Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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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.

<u>MARRIAGE</u>: 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.

NEW PARISHIONERS: 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

May 25, 2025

PARISH VISION

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 drexelcc.flocknote.com.

SKD PARISH STAFF

Pastor—Father Ricky Varner (varner@drexelcc.org)

Administrative Assistant—Alba Gibbons (office@drexelcc.org)

Receptionist—Jason Bleers (jason@drexelcc.org)

Business Manager—Frank Newcomb (frank@drexelcc.org)

DRE—Rose Marie Talbot-Babey (rose@drexelcc.org)

Director of Music—To be determined

Director of Youth—Aileen Vasquez (aileen@drexelcc.org)

Maintenance—Ernie Sierocinski (ernie@drexelcc.org)

Housekeeping—Gilma Avalos (gilma@drexelcc.org)

Housekeeping—Martha Mendoza (martha@drexelcc.org)

FINANCE COUNCIL

Victor Balaj, Peter Barrett, Sr., Tom Feig, Kathleen Houghton, Kathy Scott, Mark Pennington, Ed Puisis, and Phaedra Weiler.

JEREMIAH TEAM

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

COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Date: Sunday, June 1, 2025

The Catholic Communication Campaign spreads the Gospel in the U.S. and abroad using modern media to inform and inspire.

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL ENDOWMENT FUND

Visit 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 May 18, 2025

Offertory: \$11,892.09 Online Giving: \$6,645.29

Maintenance Fund to Date: \$86,162.3

Catholic Faith Appeal 2025

Our Parish Goal: \$250,000.00 Pledged to Date: \$160,003.00 Payments to Date: \$105,192.13

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

SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS

MONDAY, MAY 26: OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 pm AA Meetings (FFE)

TUESDAY, MAY 27:

6:00 pm Alpha Connect (Hall)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28:

8:00 am TOPS (Hall)

11:00 am Bible Class (FFW)

5:45 pm TOPS (FFW)

6:00 pm Youth Group (FFE)

THURSDAY, MAY 29:

10:00am CCW Board Meeting (FFW)

6:30 pm TMIY (FFE)

7:30 pm Bible Class (FFW)

FRIDAY, MAY 30:

10:00 am Legion of Mary (FFW) 6:00 pm Youth Group (FFE)

SATURDAY, MAY 31:

10:00 am Legion of Mary Curia (Hall)

"PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU."



Maintenance FundScan 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

Monday, May 26: Saint Phillip Neri, Priest

9:00 am 🔀 Tony and Vera Sicilia

Tuesday, May 27: Saint Augustine of Cantebury, Bishop

9:00 am Helen and Blaine Varner

Wednesday, May 28: Easter Weekday

Thursday, May 29: Saint Paul VI, Pope

9:00 am Blaine Varner

Friday, May 30: Easter Weekday

9:00 am Ana Maria Coll

Saturday, May 31: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, June 1: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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

> > -Saint Irenaeus

Week of: May 25, 2025

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Elaine Kearns

By Donna Frys

Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory for

Jacque, Leonel, Roger

By Edwidge Williams

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

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 Mary Ann Bedell at: (239) 458-2778 or email at: brumary77@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 Parish Office at: (239) 283-9501

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 Leo XIV's prayer Intention for May 2025: For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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

REFLECTION: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A HUMBLE GOD

The second reading from Revelations gives us a picture of the new Jerusalem as a sign of the power and majesty of God. Yet the other two readings seem to describe a humble God who wishes "not to place on you any burden beyond . . . necessity" (Acts 15:28), and Jesus in the Gospel tells his disciples that "the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name . . . will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (John 14:26). This gentleness reminds me of an icon by the Russian monk Andrei Rublev that depicts the Trinity as three angels bowing in deference to each other. This humility may be what moved Jesus to say that "the Father is greater than I" (John 14:28). It is certainly a unique way of understanding God.

I used to think of free will as God's way of testing our worthiness for the kingdom of heaven. But it is more likely part of that same humility, God not being forced on us. While we are given ways to know God, especially through the scriptures and the witness of those who went before us in faith, God leaves us free to believe or not, to love God or not.

So does this mean God leaves us on our own to get through life? No, he gives us the Holy Spirit to teach and remind us of all that Jesus said. That "reminding" is an important way the Spirit helps us today. You may have spent years in religion classes or the RCIA process. When you need an answer to life's questions, the Spirit may remind you of something you heard from a teacher or read in the scriptures. As you pray over that question, the Spirit may help you understand how the scripture applies to you. So the more you read the Bible, the more likely that the Spirit will have something of which to remind you.

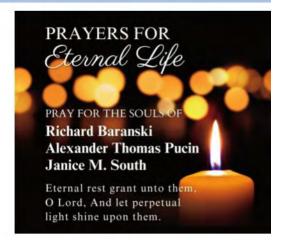
—Tom Schmidt

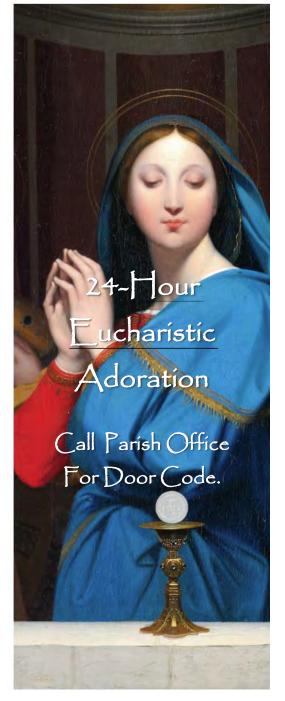
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the sevenday rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord's Day among our ancestors in the faith was "The Eighth Day," meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy.

These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That's why it is still Easter!





CATECHISTS NEEDED

MATTHEW 19:14



Help lead the children of Saint Katharine Drexel Parish to Jesus by joining our Religious Education team!

Prayerfully consider sharing your faith by being a Catechist for the upcoming 2025-2026 year.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT **ROSE TALBOT-BABEY:**

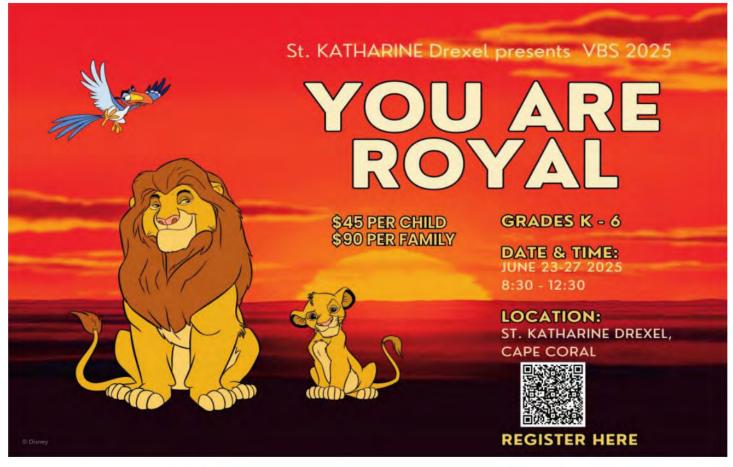


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May 23, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) offers a unique way to help our neighbors, and people across the country, connect with Christ. Know that half the funds raised by the CCC support the collective communication programs of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States, and the other half stays here in the Diocese of Venice.

The Catholic Communication Campaign supports the catholic media through the Catholic News Service Network's broadcasts of worldwide events that allow us to behold the joy and unity of our faith. During this Jubilee year, they will also be able to share the stories of the millions of Catholics who will travel to Rome as "Pilgrims of Hope" and be witness of our faith to others. At home, in the Diocese of Venice, this campaign partially funds TV Masses to the homebound who are unable to attend the Holy Mass, as well as the "Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane" radio show, and various social media channels.

The collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign allows us to tell both the world and our neighbors about our experience of faith, worship, and witness. Please support this important work in the upcoming collection which will take place on the weekend of May 31 and June 1, 2025, in the Diocese of Venice. Thank you for your generosity!

I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration and my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank/J/Dewane

Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

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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 8-13

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\$60 per student

Grades 1-6: 9am - 3pm Grades 7-12: 6:30 - 8:45p

Join us on Sunday, June 8 at 5pm for our KICK OFF EVENT!

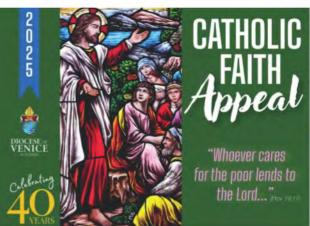
Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Pilgrimage to

MEDJUGORJE



Note Disclaimer: The pilgrimage trip to Medjugorje is an event organized by and operated by 206 Tours who will be responsible for the event. The pilgrimage is not an event sponsored by or endorsed by the Diocese of Venice or by Saint Katharine Drexel Parish. While Father Ricky Varner will be attending this pilgrimage, neither he nor the Diocese is responsible for any of the arrangements. This pilgrimage represents travel to destinations outside of the United States. Participants must make their own travel arrangements; should familiarize themselves with the destination(s); and must make their own decisions on the safety and security of the travel arrangements provided by the pilgrimage Operator. The role of the parish in helping promote the trip should not be deemed as an endorsement or a representation of any kind as to the travel arrangements.





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