

ANNOUNCEMENTS

from St. Raphael's
July 24, 2026

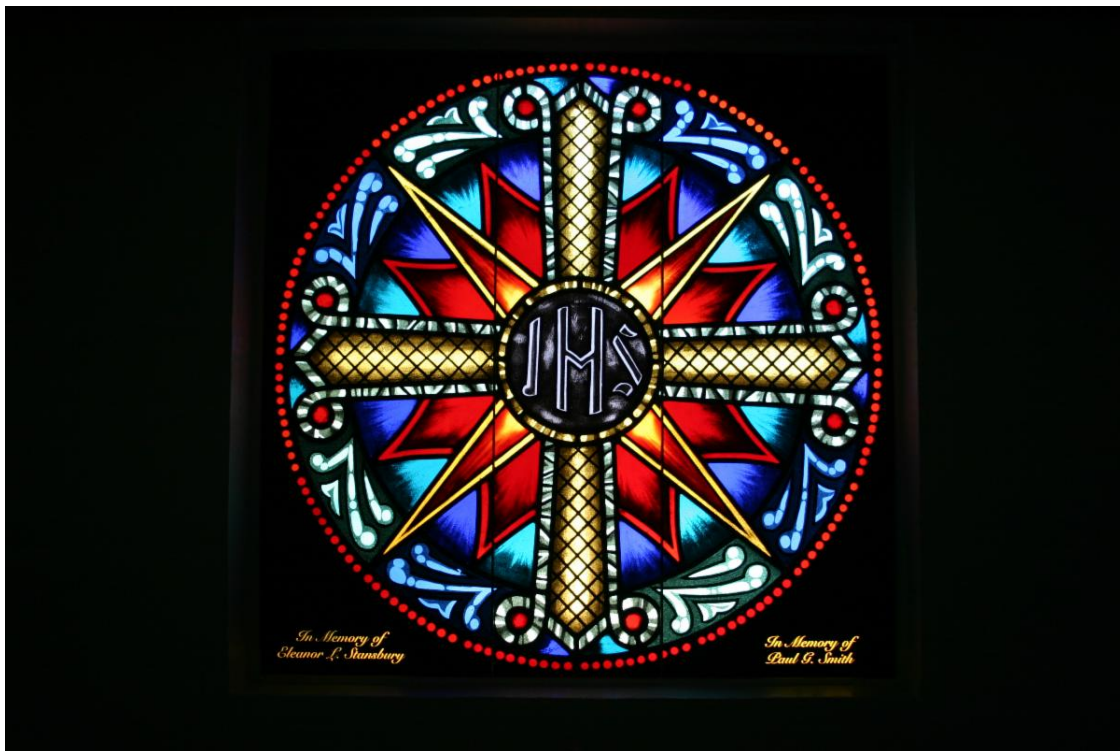
Join Us Every Sunday

Holy Eucharist

10:00 am at

5607 Williams Drive

All are invited - All are welcome!



Rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ, we are committed to nurturing spiritual growth, fostering a sense of belonging, and serving our community with compassion.



St. Raphael's

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 2026



DATE	CHALICE	READER
 July 5	 Bob	 Ellie
 July 12	 Bob	 Ellie
 July 19	 Ellie	 Ross
 July 26	 Ellie	 Charles



— Thank You! —

Thank you to all of our worship volunteers for sharing your time and talents. Your faithful service helps make our Sunday worship meaningful each week.

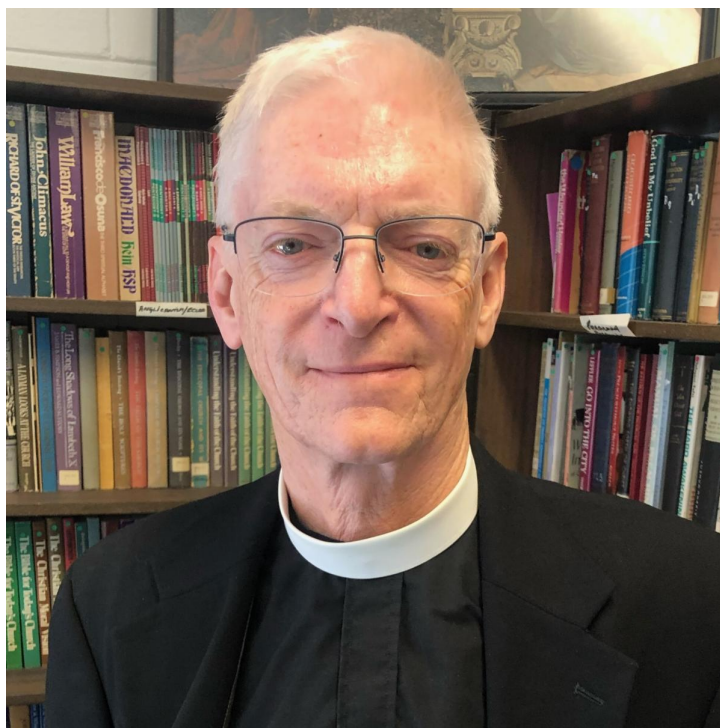


Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

Psalm 100:2



Please join us for coffee hour in the parish hall immediately following the service. Ellie is going to attempt to make a cinnamon dump cake.



A Message From Father Rowe

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

Dear members and friends of St. Raphael's,

This Sunday's scriptures continue the story of Jacob with the strange tale of how he was tricked into marrying the wrong women. Paul builds up our confidence in God and in our future with him.

The Gospel according to St. Matthew continues with short, challenging parables that show the Kingdom of Heaven as immensely valuable yet often hidden and mysterious.

This week's holy days include the commemoration on Saturday of St. James the Apostle, St. John's brother, one of the sons of Zebedee, whom Jesus called "Sons of Thunder." Sunday itself commemorates the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Ss. Joachim and Anna. As a sign of the centrality of music to Christian worship, we commemorate Johann Sebastian Bach next Tuesday.

Thank you to those who made financial gifts to help St. Raphael's at this halfway point in the year.

Gratefully in Christ's service,

(The Rev.) Michael Rowe
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Help Us Find Our Next Part-Time Priest

If you know of a priest who may be a suitable fit for St. Raphael's, please let us know. We are seeking someone who embraces our welcoming spirit, values meaningful worship, enjoys pastoral care, and appreciates the unique character of our island community. If you would like to recommend someone or have questions about the search, please contact the senior warden at profbunting@gmail.com.



Comfort Hall to Host Lion's Club Scholarship Dinner

Last week, Comfort Hall was filled with excitement and celebration as more than 60 guests gathered for the Beach Kids' Foundation Scholarship Awards Dinner.

Next week, the Lion's Club will use the hall for their scholarship dinner on July 30. Chef Kevin will be in charge of the food, making use of our new commercial kitchen.

To prepare for that event, we have left the tables in place and are using the opportunity to showcase Comfort Hall as an excellent venue for banquets, awards dinners, celebrations, and other special events.

For nonprofit organizations, we charge only a cleaning fee, and Chef Kevin generously donates money to us for the use of the commercial kitchen, making it an affordable option for community groups.

Former Parishioners Return to St. Raphael's with Gift

For many years, Ed and Margaret Kohler were faithful members of St. Raphael's Church. Ed served as senior warden and began our beloved shrimp dinners—back when tickets were only \$10 per person!

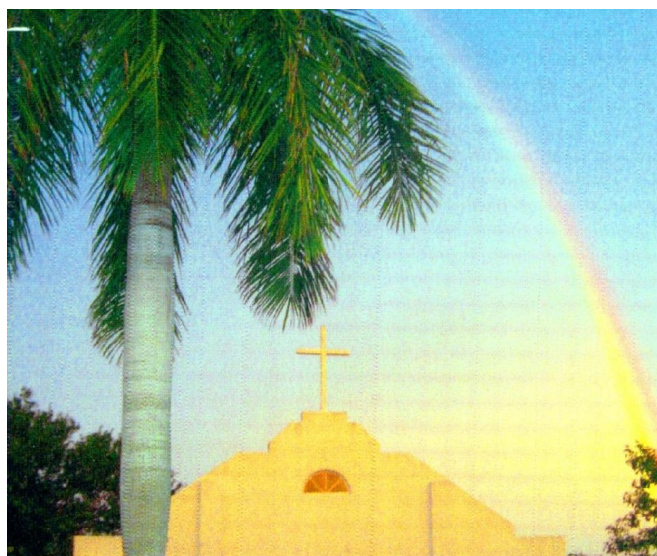
Ed and Margaret recently returned to Fort Myers Beach to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. They now live in The Villages, so it was especially wonderful to welcome them back and visit with them again.

During their visit, Ed and Margaret surprised St. Raphael's with a generous gift for our parish. We are deeply grateful for their continued love and support of St. Raphael's and hope they will return for another visit very soon.



Bible Study Continues

Kathy Leson has reminded us the the Bible Study will continue through the summer. Many are gathering for one hour of Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10:00 am eastern time via zoom. It is a wonderful way to continue our community family bonds while we are away for the summer. We invite others who have not experienced this fellowship and reflection to join us. Let Kathy Leson know at kathleenleson@gmail.com if you would like the zoom invite.



Parish Profile Completed

As the first step in our search for a new priest, we have completed our parish profile thanks to Kathy Leson, who did the writing. The profile has been sent to the Bishop's committee for suggestions and approval. Once we get their feedback, we will post the profile on our website. Feel free to share it with potential candidates if you hear of anyone who might be interested in this position. We will send this, along with the revised budget, to Canon Norman. We hope to have a meeting with him soon to begin the search process.

Help Us Increase Our Facebook and You Tube Presence



Our online presence has been increasing recently thanks to our streaming videos and presence on Facebook and You Tube. You can help us out by visiting [St. Raphael's Facebook Page](#) and clicking Like/Follow. You can also help by subscribing to [Father Michael's YouTube channel](#). By liking us on FB and subscribing to Father's You Tube channel you will be helping our online presence which has advantages. For example, we need to have a certain number of subscribers to live stream on You Tube. Presently, we need to stream to Facebook, save the file, and then upload to Father's You Tube page. If we could stream live directly to Facebook, we could deliver faster to viewers and increase our audience.

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