



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH




JUNE 13, 2021 | ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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#### WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 7:00am, 4:30pm  
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

#### WEEKDAY MASS

Mon.-Fri. | 7:00am

#### CONFESSION

Tues., Thu., Sat. | 15 minutes before  
7:00am Mass  
Saturday | 3:45pm-4:20pm  
Other | By Appointment

#### CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Mon.-Fri. | 8:00am-2:30pm  
Saturday | 8:00am-4:30pm  
Sunday | 9:00am-10:00am



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# READINGS FOR JUNE 13, 2021

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## READING I

**EZ 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord GOD: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PS 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16**

**R. (cf. 2a) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High, To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night.

**R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow. They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

**R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be, Declaring how just is the LORD, my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

**R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

## READING II

**2 COR. 5:6-10**

Brothers and sisters: We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

## GOSPEL

**MK 4:26-34**

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.



### **Sunday, June 13**

8:00am Don Deachan  
10:00am David Klipsch

### **Monday, June 14**

7:00am Joan Hulford

### **Tuesday, June 15**

7:00am Harry and Anita Toczylowski

### **Wednesday, June 16**

7:00am Hodes Family, SI

### **Thursday, June 17**

7:00am Pat Goeddel

### **Friday, June 18**

7:00am Jost Family

### **Saturday, June 19**

7:00am Sam and Dorothy Lawson  
4:30pm Elizabeth Cramer

### **Sunday, June 20**

8:00am People of the Parish  
10:00am Marcia Matreci

*"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil." - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10*

We are accountable for all of the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent, and our treasure, everything we have and everything we are. We are accountable not only for our own lives but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask us what we did with the gifts we were given. How will we respond?

## **Your Contributions to God and Parish**

<b>June 6, 2021</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>(Envelopes Used)</b>		
<b>Regular Env. (61)</b>	\$ 7,284.00	\$ 217,161.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 926.00	\$ 48,665.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 70.00	\$ 8,734.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 205.00	\$ 11,498.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,034.00
<b>Online Giving (57)</b>	\$ 2,970.00	\$ 131,600.00
<b>Seminary</b>	(\$ 2.00)	
<b>Catholic Home</b>	(\$ 5.00)	
<b>Missions</b>		
<b>Tithing</b>	(\$ 21.00)	
<b>Peter's Pence</b>	(\$ 40.00)	
<b>Cardinal Glennon</b>	(\$ 806.00)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 12,329.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 11,455.00	\$ 431,831.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 441,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<u>\$ 2,455.00</u>	<u>(\$ 9,169.00)</u>
<b>FYE 2020</b>		(\$ 37,795.00)

### **From St. Vincent de Paul Society**

In the Gospel Jesus says: "This is how it is with the reign of God. A man scatters seed on the ground. He goes to bed and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without his knowing how it happens." Through your almsgiving you are sowing seeds that grow far greater than you know. The coins, bills, or checks placed in the St. Vincent de Paul envelope bring Christ's love and compassion to the poor.

## FR. JOHN'S DIGITAL QUILL FOR SPIRITUAL MUSINGS AND PARISH NEWS

### Walks with Fr. John

Today (Sunday) is my first walk day! I look forward to getting out and I hope to see many people on my walk. Know that I am happy to stop for awhile and visit and also to extend a blessing to your home.

The route for my walk today will be:

**12:00-2:00pm:** Bishops Pl, Keith, Hildgard, Crane Circle, Finkman (west of Hampton), Southland, Hampton, Holly Hills (west of Hampton), Clifton, Rhodes (east of Clifton), Eichelberger east of Clifton

The other dates and times for my talks are as follows:

- June 19 9:00-11:00am Jamieson south of the parish to Clifton, Nagel to Sunshine, Sunshine to Robert Ave (west of Hampton), Robert to Tennis Way, Tennis to Sunshine down to Gravois, to Robert Ave (east of Hampton) to Nagel Ave, Nagel to Gravois, Gravois to Blow, Blow to Quincy, Quincy to Gravois, Gravois to Loughborough

- June 26 9:00-11:00am Highfield, Westway, Jamieson, Willmore, Westway, Homeland, Jamieson, High Circle, Jamieson

- June 27 1:00-3:00pm Willmore, Guilford Pl, Highfield Bishops, Childress, Rhodes (west of Clifton), Westway Pl, Kinsey Pl., Childress to Eichelberger, Eichelberger to Donovan Ave, Donovan to Kinsey Circle, to Donovan

If you would like to make sure that I stop by your home, please contact me either via phone or e-mail no later than 24 hours in advance. I appreciate the last minute change in schedules, but need time to make sure I get everything recorded and laid out for the trip.

Last year, some parishioners chose to walk with me part of the time on these journeys. Please know that anyone who would like to walk with me is welcome; please dress for the weather and bring water.

If you are outside of the boundaries or are not going to be at home when I will be by, please contact me and I am happy to make a personal visit at a mutually agreeable time.

### Parish Consecration to the Sacred Heart

On June 2, 2019, our parish was consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Last year, as we were just getting back to Mass from the COVID lockdowns, we had a more private remembrance of this consecration.

This Sunday, we will renew that consecration publicly after the homily. Please see the last page of the bulletin for the prayer we will pray together as a community.

Why should we renew this consecration? God is never outdone in generosity to us! Our renewal of the consecration states our openness to receive from God even more of the good graces He has prepared for us.

What are these graces He wants to give us? Jesus made 12 promises to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Most poignant this year are these graces that Jesus promised to St. Margaret Mary:

I will establish peace in their homes.

I will comfort them in all their afflictions.

I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.

I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.

I will bless every place in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honored.

We are trying to do something no one has done before: resume normal parish life after 15 months of being shut down. As we have seen from the reopening of the rest of society, it is not as easy as flipping a switch. We need God's help to make this a smooth movement towards reopening.

May we thus embrace this renewal with new vigor and desire for God's blessings and graces.

### Men's Club Meeting

One good sign of returning to normal is that our Men's Club will resume meeting this Tuesday, June 15,



at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. We will follow the CDC guidelines that vaccinated persons are not required to wear masks but may do so if they choose to. Non-vaccinated persons are asked to wear a mask.

I know that other groups and organizations in our parish will be looking to get back to meeting in the next few months. If your group is interested in resuming meeting, please contact the parish office to ensure that your meeting time and place is reserved.

### Mass Mandate Update

Last Friday, I did send out a Flocknote informing everyone that the mandate to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation will resume on July 1.

With the beginning of the lockdown 15 months ago, the Archbishop took the unprecedented step of suspending the obligation to attend Mass. Top health officials recommended that larger events such as Mass be curtailed as much as possible to slow the spread of COVID. While we had a time where Mass was closed to the public, the public celebration of Mass has resumed.

The resumption of the Mass mandate does mean that to choose not to attend Mass for a grave reason such as being sick, homebound, or in an immunocompromised state does not constitute a mortal sin.

Whenever we choose, we choose for something that we perceive as good. No one gets up and knowingly decides to choose something bad. A sin is when we choose a lesser good than the highest good.

For example, in deciding to attend Mass or not, we may choose the good of attending Mass or the good of sleeping in, getting more chores done, or going to sporting activities. These are all good things, but as God calls us to in the Ten Commandments, the highest good is to attend Mass on the Sabbath.

Under sin, there are two categories of sin: mortal and venial. A sin is mortal when:

- The sin is something serious, such as missing Mass
- I know it is wrong
- Even though I know it is wrong, I freely choose to do it anyway.

Any sin that does not meet one of these criteria is a venial (or lesser) sin.

Mortal sin turns us away from God, as we have

freely chosen a lesser good over relationship with Him. Venial sin lessens the relationship with God, but does not totally turn us away from Him.

While venial sins can be forgiven in many ways, such as prayer, attending Mass, or doing good works, mortal sin can only be forgiven through the Sacrament of Confession. Thus, after July 1, if I fail to attend Mass one Sunday without a valid reason, I need to go to confession before receiving Holy Communion. I can and should attend Mass, but I should not present myself for Holy Communion. To receive Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin is to commit the sin of sacrilege (receiving a sacred thing unworthily), which is also a mortal sin.

Now many times today, we can hear people, including clergy, say God will not send someone to Hell for missing Mass. But remember: God does not send anyone to Hell. At death, God reviews our lives with us in the clear light of truth and asks, did we practice love for God and love for others. Our choices throughout our lives determine where we will be eternally.

The Church, while never condemning anyone to Hell, does teach that even one mortal sin that is not repented for, is enough for a soul to be judged to spend eternity in Hell.

Saint Paul in 1 Corinthians 9:16 tells the Corinthians that it is imposed upon him to preach the Gospel. Like St. Paul, I have a mandate to faithfully preach the Gospel to you, the people of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish. These are hard things to write and to hear, but they are part of the Gospel as preached by the Church. Please understand that this is the sole inspiration to write this column this Sunday.

In the coming weeks, I want to write about the more positive aspects of why we attend Mass.

We are also planning many different activities to celebrate our return to Mass in the weeks after the Mass mandate goes into effect. Please stay tuned for news on those items.

(To read more about sin, please see *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1846-1876).

### Father's Day Mass

As we did for Mother's Day, we will have a special Father's Day Mass next week at 12:15pm (note later time due to a Baptism) on the parking lot.

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# DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
Monday	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
Friday	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday	2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday	Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

## Prayer Network

Our prayer network continues its quiet work of praying for our parishioners who are ill, recovering from illness, and for special intentions as well. We also invite you to remember these petitions daily in your prayers. If you are interested in having an intention added to the prayer chain or to receive the list of intentions, please contact the parish office.

## Spiritual Communion of St. Alphonsus

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though You have already come. I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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### **(Fr. John's column, continued.)**

We welcome people to come to church in their cars or to bring chairs and sit in the first row of parking spots.

### **Holy Water Returns!**

Keeping up the theme of life returning to normal, we are reintroducing Holy Water at the Holy Water fonts. Please remember that there is no obligation to use the Holy Water if you are not comfortable. The fonts will be cleaned and refilled weekly.

### **Other Changes to Mass**

In the coming weeks, we will be finalizing returning to Mass with as much pre-pandemic normalcy as we can. This will include reintroducing servers to Mass as well as the Offertory collection and carrying up the gifts at Mass. Please be patient as we work through the details necessary to restore our worship as it was before the pandemic.

### **Amazon Smile Update**

Thank you for your continued support of our parish and school through Amazon Smile. We raised \$150.91 from January-March of this year through this program.

Remember, Amazon Smile costs you nothing extra. Before making your Amazon purchase, visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and make sure we are selected as the charity of your choice and make your purchase like normal. We get a small percentage of your purchase. Thanks for the support!

### **Remember Us Between Your Electric and Gas Bills**

From talking with people, I know this summer will be a more normal season, with people planning trips and vacations. This is another great sign that we are slowly but surely returning to normal.

Before you head out this summer for your trip, please make sure you have either setup an online

donation or dropped your weekly contribution in the mail or by the parish office.

The Finance Committee and I are so grateful for the increased level of generosity throughout the pandemic. It has not gone unnoticed and is certainly appreciated by us as we make plans for the future of the parish and for the school.

A few challenging weeks in the Offertory, though, can erode several months of good, patient work. As we enjoy this summer, please remember us as you pay your electric and gas bills.

Thank you and may the Lord reward your generosity to us!

I will see you online or in Church! - Fr. John #SRAstrong



### ***Weekly Devotion for the Year of St. Joseph***

St. Joseph, pray for us.

Illustrious son of David, pray for us.

Light of patriarchs, pray for us.

Spouse of the Mother of God, pray for us.

Chaste guardian of the Virgin, pray for us.

### **Our Parish Mission Statement**

We, the parish of Saint Raphael the Archangel, celebrate Jesus as the center of our life. Through our active participation in the Eucharist, we strive to recognize Jesus in our daily lives and the lives of others. Our commitment is to grow as a parish family, and live this through our religious, educational, social, and civic involvements, witnessing to all, our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.





George and Ann Kerry, long-time parishioners of SRA, received a special blessing from Msgr. Stehly on June 5, 2021, the couple's 50th wedding anniversary

### For Sale

We have approximately 35 beige, metal chairs for sale for \$2.00 each. They are located in the lower level of the parish office. They are being sold on a first come, first sold basis. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

### Most Holy Trinity Parish Information

Before the pandemic, we were developing a relationship with Most Holy Trinity Parish in North City. Father John recently met with Sr. Gail who shared some opportunities for us to reconnect with Most Holy Trinity Parish in the coming weeks. Please consider joining in one of these activities!

#### **Retreat Sunday on June 27, 2021**

Mass at 9:30am followed by lunch, a talk, and service to the neighborhood. Father Tom Donaldson will be retreat guide for the day.

Please RSVP for Retreat Sunday so lunch preparations can be made.

Please call 314.241.9165 to register and for more information.



### **Annual Catholic Appeal**

If you have not yet contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider doing so now. If you have an ACA pledge card, fill it out and drop it into the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. If you do not have a card, call the parish office or Fred Hodes (314.752.8742) and we will fill out a card for you.

Thanks to all who have already contributed.

The ACA Committee

### **A Prayer Before Holy Mass**

Heavenly Father: I, your unworthy servant, come to worship You in this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. By Your grace, kindly help me to listen attentively, pray devoutly, and receive worthily the Sacred Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit open the eyes of my heart to perceive more fully the great Mystery that takes place on the sacred altar. At this Holy Mass, I wish to pray in particular for the following intentions: *(here name them)*. Amen.



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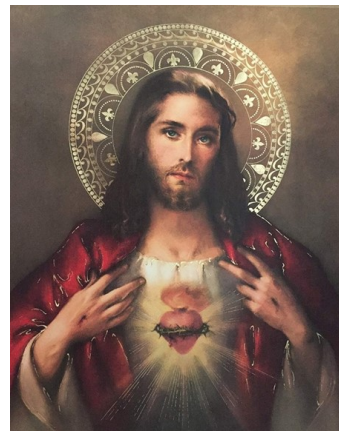
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# RENEWAL OF OUR PARISH CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



I give myself and consecrate myself to the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, my person and my life, my actions, pains and sufferings, so that I may be unwilling to make use of any part of my being other than to honor, love, and glorify the Sacred Heart. This is my unchanging purpose, namely, to be all His, and to do all things for the love of Him, at the same time renouncing with all of my heart whatever is displeasing to Him. I therefore take you, O Sacred Heart, to be the only object of my love, the guardian of my life, my assurance of salvation, the remedy of my weakness and inconstancy, the atonement for all the faults of my life and my sure refuge at the hour of death.

O Heart of Love, I put my confidence in You, for I fear everything from my weakness and frailty, but I hope for all things from Your goodness and bounty.

Remove from me all that can displease You or resist Your holy will, let Your pure love imprint Your image so deeply upon my heart, that I shall never be able to forget You or to be separated from You.

May I obtain from all Your loving kindness the grace of having my name written in Your heart, for in You I desire to place all my happiness and glory, living and dying in union with You. Amen.



## Welcome to the St. Raphael Parish Family!

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. You can also call us at 314.352.8100.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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