Easter Vigil - 8:30 pm

April 20 - Easter Sunday/Resurrection of the Lord

6:30 am Sunrise Outdoor Mass (West Parking lot)

8:30 am / 10:30 am / 12:30 pm Masses

HOLY WEEK



Traditionally, Palm Sunday commemorates the riumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem described in all four canonical gospels. It is also called Passion Sunday

HOLY MONDAY TO SPY WEDNESDAY





MAUNDY THURSDAY

Also called Thrusday of Holy Week The day when the Last Supper is commemorated

GOOD FRIDAY

cross is the symbol of this day.





HOLY SATURDAY

Also called Black Saturday, Holy Saturday is the day between the crucificion of Jesus and his resurrection.

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday is the great feast day and apogee of the Christian liturgical year; on this day the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is



EASTER SUNDAY OUTDOOR SUNRISE MASS

> 2Oth 6:30 am

Join us for an uplifting outdoor Sunrise Mass on Easter Sunday, April 20th, at 6:30 AM in the West Parking Lot. Please bring a chair.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

A GRATEFUL SHEPHERD'S HEART

PALM SUNDAY - 2025

Dear Parish Families: As your pastor, I often find myself reflecting on what a great blessing it is to walk this journey of faith with you. Each week, I see the fruit of your devotion and the love you pour into the life of our parish. Today, I'd like to take a moment to do something a little different—something that comes from a deep place in my heart. I want to express my sincere gratitude for all of you who support the vision and mission of our parish family here at SKD.

Last week, I received some feedback that there are concerns among a few of you regarding the idea that I have favorites in the parish. There is a perception that certain individuals or groups are influencing how the parish is run, and I'd like to take a moment to clarify any misunderstandings.

Yes, I do have favorites. But perhaps not in the way you might think. As your pastor, I value so many of you who support our parish's vision and mission, and today, I want to share with you who my favorites are. They are not individuals who pull strings behind the scenes or tell me how to lead the parish. They are those who are here, week in and week out, giving of themselves for the greater good of our faith community.

My favorites are the dedicated people you see every Sunday—those who serve in our ministries. They are our sacristans, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Parish money counters, hospitality members, altar servers, and all those involved in our apostolates: Pro-Life Commission, the Knights of Columbus, Ladies Auxiliary, Council of Catholic Women, Legion of Mary, and our Prayer teams. Their work, gifts, and commitment impact my work as your pastor in ways that I can never fully express.

I also consider my favorites those who help keep our parish functioning day-to-day: our parish administration—our business manager, director of Religious Education, administrative assistants, receptionist/media editor, director of youth, and those who care for our physical space, including housekeeping and maintenance. Without them, much of what we do would not be possible.

In addition, my favorites include the members of the Jeremiah Team and Finance Council, who meet regularly with me to ensure that we remain true to our mission, that we are on a path to reach our long-term vision, and that we are good stewards of the resources entrusted to us. Their dedication and wisdom guide us toward a prosperous and faithful future.

Lastly, my favorites are the families of our parish who are deeply committed to living out their vocation in life. They strive to embody the pillars of prayer, learning, and service that are central to our mission, inspired by the example of Saint Katharine Drexel. These families are the heart of our parish, and their efforts are the foundation upon which we build our faith community.

In light of all this, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude. To all of you who give so generously of your time, talent, and treasure, I say thank you. I see your efforts, I recognize your sacrifices, and I appreciate your faith and your prayers. I carry each of you in my prayers, as we work together to build the Kingdom of God—one act of love, one ministry, and one shared vision at a time.

As we reflect on the Palm Sunday readings today, we are reminded of the call to humble service. In Isaiah 50:4-7, the Prophet speaks of the servant who listens attentively to the Lord's voice, offering words of encouragement to those in need. This servant, despite being oppressed, does not turn away, but rather sets his face like flint, trusting in the Lord's strength. This is a call to perseverance in service, just as you persevere in your ministries and apostolates.

In Philippians 2:6-11, Saint Paul speaks of Christ's humility and obedience, even to the point of death on a cross. This passage challenges us to live as Christ did, emptying ourselves of selfish ambition, and considering the needs of others first. Our Lord's example is the ultimate model of servant leadership.

Through these scriptures, I see reflected the lives of so many of you who lead by example—who put others first, who humble yourselves for the good of the parish, and who work tirelessly in service to Christ. You are my favorites because you embody the spirit of Christ's self-giving love.

Today, I thank you. I deeply value each one of you. Your efforts, your prayers, your sacrifices—none of them go unnoticed. And together, let us continue to make our parish a place where Christ is known, loved, and served—by all and through all.

May God bless you all as we embrace this Holy Week journey together, building His Kingdom, one step at a time.

United in the holy Eucharist and a grateful Shepherd's Heart,

-Father Ricky Varner





HELP MAKE A CHANGE!



DIAPER DRIVE

WHAT: Donate diapers to babies in need.

WHEN: The 3rd Sunday of every month.

WHERE: A crib will be located in the SKD narthex.

Hosted by the Respect Life Ministry of Saint Katharine Drexel



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April 11, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

On Good Friday, the Catholic Church gathers to remember the crucifixion of Jesus Christ as we await His resurrection on Easter Sunday. At the same time our thoughts turn to the Holy Land where Christ lived, died, and rose from the dead.

Every year, the Holy Father asks all Catholic parishes around the world to take up a collection on Good Friday to keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. This year, your help is needed more than ever. The Christian population has dropped to less than 2% over the past century, and now, due to the war, more families are leaving Bethlehem. Meanwhile, those who remain are tasked with rebuilding homes, schools, hospitals, and churches.

In these times of crisis, your support is essential. The Holy Land Collection in the Diocese of Venice will be held on Good Friday, April 18, 2025. This Jubilee Year is designated as a Year of Hope; let us instill hope in our brothers and sisters who strive to remain in the land where the Son of God dwelt among us. May God bless you for your continued generosity in support of the faithful in the Holy Land.

This opportunity is taken to extend to you my continued consideration as well as my prayers. Have a Blessed Holy Week!

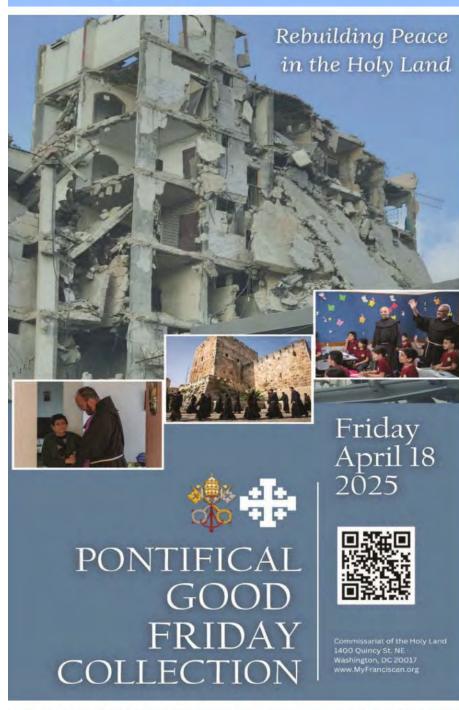
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J/ Dewane Bishop of the Diocese of

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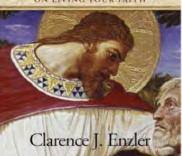


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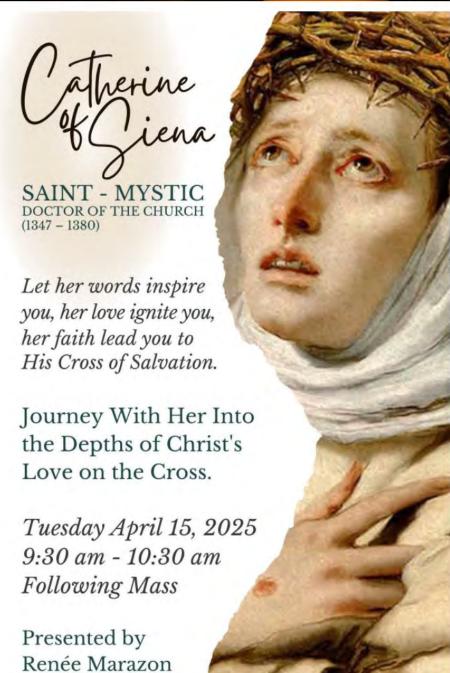
Draw closer to Christ like never before this Lenten Season by developing a deeper relationship with Him who we love!

MONDAYS
MORNING SESSION
10:00 AM
MORNING SESSION

06:30 AM

FAITH FORMATION EAST

Study by Rose Talbot-Babey, MAAT., C.S.D.
Our Director of Religious Education



Pray for Our Military

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