## Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

1922 SW 20th Avenue / Cape Coral, Florida 33991 Telephone: (239) 283-9501 / Website: <a href="www.drexelcc.org">www.drexelcc.org</a>

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 <a href="mailto:rose@drexelcc.org">rose@drexelcc.org</a>. 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, Wednesday, Thursday—8:30 am to 4:30 pm Tuesday—9:30 am to 4:30 pm Friday—8:30 am to 12:00 pm

## July 20, 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 <u>drexelcc.flocknote.com</u>.

## 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), 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.

"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

## 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 July 13, 2025

Offertory: \$11,010.50 Online Giving: \$6,385.87

Maintenance Fund to Date: \$113,976.30

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## Catholic Faith Appeal 2025

Our Parish Goal: \$250,000.00 Pledged to Date: \$186,755.00 Payments to Date: \$143,605.18

Visit parish website: <a href="www.drexelcc.org">www.drexelcc.org</a> and click on the Online Giving link!

#### SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS

### **MONDAY, JULY 21:**

6:30 pm AA Meetings (FFE)
6:30 pm Ladies Auxillary (Library)
7:00 pm K of C Meeting (FFW)

### **TUESDAY, JULY 22:**

6:00 pm Theology of the Body (FFE)

## **WEDNESDAY, JULY 23:**

8:00 am TOPS (Hall) 11:00 am Bible Class (FFW)

6:00 pm TOPS (FFW)

6:00 pm Upper Room Youth Group (FFE)

## **THURSDAY, JULY 24:**

11:30 am Franciscan Meeting (Library)

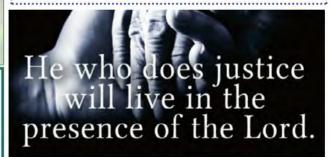
7:30 pm Bible Class (FFW)

## FRIDAY, JULY 25:

9:00 am Diaper Distribution (Hall) 10:00 am Legion of Mary (FFW)

### **SATURDAY, JULY 26:**

10:00 am Legion of Mary Curia (FFW) 6:30 pm ARK Young Adult (FFE)



# **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, July 22: Saint Mary Magdalane

Wednesday, July 23: Saint Bridget, Religious

Thursday, July 24: Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

Friday, July 25: Saint James, Apostle

Saturday, July 26: Saint Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 pm SKD Parishioners

Sunday, July 27: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

-Saint Irenaeus

## Week of: July 20, 2025

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

**Caridad DeJesus Negron** 

By Blanca Negron

Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

**Anthony Marinello** 

By Sylvia Marinello

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 <a href="mailto:delacy3@gmail.com">delacy3@gmail.com</a>

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**: Second and Fourth Saturdays at: 6:30 pm, email Anthony Rivera at: <a href="mailto:arofficial23@outlook.com">arofficial23@outlook.com</a>

**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: <a href="mailto:brumary77@gmail.com">brumary77@gmail.com</a>

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: <a href="mailto:renee@marazon.com">renee@marazon.com</a>

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

Mike Sushil at: 239-560-2454

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary: Contact Alice Hofer at:

alicehof3@gmail.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: <a href="mailto:renee@marazon.com">renee@marazon.com</a>

**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

Donna Frys at: dmfrys2@aol.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: <a href="mailto:qyllr@me.com">qyllr@me.com</a>

**Spiritual Direction**: Rose Marie Talbot-Babey email at:

Rose@drexelcc.org

SKD Family Life: Contact Rose at: <a href="mailto:skdfamily@gmail.com">skdfamily@gmail.com</a>

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: <a href="mailto:judydesch@gmail.com">judydesch@gmail.com</a>

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: <u>aileen@drexelcc.org</u> 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's prayer Intention for July 2025: For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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



## DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

#### OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

July 10, 2025

Dear Monsignor/Father,

Greetings in the Lord, Jesus Christ. With this letter, I wish to address recent news concerning Churches and political endorsements.

As you are likely aware, the IRS recently issued an interpretation of the Johnson Amendment that would allow religious organizations to endorse candidates. Please know that the Church's stance on this matter has not changed, and there should be no endorsement of political candidates or of a particular party. On this matter, a statement from the USCCB may be found enclosed herewith.

Please know that this policy is not intended to be disrespectful of your individual political views. However, these views are your personal views, while that which is proclaimed from the pulpit and the altar cannot be solely the view of the Priest and must reflect the whole Church. While all are familiar with how sensitive and divisive these issues can be, the Priest is called to be pastoral to all. Your understanding and assistance in avoiding endorsements are appreciated, as are your efforts to form the consciences of the Faithful.

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,

+ Frank J/Dewane Bishop of the Diocese of

Venice in Florida

FJD/mm Enclosure

## THE WORD IN OUR LIVES:

## 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: THE BETTER PART

The Gospel for this Sunday can sometimes give the impression that Jesus favored Mary over Martha. But if they had both sat down to listen, there would have been no dinner to serve to Jesus. He saw that Mary was content to listen to him, so Martha could have been content to prepare the meal for him. Remember the first reading, in which Abraham insisted on serving the visitors, whom he came to recognize as the Lord and two angels. He was rewarded with the assurance that he would soon have a son.

So simple acts of hospitality can also be how people can welcome the Lord into their homes. When we welcome someone into our homes as a visitor, or into our lives as a friend, we are also welcoming Christ. When we get to know someone better, we are also getting to know Christ. And what about that "better part" that Mary had chosen? Are we sometimes like Martha, with too many things on our minds to be aware of the Lord? Sometimes we can't avoid the distractions that are part of life. But if we keep the Lord on our minds we may be able to see which are distractions to be put aside, and which are opportunities to serve the Lord in a different way. As we spend more time with the Lord in prayer, we begin to experience God's peace, which gives us the ability to choose the better part.

-Tom Schmidt

## **INSPIRATION DAILY:**

## **PUT DOWN YOUR BUCKET**

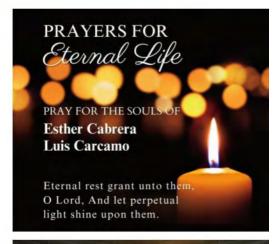
This Gospel passage can be intimidating to reflect on—so much has already been said. A favorite especially among women, it offers a glimpse into how we might prioritize our time.

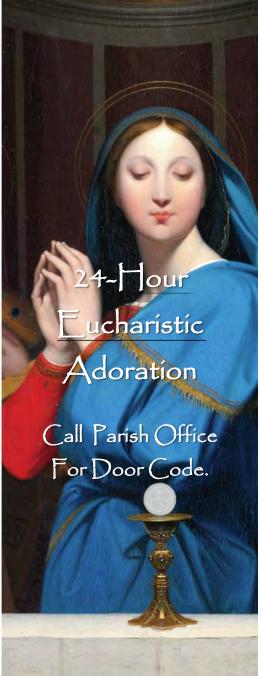
As I reflected on it, I was reminded of a podcast I heard last year. The topic was different, but one phrase stuck with me: "If it's raining, put down the bucket." The story went like this: We are gardeners, tending to our lives. Water is essential, and we often carry buckets to nourish our sprouts. But if we become so focused on filling and carrying the bucket, we might miss when the rain begins to fall. When that happens, it's time to stop—let the rain do its work.

Martha was a diligent gardener, tending to her guests. But she was so focused on her "bucket" that she missed the Living Water right in front of her. This perspective honors the work Martha was doing. Without effort, a garden withers. Our spiritual lives need tending too—through study, prayer, and service. But God is the master gardener, and sometimes we are called to stop, to be still, and simply dwell in His presence.

How do we know when to work and when to rest? Ecclesiastes reminds us there is a time for everything. Discernment, through prayer and reflection, helps us choose wisely. Martha chose well—but Mary chose better by putting down her bucket and listening fully to Jesus.

—Kate Taliaferro







## JULY 22

## SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

Though her transgressions may have been many, just as abundant was her love for her Lord. Perhaps one of the greatest conversion stories of the New Testament, Mary Magdalene was one from whom seven demons had been expelled, a woman plagued by turmoil. nor did she deny him despite the She lived her own type of hell on earth, that is, until Jesus crossed her path one day. She first appears in the Bible accompanying him as he journeyed from one town to the other

"preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God". Her gratitude led her to follow and serve her Lord tirelessly, all the way up to the foot of the cross. She did not abandon him in the face of difficulty, harsh cruelty all around her. She was one of the few to accompany him, gazing upon his beaten and torn countenance as he took his final breath. Jesus rewarded this loving devotion as she is

known in Mark's account to be the first one to see him after the Resurrection (Mark 16:9). May we follow the example of Saint Mary Magdalene in our unwavering dedication to God, so that at the end of our days we may also declare, "I have seen the Lord!" -Tami Urcia

# CATECHISTS NEEDED



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:** 



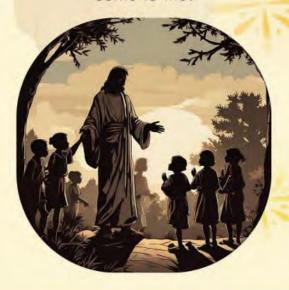
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MATTHEW 19:14

come to me.





## **Meat Raffle Fundraiser**

Sunday, August 3, 2025

1pm - 4pm

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Week of July 20, 2025



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#### Sts. Joachim and Anne | Catholic Saints

Though not in Scripture, Sts. Joachim and Anne—Mary's parents—are key in Church tradition. Learn more in this Catholic Saints episode with Mary McGeehan and Dr. Vennerstrom.



## Saint Mary Magdalene | Catholic Saints

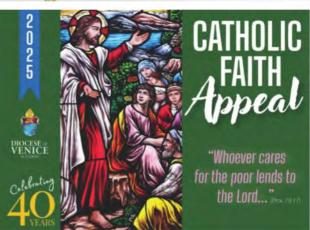
Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore the life of St. Mary Magdalene. Who was she, and why is she a saint? Discover the answers in this engaging discussion.

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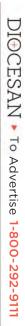


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