Good [morning/evening]!
We gather together on the Second Sunday of Lent.
If you’re a guest or visitor to Saint Raphael, thank you for your presence with us today. Please feel out a Connect Card, which you can find in your pew, and bring it to one of the welcome ministers in the Atrium after Mass to receive a special gift from our community.

In order to more fully, consciously, and actively participate in the liturgy, please make sure your phone is turned off or silenced...

In an abundance of caution, please note the following precautions we’re taking at Masses to limit the spread of coronavirus within our community:
1. We’ll temporarily refrain from offering Communion via the cup. A reminder that the full divinity of Christ is always received in the consecrated bread.

2. Individuals are asked to only receive the Body of Christ at Communion reverently in open hands, not directly into the mouth.

3. When we engage in activities such as Prayer Partners, praying the Our Father, or the Sign of Peace, we ask that everyone do so without shaking or holding hands.

4. You likely noticed when you arrived that the holy water and baptismal fonts are dry. You can still make the sign of the cross whenever you enter the church as a reminder of your baptism.

If you’re sick, especially if you have a fever, the church teaches that it is permissible and advisable to stay at home to recover.

Most importantly, let’s pray at this Mass for all who are ill, and the professionals and officials serving the public during this time.

The prayer intention of this Mass is for:

**5:30Sat**  the repose of the soul of +Louise Zurawel

**7:45**  the repose of the soul of +Deacon Bob Madey

**9:30**  the repose of the soul of +John Barrett

**11:30**  the repose of the soul of +Miguelina Olivera

**5:30Sun**  all the parishioners of St. Raphael

As a sign of unity, please see the worship aid to sing our entrance song, “Beautiful Savior”.
Priest: Having listened to the word of the beloved Son of God, we bring our petitions:

Reader/Deacon: Our response is, “Lord Jesus, show us your mercy.”

That our parish community responds to Jesus’ call to serve the poor and make disciples, especially in our local church in eastern North Carolina, through our support of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. [Pause] We pray: R/ Lord Jesus, show us your mercy.

That the Lord, who loves justice and righteousness, is the strength and guiding light of those professionals and public officials working to confront and treat the outbreak of illness. [Pause] We pray: R/ Lord Jesus, show us your mercy.

That Jesus, who was transfigured before his disciples to strengthen them for his coming passion, shines within our souls to help us in the trials of our own faith journeys. [Pause] We pray: R/ Lord Jesus, show us your mercy.

For all who have asked our prayers in a time of sickness or any kind of suffering, that the Lord’s mercy may be upon them as we place all our trust in him on their behalf. [Pause] We pray: R/ Lord Jesus, show us your mercy.

For our faithful departed ones, that Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light, now brings them into his heavenly kingdom forever. [Pause] We pray: R/ Lord Jesus, show us your mercy.

Priest: Now let’s take a moment to pray in silence for our prayer partners whom we promised to pray for during this Mass... [Pause for the length of Hail Mary]

Let your mercy be upon us, O Lord, as we place our trust in you, and grant these prayers. Through Christ our Lord.

Reader/Deacon: After all are seated

We invite everyone to contribute to our parish offertory collection as you are able as a means of sharing in our vision and mission here at Saint Raphael. There will be a second collection today to support the retired priests of the Diocese of Raleigh. Please place your contribution for this collection in the second basket that is passed. Thank you for your generous support!
After the Prayer after Communion...

Just a few short announcements this week...

1. The Bishop’s Annual Appeal helps fund evangelization programs and ministries which spread the good news of Jesus Christ across Eastern North Carolina, including the NC Catholic Magazine, retreats for marriage preparation, and supporting mission parishes in rural and economically-challenged areas. If you haven’t already, please consider contributing to the BAA this year. There are pledge cards on the cornerstone, and more information on the parish website.

2. If you’re new to the parish, plan on attending a new-member gathering, which will include light refreshments, next Sunday, March 15th at 12:30pm over in the Lewis Room.

3. This summer teens from our parish youth group will spend a week in Charleston, South Carolina to give their time and talents to serve those in need. They’ll also grow in their relationship with God on this mission trip. It costs about $600 for each teen to attend, so they could use the support of the parish both financially and through prayer. Look for the youth group next weekend in the Atrium to donate or sign up to pray for them.

4. If you’d like to make a donation to dedicate Easter flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, please return your Easter Flower donation envelope in the collection basket by Sunday, March 22nd.

Don’t forget to pick up a “Well Examen-ed Lent” prayer bookmark in the Atrium, and check out the bulletin and parish website for more information and other items of interest.

After the people say, “Thanks be to God”...

Please open your hymnal to #414 to sing our closing song, “Change Our Hearts”, #414.